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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I hope everyone had a good holiday season and is ready for lots of fun, fellowship, and adventure in 2008. Betty and I spent ten days in Massachusetts with our children and grandson. He is one year old and sure is a lot of fun to watch.

Because there were so few of our members to sign up for the Daytona Rally, the decision was made to cancel it for this year. We are sorry that this was necessary, but we want to thank **Tom and Ann Moore** for their efforts in planning an interesting and active rally for us.

Now we are looking forward to the annual Florida State Rally in Sarasota. This year the dates are February 20-24. This is always a big event with hundreds of Airstreamers attending. This happens to be my favorite rally. We have had many e-mails inquiring about the event and hope to see many of you there.

We will have some happy hours at our trailer and plan to have a pizza luncheon one day. Watch for details on the bulletin board for our activities and sign up early. For new members, the bulletin board is located in the hallway before you go into the main arena.

Also, don't forget to visit the food barrel that will be decorated for our Unit. We voted at our last business meeting for the Unit to donate \$100 to this project instead of bringing in food staples. Each year the barrels are judged by local judges, and this year the barrels will be judged on the decorations only, not the amount of food or money.

Each year units are assigned different duties concerning the Florida State Rally. This year our Unit has the sanitation duty. This work takes place on Sunday morning when we are departing. About 8 people are needed who will be willing to help us with this work. I will be looking for volunteers for this job when we see you at the rally.

I want to extend many thanks to **Larry Scovotto** who has handled the T-shirt project for us. Hopefully we should have our new shirts in time for the Florida State Rally.

See you in Sarasota!

Dave Wenger, President



Betty and Dave



HAWAIIAN HUKU LIKE

We may not know what the above means, but its purpose is to help you have a good time at the upcoming Florida State Rally at Sarasota, Florida. The dates are February 20-24.

Dave Wenger, in his president's letter, has told you what will be taking place as far as the Unit is concerned.

In an e-mail he also requested some willing members to help with tables and chairs. Committee chairman is **Brett Greiveldinger**. You get an early workers pass for taking the job. Let Dave know if you are willing to volunteer.

To put you in the spirit, be sure to take along any Hawaiian paraphernalia you may have. Leis, grass skirts, and wild colorful clothes are the order of the day.

The Post Rally is "Gatorland" in Orlando. This follows right after the Sarasota Rally. Registration forms for both events may be found in the Blue Beret.

The Florida State Rally is second only to the International in attendance. It gives all who attend the opportunity to see and meet friends met during your Airstream travels. Aloha!

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Next on our calendar is the Bluegrass Festival at Ft. Christmas, Christmas, Florida. This is a smaller version of the "Cracker Christmas" in December.

You have the opportunity to be a volunteer assisting county employees host a music festival and craft show.

The absolute huge cost of the five days is \$6.00 per person. For that unbelievable amount you receive 6 nights of parking with water and rally electric, a hoagie supper, and other food furnished by the county. If you can only make it for the weekend, the cost is free.

You may choose where you want to volunteer. Choices include docents in the pioneer village homes, information booth, craft raffle area, gift shop helper, and survey taker, to name a few.

A registration form is included in the newsletter with instructions and information about all that you will receive for your rally fee. **Dave Wenger** will also take your money at Sarasota. According to **Frank Carson** about 15-20 Airstream units are needed to do the work.

Because the Bluegrass Rally is followed closely by the Easter Rally at St. Augustine, the suggestion has been made for Unit members to caravan up to the rally grounds. There will be the opportunity for discussion at Sarasota.

Join the fun. You can't get a better deal anywhere for the price during the height of the season here in Florida.



FLORIDA UNIT T-SHIRTS



This is what our new T-shirts will look like. The small logo is on the front and the license plate logo on the back.

If you followed the comments made by the editor in the last newsletter, you would either put the shirt on backwards or walk backwards.

Hopefully the shirts will be available at the Sarasota Rally.

We want to express our thanks to **Larry Scovotto** for promoting the especially designed shirts which give our unit a visual identity.

We also thank **JD Sanders RV Center** for sponsoring our Unit by furnishing some of the cost of the shirts.

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at a rally, there will be information later about shipping charges.

THE EASTER RALLY

Registrations from folks from near and far who want to enjoy the St. Augustine rally have nearly filled the number of registrations available.

What we need from our members is your commitment to attend. It takes a lot of folks to host 100 guests.

Please send in your registration ASAP so that we may plan on your participation and help.

Please use the coupon in the Blue Beret and follow the instructions. **Joe McMillan**, registrar, will be happy to hear from you.

The form also reminds you what many benefits are yours for attending the rally. It's a real bargain!



BE PREPARED

The cancellation of the Daytona Rally has raised some questions.

Was the rally scheduled too close after the holidays? Are rally expenses too much? Would we like rallies at which we amuse ourselves instead of having paid entertainment or tours? Are rallies held too frequently? Would a change of venue be a good thing? Are rallies too long or too short?

There will be a chance to discuss this at Sarasota.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Our sincere sympathy goes out to **Bev Trask** and **Earl**. She lost both of her sisters to cancer the first week of the year.

The following is a message dated 1-24-08 from **Alice Archambo**. "Our daughter, **Leslie Schmidt**, up in Lake City, FL had a seizure on Dec. 23. Ron and I went right up, stayed 8 days near her. They operated on her brain tumor on Dec. 26. She recovered real quickly from that, only a 7 inch scar which healed fast. She broke her left arm in the fall and they operated on that Jan. 8, putting in a plate and 10 screws. She goes Jan 24 for a check. She also had an MRI and Cat Scan last Tuesday, waiting results. Then she will begin chemo and radiation for the next few weeks. She and Herb appreciate all those praying for her and it is helping. We thank you all for the cards, prayers and concerns for her. This is a caring unit, and we love you all. Thank you, **Ron and Alice**."

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Being able to recognize a stroke victim quickly and getting the proper medical care within 3 hours of the incident may totally reverse any effects.

There are three questions to ask of the individual using the letters R, S, T to make remembering easy.

R. Ask for him/her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

S. Ask for a **SMILE**.

T. Ask the person to **TALK** and **SAY A SIMPLE SENTENCE**, i.e., It is a sunny day out.

Another sign is to ask the person to stick out his/her tongue. If the tongue goes to one side, it is an indication of a stroke

Anyone of these may indicate a problem. Call 911 immediately and explain the circumstances to the dispatcher. Time is of the essence.

AN AMERICAN ICON

The Airstream Bambi, circa 1960, that was recently added to the design collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Vice President Dick Cheney slept in an Airstream during international flights aboard the Spirit of Strom Thurmond.

Quoting from the New York Times:

"As if abandoned by a misdirected camper who parked in the dark, a silver Airstream trailer sits in New York in the lobby of the Museum of Modern Art."



"Airstream trailers, which first rolled onto the national landscape in 1936, now make their ways into a museum design collection and an auto show as the heart of Americana."

The above was submitted by **Bev Trask** taken from the St. Petersburg Times of 4-30-07 as written in the New York Times.

Bluegrass Rally
March 12-17, 2008
Fort Christmas Historical Park

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____

WBCCI # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Rally Fee \$6.00 per person

No. of people x \$ 6.0 0 \$ _____

Rally fee includes 2 continental breakfasts and 2 suppers by the Unit. The park will furnish 2 hot breakfasts and 2 hot lunches for all volunteers on Saturday and Sunday. Meals on your own are lunches each day and Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday suppers.

We need to know if you will be attending the Bluegrass Rally. All the help we can get is needed because some of our members will already be at St. Augustine preparing for the Easter Rally the next week.

Make your check payable to Dave Wenger, Registrar
Mail to David S. Wenger, 1007 Quinwood Ln, Maitland, FL 32751

Dave