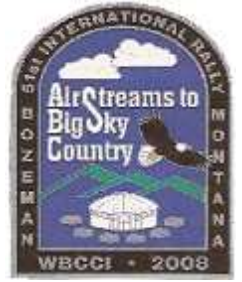




GOOD LIFE NEWS



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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's summertime here in Florida. It's hot, and I am kept awake nights by the sound of the grass growing. Fall is just around the corner, and we have a couple of activities planned for those cooler days.

First, we have the Election Rally at Camelot RV Park in Malabar, FL. If you would like to attend, there is a coupon to fill out in this newsletter. Wednesday, Nov. 14 is arrival day. We will have continental (read coffee and donuts) breakfasts on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

Thursday we will take the bus transportation provided by Sun Cruise to Port Canaveral to take the Casino boat for a day of casino games. The price is \$10 per person, but you get \$5.00 in Casino Money back and a free hot lunch. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m., the boat leaves at 11 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The bus should return us to the park about 5:45 p.m.

Friday we will visit downtown Melbourne for a tour of the Kilwins Ice Cream and Chocolate establishment. After that there are lots of interesting shops to visit along with places to eat lunch on E. New Haven Street. Dinner that evening will be catered by Boston Market.

Saturday is the business meeting at the Golden Corral, with lunch starting at 11 a.m. followed by the business meeting and elections. At 1 p.m. the rally attendees leave for the Brevard County Zoo for an afternoon of visiting wildlife.

Sunday after breakfast is social time and preparing for the trip home or to your next destination.

You have the option of coming to the rally or just coming to the business meeting only. In either case, we would love to have you join us. Please mark your calendar for November 14-18.

The Installation Rally will be at Ft. Christmas, FL November 28-December 3. This is a volunteer rally when we help the Orange County Parks and Recreation get ready for the Cracker Christmas weekend on Dec. 1 and 2. This is always a lot of fun. We sweep, dust and decorate the fort and the houses for Cracker Christmas. On Saturday and Sunday we do not for the period houses in quasi-period dress (late 1800s). We will take time out to visit the Warbird Museum in Titusville on Thursday. The Installation dinner that evening will be catered.

The rally fee is \$15 per person. Parking with water and rally electric, Wednesday: dinner menu is hoagies, Thursday: breakfast of coffee and donuts, Friday breakfast repeat, Saturday: pancake breakfast, lunch and pot luck dinner, and Sunday: pancake breakfast and lunch are all included in the rally fee. So that's 6 days parking, 9 meals, and a museum tour for 15 bucks and a few hours of "work" that is more fun than work. We are limited to 27 units so sign up early. A registration form is included in the newsletter.

Oh yes. If you can't make it until Friday, there is no rally fee. That's right. You didn't misread it, no rally fee.

That's it from here. See you at Camelot RV Park and the luncheon.

Vic Smith

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THE MOTHER LODGE

This issue of The Good Life News is going to ask for your participation in and cooperation with a whole bunch of stuff. It's all coming to you in one heavy dose.

First, Vic's president's letter acquainted you with the Election Rally and the Installation Rally. There are two registration coupons you need to fill out and send in.

There is a dues form for your use, and something new, a Membership Survey.

Also, to those of you who receive e-mail, not as attachments there are two separate e-mail besides the Good Life News. One is a copy of the Unit roster for 2007 miniaturized so you may put it in your Directory.

The second is a miniaturized copy of the Constitution and Bylaws. It too can be put in your Directory.

These forms, roster, and Constitution and Bylaws are the results of the labors of Vic Smith and Frank Carson. Preparing the copy takes a lot of work, and we thank them for doing the job.

There is more about these various subjects in other articles, so read on to know what they are all about.

ELECTION RALLY

This is your chance to express yourself concerning the direction our Unit is heading. It is your chance to support those who are willing to lead the Unit. It is your chance to meet the folks who help make up the Unit.

For those of you who can't make the whole rally, you may come for the buffet and the meeting. We'd be glad to have you.

Good rallies are what make the organization of WBCCI strong. And they are structured for you to have a good time. What more incentive do you need?

Come join us at Camelot RV Park, Malabar, Florida. We know you'll be glad you did.

INSTALLATION RALLY

If you have never been to Ft. Christmas where we have our Installation Rally and do our volunteering, you have missed a great time.

We're busy helping get the buildings and grounds decorated for the holidays, but it really isn't work.

The Park feeds us well, and we have the chance to take advantage of the Cracker Christmas craft sales that take place on the weekend.

Those who docent in the various houses find it especially interesting when an actual relative who even might have lived in the house, tells about their experiences there.

Even the US Postal Service gets involved. Bring your Christmas cards ready to mail, and they will be post marked from CHRISTMAS, FL., lending a special touch to your greeting cards.

Others besides our Unit may attend this rally so you want to get your registration in early. There is room for only 27 units, so don't be left out.



Camelot RV Park on the Indian River

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Ever five years by the rules of WBCCI, each unit has to bring its C & BL up to date and in agreement with the rules as set forth in the International C & BL. This is our year.

At the Election Meeting, we will be voting on the adoption of the latest version which you with e-mail have to retrieve, and those of you without have received in your packet.

You with e-mail, please make a copy of the documents so that you may have a copy and be able to add it to your Directory.

Any changes anyone would want to make would have to be in agreement with International's. It is unlikely that there will be any, so about all that will be necessary for any of you to do would be to write in the date when they are adopted at the end of the documents.

It will be good for you to read over both documents so you know how our organization is governed.

DUES PAYABLE

Frank Carson, treasurer, reported that some of you have already gotten your dues in. For that he thanks you.

There is another dues notice included in this newsletter in case you misplaced the last one.

He and Joan are going to take some time off this fall/winter by making a trip out west. He would appreciate having all the paper work done by October 1st, so that he has plenty of time to close up his house for an extended time, and your name will be sure to be in the WBCCI Directory for 2008.

Give Frank a hand by getting your dues in early.

There are questions for you to answer that will help keep our information about you current. Someone is always changing an address, email address, or phone number. We try our best to be accurate so be sure to fill in all the blanks. If you have two e-mail addresses, please mark the one you prefer us to use.

Dues cont.

Please pay attention to the charges on the dues form. If you are an Affiliate Member to our unit, you pay only \$10 to us. You pay your \$55 International dues to your home unit.

If you are a regular member of the Florida Unit, you do not pay an Affiliate Member fee to us. The most you may pay to us is \$65.

Several have already paid an extra \$10. Vic Smith is one of them. However, it didn't enter his mind that he would be a Past President in 2008 and exempt from the Unit dues. Thanks anyway, Vic.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

This is something new. In order to serve our members better, Vic prepared this survey. The answers to most of the questions are cut and dried, but at the bottom, there is a place for you to express yourself.

What would **YOU** like to do at the rallies? Is there someplace you think would be a good place for a rally?

If you have kids, what are your suggestions to make a rally a fun experience for them?

We need your input to give the leadership of the Unit something to work on and work toward.

Don't be bashful in your comments. Nothing gets accomplished if there are no new ideas presented.

WRONG DATES

Don't attend the Election Rally on the dates printed in The Blue Beret. You'll be the only ones there. **They're wrong!**

The correct ones are on your registration sheet. They are: November 14 to November 18.

The Blue Beret copy has to be in Jackson Center at least two months ahead of printing. When there are changes, the corrections can't always be made in time.

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Florida Unit members enjoying Happy Hour at the International.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It always is a pleasure to welcome new members into our Unit. We hope you will become active members because that is the way to get the most out of the club. We'll look forward to getting acquainted with you.

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ABOUT FRIENDS & MEMBERS

Those of you who have attended the Easter Rally know **Janelle Whaley** as the president for many years of the organization that has run the Easter Parade and all the activities that are involved. She has come to the rally with the Royal Family and has explained the overall story.

She has finally been able to find someone to take over her job. She also is being successfully treated with chemo for the cancerous tumors she has endured.

We wish her complete recovery and an enjoyable retirement.

Harvey Carlisle, our 94 year old member, has been ill with bladder problems. A Melbourne doctor prescribed medication yet Harvey had to go on kidney dialysis for about 6 weeks. When the same problem came back, a doctor in Virginia prescribed the same medication, and Harvey had to go back on dialysis for another 6 weeks. It was found that he is allergic to the medicine and is now doing well. His trailer is at Melbourne, and he is looking forward to seeing everyone in November at the Golden Corral. He has five gallons of pull tabs for someone to take to Bozeman.

Frank Carson has a couple of screws loose. They're not the kind you would ordinarily associate with him. He had a third operation to repair original hernia surgery in which they recovered 2 of the 4 screws originally used. He's doing fine, though it hurt to start. We're glad to know he's recovering well.

This is from **Marie Chapman** a long time member of the Unit just as she e-mailed it to Frank.

"Computer bit the dust weeks ago. Just read all the back mail since it was repaired and am trying to find my way around the keyboard. I adopted 2 kittens, male and female, who were thrown out in the woods along with mama and one by one made their way to my daughter's home near Chatsworth. All were litter trained, reacted to "NO" and were comfortable in a house-no doubt that they were "throw aways". Keep me busy and fascinated. I can't copy the dues coupon but will send \$ shortly. Will stay a member as long as I have the RV; can drive. Are you coming to any rallies in PA? I thought I would but now the pets have clipped my wings. **MARIE**"

New e-mail address for **Bob & Monteze Deputy**.
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Florida Unit 027
Florida Unit Members and Associate Members ONLY

Unit Rally

November 14 to Nov. 18, 2007
Camelot RV Park 1600 S. US Hwy. 1, Malabar, FL 32950-0205

Election meeting

Nov. 17th 11am to 1pm
Golden Corral, 880 Palm Bay Rd, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Contact Vic Smith: Heartofglory1@aol.com
Home: 321-984-7676
Cell: 321-243-7814

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal _____

WBCCI# _____ e-mail address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Rally Fee:

Circle nights you will attend: **Wed** **Thurs** **Fri** **Sat**

Site Fee: \$22.00/night for _____ nights \$ _____

Rally Fee: \$20.00/person: _____ persons \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Thursday: Chocolate Factory Tour – number of persons (___)

Friday: Sun Cruz Casino Cruise - number of persons (___)

Saturday: Brevard County Zoo - number of persons Adult (___) 60 and up (___) Children 2-12 (___)

I/We will attend the Golden Corral Buffet and **Election Meeting ONLY** – number of persons (___)

Make checks payable to Victor L Smith
Mail to: Victor L Smith
1186 Port Malabar Blvd NE
Palm Bay FL 32905-5143

The meal at the Golden Corral is buffet and each attendee will pay for his/her own meal.
Rally Fee includes Thursday's evening meal, Chocolate factory tour and the Brevard Zoo.

The Sun Cruz is \$10/person. Each person will receive \$5.00 in Casino money and a hot lunch. Bus transportation to and from Cape Canaveral is provided by Sun Cruz. Bus leaves between 9 and 9:30. Cruise leaves at 11am and returns to Canaveral at 4pm.

Volunteer Week and Installation Rally Coupon
Fort Christmas Historical Park
1300 Fort Christmas Road
Christmas, Florida
Wednesday, November 28 – December 3, 2007
Early parking Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal _____

WBCCI# _____ e-mail address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Arrival day Tues. ____ Wed. ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____

Rally fee of \$15.00 per person includes two dinners and one pot luck, two lunches, two full breakfasts, two continental breakfasts. Parking is free. If only attending Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, no rally fee. No vehicular traffic through the park between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Rally electric, and water.

Rally limited to 27 Rec. Vehicles

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