



# GOOD LIFE NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### *ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RALLY IN DAYTONA!*

WOW! The Daytona Rally was a super success. We had 14 units!! I was amazed by all the "thank yous" and congratulatory remarks but I could not have done it without the Wengers and Allens who took care of breakfast each day and the finances. In fact, the Rally was such a success we are scheduling another Daytona Rally for October 2010. This will be the Election Rally to put us in concert with the WBCCI calendar. Randy Godfrey, your incoming President, has a thorough understanding of our club's programs and I look forward to being part of his team. I anticipate seeing a large turnout to the Annual Meeting in Kissimmee and I know the participation at the Christmas/Installation Rally at Fort Christmas will be as big as ever. Members who do not attend the Rallies are missing some wonderful experiences and the 3 F's ... Food, Fun and Friendships. See you down the road in a short-short. Tom



**IMPORTANT UNIT MEETING!!**  
**Florida Unit Election Luncheon**  
**November 18, 11:00am**

**GOLDEN CORRAL**  
phone 407-931-0776  
**2701 W Vine St, Kissimmee, FL**



## **SLATE OF 2010 OFFICERS:**

Incoming President: Randy Godfrey and wife Pat  
Incoming 1st. VP: Willard Pickrel and wife Jeanne  
Incoming 2nd VP: Phil Drugge and wife Doris  
Incoming Corres. Sec: Joan Carson and husband Frank  
Incoming Rec. Sec: Pat Finn and husband Wray (Hoping to be replaced at the election meeting.)  
Incoming Treasurer: Frank Carson and wife Joan  
Incoming 1 year Trustee: Ron Allen and wife Chris (Filling the 1 year remaining for Phil Drugge)  
Incoming 2 year Trustee: Lucille Clarke with husband Don  
Remaining 1 year Trustee: Vic Smith and wife Josie  
Incoming 2 year Trustee: Marilyn Blasdell and husband Whit  
Immediate Past President and First Lady: Tom and Ann Moore

Historian – Louise Kramer

Sunshine – Joan Carson

**CHRISTMAS FLORIDA - INSTALLATION RALLY:** Julian & Lynne Clemens, Reg 3 Pres, will be performing the installation of our new officers (see above). Dinner will be on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 5PM. Menu is smoked turkey and all the trimmings. Open and free to all Unit Members HOWEVER, RESERVATIONS A MUST! Rally begins on Dec. 2 with early parking on Dec. 1. The rally ends on Monday morning Dec. 7. The dress code as requested by the incoming President Randy Godfrey is just one of the 2 unit shirts.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 18** Election Luncheon, Kissimmee  
(Call Tom Moore for agenda items)

**December 2-7** Cracker Christmas Installation/  
Volunteer Rally, Ft. Christmas, FL

**February 16-21, 2010** – FL State Rally, Sarasota, FL

**March 17-22, 2010** - Bluegrass – Bluegrass  
Fort Christmas, FL

**March 30-April 5** - Easter Rally - St. Augustine, FL

**April 27-May 2** - Region 3 Rally, Charleston, SC

**Jun/Jul 2010** – International at Gillette, WY

## **DUES SCHEDULE:**

**Affiliate Member (belongs to another unit) \$10**

**International plus Unit Member \$65**

**Past President FL Unit \$55**

**Lifetime WBCCI Member (Unit dues only) \$10**

**Make checks payable to:** “WBCCI Florida Unit”

Mail to: Frank Carson, Treasurer

PO Box 135, Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0135

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathies to Emilie, on the passing of husband Roman Zepeda (Assoc. Mbrs Falls Church, VA).

## **OTHER NEWS:**

**ATTN: All FL Unit Members:** Look for Jonathan Douglas & Serena Moore at the FL State Rally – it’s their first!

**AIRSTREAM LIFE:** You can get a shorter version of Airstream Life free. Just click on the link below.

<http://airstreamlife.com/online>

**BUE BERET – ON LINE:** Below is the web for the Blue Beret for those that don't want to wait for a late BB. or if you are on the road. The actual web page for the BB is below, or click on [www.wbccci.org](http://www.wbccci.org) and then click general information.

<http://wbcci.org/documents/October%202009.pdf>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO VIC & JOSIE:** Great grandparents AGAIN!

**AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Don Clarke,** who in spite of health issues of his own, has volunteered to take over the Good Life Newsletter. I'd like to thank everyone for all the support I've had in the preparation...it was a team effort and lots of fun. Thanks, Don, and know that I'm here if you need any advice!!! (Yuk, yuk) Pat Finn aka “Former Editor”

**CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER/ INSTALLATION RALLY**

**1300 Fort Christmas Road  
Christmas, Florida  
December 2 – 7, 2009**

Once again we will be at historic Fort Christmas. This not only is our annual Installation Rally it is also a Volunteer Rally where we assist Fort Christmas in running CRACKER CHRISTMAS. Last December we had over 25,000 people attend, plus we had 25 Airstreams on the grounds. For those of you that have not been here, we volunteer being docents at the restored Cracker homes and the restored fort. There are approximately a dozen buildings on the grounds now and help is needed including a Mr. and Mrs. Clause. We will be provided water and about 10 amps of electric per vehicle. We will also have our members to teach you and check things on your rig, FREE ADVICE. There will be get togethers and/or seminars every evening. There will be one of Central Florida’s largest craft fairs on the weekend with over 150 crafters on the grounds. This is a do not miss rally. Members that do not tow are welcome to the Thursday, night supper, December 3 free of charge. Reservations a must and please bring table service.

Your rally fee of \$15.00 per person will include nine meals including one potluck where you will be asked to furnish a side dish to feed 6 to 8 people. The meat will be supplied and cooked on an open fire. You will be parked on grass, and we will try to accommodate everyone. The Installation dinner will be on Thursday evening and the menu will be a smoked turkey dinner. The dress code as requested buy our incoming President, Randy, will be casual with either one of our Unit “T” shirts. If you have not received your shirt, be sure to see Dave or Betty at the rally. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! This is a fun rally and one of the most reasonable. There will be 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners 2 lunches If you can only come for Friday night Saturday and Sunday, there is no rally fee, but there will be 5 meals. You will need to bring a side dish for Friday evening supper.

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**Cracker Christmas Rally  
Mail coupon *after Nov. 1* to:  
Frank Carson, Treasurer, Cracker Christmas  
29129 Johnston Rd 546, Dade City, FL 33523**

**Make check payable to WBCCI Florida Unit**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_ Bvan \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Early park Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be no vehicular traffic in the park both Saturday & Sunday between  
9:00 AM and 4:00 PM**

All questions can be directed to me at email: [fc23343@aol.com](mailto:fc23343@aol.com)

So you don't have to tear your BB, here's a convenience copy of the Coupon. Please let Frank know if you are coming and willing to do an EASY task to make for another successful National Rally! See your latest Blue Beret for a listing of fun things on board for this rally.

## St Augustine Easter Rally Coupon

**St. Augustine Easter Rally**  
St. John's County Fairgrounds  
**Elkton, Florida**  
**March 30 – April 5, 2010**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI number \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle type \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Region Officer \_\_\_\_\_ International Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap parking \_\_\_\_ State ID placard required.

Rally fee: Airstream with 2 people -----\$185.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Airstream with 1 person -----\$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest (each)-----\$ 65.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed, U.S. funds\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation fee : \$10.00 till March 1, 2010. After March 1, 2010 cancellation fee will be \$20.00 per person.

Make check Payable to St. Augustine Easter Rally and mail to: Frank Carson, 29129 Johnston Rd 546, Dade City Florida 33523

Rally fee includes parking with 30 amp. electric and water, Dump station on grounds. All tours, entertainment, door prizes, rally plaque, games, one dinner, two breakfasts, the Red Train, Scenic Cruise and evening desserts. There are no extras.

Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope OR an email address for a receipt. No receipts will be mailed without one of the above.

**Florida State Rally  
3000 Ringling Blvd.  
Sarasota, Florida 34237  
February 16 to 21, 2010**

**Opening ceremonies are on Tuesday evening, (one extra night of parking)  
Pay prior to January 1 and you will be included in a drawing for a Free Rally Fee**

**Rally theme: Pirate Invasion at Florida State Rally  
Rally Colors: Multi and Black  
Lower Price for Weekend  
Professional Entertainment  
Hobby show, Games, Door prizes**

**Saturday evening dinner will be a Roast Beef dinner, with salad, rolls,  
green beans, sweet potato with the trimmings, and ice tea and cookies**

**First Timers seminar, 2 days, Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon  
Fashion show by Dawn, Vintage Open House  
Flea Market Saturday morning  
Donuts and coffee each morning  
Seminars  
Camping World on grounds  
Airstream Vehicles on Display**

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**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (cell?)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**WBCCI #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit #** \_\_\_\_\_ **International Officer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Region Officer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicap?** \_\_\_\_\_ **State ID placard required**

**Will you be entering a pet in the Pet Show** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

Airstream w/2 people: \$175.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ Airstream w/1 person: \$123.00

(extra person, guest \$52.00 ea.) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Weekend rate with 2 people, Friday to Sunday,  
\$83.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Weekend rate with 1 person \$53.00 (extra person, guest \$32.00 ea.) \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this registration (along with self-addressed stamped envelope) OR email address to:

## **TRAVELS:**

**WYMER:** Tim & I just got back from two great weeks of kayaking in the Florida Keys and spent Fourth of July at Rainbow Springs State Park in Dunnellon. Next month we are off to Koreshan State Park for a long weekend in south Florida and will be at Topsail Hill State Park in January. Stay well and we hope to see everyone soon. Alice Wymer

**WILSON:** Seven week trip – stopping at Goldsboro, NC and Norfolk, VA (family) then Richmond, VA, to help the Perrys install a bathroom from scratch. Then to Patomac, MD, (more family) and headed back to Richmond (to see how the bathroom was coming along), to Norfolk again and to Kannapolis, NC (more family) and now back in FL. Maggie & Ray

**GET WELL CORNER:** ATTN: FL UNIT MEMBERS: Keep Well – the rest of us are having a bit of a rough go – see some of the notes that came in WITH THEIR DUES!!!

**CLARKE:** Recovering from serious illness and doing well.

**LEGGETTS:** Earl is in a wheelchair, and both he and Helen are in an assisted living facility.

**CARSON:** Thank-you for all your cards and phone calls. I must still use the wheelchair and walker for at least another month. I have a compression fracture in my leg because the doctor allowed me to put weight on my leg too soon after the arthroscopic surgery. Joan

**KRAMER:** My days are full. Art has peaks and valleys but is on a decline that has no cure – he is 93 now and very determined. He has no pain for which I'm thankful. My left hip will have to be replaced, but I'm running now on injections so I can be with Art. Thank you, Joan & Frank, for all you do. Louise

**NIX:** Spent 2 weeks in July in NC, then came home for me to have an operation on my back after taking a fall on Dec 26 and crushing a disk in my back. Doctor replaced it Aug 4 and I am doing better. Charlie had the flu, still having back problems and is about to have his final eye surgery. We sure want to attend some of the rallies soon. Hope you both (Frank & Joan) are doing well. Roxanne

**DURBIN:** Joan: I made a 3 week trip back north – first to Ohio then on to the Adarondach in NY for a beautiful lakeside wedding. The trees were awesome! Hope to see you all soon. Love, Fran

**SAMPSON:** Having health problems all summer. I have been staying with my grandson in Jacksonville since May. Planning on having my right knee replaced Oct 26. I hope it will get me on the road again. Hope to see you in the fall at a rally. Dorothy

**HENRY LAPEN:** Hip replacement in January 2010.

**THELMA CARLISLE:** Hip replacement.

**FINN:** Pat – shoulder surgery; Wray – PaceMaker/Defib implant on November 3.

**MICHAELSEN:** The end of September, Grace was baking cookies when the phone rang. She turned and fell over some throw rugs (she had planned to shake and return to Bathroom). She lost a lot of skin on her right fore arm. About 2 inches by 3 inches. Garold

**BENHAM:** Don is recovering well from the fall and the bruises are disappearing. He still cannot chew but at least his jaw is not wired shut like so many have to put up with. We traveled in tandem as we have over many, many miles in the past accompanying them from Ohio into Florida where we parted company. They going to Edgewater, we coming home to TR. We're mighty glad to get here. We're also glad to see how the new younger members are taking over. That's great. We need the new blood. Ellen McMillan