

# GOOD LIFE NEWS

## 2013 Region 3 Rally

*The Florida Unit was Well Represented*



On April 23, 2013, we arrived at the Region 3 Rally at Stone Mountain, GA. We were happily greeted by Judy Martiny who gave us our welcome package, delicious steaks to grill on Saturday night and directed us to the campground.

Once we set the trailer up we went to a Greet and Meet (GAM) at the Pavilion where Jay Thompson the Region 3 President welcomed everyone to the Rally. Dick Martiny (Region 3 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) and Matt Hackney (Region 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) had a few words for everyone after Jay spoke, and got the Rally started.

Breakfast was provided by a different Unit each morning. The Florida Unit was asked to serve on Thursday morning. We had 14 volunteers from the Unit and an additional couple from another Unit to help us set up and serve. Together we prepared over 300 English muffins with ham, sausage, egg and/or cheese as desired. A fruit cup, tea or coffee was also available. Our menu selection was well received and we were able to get everyone fed in 30 minutes, just in time for the next activity, a bus tour to Atlanta. Chris and I greatly appreciate the folks who got up very early to get the breakfast ready.

Some of the other meals that were provided were a low country boil, a steak dinner with Dutch oven desserts, and an ice cream social. As in Airstream style, we ate

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### From Our President

Spring and summer are great months for RVing. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Chris and I along with eight other rigs enjoyed the tropical weather at the Florida Keys Rally in April. We had a great time touring the Keys, attending happy hours and salt water fishing. We went charter fishing with Tom Scheitler and Jeanne Seip and spent our time reeling in the fish. We fed our fellow Airstreamers that were in the campground when we returned. I don't believe Jeanne had as good a time as the rest of us but she was a real trooper. I believe she might have had an old fashion case of sea sickness.

One of my favorite duties as President of this fine club is to install new members. During the Florida Keys Rally I had the pleasure of installing Ed & Sonya Beverage who attended the Rally along with Michael & Heather Barnes who live in Key West, FL and their two beautiful children. Traveling to Key West to find the Barnes, to be sure we welcomed them properly, is just one of the special perks of my position. Beside that the Barnes' have an incredible Italian Restaurant in Key West called Mangia Mangia that is well worth taking a trip to the Keys to enjoy.

Our Unit is getting a New Member Mentor Program kicked off and running. Patsy Barr is Chairing the program and is in full stride as she prepares to send

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# A Big Welcome To Our Newest Members!

*Nine new members this newsletter! A new record!*

Joining the Florida Unit as Full Members:

**Ed & Sonya Beverage**

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WBCCI #TBA

Ed & Sonya bought a 2001 25 footer and are happy to be BACK in the WBCCI after many years away. Ed lived in Port O' Call while it was open for many years and parked a lot of trailers with the tractor.

**Frank & Carol Szabo**

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Frank & Carol transferred from MAL to our Unit. Anna Marie, FL is in the Tampa area. They

transferred after talking to our Membership Chairperson and seeing our web page. A good Membership Chairperson and a great website is an asset to our Unit

**Don & Lauri Davenport**

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Donald & Jean have a SunnyBrook trailer. Jean's parents were long time members of the WBCCI and tried desperately to get them to buy an

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## WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

Airstream. In March, they left Florida for their home in Maine, but just before they left, they bought a 1994 31-foot, stripped and shiny Airstream trailer because they wanted to go on rallies. Our Keys Rally prompted them to join even though they could not go this year. Those of you that were in Port O' Call may remember Jean's parents, Roland and Kaye Lampkin. We are going to try to get Roland and Kaye's old number for them if possible. They are planning to rally with us at Cracker Christmas.

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



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

tools and suggestions out to all who volunteered to help. Her goal and mine is to get this program rolling and to encourage more participation in our Rallies.

Our new flag orders have been taken and we should see them delivered and flying on and around our rigs fairly soon. Many thanks go out to Larry Scovotto for his work in getting the quotes and filling the orders for our members.

The Region 3 Rally was well attended by 13 rigs from our Unit. We all had a great time. We greeted new and old friends and just enjoyed our time at Stone Mountain, Georgia. See the Region 3 write up in the newsletter for more details.

I have heard that several of our members are interested in volunteering for an Executive Board position with the club, and that they have been reluctant to come forward because they were not given a personal invitation to do so. Please let this letter be YOUR personal invitation. I strive to meet and greet as many of our members as possible when attending Rallies but I know that schedules don't always allow for as much time as I would like, to visit with each of you. So with that said, please step up and let us know what role you would like to fill. Let's work together to make our Unit a premier club.

*-Ron Allen-*

# Our Next Event in 2013

DAYTONA BEACH KOA UNIT RALLY; PORT ORANGE, FL, OCTOBER 24 – 28, 2013

Details and sign-up information will be coming in a future newsletter, but mark your calendars for this fun and important event. Our Annual Unit Meeting and Elections will be held on Saturday, October 26. We will be electing our officers, and approving our event schedule for 2014. We are required by WBCCI to have this meeting and report the results by November 1. It's not all business—we have some fun at the rally, and there is plenty to do in Daytona Beach, so come and participate in an important activity of your Unit

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well at this Rally.

The rest of our time was spent making new friends, reconnecting with existing friend, attending seminars, going to happy hours, sightseeing around the Atlanta area, going to the top of Stone Mountain, enjoying the famous laser show on the mountain, meals out in town, etc.

The Region 3 Board Meeting was very informative. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, the 2013 Unit Presidents were thanked for their year of service and given a token of appreciation by Region 3 President Jay Thompson.

Our Unit was awarded the WBCCI Superior Merit Award for 2013, the time that Phil Drugge was President. Way to go Phil! We will be presenting the ribbon to Phil in October at our Rally in Daytona.

Chris and I will be heading to Huron, South Dakota sometime around June 21, 2013 to attend the International Rally. We would like to invite everyone that would like to caravan to the Rally to contact us and we will be glad to set something up. A caravan is a fun way to travel when going to Rallies. Happy Travels!

-Ron Allen.

## Please Read and Respond Quickly

The Motor Home amendment to the WBCCI Constitution, Article VI Section 1, will be presented for a vote at the International Rally in Huron, SD this year. As your President, I will need to get your vote by email or letter (ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net; 1633 Flintlock Ct.; Jacksonville, FL 32225) as soon as possible, so I will know how you want our Unit to vote (for or against). The amendment and pro and con letters are in the *May Blue Beret*, pages 11 – 14. Please read amendment and letters, and send me your vote. If you still feel unsure about this issue please send me any questions you may have. If you feel like you don't have enough information in front of you to vote simply give me, as your Delegate, the right to vote my conscious during the meeting. This is a popular practice used by many Units. Keep in mind, the motion can change drastically during the meeting with additional motions and amendments proposed from the Delegates.

If passed as submitted, Article VI Section 1 would read (bold face type are the changes as proposed):

An adult who owns a hard sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., **or a class A motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc., beginning with the 2007 model year**, shall be eligible for membership. **Ownership of a Thor manufactured class A motor home shall be by a LIFE or minimum 10 year member.**

Now you can accept this motion the way it is, propose a change, or vote no. The purpose of the amendment is to give members who own an older Airstream motor home a chance to give them the ability to buy a new motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc. and still be a member of the club. Airstream stopped manufacturing motor homes in 2006. The other option would be for them to have their old motor home reworked or buy an Airstream trailer.

An additional topic for the Delegates, is a motion to allow members to pay their dues on line or to the treasurer. There would be a \$1.31 cost to the person who wants to pay online. Please let me know how you would like me to vote on that issue too.

-Ron Allen.

FLORIDA KEYS RALLY PHOTOS

*Dining at Mangia Mangia Pasta Cafe in Key West, FL*



*Pictured at left standing next to Ron Allen are new Florida Unit members Michael & Heather Barnes owners of Mangia Mangia Pasta Cafe and their two children.*



*A good day of fishing*

REGION 3 RALLY PHOTOS



*Breakfast is a cookin' for all those hungry people*



*Dutch Oven cooking by two of the Florida Unit's finest cooks*

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT (WWP) UPDATE

We have very been busy raising funds for the WWP. After the open houses at the Blue Grass Rally at Fort Christmas the WWP Committee (Janet McGloin, Patsy Barr, and Chris Allen) worked to put together 18 more Cross Stitch Kits to sell at the Region 3 Rally Flea Market in Stone Mountain, GA. The kits had a new scene with an Airstream trailer, desert with mountains and cactus plant.

We also had 2 Joker Game Sets, a wooden hot plate and an Airstream shaped money bank made and donated by Jeff Krabel. These hot items also were added to our Region 3 Flea Market sales bringing in more donations for the WWP. A special thank you goes out to Jeff for taking the time and resources to make these beautiful items for our WWP project.

If you haven't ordered your Wounded Warrior T-Shirts and would like one, be sure to complete the order form attached to this Newsletter before the June 1st deadline to ensure you don't miss out.

To date we have approximately \$2,200.00 to take to the International Rally the end of June on behalf of WWP. T-shirt orders are still coming in so we won't have a final count until we leave for International. With all the participation our club members have provided we all should be proud of a job well done!

*-Chris Allen, Wounded Warriors Project Committee Member*



*Our Wounded Warrior project team in action at the Bluegrass Rally*

*Jeff Krabel's vintage Airstream ready for open house*



## NEW MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM

We are starting a New Member Mentoring Program in the Florida Unit designed to help new members feel welcome, to help them learn about our WBCCI club, and to enhance their experiences as Airstream owners. We need club members interested in mentoring new members to sign up!

A Mentor is defined as: a wise and trusted counselor or guide, an influential senior sponsor, or supporter. The main goal of our Mentoring Program is to make new members feel welcome as a part of our group. This will not only encourage their attendance at our rallies, but result in their renewing their WBCCI membership from year to year.

If you want to be a mentor, we would like you to contact your assigned new members, get to know them, and be a sponsor to them at the first rallies they attend. You can keep in touch with them throughout their first year's membership, and answer any questions they might have.

I am really excited about our new Mentoring Program. Please contact me to be a New Member Mentor.

Sincerely,

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

*Vic & Josie Smith*

It is with sadness that we are notifying our members that Vic & Josie will be retiring from the Florida Unit and the WBCCI. They have decided to stop towing their trailer after May 2013, when they will drive north and park it permanently in Saratoga, NY. They will continue to live in Palm Bay in the winter and spend their summers in their Airstream, in New York. We have enjoyed the many years they have been in our club and will miss them greatly. Between their roles as Unit President, Executive Board Members, volunteering at Fort Christmas in many positions, running the Sarasota Rally in 2013, and just doing what was needed to be done for the club, they have taught us all about teamwork and how to be great leaders. We are ever thankful for Vic's time and energy keeping the Unit's website up and running and Josie's willingness to report, keep and update the historical files of our Unit.

We will miss seeing the highly polished "Orange Blossom Special" Vintage Airstream coming down the road, but we understand their wishes to move to the next chapter of their lives with friends and family. It is with our very best wishes that we say good bye to these fellow Airstreamers.

*Frank & Joan Carson*

Frank & Joan would like everyone to know that their winter address has changed to: 43 Alpha Lane, Melbourne, FL 32934.

## KEYS RALLY IN 2014



Frank Carson says he is willing to host another Florida Keys rally in 2014 if enough members sign-up. April 3 - 10, 2014 are the dates he will be proposing for the rally.

## HELP WANTED

Your Florida Unit is looking for two members to step-up and volunteer to be the Webmaster and



Historian for the Unit. You will read below, that our current Webmaster and Historian are retiring from the Unit and WBCCI. They would

like to turn the jobs over to their successors by the October rally in Daytona Beach, FL.

These are both very important jobs for the Unit. The Webmaster provides a sometimes first look at our Unit and its activities and greatly helps recruiting. The historian is the keeper of our records and photographs for posterity. If you have the necessary skills, please consider volunteering for important jobs.





SUNSHINE LIST

**Curtis Hargett's** father passed away in February. Curtis also had surgery for skin cancer on his ear.

**Suzanne Rudd** is having problems with her knee.

**Phil Drugge** is on chemo but still plans to attend rallies

**Patrick McGee** has been having health problems.

**Joan Carson** will be having knee surgery in New Jersey in May

There were no additional 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.

Keep our ill members in your prayers, and everyone travel safe and stay healthy in the days ahead.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS IS 6/25/2013

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the July 2013 edition of our newsletter by June 25, 2013. 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 I can scale them to fit in the newsletter as needed.

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

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2013 Calendar

**January 17 – 20**

Unit Rally; Jacksonville, FL

**February 13 – 18**

Florida State Rally; Sarasota, FL

**March 13 – 18**

Bluegrass Festival Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

**April 4 – 11**

Unit Rally; Marathon, FL

**April 23 – 28**

Region 3 Rally; Stone Mountain, GA

**June 27 – July 4**

International Rally; Huron, SD

**October 24 – 28**

Unit Rally; Port Orange, FL

**October 26**

Annual Meeting and Unit Luncheon; Port Orange, FL

**December 4 – 8**

Cracker Christmas Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

**December 5**

Unit Dinner/Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2014; Ft. Christmas, FL



**Wounded Warriors Project T-Shirt Order Form**

*Proceeds To Benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.*

- All shirts are black with a white, gray, and silver logo of the US Flag, Airstream, Wounded Individual Silhouette, and the text "Proud Supporter"
- Price: \$16.00 each (includes S&H)
- To Order Online go to: <http://www.customink.com/signup/28cmfbp6> and send your payment to the address below
- To Order by mail: complete the following form and mail with payment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Size:	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large	XXX-Lrg
Quantity:						

Grand Total (total # of all shirts ordered) # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost (number of shirts X \$16 ea.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Mail completed order form to: Chris Allen, 1633 Flintlock Ct.; Jacksonville, FL 32225
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