

GOOD LIFE NEWS



From Our President

First I'd like to thank Brad and Janet for a great year and all the hard work they've done and continue to do for our unit. Over the past few years we've all noticed a rise in membership which I believe in part is due to the successful leadership and effort that our members have put forth. I only hope to do as well and want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the club as the incoming President.

I agree with Brad in saying our leadership doesn't change each year but evolves. It evolves as each member participates and shares their vision and ideas. My vision...is to have some fun! After all this is a camping club!

We have scheduled some really awesome rallies for the coming year and look forward to seeing a lot of our members in the coming months and throughout the year as we camp and share in the camaraderie of belonging to this camping club. Some of the highlights for this year will be the Cedar Key Rally, Dunedin Rally, Kayak/Canoe Rally, Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center Rally and the Tropical Palms Resort Rally to mention a few. I look forward to seeing everyone this year as we camp our way around Florida. My only regret is I don't have the time to do more, see more and go to more places. As do some of you I still work, but juggle my time to participate in our activities and bring my daughter, Elsie, to most events as her school schedule allows. I am scheduled to go to Farmington, NM for International this year, so if any members care to caravan let me know. Looking forward to having a great year in the Florida Unit, see you down the road!

-Tom Maciejczyk

Cracker Christmas 2014

December 3 - 7, 2014; Ft. Christmas Historical Park; Christmas, FL



Early arrivals at Fort Christmas

Our last event of 2014 was another success with 15 Airstreams parked on the grounds of the Fort Christmas Historical Park in Christmas, Florida. From Wednesday to Sunday our members busied themselves with cleaning and decorating the historic buildings, positioning tables and chairs, setting up tents, pulling several hundred pounds of pork, enjoying our annual Unit dinner and officer installation, potluck dinners, happy hours, and being docents in the historic buildings.

The members that attended for the weekend with their Airstreams were: Joan & Frank Carson, Susan & Tom Thompson, Dale & Janis Edwards, Whit & Marilyn Blasdell, Randy & Pat Godfrey, George & Pam Millis, Dave & Betty Wenger, Al & Grace Buchanan, Jeff & Mary Krabel, Ron & Chris Allen, and grandson Jarred, Frank & Donna Rothery, Charles & Jackie Whittington, Roland & Nancy Christians, Ed & Jean Bland, and Ron & Susan Wright. Joining us on Thursday or Friday evening for the dinner or happy hours were: Brad McGloin, Pat & Patty Reed-Reimer, Tim & Alice Wymer, and Tex & Betty Ritter.

This rally was a free rally for all Florida Unit members (full and affiliate). The only charge was the attendant food contributions (there were plenty of those), and being willing to help out the park staff with the weekend craft and history festival. A good time was had by all.

More pictures are on page 5.



Chris Allen welcoming new members Ed & Jean Bland and Ron & Susan Wright

A Big Welcome To 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 First Events in 2015

SERTOMA YOUTH RANCH – BROOKSVILLE RALLY; FEBRUARY 12 – 15, 2015

For our kickoff event in 2015, Tom, our President, has a fun weekend planned for us in Brooksville, FL. The Sertoma Youth Ranch is at 85 Myers Road; Brooksville, FL 32602. *Directions from I-75:* Take exit 293. Turn right onto Blanton Rd toward Dade City. In two miles turn left onto Clay Hill Rd (Clay Hill Rd turns into Meyers Rd). After 1.8 miles, the Sertoma Youth Ranch will be on your left. Sign-up coupon is in the back of this newsletter.

Event Schedule

Thursday:	1:00 – 4:00	Check in and parking
	4:30	Happy Hour at the Pavilion
	5:30	Dinner on your own
	6:30	Dessert Pot Luck – Bring a Dessert to share
Friday:	8:00 – 9:00	Catered Breakfast
	4:30	Happy Hour at the Pavilion
	5:30	Catered BBQ Dinner at the Pavilion
	7:00 – 10:00	Music at the Pavilion
Saturday:	8:00 – 9:00	Sausage and Gravy Biscuit Breakfast
	4:30	Happy Hour under the tents at Tom's Rig
	5:30	Pot Luck Grill Fest under the tents at Tom's Rig bring your grill and your entrée to grill and a side dish to share
	7:00 – 10:00	Music at the small pavilion with the Broken String Bluegrass Band (We were invited to join them for a night of Bluegrass...take your chair)
Sunday:	8:00 – 9:00	Coffee and Sweet Treats at the tents at Tom's Rig.

2015 ALL FLORIDA RALLY; MARCH 3 – 8, 2015; ST. JOHN'S COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; ELKTON, FLORIDA

Planning is complete and sign-ups are underway. At last count we were approaching 100 Airstreams. Please see the article on page 4, and the sign-up coupon is in the back of this newsletter.

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL RALLY; MARCH 11 – 16; FT. CHRISTMAS, FL

Come join us at Fort Christmas, Florida for the Bluegrass Festival Rally. This event is similar to our Cracker Christmas event, except the crowds are smaller and there is somewhat less work to do. During the weekend, professional Bluegrass bands will be playing continuously during the festival.

Fill out the coupon in the back of this newsletter, and mail your registration back to Frank Carson. Parking committee only on Monday, March 9. Early parking starts on Tuesday, March 10.

The rally fee is \$10.00 per person. Parking is free with rally electric and water. The meals included in your rally fee are: Wednesday evening, hoagie supper; Friday evening, barbecue pot luck, (everyone bring a side dish to feed 6 to 8); Saturday morning, pancakes and sausage; Saturday afternoon, lunch; Saturday evening, pot luck, (everyone bring a side dish to feed 6 – 8, park is supplying the meat dish); Sunday morning pancakes and sausage; and Sunday afternoon, lunch. That's six included meals.

Please send in your reservation (coupon at the end of this newsletter) by March 4. This rally is by reservation only since the Unit must buy provisions for the meals ahead of the rally.

Attention Weekenders: If you can only come for the weekend, there is no rally fee. You may come anytime on Friday, but you must be onsite by 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Attention First Timers: For those of you that have never been to this rally, it is completely laid back with professional Bluegrass bands playing continually both Saturday and Sunday. This is a volunteer rally, with not too much work. Make us proud. Show your support for the Orange County Parks, Fort Christmas and especially our Unit!

2015 ALL FLORIDA RALLY; MARCH 3 – 8, 2015; ST. JOHN’S COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; ELKTON, FLORIDA

Welcome to the 50th year of the Florida State Rally. Every second year we will move the rally from the Keys to Saint Augustine. This year it is in Elkton, Florida at the St. John’s County Fairgrounds, on Route 207, 10 miles from Saint Augustine.

Based on two people per Airstream, the rally fee of \$220.00 per trailer will include parking with a minimum of 20 amp electric and water. There is a dump station on the grounds. Everything is included in your fee, no extras. You will have use of the trolley in Saint Augustine for 3 days, which also includes free downtown parking. We will cruise on the Matanzas River with a private guide explaining all the sights. There will be nightly entertainment from the period of the oldest continually occupied city in the country. We will have a dinner catered by Boston Market on Saturday evening.

Airstream Inc. will be on the grounds doing seminars. JD Sanders Airstream will have a trailer display. Jack Wilson Chevrolet will also be on the grounds with a truck display as well as doing a towing seminar.

This is a wonderful time to be in Saint Augustine when everything is starting to bloom. If you do not want to walk, take the trolley, getting on and off as you wish. On our first day, we will have a private tour of Old Saint Augustine given by the experi-



enced tour guides on the trolley. After the tour you can either be taken back to your vehicle or you can stay in town for some shopping or just sightseeing. The sightseeing boat cruise on the Matanzas will take you from the mouth of the inlet to the lighthouse. Your captain will be pointing out the sights like the Castillo. Seeing sights from the

water gives a whole new perspective of the old city

The fairgrounds have modern rest rooms with showers. All entertainment will be under cover in the enclosed pavilion. We are limited to 250 Airstreams. We have 20, 30 and some 50 amp electric available on a first come first serve basis. The 20 amp electric is good enough to run your air if needed.

Each person will need one chair and one snack table to help keep the cost down as the fairgrounds does not supply these items. Always carry extra electric extension cords and water lines. Coffee will be supplied each morning to start your day. Please arrive with full fresh water and empty holding tanks.

Look for a sign-up coupon in the back of this newsletter. Dan and I look forward to seeing you at the Florida State Rally, a WBCCI sanctioned rally, this coming March.

-Frank Carson and Dan Maciejczyk

Here is a question for you. Do you know that an article written by one of the world’s finest authors is in the March 2014 Blue Beret? Do you know that this acclaimed author is a member of the Florida Unit? Don’t miss this opportunity for an intellectual treat. Look for the March 2014 issue online in the [WBCCI Blue Beret Archives](#) and then look at Tech Help! Happy Reading!

CRACKER CHRISTMAS 2014 PHOTO ALBUM



Our Unit members performing clean-up tasks.



The "Pork-etts" and the always enjoyable Friday morning pork pull



Thursday Evening's Unit Dinner



Still looking good after a busy Saturday

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Tom and Jeanne Scheitler

After their September wedding, we heard that they bought a home in Northern Georgia.

Ed & Jean Bland

We enjoyed meeting everyone at Cracker Christmas. Many of you heard our tale of buying and selling Airstreams over the past year. It started with a Touring Coach that we decided was unsuitable for us, and at Cracker Christmas we had a 2015 25-foot FB that I liked very much. Well we have traded again. We are now the owners of a 2005 32-foot gasoline land yacht. The owner had to sell because of illness, but as with most Airstreams, the owner really looked after it. We should get it by the end of the month, and I hope it works for us—think it will. Once we get it, we will likely register for the All Florida State Rally.

-Ed

IN SYMPATHY

These last few months have been difficult for many of our Unit members:

We learned that Earl Trask's son-in-law passed away.

Patsy Barr wrote to say, "On our way back home after seeing my sister in Texas, my brother-in-law called us on Nov 4 to tell us that my older sister, Betty, stopped breathing and died. It was a shock in that we did not anticipate her dying that soon. But, her prognosis was such that it was also a blessing. I will miss her."

Rolland and Nancy Christians let us know that, "We just returned from Boston, where Nancy's daughter Lisa, passed away on November 8th, and we buried her on November 12th. She was 52, and had a long struggle with cancer."

Randy and Pat Godfrey were at Cracker Christmas on Sunday December 7th when they learned that Randy's sister in Michigan had passed away unexpectedly. "She was diagnosed with rectal cancer in 2013 but appeared to be in recovery. We had just seen her in October after attending the Sugarcreek, OH rally. What we didn't know was that her prognosis wasn't good from the start, and after our October visit, she slowly slipped away. She was 65."



SUNSHINE LIST

Lisa Sisco is having medical problems.

Former President, **Ellen McMillan** has been in the hospital with congestive heart problems and pneumonia. Her address for cards is: Joe & Ellen McMillan; 39615 Stanearth Rd; Albany, OH 45710

There were no other cares and concerns reported to your editor for this edition, so we hope everyone 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 3/1/2015

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the March 2015 edition of our newsletter by March 1, 2015. 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.

Please email items to: rgodfrey@cfl.rr.com. You can also send hard copies of items for publication in our newsletter to:

Randy Godfrey, Newsletter Editor

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Viera, FL 32955-6764

Or, FAX to (321) 633-7591, but call first so the FAX Machine can be turned on.

2015 Calendar

February 12 – 15

Unit Rally; Sertoma Youth Camp; Brooksville, FL

March 3 – 8

All Florida State Rally; St. Augustine, FL

March 11 – 16

Bluegrass Festival Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

April 9 – 12

Unit Rally; Cedar Key, FL

April 29 – May 3

Region 3 Rally; Ladson, SC

May 28 – June 1

Unit Rally; Dunedin, FL

June 26 – July 4

International Rally; Farmington, NM

August 4 – 10

Unit Caravan; North Central Florida

October 8 – 12

Unit Rally; White Springs, FL

October 22 – 26

Unit Rally; Port Orange, FL

October 24

Annual Meeting; Daytona Beach KOA; Port Orange, FL

November 19 – 23

Unit Rally; Kissimmee, FL

December 2 – 7

Cracker Christmas Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

December 3

Unit Dinner/Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2016; Ft. Christmas, FL



Sertoma Youth Ranch Brooksville Rally
85 Myers Rd
Brooksville, FL 34602
February 12 – 15, 2015

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Cell #: _____ Email: _____
 WBCCI # _____ Trailer MH Length _____
 I (we) will arrive on: ___ Thursday, ___ Friday

Rally fee is \$150 per unit with two persons, \$125 with one person and \$25 each per additional persons. Fee includes three nights camping, a catered breakfast and a BBQ dinner on Friday and a breakfast on Saturday. Hook up includes water and electric only with a dump station on site. Music on Friday night and the option to join the Broken String Bluegrass Band on Saturday night. Check out is Sunday.

Please make check payable to Brad McGloin and mail with this coupon to:

Brad McGloin
 776 Peppervine Ave.
 Saint Johns, FL 32259

All Florida State Rally
Saint Augustine, Florida
March 3 – 8, 2015

Welcome to this year's All Florida State Rally to be held in beautiful St. Augustine FL. This WBCCI Rally will be held in Northeast Florida at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds. The dates are set for March 3 – 8, 2015. There will be tours on the trolley throughout the historic city. We have an exciting boat cruise planned where you can see the extravagant architecture viewed from St. Augustine's harbor. Come with us and celebrate the 450th Anniversary of the founding of the oldest city in America, St. Augustine Florida. Walk down the many streets and find yourself in a past era gone by. Visit the history of the town from the comfort of your Airstream! The rally fee is \$220.00 based on 2 people per Airstream, 1 person in an Airstream \$180.00. Cancellation fee is \$30.00. Your early registration includes a rally plaque, at least 20 amp electric and water.

Name(s) _____ WBCCI Number _____
 Address _____
 Telephone# _____ Email address _____
 Trailer MH Length _____

Airstream w/2 people \$220.00; Airstream w/1 person \$165.00; Extra person, \$55.00: Total \$ _____

There will be a \$30.00 cancellation fee. Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope or a current email for your receipt.

Please make check payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and mail with this coupon to:

Daniel Maciejczyk
 All Florida State Rally
 PO Box 38203
 Baltimore, MD 21231
oldtruckfarm@prodigy.net

Bluegrass Festival Volunteer Rally

March 11 – 16, 2015

1300 Fort Christmas Road; Christmas, Florida

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Cell # _____ Email _____

WBCCI Number _____ Vehicle type _____

Vehicle size _____

Place a check-mark (✓) in the day you will be arriving:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Parking Crew Only				

The rally fee is \$10.00 per person if coming for the full rally. No rally fee for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only. Water and rally electric and free parking. Dumping can be arranged at Christmas RV Park. Rally fee includes six meals including two pot luck dinners. Everyone must be on grounds by 9:00 a.m. Saturday. No vehicular traffic through park on Saturday or Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Remember, this is a Volunteer Rally, and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Reservations and payment if required, are due by March 4, 2015.

Make checks payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and mail with this coupon to:

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 43 Alpha Ln
 Melbourne, FL 32934

