

# GOOD LIFE NEWS

## Cedar Key Rally Fun

*Photos from the Good Times at the Rally*



### From Our President

The adventure with an Airstream never ends! Even though Janet and I both still work full-time we have fit in a lot of fun using the Airstream. It really does take a team to put on a rally and Janet and I had a great time putting together the Cedar Key Rally. This was a joint rally with the Florida Springs Unit. Four of their members attended, and we had four couples attending their first rally as new members of the Florida Unit.

Our new members were: John & Carole Fredricks, Sorrento; Dante & Carol Quatrano, Saint Augustine; Gerald & Meriam Reed, Naples; and Al & Missy Waschka, Melbourne Beach. It was great to meet all of the new participants and we really look forward to seeing them at future events.

Many of our members contributed to the success of the Cedar Key Rally. The Krabels and the Wymers sponsored great breakfasts. The Allens arranged a grill night, the Wengers put together yummy deserts, and the park restaurant served delicious homemade food. Everyone participated in pot lucks and happy hours making the entire event a food festival.

The Southern Cross Clam Farm tour was a surprising delight—one of the largest clam producers in the country—the tour covered the entire process from birth to market.

*-Brad McGloin*



# A Big Welcome To Our Newest Members!

Please welcome our newest Members:

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We hope to see and get to know all of our new members at a rally soon!

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# Our Last Events in 2014

DAYTONA BEACH KOA UNIT RALLY; PORT ORANGE, FL, OCTOBER 23 – 27, 2014

Details and sign-up information will be coming in the next newsletter, but mark your calendars for this fun and important event. Our Annual Unit Meeting and Elections will be held on Saturday, October 25. We will be electing our officers, and approving our event schedule for 2015. We are required by WBCCI to have this meeting and report the results by November 1.

The Daytona Beach KOA gives us a great discounted rate for parking, so this is an inexpensive way to visit the area and participate in your club's activities. It's not all business—we have some fun at the rally, and there is plenty to do in Daytona Beach, so plan to come and participate in an important activity of your Unit.

CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER AND INSTALLATION RALLY; CHRISTMAS, FL; DECEMBER 3 – 8, 2014

The last Unit Rally of the year is our Cracker Christmas Volunteer and Installation Rally at Fort Christmas Historical Park in Christmas, FL. This is our annual rally where we help the Fort Christmas folks get ready for their biggest event of the year, and then we help them carry it out. We will also install our Unit Officers for 2015 at a Unit dinner

during this rally. It's great fun and we always get a good turnout.

What's at Fort Christmas? There are about a dozen restored Cracker homes and a reconstructed fort from the Second Seminole Indian War. There will be demonstrations of cane grinding, rope making, rug hooking, etc., plus one of Central Florida's largest craft fairs with close to 200 crafters.

We park on a grassy ball-field, with water and 10 amp electric hook-ups. Included in the rally fee or provided by the park is two breakfasts, two lunches, and four dinners. Every afternoon there will be a happy hour so pack your chairs, a snack table, a light snack share, and a beverage of your choice. Our happy hours are a great time to ask any questions about the club and your Airstream.

During the time you are at Fort Christmas you will be asked to assist the employees at the park by helping to tidy-up and decorate the restored buildings, set up tents, tables and chairs. On the weekend, we docent the buildings for 3 hours a day.

Our Unit dinner and Installation of Unit Officers for 2015 will be held on Thursday, December 4. The rally fee is to be determined, but expect it to be less than \$20 per person, and there is no parking fee. Pre registration is a necessity, so watch for additional details and a signup coupon in a coming newsletter.

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## IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING DUES

This year, the club has decided to do away with dues cards and just send a paper receipt. In response to that move, I have the template to continue making the dues card which I will do when you pay your dues. For most of us that have email, I will send them out via email and ask you to print them on decent paper and cut the cards along the red lines. The print will be better then you have been getting. Those that do not have email I will print them for you and hard copy them to you. Along with that, Headquarters has sent a form to update all your information. I will try to email that also so everything is correct, email etc. This is going to take some time because of my condition, and running back and forth to the doctor. By you sending in your dues without me asking will save our Unit not only money, but me time. Remember our Unit dues are only \$10.00 and we spend that on everyone that comes to the Installation dinner.

When making out your check, just think of the rallies that are planned and then you will realize that we run the best rallies at the best prices. That's why we are the largest Unit in Florida and second largest in Region 3. Dan has restarted the Florida State Rally and if you were there this past April, you would have to agree that it was a knock out rally.

Remember that dues are \$75.00, (\$65.00 International). Make your check payable to *WBCCI Florida Unit* in the amount of \$75.00 and mail to me at: Frank Carson, PO Box 135, Crosswicks, NJ 08515 so that I will receive them by October 31st, this way your information will get in the directory. Past Presidents of the Florida Unit before December, 2009 may choose to pay only the International portion, as was the custom before our November and December, 2009 meetings.

I wish you all a better summer holiday then I have had and with God's help, will see you in the fall.

-Frank

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CEDAR KEY RALLY



BRAD, JANET AND ROBERT'S 1966 AIRSTREAM SAFARI, PART 4

I have been able to spend a little more time working on the Airstream over the past months. My goal was to remove most of the interior to have access to the subfloor for inspection and replacement as necessary. I bought a mid-priced small tool kit to keep in the trailer for ease of access. I have discovered the Airstream was originally put together very well.

My first attempt at removing large screws attaching the cabinetry to the floor resulted in a broken screwdriver. Clearly the 2014 screwdriver was no match



for the 1966 Airstream. It is amazing how something so small can be such a large obstacle. About half of the large screws came out without difficulty. The other half the heads stripped and could not be re-



moved by hand tools. I tried many methods suggested by experts and none worked. I ended up gently prying the cabinetry from the floor and was able to remove it without damaging the original wood.

The next item to go is the refrigerator. The refrigerator was not original to the trailer but a former owner did attempt to make it look like the original by using some small panels and veneers from the former refrigerator. The whole refrigerator cabinet was pulling away from the wall so I was interested to discover why.

Removing the refrigerator was straight forward: unplug it, disconnect the gas line and remove the screws attaching it to the cabinet. Once the refrigerator was removed I could see a large heavy 2 by 8 frame was built to elevate the smaller replacement refrigerator up in the cabinet. The heavy frame was not attached to the floor and the refrigerator was not attached to the frame. All of

this non-attached weight was contained by thin veneers with very small support frames. It is no surprise the cabinet was pulling away from the wall. In



fact, there was great potential the refrigerator could have broken free from the cabinet and created more damage. When it comes time to install a new refrigerator it will be larger like the original and attached to the floor. It will also be more auto-

mated just like the ones in our newer Airstreams. So far I have removed the contents of the front of the trailer to include a booth dinette and the fresh water tank and surround. I have removed the refrigerator and the side gaucho. I removed the

remainder of the original floor tiles and again cleaned all of the surfaces. Amazingly, so far the subfloor is in good condition.

I have not been able to work on the Airstream very much lately as I have been having fun at the Bluegrass, New Florida State, Region 3, and Cedar Key rallies, as well as a trip to the

Cedar Key Art Festival. My son's high school graduation also slowed me down. Over the summer, I'm sure I will squeeze

in some time to work on the 1966 Airstream and look forward to keeping you posted on the adventure.

*-Brad McGloin*

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 REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN GILLETTE, WY

Only 346 trailers or motorhomes were in attendance.

The following officers for 2015 were elected:

- International President: Joe Perryman
- International 1st VP: Jim Schwerdfeger
- International 2nd VP: Richard Girard
- International 3rd VP: Jim Cocke

The two candidates nominated from the floor for the 3rd VP position: June Ryan, currently the chairman of the budget committee and former Region 8 President; and Barry Bell, the outgoing President of Region 5; were not elected.

The vote count was:

- Jim Cocke: 3578
- June Ryan: 910
- Barry Bell: 367

There were three candidates for the two positions on the Nominating Committee: Jay Thompson and Tom Smithson were elected.

All three amendments to the constitution passed by large margins.

- Amendment #1 to allow clubs in foreign countries to become members passed with 100% of the vote.
- Amendment #2 to permit movement of the International Rally away from July 1 and July 4 passed 4779 *Yés* to 29 *No*.
- Amendment #3 to allow the optional payment of dues via electronic means passed 4562 *Yés* to 234 *No*.

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 WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT (WWP) UPDATE

We have had an exceptional year collecting donations for the Wounded Warrior Project. With our targeted initiatives of Airstream Open Houses, 50/50 drawings, Raffles, selling Jeff Krabel's donated woodworking items, yard sales, the sale of Key West Rally prints and general donations we raised a grand total of \$1,902.01.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Community Project fundraiser such a big success.

Without our club members willingness to work together we could not have had such great results.

The money was forwarded by check to Airstream International made payable to the Wounded Warrior Project in June.

*-Chris Allen, Wounded Warriors Project Committee Member*

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 MEMBERSHIP NOTES

*Frank Carson*

I have learned over the course of life two very important things.

1. Do not stay home for the summer, it could be bad for your health.
2. Do not stand on a log at the top of a hill. You could lose your balance and fall.

Both these very important lessons should be learned immediately. In the summer, go on a caravan therefore you will not stand on a log and lose your balance. Enough said. Maybe Randy will share the picture [He didn't—see Sunshine List on the next page].

*-Frank*

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 SUSAN MOUNT, 1941 - 2014

We received a report that one of our Unit members, Susan Mount, of Stockton, NJ, and Punta Gorda, FL, passed away Friday, June 27, 2014, at Capital Health Systems in Hopewell, NJ. Susan was a graduate of William Allen High School, Lanckenau School of Nursing, Cedar Crest College, Trenton State College and Villanova University. Sue was a nursing instructor at Mercer Hospital School of Nursing and taught on various levels during her many years there. Sue and her beloved husband of 50 years, Fred, enjoyed traveling and visiting their many friends and relatives in Florida. She particularly enjoyed cycling, arts, crafts, sewing, quilting and weaving. Sue is survived by her husband, Fred Mount.



SUNSHINE LIST

**David Barr** is in rehab after a double knee replacement. David is 6-weeks post opt, and doing well. **Frank Carson** was in his back yard throwing grass and sticks down the incline while standing on a log. He lost his balance and fell down the hill, catching his right leg on a branch that had broken off from the log he was standing on. The branch penetrated his calf, exposed the bone, and tore it about 5-inches before pulling out. It took 5 EMTs and police to get him up the 15 feet he fell. If Joan hadn't been there, it would have been an hour before anyone found him and he could have bled out. It took a 3-hour operation to close the wound, and he's now resting at home. [Editor's note: Frank sent me a picture of the gory wound, but I elected not to publish it here. Ask him to show it to you next time you see him.]

There were no other cares and concerns reported to your editor for this edition, so we hope everyone else is well and enjoying the good life. Please let your editor know of anything that needs to be published here.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS WILL BE 8/25/2014

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the September 2014 edition of our newsletter by August 25, 2014. All news and items of interest to members of our Unit are welcome.

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 they can be scaled them to fit in the newsletter as needed.

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2014 Calendar

January 16 – 20

Unit Rally; Jacksonville, FL

March 12 – 17

Bluegrass Festival Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

April 2 – 7

New Florida State Rally; Sunshine Key, FL

April 30 – May 3

Region 3 Rally; Fletcher, NC

May 22 – 26

Buddy Rally; Cedar Key, FL

June 28 – July 4

International Rally; Gillette, WY

October 23 – 27

Unit Rally; Port Orange, FL

October 25

Annual Meeting; Port Orange, FL

December 3 – 8

Cracker Christmas Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

December 4

Unit Dinner/Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2015; Ft. Christmas, FL



**Florida Unit Merchandizing Order Form - THE GOOD LIFE**

ITEM:	Logo: (Circle one)	Size: (circle one)	Cost:	Quantity:	Color: (opt)	Total:
<b>Polo Shirt - color navy blue</b>	Good Life / FL Logo	S / M / L / XL	\$20		NA	
with Pocket		S / M / L / XL	\$22			
Size 2XL			\$22			
Size 2XL with Pocket			\$24			
<b>Ball Cap - color navy blue</b>	Good Life / FL Logo		\$20		NA	
<b>Tote Bag - color Blue</b>	Good Life		\$12		NA	
<b>T-Shirt - color white</b>	Round Good Life	S / M / L / XL	\$15		White	
<b>T-Shirt - opt color</b>	Black- Good Life	S / M / L / XL	\$15			
Ladies - V neck	Black- Good Life	S / M / L / XL	\$15			
<b>Sticker</b>	Round- Good Life		\$2			
<b>Sticker</b>	Black- Good Life		\$2			
<b>Magnet</b>	Round- Good Life		\$5			
<b>Dinner Tray</b>	Round- Good Life		\$5		Red	
<b>Insulated Solo Cup</b>	White- Good Life		\$3		Red	
<b>Insulated Solo Cup</b>	White- Good Life		\$3		Blue	
<b>2 Trays w/ 2 cups</b>	Good Life		\$15		Red / Blue	
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