



# GOOD LIFE NEWS



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## The President's Message

"Hello fellow Airstreamers! Hope you are having a great summer. We've used our Airstream and I can tell you, if you have a wife who is determined to get to a niece's graduation 1K miles away (Culver, Indiana), you can do it in 2 days. I know from hearing from you, fellow members, there is a lot of traveling you are doing also.

We also attended the Region 3 Rally in Perry, GA. My flowery words fly away and I must call it just plain fun. We enjoyed so much getting together with our unit members, enjoy dinners together and, in general, just having a great time. I'd like to thank Gerald & Grace Michaelson for carrying our unit flag at International.

SEE RALLY SCHEDULE IN THIS NEWSLETTER: Are you making plans to attend the September Rally in Fruitland Park, FL? (Look for coupon at the last page of this newsletter.) This is a new area for us and it sure looks like Phil & Doris Drugge are planning a super time. Plus, don't forget, following that in October is the Daytona Rally that Ann and I will be hosting. As of right now, there is plenty of parking outside the Daytona Speedway (\$10 per night includes water and elec. with dump station available upon departure). Lots of things to do: Speedway tours, Museums, mall and lots of great restaurants all close by. More info to follow.

Of a personal nature, Ann has fulfilled her 8 year commitment on the St. John's Water Management Governing Board and has accepted a new appointment to the State Audubon Governing Board. She does keep busy!

See you in the fall..... *Tom Moore*



Views from around the Methodist Camp in Fruitland Park

**UNIT OFFICERS:** The years and months tick by so quickly, we sometimes forget who is in office and working hard throughout the year. So, thanks, officers, your year is half over!

Pres: Tom Moore  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Randy Godfrey  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Willard Pickrel  
Corr. Secty: Joan Carson  
Rec. Secty: Pat Finn  
Treas: Frank Carson  
Membership Chairperson: Joan Carson  
Historian: Louise Kramer  
2 Yr Trustee: Vic Smith  
                  Phil Drugge  
1 Yr Trustee: Joe McMillan  
                  Earl Leggett  
Immed. Past Pres: Dave Wenger

**Nominating Cmty for 2010:**

2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Willard  
Treas - Frank  
Immed Past Pres – Dave  
(Contact any committee member and offer your services for 2010!)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Dan & Laura Barnett**  
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“The Airstream trailer we purchased a month ago is our first RV, so there is, I suppose, some risk involved with whether or not we will like it, but we are very excited about all the opportunities we've imagined that come with owning a travel trailer, especially an Airstream. Dan's mom and dad, Bill and Betty Barnett, lived in an Airstream for around 16 years at Port O' Call in Melbourne, so we were familiar with the quality of Airstream. They traveled the country in a motorhome and we remember how much fun it was for them. Dan and I grew up in Melbourne. We are in our mid 50's and Dan is still working. He is a State

Farm agent in Indian Harbour Beach. We can't wait for our first trip!” Laura

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“Almost every memory I have of my grandparents, Louis & Gladys Shinn, is from when they visited us in one of their Airstream Trailers. They stayed a couple months at the Port-O-Call Airstream Park in Melbourne FL before heading south each year. My grandfather was a WBCCI President of both his local WV and the Guadalajara Mexico Units. They toured most of the US, Central and South America and had friends from all over the world. They absolutely loved living and traveling in their Airstreams. Since their early passing, I have dreamt of experiencing a lifestyle like theirs. Now, some twenty years later, I have my first Airstream: 1973 27' Overlander. Luckily, I was able to acquire my grandparents WBCCI number, 10718. I recently traded my inadequate SUV for a real tow vehicle, a Yukon XL. I feel content to travel within Florida for now; although I hope to someday re-create some of my grandparents' trips. So far, I'm really enjoying my trailer and am getting a taste for how much fun Airstreaming can be! I am looking forward to getting to know my WBCCI numbers!”  
Laura

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"I personally love the out of doors. I started tent camping as a teen and just loved it. Later I got into hunting with bow and arrow and camping was the venue of choice. There was nothing like sharing God's creation like camping and enjoying the elements he bestows on us. The first overnight trip I took with my wife Polina was camping in the Shenandoah Mountains early one spring. She loved it. We've done a few trips together after that but got side-tracked with life and job etc. so we really haven't done much. I have often talked about the family needing a hobby but nothing ever appealed to anybody until last year.

Last year my youngest brother, Daniel, bought a 1954 Airstream Cruiser. He came down over the holidays and spent a few weeks visiting and camping at a local KOA and of course I brought Elsie, 6 year old daughter, along for the fun and she just loved it. Thought the whole trailer thing was cool and wanted to live in it. Polina would meet us at the trailer for dinner and all was good. I started thinking hobby again and thought this would be a great one. So, thereafter I went to a few rally's with my brother and started putting feelers out for what I wanted and about 2 months later I got a call and was asked if I wanted this 1950 Airstream 22' Liner. Of course I said yes. So now the journey begins. The unit needs restoration and I just started in June. As a matter of fact I just uploaded some pictures today to the Airstream Central forum website. I'm looking forward to the project. My wife Polina wants nothing to do with it but I think she'll come

round. I originally put her name in as well but at this point it's just me, and Elsie. At the moment she thinks the inside is "ugly." But she's 6.

"CapnTom is my username on the AS site. Member # 2453. I look forward to traveling the state as early as this winter. I will be towing with a 2004 Chevy Avalanche. I am a commercial Boat Captain by trade. I work a month on/month off schedule so I'll have time for the restore and the camping once she's ready. I've been to every state along the east and gulf coasts of the United States but never the interior. It is my plan/desire to travel the Midwest and such during the summer months with Elsie and see some of the sites. Maybe get involved in a caravan or two as well. Definitely going to do some of the local things once she's ready. Looking forward to meeting new friends and fellow travelers. 'Fair Winds and Following Seas'"

Tom Maciejczyk

**JUST NEWS**

**Howard & Susan LaRose** announce the birth of a new grandson, Ethan Michael Chiglo, born May 7, 2009. Ethan lives with his parents, Sherri & Jon Chiglo, in a Minneapolis suburb.

One of our members, **George Perry, was helping Ray Wilson**, another Unit member, clean the roof of his house. George fell off the roof and broke his shoulder and fractured his upper arm. Linda Perry got George in the car and transported him to the VA Hospital in Tampa where they replaced his shoulder. George is now resting and maybe giving up cleaning roofs.

**Phil & Doris Drugge**: Left for New England on June 18th. Cell phones and email only after that. After July 1, email only until July 31 when they come back from Sweden. Then off to the GALAX Fiddler's Rally. Anyone else going? **Randy & Pat Godfrey** are on the Nor' by Nor' East Caravan and won't be home until October. Wow! What photos they will have.

**Josie and Vic Smith** left for Saratoga, NY on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and will return late

Sep. "It's true, Frank and Joan saw us on US 15 in Pennsylvania about 40 miles north of Gettysburg. We were heading north and they south. They didn't have their trailer, so I was unaware of the meeting until I answered a voice mail from Joan. Josie and I are enjoying the northern New York weather here in Saratoga. We have had rain almost every day with the temps in the upper 50's at night and the mid 70's during the day. Yesterday, there was this bright yellow glowing orb in the sky. Not sure what that was all about but hopefully the rain will return and blanket the blinding blue sky and that glowing orb. Scary! We are looking forward to a visit from our son Greg and his two girls and from our niece. They are all from VA.

"August plans include the Region 1 rally in Vermont starting on the 5th of Aug., followed by the Vintage Trailer Jam 09 here in Saratoga on the 11th. Then we head to CT to Josie's sister's house and POOL. We'll be there in time for their annual lobster bash which is always great fun. Then back to Saratoga in Sep. and my 50th class reunion and then head south around the 15th. I am doing the video and booklet for the reunion so I have something to occupy my spare time. Josie caught a 'summer cold'. She is getting better but it has put a damper on her activities. She has finished the chemotherapy. She had a really bad reaction on the 8th of 12 treatments and that repeated on the 9th treatment. The oncologist stopped all treatments since there was little more benefit to be gained and the reaction which presented like a heart attack was too risky to continue. So she is feeling much better. The neuropathy in the fingers, toes, lips and mouth is subsiding. It is gone in the left hand and improving elsewhere.

"That's about it from the Smiths and the Orange Blossom Special where the men are bald, the women are sweet and the children are all grown and out of the house."

Vic

**SYMPATHY:** Our thoughts and prayers are with two of our special couples.

Larry and Marie Moser (former Pres & First Lady) at the passing of Marie's sister on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June after a long illness.

Fred & Sue Mount who traveled to Maryland to attend the funeral of Sue's sister on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **ILLNESSES**

*Frank Carson* has been in the hospital for a week after vomiting blood caused from multiple bleeding ulcers – add to that "hives" from a (?) med. reaction!!! BUT, the knee is working great!

*Helen Leggett* is in a re-hab center in SC. Earl has sold his motorhome and the latest is he is contemplating what kind of an Airstream to buy.

### **Dues Dues Dues Dues**

**By: Frank Carson, Treas.**

We have all heard the term, "The taxman cometh." Well it isn't tax time, but we are getting close to dues time.

Dues are not due till the end of October, but since we have such a large Unit, it does take time for me to process them. A lot of them I have to type out, and with Joan and I going back on the road at the end of October, if I do not have them by the middle of October, your name will not be in the directory. If it's convenient for you, you can mail me a post dated check for October 1, which will work just great.

By putting this notice in the newsletter, and your responding to it, **the Unit will save about \$44.00** per mailing. It is the little things like this that give us the ability to keep our Unit dues at \$10.00. I believe this is the lowest in the State of Florida. Remember, if you come to the Cracker Christmas Installation Rally, you will make your \$10.00 back immediately since the Unit subsidizes the Turkey dinner on Thursday night. AND/OR, if you come to the luncheon at the Florida State Rally, that is

also subsidized by the Unit. No matter how you look at it, our dues schedule is about the best.

## Volunteer Rally, Fort Christmas

If you noticed in the second paragraph I said we have a large Unit. Thanks to the efforts of all our members, and especially Joan, our Unit is the largest in Florida and the second largest in Region 3. This did not happen out of the blue. It is because of our rally schedule and especially the way our members treat new members. When you come to our rallies, it is like coming home to family. More experienced Airstream owners are always willing to share things about your trailer or motor home that only an Airstream owner would know.

Here is the dues schedule:

Affiliate Member: (belongs to another Unit) \$10.00  
International plus Unit Membership, \$65.00  
Past President Florida Unit, \$55.00  
Lifetime WBCCI Member, \$10.00 Unit dues only.

Just think, if you are a lifetime member, and a Past President of the Florida Unit, your dues are paid. Joan and I have about 3 or 4 more years, and we will break even. Such a deal. For most people in the Florida Unit, dues are \$65.00.

**Make checks payable to: WBCCI Florida Unit and mail to Frank Carson, Treasurer, PO Box 135, Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0135.** If for some reason there is a delay in getting the dues out, please let me know. We are trying our best to keep costs down so we can spend it back on our members. If you have any questions, please email me at [fc23343@aol.com](mailto:fc23343@aol.com), or call me at (609) 298-6738.

If you haven't come out to one of our functions, please let me know what it would take to get you out. We miss you.

*Frank*

**CLIP AND SAVE – IMPORTANT DATES!!!**

September 17-20 Fruitland Park (nr the Villages)  
October 22-25 Daytona Speedway CG  
November 18 Election Luncheon, Kissimmee  
December 2-7 Cracker Christmas Installation/

Don't forget to check out the Region 3 Website!

**www.wbccci3.org**

*Speaking of Vic (that is his Reg 3 website), did you get the "Garrison Keillor" imitation???? That's a good one, Vic.*

*If anyone has an autobiography or would like to share some of the best of their travels for this summer, please call me on 321-638-2484 (I take dictation) OR send an email to:*

***[patfinn@bellsouth.net](mailto:patfinn@bellsouth.net)*** *You could be a featured writer in our next newsletter! I thoroughly enjoyed meeting some of our new members via their stories.*

*If you know of any illnesses, please let our Cheer Chairman, Joan Carson, know and Joan will "cheer" them and I'll let fellow members know via our next newsletter.*

*Pat Finn  
Editor*

**LIFE IS GOOD RALLY**  
**4991 Picciola Rd.**  
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**September 17 to 20, 2009**

If you have a computer, you may complete this form and email it to [pedrugge@comcast.net](mailto:pedrugge@comcast.net) and send a check to the address below. A confirmation email will be sent to you. If you register by USPS mail, send this form with your check to the address below.

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer/Motorhome length \_\_\_\_\_  
Early parking Sept. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ Late departure Sept. 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
Full hookups, water, elect and sewer, number of nights @ \$20.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
Water and Electric only, number of nights @ \$18.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
Electric, check one \_\_\_\_\_ 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ 50 amp

The following are optional tours you may wish to join. Please do not include the tour fees in with the rally fee.

The Villages Trolley Tour Fri. 9/18 (free)  
Carriage Museum Option 1, \$29.96 PP (# of people \_\_\_\_\_)  
Carriage Museum Option 2, \$9.99 PP (# of people \_\_\_\_\_)  
NOTE: Both carriage tours on 9/19

Rally Fee \$35.00 based on two people in Airstream. Rally fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If you do not have email and need additional information, please include SASE (that's Self Addressed Stamped Envelope....I knew that!)