

GOOD LIFE NEWS

Fourth Annual Tom Moore Memorial Rally

October 24 – 28, 2013; Daytona Beach KOA; Port Orange, FL

It is time to sign-up for our Daytona Beach Unit Rally scheduled for October 24th – 28th. On page three is a schedule of the great activities planned for this Rally. We have designed the schedule to meet the interests of our outdoor enthusiasts and those interested in the local attractions. With a Rally Fee of \$19 per person along with the KOA site cost of only \$15 per night, I am sure you will all agree that this is of great value. So if you want to enjoy 4 nights of camping, lots of activities and the opportunity to get to know or catch up with the adventures of your fellow Airstreamers sign-up today!

If you can't make it for the Rally, we sure hope you can make it to the Members Luncheon and Meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at the campground. The luncheon begins at 12:00 noon followed by the Members Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Rally registration form can be found in the back of your newsletter. We look forward to receiving your sign-up so that we can plan accordingly.

See you in October!

-Ron & Chris Allen, Rally Hosts

It's Annual Dues Time Again!

Frank Carson is ready to receive your 2014 dues and provide you with your 2014 membership 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. Dues fishing trips are expensive for our Unit. We have over 90 Members and Affiliates, and when you have to make two mailings, one for sending out the reminder, and a second to send the membership card, that adds up to a lot of postage.

Please send your dues before October 15, 2013 to: Frank Carson; PO Box 135; Crosswicks, NJ; 08515-0135.



From Our President

It is late September and our Fall Rally schedule is ready to kick off with our Daytona Rally and Members Meeting October 24th through 28th. The fun filled agenda and sign-up form for the October Daytona Rally can be found in this month's newsletter.

We have the annual Executive Board Members election scheduled at the KOA of Daytona on October 26th and the induction ceremony of our 2014 elected officers at Fort Christmas in Christmas, Florida on December 5th. Chris and I would like to personally invite everyone to both of these exciting rallies, so please mark your calendars to attend.

The Executive Board made some needed changes to our Unit over the summer months. The latest change was to vote to have the Unit donate \$60.00 for flowers or a donation to a Charity if a current member passes away.

Another change was to allow new members to attend their first Rally without paying Rally Fees. The Unit will pay their Rally Fee. The only cost the new member would be responsible for is the parking fee. Our goal with this initiative is to increase Rally attendance. We are confident that once the new members come to their first Rally and get to know other club members along with meeting their Mentors in person, they will find future Rallies hard to resist.

And finally, we voted to have the income and expenses of the

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A Big Welcome To Our Newest Members!

Please welcome our newest Full Members

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Bud & Judy keep their motorhome at Land Yacht Harbor but bought a home in Palm Bay. They were members of one of the New England units, but since relocating to Palm Bay, decided to switch units.

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

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2014 Florida Key West Rally run through our Unit treasury. This will allow the Rally to be run as a not for profit activity. With that said, the Rally Hosts Tom and Dan Maciejczyk, have assured the Executive Board that there will be no loss to the Unit treasury regardless of the Rally attendance.

The Unit has more and more people interested in becoming part of the Executive Board. This is a wonderful thing. The more people we have interested in being a part of our leadership team by becoming a member of the E-Board the more input we receive on ideas on how to grow our club membership and have more fun!

Chris and I had the pleasure of getting together with our Unit President nominee Brad McGloin and his wife Janet during a lunch meeting in Jacksonville. We have included a photo of this meeting. As you can see from the papers on the table, Brad and Janet are eager to learn more about this position and find out what they can do to lead our Unit. Having a nominee willing to research what needs to be done to fill an Executive Board position shows commitment to our Unit. Of course the final decision to fill this position is contingent to the outcome of the vote by you our club members at our Annual Members Meeting at the Daytona Beach KOA in October. See you in Daytona!

-Ron Allen

AGENDA FOR DAYTONA BEACH RALLY AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING; OCTOBER 24 - 28**Thursday - October 24, 2013**

Check in at KOA Campground; 3520 S. Nova Rd; Port Orange, FL 32129

4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Host Campsite

Friday - October 25, 2013

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Coffee, Bagels, Muffins & Fruit Breakfast - Campground meeting room

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Bike ride at Cross Volusia Trail, (5.3 mile trail) meeting/parking at Blake Park, 493 South Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen, FL. Don't forget to bring your bicycles.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Guided tour of Lilian Place Historic House, 111 Silver Beach Ave, Daytona Beach, FL

Saturday - October 26, 2013

12:00 noon Lunch; Fried Chicken with all the fixings at Campground meeting room

1:00 p.m. Unit Members Meeting to vote on 2014 Officers at Campground meeting room

4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Host Campsite

Sunday - October 27, 2013

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in campground meeting room prepared by Janet & Brad McGloin

4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Host Campsite

7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social with Presentation by Randy Godfrey on Driving the Alaska Highway

Monday - October 28, 2013

Depart from campground. Safe travels to everyone!

Our Next Event in 2013

CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER AND INSTALLATION RALLY; CHRISTMAS, FL; DECEMBER 4 - 8, 2013

The last Unit Rally of the year is our Cracker Christmas Volunteer and Installation Rally at Fort Christmas Historical Park in Christmas, FL. This is our annual rally where we help the Fort Christmas folks get ready for their biggest event of the year, and then we help them carry it out. We will also install our Unit Officers for 2013 at a Unit dinner during this rally. It's great fun and we always get a good turnout.

Our Unit dinner and Installation of Unit Officers for 2011 will be held on Thursday, December 5. The rally fee is to be determined, but expect it to be less than \$20 per person, and there is no parking fee. Pre registration is a necessity, so watch for additional details and a sign-up coupon in the November newsletter.



*Janice, Brad, Chris, and Ron
doing some planning over lunch
in Jacksonville.*

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT (WWP) UPDATE

The Wounded Warrior Project Fund Raiser has been extended through 2014 by WBCCI. We will be discussing this project at our next Members Meeting held at the Daytona Rally. If you would like to be a part of the Wounded Warrior Project Committee or if you have some ideas of how we as a Unit can raise funds for this important project, please get with Janet McGloin, Patsy Barr, or Chris Allen at the next Rally or any of your current Executive Board Officers listed in this Newsletter. We would love to hear from you!

-Chris Allen, Wounded Warriors Project Committee Member

DAVID & PATSY BARR TRAVELED TO TEXAS

David and I had a good trip back to Texas the last week of July and first week of August to see family. We recommend traveling to the Lone Star State in the fall or early spring, not when we went due to our schedule, as Texas in the summer is HOT! Temperatures varied from 103° in San Antonio, 115° in Hillsboro, and 106° in Fort Worth. In spite of those temperatures, we were happy that the air conditioning in our 25 foot 2008 Airstream cooled it off in about two hours, aided by a large fan in the bedroom.

Along the way, we stopped overnight in several nice RV parks and would like to recommend them:

- The Mazalea Travel Park; Biloxi, Mississippi on I-10 was about 450 miles from our house in Jacksonville. It had a lot of shade trees and very pleasant managers.
- The KOA in San Antonio, Texas is quite large and set on the Salado Creek just south of Fort Sam Houston with easy access to Loop 410 (the loop around the city) and I-35. It is very close to downtown. It has good amenities, very clean bath houses, and a nice laundry. There is also a fantastic tacqueria on the corner of the street the campground is on for those of you who like genuine Mexican breakfast tacos.
- We had been curious about the all Airstream RV park in Hillsboro, Texas which is located at the fork where I-35 goes east to Dallas and west to Fort Worth. Very accommodating people run it, however it consists of all concrete pads and pavement with no trees at all. We also had the whole place to ourselves, and figured out why when we noticed the temperature was 115° at 2:30 p.m.! It would be great to stay there during cooler months.
- While visiting our younger son and his family, we stayed at the Northlake Village RV Park in Roanoke, Texas. This is a northwest suburb of Fort Worth located off of I-35W. The RV Park is right across I-35W from the Texas Motor Speedway. The park is very well maintained. Sites are deep and quite good. They are gravel with a concrete "patio" and apron. WiFi was good as was satellite reception.
- Coming home, we realized we were too tired to try to make it all the way home upon crossing into Florida and driving past Pensacola. We discovered the Sunset King Lake Resort, 366 Paradise Island Dr, DeFuniak Springs. It was a large RV park with a lake and lots of pull through sites. We decided we would like to go back and spend a few days at another time.

-Patsy Barr

BRAD, JANET, AND ROBERT MCGLOIN'S SUMMER TRAVELS

We were very lucky to travel on three longer trips over the summer. We took a long weekend and went to West Palm Beach. We went for the drive through Lion Country Safari and stayed at the adjacent RV park. It was very rainy which turns out is great for seeing the wildlife in the heat of summer. We also visited the historic Flagler Museum, the winter home of Henry Flagler.

Our second Airstream trip took us to San Antonio, Texas to meet a breeder and potentially purchase a dog. We had our first Airstream misadventure on this trip. We developed an unknown slow leak on one of the trailer tires that was discovered when we stopped for lunch in Alabama. Fortunately the tire was repairable and fixed while we ate lunch. About an hour later in Louisiana the trailer lurched when we were on an off-ramp and we had tread separation on the adjacent tire. This time we were not near a repair service but the tire was still inflated and riding on steel belts. We drove slowly to repair facilities that helped us.

We purchased two new tires at a supplier and had them installed. It took about five hours on a 97 – 100 degree day but all was done and we were

back on the road again. We made it safely to San Antonio, Texas and purchased the furry bundle of joy. We stayed at a very nice RV park on the west side of town, toured the Alamo and the River Walk. We spent the next two days in Corpus Christi, Texas on the beach. I was an Ensign in Corpus Christi 26 years ago. It was interesting to see how things have changed over 26 years. Janet and Robert went deep sea fishing and Robert and I went to a water park. We made it home without incident.

Our third Airstream trip took us to Lexington, Kentucky where Janet was working. We stayed at the Kentucky Horse Park, a very nice water and electric only campground. There was lots of space around the RV and the price cannot be beat. President Lincoln's wife is from Lexington and we toured the family home. In addition we feasted on famous Kentucky bourbon chocolates. We traveled to Ohio to visit family over the weekend and returned to Lexington for Janet's work. We then returned to Florida in time to get Robert back to school.

-Brad McGloin

BRAD, JANET AND ROBERT'S 1966 AIRSTREAM SAFARI, PART 1 - THE RECOVERY MISSION

It all started at the Sarasota rally when touring the vintage Airstreams. I met a gentleman that was selling his 70s Airstream and he stated that he had several more in various stages at his home in north-east Georgia. I got his name and number and told him I would arrange to visit him in Georgia in the future.

Several months later during the Region 3 Rally in Atlanta I called the gentleman and he only had one Airstream left to sell. I happened to be looking for a 1966 – 1968 single axle, smaller trailer and he happened to have a 1966 22-foot Safari.

It was approximately two hours from Atlanta to the location of the Safari. I drove out to look at the trailer. I had already done much research and found the trailer restorable. The general condition is better than a typical trailer of this age but there is much work to do.

If you have ever been to Georgia, you probably have noticed the red

colored soil. In this region of Georgia there are red colored wasps that build paper type nests every-

where including around any crevice in the Airstream. There were several wasp nests in a partially open roof vent. Fortunately, the vent screen was intact so they were not inside the Airstream. Plexiglas replaced two side windows and they do not seal very well allowing more wasps between the plastic and the inside screens. Upon

opening the bumper storage cover there was a huge wasp nest, leaves and who know what else lurked within. I chose to close it and worry about that later. I bought the trailer and arranged to pick it up in a couple of weeks when I had four days off work.

I read about other Airstream "recovery missions," the term used to describe the initial trip from the purchase point. The trip for me will be 400 miles each way. I bought the correct size hitch ball and brought some



replacement clips and appropriate sized bungee to secure the door. I knew the tail lights were working as they had been tested prior to purchase. The tires were four years old but have not moved in the four years. The wheel bearings were also serviced four years ago.

I hitched the trailer up to my truck for the trip home. The 1966 airstream is so simple to hitch. There is a very easy to use manual crank, 300 pounds of tongue weight and a total of approximately 3000 pounds. No weight distribution or sway control devices necessary. Tire pressure was a little low but adequate to go a couple test miles. I started down the long driveway and turned onto the country road without incident. I drove a couple of miles at 35 miles per hour to a service station where I could inspect the rig and inflate the tires for higher speed travel. All looked well and the tires appeared to hold air and had no evidence of dry rot. I was prepared to replace them but it appeared they would do well. I traveled toward Atlanta gradually increasing speed to see how things would hold together and all went well.

I had been towing with confidence on Interstate 75 for many miles when I heard a faint metal scraping sound. There was lots of traffic and I was not sure if it was me or ladders clanging on a truck next to me. I quickly figured out it was me and pulled

over off the freeway. When walking around behind the Airstream I saw the bumper compartment cover hanging on by a small portion of the hinge on one end and the other end dragging the street. Fortunately the cover was not damaged significantly but what made it fly off in the first place?



I looked under the trailer and saw the rear belly aluminum had come loose effectively creating a wind scoop that forced the bumper compartment open. The good news—the large wasp nest, leaves and who knows what else lurked within were very effectively cleaned out, probably to the surprise of whoever was following me. As good fortune would have it, a Camping World was at the next exit. I bought some duct tape, taped the panels together, and I was on the road again.

I made it home safely and put the trailer in paved outside storage I had previously arranged. All considered the “recovery mission” went very well. I had allowed four days but was able to do it all in one very exciting day.

-Brad McGloin

IN MEMORY OF JOHANNA LEE SMITH JUNE 5, 1941 - AUGUST 17, 2013



Johanna Lee (Mallaney) Smith of Palm Bay FL, passed away, surrounded by her loving family, after a long illness. Josie was born June 5, 1941 and died August 17, 2013. She was the daughter of Raymond G. Mallaney and Myrtle May (Hamblin) Mallaney. Josie is survived by her husband of 51 years Victor Lee Smith

of Palm Bay, FL, son Gregory Lee Smith of Midlothian, VA, daughter Lora Lee Smith Garcia of Tampa, FL and son Patrick Lee Smith and his wife Pamela Marie Cople Smith of Seattle, WA; a sister Marion (Mallaney) Smith of Palm Bay, FL a sister, Margaret (Mallaney) Baker-Chmura of Moosup, CT and niece Mari Lynn (Perry) Welch of Spotsylvania, VA. She leaves five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Josie’s most rewarding accomplishment besides being a wonderful and much loved wife and mother, is the legacy she leaves as the genealogical histories of the Mallaney/Hamblin and Smith/Chadwick families. She documented over 9,000 family members and ancestors during her 40 years of genealogical work and was a member of several Genealogical societies in New England and New York. Her work will be added to the files of the Church of the Latter Day Saints where everyone will have free access to her work. Josie also contributed to findagrave.com where she managed over 900 family memorials. Josie also enjoyed traveling with the WBCCI.

Josie was laid to rest in the Glens Falls Bay Street Cemetery in Glens Falls, NY. For friends who wish, the family suggests memorial donations to the [American Cancer Society](http://AmericanCancerSociety.org), P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.



SUNSHINE LIST

Betty Ritter had her gall bladder removed.

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.

We have several members who are ill, on chemotherapy, undergoing radiation treatments, awaiting medical procedures, and all trying hard to recover. Keep them 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 10/25/2013

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the November 2013 edition of our newsletter by October 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 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:

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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

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!



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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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