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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were delighted that so many of our unit joined us at the Florida State Rally in Sarasota. What a fun time we had joining in with all the festivities planned for the week. Thanks for coming to the happy hours, the restaurant meals, and the pizza luncheon. However, there were really more things to enjoy at the rally than just eating! A special thanks for all those who helped with our appointed job of sanitation and to all the ladies who helped decorate the food barrel for our unit.

One of the highlights of the week was learning that **Frank Carson** of our unit will head up the Florida State Rally next year. Because we have benefited from his and **Joan's** leadership in our unit, we know that the state rally will only get bigger and better in the future. Best wishes, Frank and Joan!

Most of us have received our T-shirts by now, but we will have them available for pick-up again at the next few rallies.

Looking ahead, we have two back-to-back rallies coming up in March. The first one is the Blue Grass Rally in Christmas, FL., March 12-17. We have 29 people (13 trailers) signed up so far. Presently we have three couples from the Suncoast Unit joining us. That is always such a fun time for the unit as we assist the Christmas Park in putting on their Blue Grass Festival.

Then on Monday morning, March 18, we will caravan to our next rally in Elkton, FL (near St. Augustine) for the Easter Rally sponsored by our unit. Frank and Joan Carson do a wonderful job in hosting this week, and we need to assist them in attending and volunteering for jobs so that the rally will be a successful venture for our unit. The profit from this rally is used to subsidize many of our other unit activities through out the year.

Also, **Betty** and I are making plans to attend the Region 3 rally in April. Hope to see many of you in Raleigh for another week of fun!

Dave Wenger, President

Dave and Betty preparing to present the Florida Unit flag at Sarasota.



FLORIDA STATE RALLY REVIEW

By Randy Godfrey

From the perspective of this first time FL State Rally attendee, the rally was a big success and much fun for all who attended. The last count I heard said there were just 450 units in attendance. The snag I heard about was the donuts not showing up on Wednesday morning.

The opening ceremonies began at 10 AM on Wednesday, February 20. Our unit president and first mate **Dave and Betty Wenger** proudly carried our flag in the parade of attending units. After a too long introduction of the current and past International officers, regional officers, committee members, workers, helpers, supporters, watchers, and disinterested bystanders, the activities began.

There were three full days of seminars covering everything from arts and crafts, to trailer accessories and maintenance, to traveling with your Airstream. Four that I attended were First Timers, Alaska on Your Own, and Caravanning, (two activities **Pat** and I hope to do soon), and Computers. All four were informative.

The vendor area was full of many things to purchase for yourself and your Airstream. We purchased and had installed a new Fantastic Fan that saved us over \$150 from the price quoted us by Jackson Center last October.

The Airstream Company was also there with a well-stocked factory store with everything from logo accessories and apparel to mechanical parts. They also brought a cadre of technicians from the Airstream service center who were seen repairing and rebuilding RVs all around the fairgrounds.

On Friday there was a craft show with items for sale. On Saturday morning there was a very well attended flea market. The Vintage Airstream Open House on that afternoon is always fun and informative. Unit member **Nancy Scime** had her vintage Bambi on display.

Wednesday night's entertainment was the Lanakila's Hawaiian Revue, a troop of six dancers and three musicians performing traditional Hawaiian music and dances including the spectacular fire dance. Poor sound engineering spoiled what would have been an entertaining performance. Thursday night **Jerry Huck**, a country singer and impersonator, in my opinion, was the best of the entertainers. Friday, **Ken Shepski**, a tenor, entertained us with standards and Broadway show tunes. Saturday night, after the Bar-B-Q, **Glen Anthony**, a New York comedian, had us all laughing.

We asked **Frank Carson**, new FL State Rally Director, for next year to arrange the agenda, if possible, so that there are more activities scheduled for Saturday for those who can only attend for the weekend. He already promised a weekend rate. We will also plan at least one of our unit functions for Saturday so everyone can be a part of a unit activity. If you can only attend on the weekend, please let us know what you would like to have on the weekend agenda.

Pat and I had a good time. As first timers at the Florida State Rally, we enjoyed it.



(The Editor asked both **Randy Godfrey and Joan Carson** to report on the Sarasota Rally. For the most part, their reports were totally different. The Editor deleted information from either one that was repeated in the other.)



FLORIDA STATE RALLY 2008

By Joan Carson

At the 35th annual Florida State Rally, the Florida Unit members had many duties assigned to them to help make the rally a success. **Frank Carson** served as President of the Board of Governors and also led the First Timers seminar with **Joan's** Help.

Whit and Marilyn Blasdell did the bingo games assisted by the **Godfreys, Drugges, and Whittingtons**. **Earl Leggett** was the chairman of the scooter patrol assisted by **Earl Trask, Dave Wenger, and Willard Pickrel**. **Helen Leggett** did a wonderful job as Morning Hospitality chairperson. She also served as an usherette. **Marion and Ed Krajewski** served as chairmen of the Tour Committee as well as the Ask Me committee with the help of the **Fathauers**.

Betty Wenger with the help of **Pat Godfrey, Marilyn Blasdell, Jackie Whittington, and Lotty Joachimsthal** did a marvelous job decorating the food barrel which one first place in theme and second place in originality. Way to go! We are proud of you! **Tom Tisdell** was the door prize MC. **Phil and Phyllis Azerado** helped with the early workers picnic as well as registration.

Our unit was given the odoriferous job of sanitation at the conclusion of the rally. With the help of clothespins and gloves, they did an excellent job. On the committee were: **Ron Archambo, Dave Wenger, Whit and Marilyn Blasdell, Tim Wymer, Charles Whittington, Phil Drugge, and Werner Joachimsthal** who made sure everyone left with empty tanks.

President **Dave Wenger** kept everyone busy at the rally. On Thursday he had a pizza party (paid for by the Unit). He and **Betty** hosted two Happy Hours which were well attended by the Unit members.

Two first place ribbons were won by **Joan Carson**, one in Hand 'n Foot and the other at the Hobby Show for her exhibit called "A Three Airstream Family". It included memorabilia from her parents', her sister's and hers and **Frank's** years as Airstreamers.

It was great to see new Florida Unit members at the rally, **Tom and Linda Wentzell and Tim and Alice Wymer**. Hopefully we will see more of them at future rallies.

At the Saturday evening program, **Harold Kerns**, rally director, announced that **Frank Carson** would assume the duties as director of the WBCCI's second largest rally, the Florida State Rally. The dates for 2009 are February 18 to 22. The theme for the rally will be "We're Having a Party", and the colors will be multi colors. With 450 Airstreams at this past rally, we are hoping to top that number next year. Put this date on your next year's calendar. It is not too soon to make your plans to attend and take an active part in the activities of the rally. Our Unit members played a great part in the functioning of this one.

FLORIDA STATE RALLY

Pictures by Phil Drugge, Collage by Vic Smith



Fl. Unit waiting for supper on Sat. night. Hula dancers getting dressed in skirts. Vic & Josie Smith, one day visitors, being welcomed by Dave Wenger and Joan Carson.

Ellen McMillan, another one day visitor, at Happy Hour. Dave Wenger being president. Lotty Joachimsthal chatting with a friend.

Charles and Jackie Whittington and Werner Joachimsthal at Happy Hour. Whit Blasdel's hat with his souvenir pins. Randy Godfrey and Frank Carson doing nothing at Happy Hour.

Jack Glouner MCing. Happy Hour at Wengers. Jeanne Pickrel and Bev & Earl Trask at Wengers.

A picture display on a vintage Airstream. Peaking into a vintage trailer. The entrance to Dutch Heritage, an Amish restaurant.



Waiting in line for the FL Unit to exercise its expertize in dump duty



President Dave handling his duties with kid gloves

FLORIDA UNIT GROUP PICTURE SARASOTA 2008

The Florida Unit members posed for their picture dressed in their new T-shirts provided by JD Sanders, Inc., the Airstream dealer in Alachua, FL and the Unit.

Others who were in attendance besides those mentioned in the articles were: Fran Durbin, Ted & Donna Smith, Larry & Marie Moser, Henry Lappen, Tom Moore, Joe McMillan, and Jean Gilbert. Not all attendees are in the picture.

The Unit can be proud of the numbers who attended; it was well represented.

JOBS FOR FL STATE 2009

As director, **Frank Carson** has already picked chairpersons for the committees to work the rally next year.

Registrar – **Randy Godfrey**
 Deparking – **Ed Krajewski**
 Ask Me – **Marion Krajewski**
 Bingo – **Whit Blasdell**
 Scooter Patrol – **Earl Leggett**
 First Timers – **Frank Carson**
 Morning Hospitality – **Helen Leggett**
 Bull pen – **Dave Wenger**

OUR RIBBON WINNING DISPLAY

Betty and Dave Wenger framing the Unit's first place Hawaiian theme display

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Earl Leggett passed out while driving his car with his son and **Helen** as passengers. The two family members were not hurt, nor was Earl, but he is in the hospital to find out why he passed out. Their car was totaled. We'll miss Earl and Helen as parker and greeter at the Easter Rally. They have held those positions for years and years.

Tim Wymer is **Tim** not **Tom**. Sorry for the misspelling.

Kitty Haggerty has a new cell phone number: 321-704-1447.

VEGETABLE BITES

By **Betty Wenger**

1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls
 4 ounces cream cheese softened
 1 T mayonnaise
 1 ½ t ranch salad dressing mix (dry mix)
 ¾ C finely chopped broccoli
 ¾ C finely chopped cauliflower
 3 T finely diced sweet red pepper
 3 T finely diced carrots
 3 T finely diced celery
 A little finely diced curly parsley (optional)

Unroll crescent dough onto a baking sheet forming a surface to cover the bottom of a 13 X 9 pan; seal all perforations. Bake at 375° for approximately 9 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, mayo, and salad dressing mix until blended. Spread evenly over crust. Sprinkle with vegetables. (If the veggies don't generously cover the crust, cut more than listed.) Gently press down. Cover with plastic wrap. Chill before serving. Cut into squares.

The Veggie Bites were enjoyed at the Wengers' Happy Hour with requests for the recipe.

THE EASTER RALLY

Registrar **Joe McMillan** reports that the Easter Rally registration is closed. There are 57 units signed up with two on a standby list.

REGION 3 RALLY

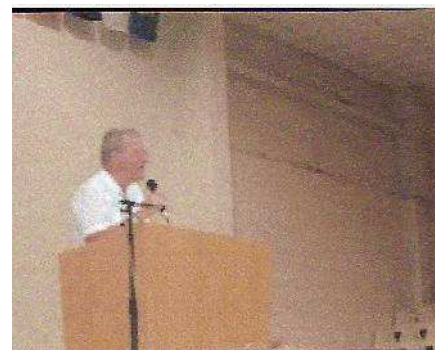
Spend springtime, Carolina style while you "Rally in Raleigh", the theme for the Region 3 rally.

There will be seminars, tours, officers' workshop, golf and banquet. The location is the North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC.

Dates are April 22-26, 2008. The rally will make a good stop on your way north.

NEW RALLY DIRECTOR

Congratulations to our **Frank Carson** who has taken on the job of Director of the Florida State Rally.



Frank's first speech as director

If Frank puts the same energy and aggressiveness into his new role as he has in his position as Membership Chairman of both Region 3 and International and promoter of the Easter Rally, there should be a great future ahead for the Sarasota rally. We wish him great success, and he will be needing the support of our Unit members.