

GOOD LIFE NEWS

Our Newsletter Wins Blue Ribbon at International!

This was a surprise to your Newsletter Editor. Ron and Chris Allen, our delegates and representatives at this year's International Rally in Sedalia, MO entered our newsletter in the annual publications contest. The newsletter won a blue ribbon for Color Layout, and a purple ribbon in the Best-in-Show category.

Your Editor would like to thank all of you who have contributed to these editions. Without you, there wouldn't be a newsletter. I just make you look good in print.

-Randy Godfrey



Cedar Key Rally Success

First-Time Fisherman Catches a Shark!

The Cedar Key Rally is over, but not the memories. The campground was fantastic. The meals were scrumptious. The weather was perfect. The happy hours...well what can I say? We are Airstreamers.



We had 16 units and 29 members attend. Four local members stopped by for happy hour. The Florida Spring Unit joined us for the rally, which was a great opportunity to exchange Unit information and meet new friends.

New Florida Unit members Jeff and Mary Krabe were inducted into Unit membership by Ron Allen, Florida Unit First Vice President.

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From Our President

To all my wonderful friends and family: Your prayers and support have kept me going the last 5 years and will continue to do so in the future.

Here is the latest news on my recent surgery. It worked! (I think.) But why would it not, when you have Jesus at your side and carrying you when you can't walk yourself, how can you help but do well? The surgery did have some glitches, let's say, but generally it went well. They took out my right adrenal gland, part of my liver (it will grow back if I stay off the booze) and also took out and replaced a section of the "inferior vena cava" which is the main vein from the lower half of your body leading back to your heart. I had to bring a piece of PVC pipe and a couple of clamps for that replacement. They did find a couple of spots on the muscle on my right side that I will have irradiated later, but they said not to worry. Easy to say, but I have to trust them. So right now I have 52 staples on a 16-inch long incision and a very sore tummy.

I got home Wednesday evening (June 29) around 5:00 and have been going from bed to bathroom to recliner for several days. I've taken a couple of short walks and do feel better each day. I gained 17 pounds of fluid and looked like the Michelin man with pumpkin feet, but about 10 of that has gone, so things are looking up.

Several of you have asked where I got all this cancer stuff and my doctors have asked the same

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A Big Welcome To Our Newest Member!

Joining the Florida Unit as a Full Member:

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Jim has a 2012 25-foot Eddie Bauer. The Eddie Bauer edition is quite different from the Air-streams we all know and love. So Jim, expect to give tours when you bring it to one of our rallies, and we hope to see you soon at one of our events.

It's Membership Renewal Time Again

Our Treasurer and Membership Chairperson (Frank and Joan Carson) have the new dues cards from WBCCI headquarters, so everyone can start sending in their dues to Frank Carson at PO Box 135; Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0135. Your WBCCI dues are \$65.00, and your Florida Unit dues are \$10.00, for a total of \$75.00. For Affiliate Members, the dues are \$10.00. Please make your check payable to WBCCI Florida Unit, and send your dues by October 1, 2011. Sending your dues in without a reminder from Frank and Joan saves the Unit money on postage for mailings.

Past Presidents of the Florida Unit before December, 2009 may choose to pay only the WBCCI portion, as was the custom before our November and December, 2009 meetings.

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CEDAR KEY RALLY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

There was a breakfast each morning with a special Mother's Day brunch on Sunday. Each evening, but one, there was a planned dinner. On the open evening, members gathered at Tony's Seafood Restaurant — home of the 3-time World Champion Clam Chowder Winner. You haven't eaten clam chowder until you have eaten Tony's Clam Chowder.



Members also took advantage to cruise and fish the Gulf waters. Even though there was a brisk wind, fishing was good. Vic Smith caught a shark on his first-time-ever fishing trip. Yep, first time fishing!

Dave Wenger, taking a break from fishing for fish, caught a starfish and a bait bucket. Fortunately for the starfish, it



was released back to the Gulf. Unfortunately for Dave, the bait bucket was empty. More photos of the Rally are located on the Rally Photos page of

our Unit Website. Check 'em out.

The entire staff of the Cedar Key Sunset Isle RV Park & Motel were exceptional. The owners, Bruce and Roberta Wilson really helped to make this Rally a memorable one. Normally closed on Sunday, Bruce and Roberta came in and prepared and served us our special Mother's Day Brunch. Looking for a great RV park? Give them a call at (800) 810-1103. They love Airstreamers.



On behalf of Linda and myself, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Rally and made it such a success. I especially want to thank the Florida Springs Unit for joining us and Coffee Czar Dave Wenger and his wife Betty. They brought the coffee pots and coffee and prepared the coffee service each morning. Dave shared with me his secret recipe for brewing his "special" coffee for large groups, but under penalty of expulsion from the Unit, I can't share it with you.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. Hope to see you all in October at the Daytona Rally.

-Larry & Linda Scovotto



FROM OUR PRESIDENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

question. I am participating in the USMC Camp Lejeune study and mega lawsuit over hazardous water and waste in training areas at the time I was there. And, I am a “poster boy” for that as all my cancers are included in that study. I’ve also had questions about my thyroid and even a possibility that it is a squamous or melanoma. Most folks get lung cancer for instance, and then even with adequate chemo, the lung cancer can pop up again in some other part of the body such as a kidney. Strange stuff. And who knows, it could even come from my years in metalworking or teaching shop. How about growing up in farm country and being exposed to who knows what?

I think what I want to say to everyone is this. **GO TO YOUR DOCTOR FOR REGULAR CHECKUPS! KEEP ADEQUATE RECORDS OF EVERY BLOOD TEST AND PROCEDURE DONE TO YOU.**

Doris asked my doctor why my platelet count was going down. That got me a trip to an oncologist. He tested and found non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. More tests while undergoing treatment for that found two tumors, one on my kidney and one on a lung. All of that was treated. Then a year later, another lung problem and another surgery. Yes, I can still breathe! A year later a small tumor on my right adrenal gland—irradiated and OK. And now 2 years later, this mess. I have been undergoing treatment for cancer since 2007. That’s 5 years. Some good times, some bad, but with God’s mercy, I am still here causing trouble (but slowly). If your doctor says I don’t know or maybe we should look at something here, **DO IT!**

My truck is the driveway, all covered up. Our Airstream is in storage and covered up. But I absolutely plan on getting both of them moving in the near future. I don’t know how long the Lord will let me stay here, but I’m going to make the most of it.

Again, I thank all of you for the cards, emails, phone calls, rides to the hospital for Doris, bringing me home, making soup (good soup), bringing Holy Communion, stopping by as you drive by and just thinking of me. I have the best friends and family anyone could have.

God Bless You All, and Thanks,

-Phil

Our Next Event in 2012

DAYTONA BEACH KOA UNIT RALLY; PORT ORANGE, FL — OCTOBER 25 - 29, 2012

Watch for details and a sign-up coupon in the next edition of this newsletter. This will be our third annual Tom Moore Memorial rally held at this great facility in Port Orange. Parking is only \$15.00 per night and that includes water, 30 amp electric and cable TV. Dump station is very close for a “blue boy” run if needed.

Our Annual Unit Meeting and Elections will be held on Saturday, October 27. You have the option of attending the rally and meeting, or just the meeting. Again, watch for details in the next edition.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED FLORIDA STATE RALLY COMING IN 2013

Plans for the Florida State Rally are shaping up and it looks like it will be a great time. The program schedule is getting fleshed out and it is a busy one. The Sarasota RV and Airstream Show sponsored by BatesRV will be part of the rally along with seminars by Airstream and much, much more. Make your plans to attend now. You can sign up on-line on our new Florida State Rally web site: www.floridastaterally.org

THE KEYS TO THE TROPICS RALLY FOR 2013

Frank Carson wants to remind those that need to make plans for vacation next year that the Keys rally is scheduled for April 4 to 11, 2013. The cost per site will be \$30.00 per night which includes water, 30 or 50 amp electric, sewer and cable. The rally fee will be \$5.00 per vehicle based on 1 or 2 per Airstream. This should cover a hot dog supper

when you arrive. The trolley will be a two day affair and we’re looking at \$20.00 per person. This is a little different than this year’s event as you will have on and off privileges for two days. More on this in the fall. You can choose your days you wish to be there, and you can stay longer at the same price per night.

THE CONOLY'S ANNIVERSARY TRIP

Joe and Annette celebrated their third anniversary of Airstream ownership by being out 9 nights in May. Amazingly they also managed to go over the 100 nights out milestone since they bought the trailer. Not bad for working folks.

The first trip was to St Augustine's North Beach Campground. The campground is on the north side of the inlet. They had tickets to the TPC Golf Tournament on Friday and the campground was only 12 miles away from the course. That made it very easy to get to the tournament and they will book again next year. The campground was very nice. It was on the riverside of AIA but just a short walk across the street to the beach. A great little

cracker type restaurant (Aunt Kate's) and bar was next to the campground on the river with a convenient



hole in the fence so you could cut thru. They checked out early Saturday morning headed back to Gainesville but somewhere along the way they decided to keep on going and head to the Florida Unit rally that was going on in Cedar Key. That is the beauty of our unit rallies. Anytime you can

make a part of a rally, you'll be welcome. They got to attend the happy hour and the welcoming of new members. After a good breakfast, they had to head back home.

The next weekend it was off to Beverly Beach Camptown just north of Flagler Beach. This was a special trip as they were able to take their 3-year-old grand daughter Charlotte on her first Airstream trip. They had a hard time getting her to come out of her "play house." She would pretend to cook



meals, watch movies and play with her toys. When she did get down to the beach, she had a blast just running and playing in the surf.

Memorial Day weekend was spent at Natures Coast RV Resort in Homosassa Springs with friends. They had a couple of great fish fries, an evening of karaoke (not to be repeated!), and we all had a good time on the water.

In between all the trips Annette was recuperating from surgery and embarking on rounds of radiation after receiving a recent breast cancer diagnosis. As the couple said, It's just another journey that they will travel on together.

A REPORT FROM OUR DELEGATE TO THE 55TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY

The 55th Annual International Rally was held at the State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri from June 27, 2012 - July 4, 2012.

Our daughter Bobbi-Jo Lokietek and granddaughters Jessica and Jamie-Lynn traveled with us from Florida to Missouri in our 25 foot Airstream at our usual pace of 200 to 300 miles a day. It took us 5 days to travel the 1,100 miles to Sedalia with camping along the way at State Parks that offered us a view of some of the local wildlife and agriculture. The girls saw deer, turkeys, squirrels, and even a red fox. We couldn't get over the miles and miles of corn fields and soybeans planted all throughout our travels.

We arrived in Sedalia on the morning of June 25. We were greeted and checked in by the folks at the welcome station. They placed a little blue smiley face on our Airstream and directed us to the bullpen for parking. The whole process was timely and virtually painless. We waited about 20 minutes in the bullpen until the parkers escorted us to our spot. We were pleasantly surprised to see that we had water, electric and sewer. In addition there was WiFi available.

So now the Rally starts. We took our paper work and guests to the Exhibition Center to check in and received our rally ribbons, programs, etc. This being our first International, they gave us first-timer ribbons and everywhere we went we were

55TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY REPORT (CONTINUED)

greeted extremely enthusiastically. Our family felt like VIP's. The rest of the day was used to just settle in and get our thoughts about us.

There was plenty of great entertainment, youth and teen programs, vendors, line dancing, craft making, joker tournaments, flea market, and local



tours just to name a few. No rally would be complete without informational seminars to attend. There was one on about any subject you might want to hear. In addition there was technical assistance that was particularly helpful to those in need. You simply wrote your problem down on a clip board at the Tech Assist area with all the pertinent information and someone would contact you with the suggested fix. Several problems were fixed on site at no cost to the individual or referrals were made to local professionals.

I attended the delegates meeting as our Unit's representative. The morning of the meeting was spent electing the new International Executive Board and reading all the handouts pertaining to the new proposed constitution and the motor home motion.



There were 104 Unit delegates present out of a possible 121. The new proposed constitution was defeated with a vote of 3,429 opposed to 1,425 in favor. The motor home motion was tabled until next year at the Huron, South Dakota International Rally despite several of us trying to bring it to a vote and a final resolution. The motor home motion was forwarded to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for further clarification on the constitutionality of the motion. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is to have the report completed by the midterm IBT meeting.

As an added attraction the fairgrounds had a livestock show and auction going on during the rally. It was fun to sit in on auctions and watch folks bid on livestock. It is amazing to see how much people will bid on a blue ribbon sheep. We saw some sheep go for several thousand dollars each.

Congratulations to our very own Randy Godfrey. We entered our newsletter in the International Rally Publications contest and it took a blue ribbon for color layout and a purple ribbon for Best in Show. In addition, a merit ribbon was presented for our 2011 activities and will be added to our flag pole for viewing. Our club bulletin board, which outlined our past season rallies, received several positive compliments.

If coming to an International Rally for the seminars, meeting new friends, and the love of travel isn't for you, then come for the drawings. Chris

and I won a \$250.00 gift certificate from the Air-stream Store at one of the drawings. Something we will have no trouble spending.

We are looking forward to attending next year's International Rally in Huron, South Dakota and would love for any or all of you guys to join us.

-Ron & Chris Allen-



ALUMAPALOOZA AND OUR TRIP NORTH

After being on the waiting list for four years, Pat and I finally made it to the “Golden 37” to go on the 2012 Alyeska (Alaska) Caravan. The Alaska Caravan is the longest caravan in the WBCCI, 66 days, and combined with the other things we want to do on the way to and from Alaska, this will be our longest trip in our Airstream.

We left Florida on Saturday, May 26. Our first stop was at our daughter’s home in Savannah, GA. There we waited out Tropical Storm Beryl. It didn’t affect us much, just some windy, rainy days. Then, after two, too long days of driving, we arrived in Jackson Center, OH for Alumapalooza.



Alumapalooza is an Airstream rally held on the grounds of the Airstream Factory in Jackson Center. It’s sponsored by Airstream Life magazine and draws a good crowd. Our own Tim & Alice Wymer are the water and electric crew for the event. Everyone gets rally electric and water.

Being that this rally was on the grounds of the Airstream factory, the seminars were excellent. A certified expert RV technician from Airstream gave lessons on caring for our trailers. There were two feedback sessions (one for the men and one for the women) with the design engineers. They gave us a summary of the improvements they have made from previous owner feedback, tested ideas on us, and took lots of notes on the items we offered.

The social events were fun too. I heard that they had a great kids program each day. The children had their own badges and schedule of activities. We adults had different badges and activity schedule. Other activities included a back-up derby, a riveting contest, cooking demonstrations, open houses, and the ever popular flea market.

Each evening there was a meeting under the main tent at 4:00. Announcements and schedule changes are provided, and a



nightly drawing for some pretty good prizes was held. Then at 5:00 was roving happy hour. There were 10 green flags in the main tent each morning. If you want to host a happy hour, you took one back to your site, and at 5:00 people started showing up. Three large charcoal grills were lit at 5:30 and after you had enough happy, you could take something over to the grills and cook your dinner. One night we skipped the grills and went into town, four blocks away, to a lasagna dinner at a local church. On another night, Airstream provided hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone at the grills.

On the final evening, the rally dinner was one of the best we had ever had at a major rally like this: rosemary chicken, baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, pasta, french bread, and cookies for desert. The evening entertainment was also some of the very best, probably the best we’ve seen at a rally: [Antsy McClain and the Trailer Park Troubadours](#). The act was entertaining, funny, emotional, and we had a great time.

The Monday after Alumapalooza, we had our Airstream serviced in the factory service center. Mostly routine maintenance, but we wanted to be sure she was ready for the long trip ahead. We then went to Michigan where we visited family for two weeks before starting our trek northwest.

We have to meet up with the caravan in Dawson Creek, British Columbia on July 12. From Michigan, we have been mostly following the caravanners rule of drive 200 miles, then stay two days. We made longer stopovers in Bayfield, WI; Grand Forks, ND (could’t beat the price here at the Air Force Base: \$6.00 a night for electric, water, sewer, cable TV, and WiFi); Regina, SK and now Edmonton, Alberta.



Pat and I are currently in a huge Good Sam RV Park just outside of Edmonton. There is good WiFi here, so I was able to get this newsletter published. I’ll have to do another from the road, so let’s hope for good WiFi when it’s due. Thanks to all contributors for emailing me the articles.

If you want to follow our travels, go to my website www.silvercabin.net, or follow me on facebook or twitter (see instructions on the website).

-Randy Godfrey

A FAREWELL FROM OUR OUTGOING REGION 3 PRESIDENT

My term in office is fast drawing to a close. This past region 3 rally in Myrtle Beach was the last time I will stand in front of you as your Region president. Carol and I would like to thank everyone for everything they have done to make our time as First Lady and President of Region 3 a pleasurable and memorable experience. As you know we only had one Region 3 rally and I regret that we didn't have two. I also regret that we didn't have vice presidents during my first year to help pull off a rally. I will ever be indented to Jimmy and Nancy Lassiter for stepping up and putting on hats to help us through that most difficult year. I hope most of you realize how much effort Harold and Martha Kerns put forth for your Region and your International club. They were our mentors and kept us on track. There are so many things, both big and small, of which they made certain we were aware. Without their help the Region Rally would not have been a success. As much as all of the units have come together to support the Region during my term of office I would be greatly remiss if I didn't take the time to specially thank my home unit, Tidewater, for all the support and behind the scenes work they have done, thanks Tidewater for being there.

I would like to report that we collected \$1,125 for the Salvation Army as well as approximately 10 laundry baskets full of food and personal items. I am very proud of the positive impact that Region 3 had on Horry County, South Carolina. We do our best to help out where ever we go. There are so many in our great nation that have very limited funds and very real needs

We know and understand that most of WBCCI fellowship goes on in the close surroundings of your individual unit, and that is as it should be. Personal relationships need closeness and familiarity in order to develop. Many of you have taken us under wing made us part of your unit and shown us the loving kindness that only true friendship can display and for that we will be ever grateful. We feel that we can travel anywhere within the region and be among friends.

Jay and Elna Thompson, Dick and Judy Martiny and Matt and Beth Hackney will be picking up the baton at International. I would ask you to give them the same support and dedication that you gave Carol and me.

It has truly been a pleasure serving you. Carol and I will remember it for the rest of our days.

-Rick and Carol Bell Region 3 President and First Lady 2011-2012

2002 AIRSTREAM MOTORHOME FOR SALE

- 2002 Airstream motorhome XC365, 60,000 miles, two slide-outs, 300 CAT Diesel, steering stabilizer, new microwave oven, new refrigerator and carpets, two AC/Heat Pumps, two Fantastic Fans: \$78,250.00.
- 2007 Saturn Vue, 60,000 miles, all leather, Honda engine, and transmission.
- Motorhome and SUV Combination Package: \$89,900.00. Combination package includes all towing equipment, including Air Force 1 braking system.
- Location: Land Yacht Harbor; Melbourne, Florida.
- Phone Bud Rice at 781-775-2810, or Judith Rice at 781-724-2065





SUNSHINE LIST

Annette Conoly was diagnosed with breast cancer in March. The lump was removed, and the cancer was caught early at stage one. She is having radiation treatments now.

Phil Drugge is recovering from cancer surgery.

Keep our members on the “disabled list” in your prayers, and everyone travel safe and stay healthy in the days ahead.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Frances Friend

I no longer own an Airstream, and have given up my membership in the WBCCI. I allowed the buyer of my Airstream to keep my number. My husband and I would have enjoyed being members, but sadly, we never got to go anywhere with this trailer before he got sick and passed away last October.

-*Frances*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2013 OFFICERS

Our Unit President has asked three of our members to be on the Nominating Committee to create a slate of officers for next year.

The three are Dave Wenger, Randy Godfrey, and Ron Allen. We thank them for volunteering.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on October 27 at the Tom

Moore Memorial Unit Rally in Daytona. The slate of officers must be submitted to the Executive board no later than 15 days before the Annual Meeting.

If anyone has suggestions for new officers, or would like to volunteer and put your own name in for consideration. please let the committee know.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS IS 8/25/2012

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the September 2012 edition of our newsletter by August 25, 2012. All news and items of interest to members of our Unit are welcome.

Your newsletter editor will be on the road, traveling with the WBCCI Alaska Caravan, so items can only be sent by email to: rgodfrey@cfl.rr.com.

Email in most any form is acceptable: text files (.txt, .rtf), Word documents (.doc, .docx), Pages documents (.pages), photos (.jpg). Send photos at large or medium size so I can scale them to fit in the newsletter as needed.

2012 Calendar

January 9 – 13

Mid Winter IBT; Hattiesburg, MS

January 12 – 16

Unit Rally; Jacksonville, FL

January 28

Unit Luncheon; Palm Bay, FL

February 12 – 19

Florida State Rally; Sarasota, FL

March 14 – 19

Bluegrass Festival Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

March 30 – April 7

Unit Rally; Big Pine Key, FL

April 24 – 28

Unit Caravan/Region 3 Rally; Myrtle Beach, SC

May 10 – 14

Unit Rally; Cedar Key, FL

May 12

Unit Luncheon & Meeting; Cedar Key, FL

June 25 – July 24

International Rally; Sedalia, MO

October 25 – 29

Unit Rally; Port Orange, FL

October 27

Unit Luncheon, Annual Meeting; Port Orange, FL

November 26 – December 3

Cracker Christmas Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

November 29

Unit Dinner, Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2013; Ft. Christmas, FL