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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a fun time we had together! First the Bluegrass Rally and then the St. Augustine Rally. At the Bluegrass Rally we had 14 units, which was lower than usual, but everyone worked a little extra hard, and we got all of our volunteer jobs completed for Ft. Christmas park. We accumulated 240.25 volunteer hours, and I feel that everyone had a great time.

Then on to St. Augustine. Thanks to much effort on the part of **Frank Carson**, rally coordinator, and the help from our unit members, we hosted a really fun rally with good entertainment and refreshments every night. I heard many favorable comments about the rally from the approximately 120 people attending the week

The Olympic Games held on Saturday are my favorite event. **Ellen and Joe McMillan** do a wonderful job of directing the competition. Everyone acts a little crazy and a few years younger than their age. We have **Earl Leggett** to thank for these great games. I understand he started running them about 10 years ago. We should all thank him for the fun we have participating in these games.

We sure miss **Earl and Helen**. Because Earl is experiencing health problems, **Leggetts** have been unable to attend our last two rallies. However, I feel sure we will see them down the road.

April 22-27 2008 we are invited to attend the Region 3 Rally in Raleigh, North Carolina. **Betty** and I plan to attend and hope some of our members will join us. Let's do lunch together and have a Happy Hour or two.

Because of the distance, we won't be traveling to the International this year. **Randy Godfrey**, our 2nd vice president, is planning to attend and will be our official delegate and representative for all events that pertain to our unit. Thanks, Randy. We appreciate **Ed and Marion Krajewski** who will be taking our Bulletin Board created by **Jeanne Pickrel**.

Some of you are still enjoying spring-summer here in Florida, but others are already looking forward to their summer plans. Whatever your intentions are for the next few months, Betty and I wish you safe travels and good health. We'll look forward to seeing you down the road at the upcoming rallies and being back together at our fall activities.

Dave Wenger, President

Dave and Betty at work in the kitchen at an Easter Rally breakfast. Both worked very hard overseeing and managing the food and food service for the very appreciative guests.



Easter Rally Report

The accolades were wonderful! The folks who attended the Easter Rally were most complimentary about all the efforts that were put forth on their behalf.

The jobs and committees were manned by those that were assigned and those who filled in. **Charles Whittington, Earl Trask, Dave Wenger, and Willard Pickrel** were parkers. **Jackie Whittington** and **Marilyn Blasdell** were greeters passing out the rally programs created by **Vic Smith**.

Joe and Ellen McMillan with help from **Bev Trask** managed the registration. **Joan Carson** and **Ellen** did the decorating of the schoolhouse. **Whit and Marilyn Blasdell** with the help of **Earl Trask and Henry Lappen** organized the pancake breakfast. The **Blasdells** also took care of the strawberry shortcake treat.

Tom and Ann Moore provided the barbequed beef for that meal. **Frank and Joan Carson** were in charge of **Frank's** specialty, Omelet in a Bag. **Bev and Earl Trask** selected and purchased the refreshments which were served each night.

Vic and Josie Smith took care of the raffle tickets sales, and **Phil and Doris Drugge** handled the 50/50 sales. **Joan Carson** was responsible for procuring and giving out the door prizes.



Strawberry night at the rally

Joe and Ellen McMillan organized the Olympic Games. **Betty and Dave Wenger** oversaw the Easter egg hunt as well as being responsible for serving the refreshments each night. Other helpers included **Kitty Hagerty, Don and Joy Flathauer, Jeanne Pickrel, Ed and Marion Krajewski, Nancy Scime, and Ray and Maggie Wilson**. Not named are the many guests who pitched in to help.

These are the jobs that are seen. Behind the scenes are the collecting and delivering items from the hopper for use at the fairgrounds and packing them up and returning them.

There's the purchasing of all the paper goods and plastic utensils and the beverage items. There's the coffee pot filling and emptying, the floor scrubbing and sweeping, and the chair and table arranging.

There's the food planning as well as the purchasing. Lots of food preparation goes on. Then there's always the cleaning up to do.

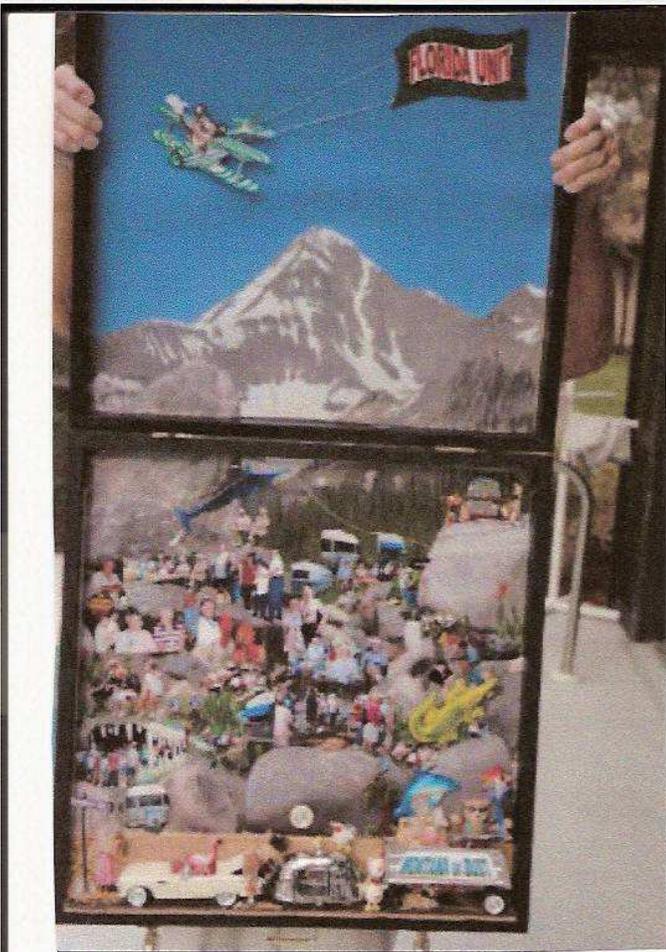
Also what is not seen are the many hours **Joan and Frank** spend booking the entertainment, the scheduling with the Little Red Train, setting up the tours, arranging meals, getting trash service, and putting up with the inefficiencies of the fairgrounds personnel. We all owe them a great deal of thanks for their efforts in directing a very special rally.

FROM FRANK AND JOAN

We want to thank the members of the Florida unit for all the time and effort that was put in to make the rally a huge success. We could not have done the rally without your support nor would it have been as successful. Together we made this, as I was told on Easter Sunday, "The best rally WBCCI does". This was a quote from a couple from the Carolinas Unit of North Carolina. Many thanks!

CREATIVITY

Jeanne Pickrel created a photo montage depicting the activities of the Florida Unit and our members for our Bulletin Board to be displayed at the International. Her photo of the mountains of Montana has a plane trailing a Florida Unit banner behind it. Some of the members have figures they haven't had in years, thanks to a little help with a black Sharpie. We appreciate Jeanne's efforts.



Safe travels to all those of our unit who are heading out to Bozeman. **Jerry and Marilyn Collins**, International President and First Lady, promise some innovative and interesting activities.

FROM THE IBT

Although it has been a while since the IBT meeting, there is some information that will be of timely interest.

Jack Glouner reported that the Mardi Gras Rally will be reactivated in 2009.

Larry Huttle reported that Airstream is producing 8 ½ units per day. The company is going truly global with a new partner in Australia who has ordered 60 23 foot left hand door units. They now have dealers in Japan, Dubai, Europe, Korea, and that there is a market for several thousand in Iceland. They produced 2600 units last year.

Several new models are in the works that includes a rear door entry model that will accommodate two motorcycles, a four wheeler and is designed for wheelchair use. The company will begin a new initiative in 2009 directed at customer satisfaction.

LET'S RALLY IN RALEIGH

That's the rally cry for the theme "Springtime, Carolina Style" of the Region 3 Rally.

The dates are April 22-26, 2008, and the place is the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Activities will be held in the Governor James E. Holshouser building.

On the schedule are seminars, tours, golf tournament, and a banquet.

Of special interest is the officer workshop where informed instructors help new officers realize their best potential in their positions.

Raleigh can be right on your way as you head north for your midyear activities and travels. Why not take the affair in? You'll be glad you did.



T-SHIRT MAILING INFO

To those of you who haven't received your Florida Unit T-shirts and would like to have them mailed to you, a price has been determined. It is \$4.60 flat rate including the priority mail mailing bag.

Please make out your check to **David Wenger** for the proper amount and send it to him at :
1007 Quinwood Lane, Maitland, FL 32751.

Compliments were received at the Sarasota Rally where the T-shirts were first worn. They are a great way to be identified as a Florida Unit member.

Our thanks to JD Sanders RV Center and the Unit for making them available to all our members.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



We were happy **Don and Flora Benham** were able to join us at the Easter Rally. They remember the days when there were 400 plus units on site.

Randy Godfrey, 2nd VP, reports that in the April 2008 Florida edition of Southern Living, our own **Wendy and Bill Reilly** are featured on page 28 of the Florida Living: People & Places section which is toward the back of the magazine. They mention The Health Chic Mobile, their 19 foot Airstream. Way to go, Wendy!

Earl Leggett is recovering at home after a very successful stint placement. He thanks all for your cards and best wishes. No driving the motorhome for two months.



Meet **Pete and Toni Salvesen** from Daytona Beach, unit members who dropped in at the Easter Rally for a visit. They will be leaving for Tennessee shortly. We hope to see them at our rallies in the fall.

REQUEST YOUR HELP

The editor needs your help. Are you receiving the newsletter via email? Or do you need a hard copy because your service provider will not accept anything as long as a newsletter?

You may read the Good Life News by going to Vic Smith's website: www.airstream-adventures.com/FU/Florida_Unit.html. He alerts you that the newsletter has been posted.

It can also be brought up by using the Region 3 website and going to the Florida Unit link.

Still, if you need a hard copy and at present are not receiving one, please let the editor know. Below is her information.

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Thank you.

EASTER RALLY PHOTO MEMORIES



Favorite eaterie in St. Augustine
The Columbia Restaurant



Omelet in a Bag fixings



The White Team parades before
the Olympic Games. They took
first place.



Some great moves by Vic Smith
and Charles Whittington during
the musical entertainment.



The Little Red Train,
our tour and sight-seeing
transportation while visiting
the old city.



The Red Team's cheer helped
them earn second place.



Region 3 1st vice president,
Julian Clements and wife,
Lynne enjoying coffee
after helping serve.



A happy Easter egg hunter.



The Green Team placed third
in spite of their protests.



Visitors Mr. & Mrs. Henry
Flager, our entertainment for
one night.



The Pink, Yellow and Blue
Teams, all winners who did not
place.

PICTURE STORIES

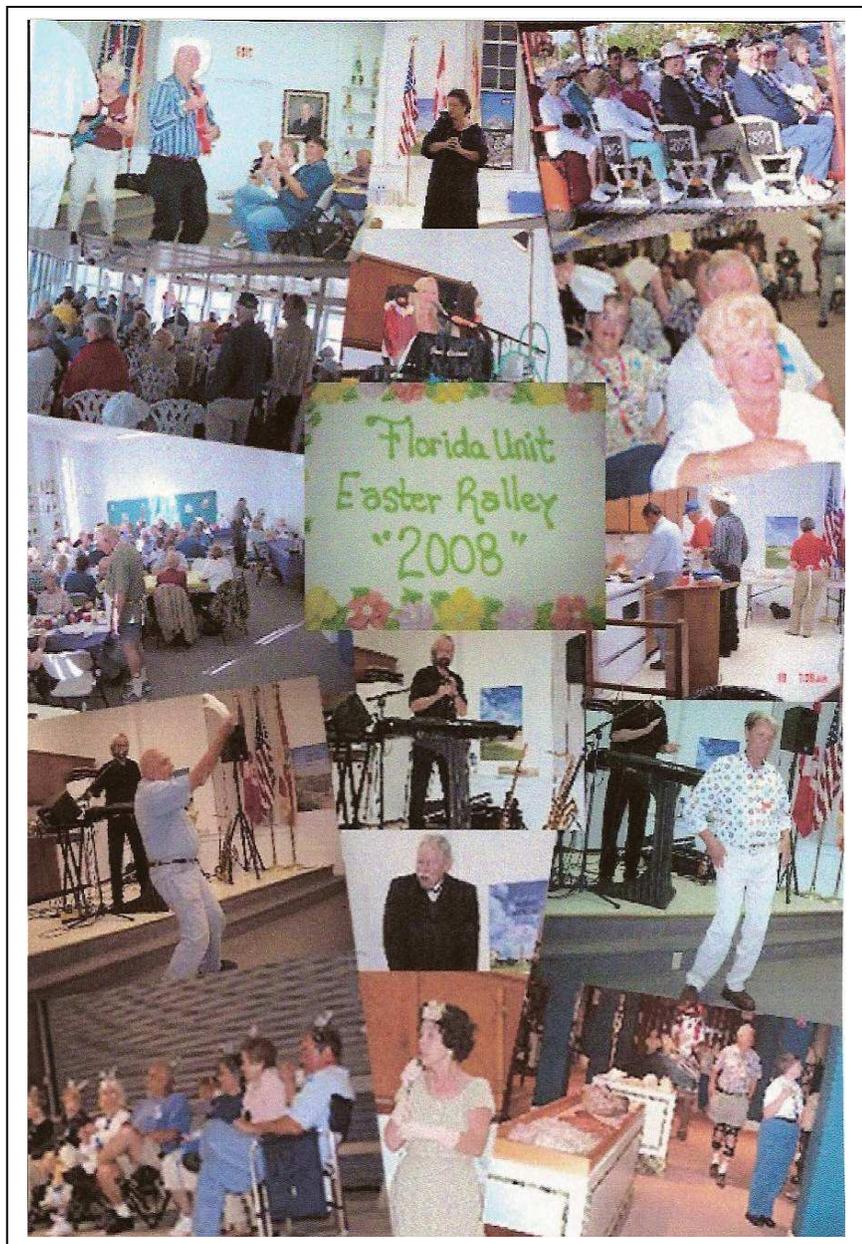
Musical foolishness with Whit, Michele Reyna as Flagler's 2nd wife, Crazy Ida Alice, and the Little Red Train.

A windy boat ride, Joni Canova and her country music, and Kitty Hagerty enjoying the entertainment.

What WBCCI does best, eat, and Whit overseeing the pancake breakfast.

Vic Smith performing to Buddy Canova's rhythm, Buddy himself, Robert Gill as Henry Flagler, and Charles Whittington showing his expertise at "dancing".

The Olympic Blue Team with its bunny ears (and tails not showing), Margaret Kaler as Marjorie Keenan Rawlings, and the Lightner Museum with Frank and Joan.



Collage by Vic Smith who has been very cooperative and very prompt in making one up for the Good Life News when asked. The editor appreciates his willingness and expertise.