

# GOOD LIFE NEWS

## International Rally Report

*...and a photo op with the "Big Pheasant"*



HURON, SD

We had a warm sunny welcome as we entered the fair grounds at Huron, South Dakota to join the 56th International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International the last week in June. Chris and I traveled 1,700 miles through corn, wheat, oat and flax fields to arrive at the Rally. This year's host city and location was the Huron, South Dakota State Fair Grounds. Inside the park was the Dakota State Fair



Speedway, livestock pens, rodeo events along with many sporting events. Huron has a population of just above 12,000 residents. We found the towns people very friendly and we were all invited to return as early as next year. We heard from many retailers that the Airstreamers made quite an impression on their economy. We reconnected with Bob & Dorothy Gilbert who moved to Colorado. They began their Airstream adventure with

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### From Our President

With summer upon us things have slowed down for the Unit. What a perfect opportunity to join in on some of the available fun filled Airstream Caravans or just take adventures on your own and enjoy the great outdoors. With only two more Unit Rallies 2013 is quickly coming to a close.

We hope that our club members that ordered and received their Florida Unit Flags are displaying them with pride. I must say our flag looked pretty good blowing in the breeze at the International Rally in Huron, SD.

I want to again thank Patsy Barr for taking ownership of the Mentorship Program. She has sent many letters out to the people that volunteered to help our new members. We are in hopes of seeing some new faces at our next Rally in Daytona as our mentors get to know their assigned new members. Getting new folks fired up about our club and activities is a personal goal of mine as your President and I appreciate everyones' efforts.

The Nominating Committee is currently working very hard on filling the positions for our 2014 Executive Board. With that said, it is with regret that I must report that Larry and Linda Scovotto have sold their Airstream. Larry has therefore resigned his position with the club board and will no longer be attending club functions. Larry also communicated that he is experiencing back problems that will require surgery, and

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# A Big Welcome To Our Newest Members!

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Todd & Jennifer have a 1971 25' Tradewind.

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Arlo & Thao have a 1973 25' Tradewind

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

**It's Annual Dues Time Again**

Frank Carson reports that Headquarters has sent him the new 2014 dues cards.

Dues for 2014 are unchanged from the current year (\$75.00 for full Florida Unit members, \$10.00 for affiliate members). Please don't make our Treasurer go fishing for your dues. Send them before October 15, 2013 to: Frank Carson; PO Box 135; Crosswicks, NJ; 08515-0135



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## NEW MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM

Our New Member Mentor Program is off and running. We have been privileged to have 19 new members sign up with our Florida Unit this calendar year. Three of the new members have volunteered to be mentors themselves, and I have assigned the remaining new people to Airstream Club volunteer mentors.

The mentors have agreed to contact our new members and keep in touch with them this year and encourage them to attend our remaining club activities: our Daytona Rally in October and our Cracker Christmas activities at the end of November.

Our program will give new members a familiar face to welcome them to our activities and someone to give them tips and advice on Airstreaming. We have a wealth of camping experience in our club members, and they are fun people to be around!

We hope this program will not only encourage everyone to attend our rallies, but will also result in yearly WBCCI membership renewals.

I am really excited about our new Mentoring Program and the cooperation I have received so far. Please contact me to be a New Member Mentor.

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## JANET MCGLOIN STEPS-UP TO TAKE THE WEBMASTER JOB

We now have a new website up and running. Check it out by clicking on this link to [The New Florida Unit Website](#), then

bookmark it so you can comeback often. We owe a big thanks to Vic Smith for setting it up, and Janet for stepping up to the Webmaster's job. The Webmaster provides a first look at our Unit and its activities and greatly helps recruiting.



## JEFF KRABEL VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE THE UNIT HISTORIAN JOB

Another big thanks goes out to Josie Smith for keeping the Unit's historical records for us over these past years, and to Jeff for stepping up to take over this important job. The historian is the keeper of our records and photographs for posterity.



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according to his doctor he will not be able to travel any great distances. Chris and I want to wish Larry and Linda nothing but good times and thank them for all they accomplished while being part of the club.

Help Wanted. If you or anyone you know is looking for a way to learn more about WBCCI, share their leadership skills and just make a difference in the running of our club we would love to have you be a part of our Unit Executive Board. Please send me an email or give me a call if you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow Airstreamer. As you can see by the changes in Larry and Linda Scovotto life this summer, things happen that we cannot control so any help to volunteer will be appreciated.

The October Rally will be held in Daytona Beach at the KOA on Oct 24 - 28, 2013. So far the rally includes breakfast at the campground Friday and Sunday morning and a delicious lunch served on Saturday prior to our short business meeting. There will also be a scheduled group activity on Friday to help us all get to know the Daytona area a little bit more and Happy Hours each evening. A sign-up form can be found at the back of this newsletter and a full agenda will be emailed to all participants prior to the rally. We hope to see you there! Happy Safe Travels!

-Ron Allen

## INTERNATIONAL RALLY REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

our Florida Unit in 2012 and are currently affiliate members with our Unit.

One of the most popular attractions in Huron is the "Big Pheasant" attached to the roof of a local business. It is around 40 feet tall and stands tall to welcome pheasant hunters and others who want to take part in the rich hunting resources available in the area. A lot of our fellow Airstreamers took their photo with this picturesque local icon.

Besides the pheasant, Huron has an abundance of prairie dogs that can be found around town and on the fair grounds. You can't walk 5 feet outside your rig without seeing their burrows. They are a much smaller prairie dog version than I have seen on the History Channel. They could be seen running around the park from the window of our rig. But, don't try to get too close to these animals as they are quick to run back into their burrows until the coast is clear.

Attendance at the Rally was approximately 385 Rigs. We got many questions and comments from the locals about the many different sizes, shapes and age of the rigs they saw. The Vintage Open House was a special event not only for the Airstreamers but for the folks from this great town.

The Delegates meeting went very smoothly. The hot topic of the meeting was the amendment on allowing non Airstream motor homes into the WBCCI Club. Very quickly a motion was made that all discussions on this topic had already taken place and no further discussion was needed. That motion was seconded and we voted. The vote was 68.8% against allowing the non-Airstream motor homes in the WBCCI. Voting yes was 31.1% with the small number of votes left abstaining (3,301 votes no, 1,493 votes yes). There will not be any non-Airstream motor homes permitted in the club.

The seminars available to attend were Region Officer Tech Training, Caravan DVD Movies/Media Display, Amateur Radio Introduction, Membership Growth Strategies, Officer Leadership Training just to name a few. We had several nights of "roof raising" entertainment. We started

the Rally entertainment off with Dave and Daphne, a couple who sang gospel and country songs. The next night was followed by Brian Roman who sang songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Elvis Presley. The James River Bluegrass Band from Huron also was scheduled for one of the evening performances. The Bluegrass Band had a violinist who was a 19 time champion and showed us he knew his way around the violin. After each show the WBCCI Band played for those who wanted to stay around and do some dancing.

The Wounded Warrior Project donations exceeded all expectations. Region 3 came in with the top dollar amount of \$10,461.07. We can be proud that our Unit collected over 23% of the Region total. The last announced total for all of the WBCCI Regions/Units was \$47,499.67. Wow!



The Rally ended with a 4th of July celebrations. There was the traditional Flea Market, picnics everywhere (we had lunch with a group of folks from Region 12 under the shade of a very large cottonwood tree), unit parades, and grand fireworks displays.

We had a fun filled trip representing the Florida Unit at this Rally. The 2014 WBCCI International Rally will be held in Gillette, Wyoming. We also heard that the 2015 would be held in New Mexico, and 2016 in West Virginia.

See you down the road.

*-Ron & Chris Allen*

# Our Next Event in 2013

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

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. You will find a signup coupon at the back of this newsletter.

## CONOLYS ON THE ROAD

In June, Joe and I joined 17 other airstream trailers at Cloudland Canyon State Park in northwest Georgia. It was a gathering of friends from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and North Carolina. As is typical of this group, it was a time of fun, food, and fellowship.

During our four days together there were mountain hikes with amazing vistas overlooking the canyon, flowing streams, and gorgeous waterfalls. The blooming wild rhododendron and hydrangea along the paths added to the



beauty of it all. We also had the opportunity to visit a local potter's studio on Lookout Mountain and some of us bought some treasures to bring home. Along with the dinners our group had at two local restaurants, we also had potluck breakfasts and dinner. Let's just say it's a good thing we had so many tables because they were filled with delicious food from many regions of the South. The evenings always ended sitting around the campfire, also known as "the cauldron of death!" If you've been to the Can Opener rally you know how big this thing, supplied by Brad a.k.a. The Slowsky's, really is.

From Georgia Joe and I along with two other couples continued our travels north onto the Blue

Ridge Parkway. Our first night landed us in Franklin, NC at The Great Outdoors RV Resort. This was an easy to get to site with all the amenities, including a much welcomed laundry room and refreshing pool. After a day of leisurely driving up the parkway we pulled into our next camp spot at Mama Gertie's Campground located just outside of Asheville, NC. All the sites are nestled into the woods along with spectacular views from the sites we had at the top of the hill. When our travels bring us back to this area, these are two spots we



will definitely stay at again. We spent the next two days exploring the local towns of Black Mountain and Asheville. The trolley tour of Asheville was great and hearing about the history of the town was worth the trip. While our friends continued their trip up the parkway ending at our favorite place in Virginia's Highland Haven Airstream Park, Joe and I had to make our way back home to a very hot and humid Gainesville. After experiencing the cool mountain weather we are ready to hit the road again and finish the trip back in Virginia.

*-Annette Conoly*

**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT (WWP) UPDATE**

Our Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) was a great success. With our open houses, T-shirts sales, donated items, and cross stitch kit sales we were able to take \$2,527.00 to the International Rally in Huron, South Dakota. Thank you's go out to our WWP Committee Members, Janet McGloin and Patsy Barr, for their hard work and innovative ideas, and all of our Unit Members for working together to make this a successful community project for 2013.

Rumor has it that the WWP was so successful that WBCCI is continuing it into 2014. So, put your thinking caps on and let us know any ideas you might have to continue our donation collection process. I have no doubt that we can exceed our 2013 donation dollars for the coming year! Our WWP Committee looks forward to hearing from you.

*-Chris Allen, Wounded Warriors Project Committee Member*

### Notice

There will be a Members Meeting to vote on our 2014 Officers on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. The Meeting will be held at the KOA Meeting Room at the Daytona Beach Rally. Address: 3520 South Nova Road, Port Orange, FL 32129. Any questions, please contact Ron Allen at (904) 534-9896. Hope to see you there!

**REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The current slate of candidates nominated to be voted upon at our Annual Meeting, Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the Daytona Beach KOA are:

**Executive Board**

President: Brad McGloin  
 Recording Secretary: David Barr  
 Treasurer: Frank Carson  
 First Vice President: Tom Maciejczyk  
 Second Vice President: Chris Allen  
 Treasurer/Legislative Chairperson - Frank Carson  
 Corresponding Secretary: Joan Carson  
 1-year Trustee: Jean Brodeur  
 2-year Trustee: Joe Conoly  
 Immediate Past President: Ron Allen

**Committee Chairpersons**

Membership: Joan Carson  
 Sunshine: Joan Carson  
 Mentoring: Patsy Barr  
 Newsletter Editor: Randy Godfrey  
 Webmaster: Janet McGloin  
 Historian: Jeff Krabel

Nominations are always accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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**MEMBERSHIP NOTES***Lou Shinnamon*

Lou, a former member of our Unit had an article accepted by Airstream for their [Live Riveted](#) webpage. You can read the article by clicking on this link: [An Airstream Love Story](#).



SUNSHINE LIST

We have several members who are ill, on chemotherapy, undergoing radiation treatments, awaiting medical procedures, and all trying hard to recover. They have asked that their names not be published, so say a little prayer for them and their speedy recovery.

**Joan Carson** is recovering from is recovering from Arthroscopic surgery on her other knee.

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 WILL BE 9/13/2013

The next edition of our newsletter will be delayed two weeks because your Newsletter Editor will be out of the country without his laptop until September 15. (Randy & Pat Godfrey will be in Russia from September 1 – 15.) He hopes to quickly pull it together and send it out the week beginning September 15, so everything must be submitted by his return.

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the September 2013 edition of our newsletter by September 13, 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 they can be scaled 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



**Fourth Annual Tom Moore Memorial Rally Daytona Beach KOA  
3520 South Nova Road; Port Orange, Florida 32129  
October 24 – 28, 2013**

Directions to Campground: From I-95 Exit 256 (Note: this is the second exit south of the main Daytona Beach exit for US-92, and one exit south of the I-4/I-95 Interchange), exit eastbound on FL-421, Dunlawton Ave. Drive east 2.2 miles to the intersection of South Nova Road. Turn left (northbound) on South Nova Road. Drive 1.0 mile. Daytona Beach KOA will be on your left (GPS Coordinates: N29.14107 W81.01294).

Your Rally Fee of \$19.00 per person includes a local activity, 2 breakfast meals, a lunch, and an ice cream social.

There is a separate \$15.00 per night parking fee for Rally attendees that will be paid to the campground on check-in. This is for a water and electric site in the area reserved for our Unit. These are nice, shaded sites with 30 amp electric and water, very near a dump station, two restrooms with showers, and in front of the recreation hall. If desired, the campground will upgrade you to a full hookup site if available at extra cost. This is a considerable discount from the normal rates for these sites, so this is a great value and a cheap way to explore Daytona Beach during your free time at the rally. We have a group reservation at the campground. *There is no need to contact the campground unless you will be requesting an upgrade.*

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_; Unit Type: Trailer or Motor Home; Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft.  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap? Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number attending Rally \_\_\_\_\_ X \$19.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(The Parking Fee of \$15.00 per night will be paid directly to the campground at check-in.)**

**Registrations are due by 10/15/2013** so that final head counts can be provided to the caterers.

Please call me at (904) 534-9896 if there are any questions. Make check payable to **Ron Allen** and mail with coupon to:

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