

GOOD LIFE NEWS

Daytona/Port Orange KOA Rally & Annual Meeting; October 22 – 26, 2015



Beautiful weather welcomed us to the KOA at Port Orange for our Rally and Annual Meeting. With ten rigs all parked together our aluminum was shining bright for all to see.

Those who attended were: Dave & Patsy Barr, Bill & Lynn Behnke, Dave Wenger, Vic Smith, Jeff & Mary Krabel, Kim & Elaine Kahler, Mike & Mary Anne Swegles, Frank & Donna Rothery, Randy & Pat Godfrey, and Ron & Chris Allen.

The rally kicked off with a 4:00 p.m. happy hour where we got to watch our rally host cook stone soup for the evening meal using ingredients brought by our rally participants. Who would have thought that ten cans of all different flavors of soups and vegetables would make such a tasty dinner. We added fresh bread, salad, and cake to the menu for a hearty yummy meal.

Friday we woke up to a traditional southern breakfast fit for royalty. Jeff & Mary Krabel planned, shopped for the ingredients and cooked our delicious meal. New members Bill & Lynn Behnke along with Dave Wenger helped with set up and cooking as needed. The menu included grits, hash browns, eggs,

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Don't Let This Be Your Last Issue!

If you haven't renewed your WBCCI and Florida Unit membership, this will be your last issue. It may be too late now to get your name in the WBCCI Directory, but it's never too late to renew for 2016. We have an exciting rally program planned for 2016 that you don't want to miss.

You should have received individualized renewal instructions by mail. The package has instructions

and a form from WBCCI. All you needed to do is complete the form, choose your method of payment and return the form in the postage paid envelope provided. If you didn't receive a renewal package, contact Brad McGloin at (904) 716-0781 or mcglointrio@comcast.net immediately!

The cost is the same low price it has been for years, just \$75.00 (\$65.00 International and \$10.00 Florida Unit).

A Big Welcome To Our Newest Full Members!

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The Barber's have a 2003 34' Limited which they have had a few years. The Ryan's transferred to us from the Georgia Unit; they have a 2013 25' Flying Cloud. The Coates' own a KOA in Durango Colorado, and have a new 25' Flying Cloud; they are wintering in Florida. The Dunaway's transferred to us from the South Georgia Unit. The Rodgers' have a 2015 25' Flying Cloud.

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

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Our Last Events in 2015

UNIT RALLY; TROPICAL PALMS RESORT;
KISSIMMEE, FL; NOVEMBER 19 – 23

For information contact Tom Maciejczyk; (727)
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CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER AND
INSTALLATION RALLY; CHRISTMAS, FL;
DECEMBER 2 – 7, 2015

Starting December 2 will be our annual Cracker Christmas Rally. This will be our 17th year assisting Fort Christmas Staff. There is no rally fee for Florida Unit members and affiliate members (fee for other WBCCI members is \$16.00), and the fee, if any, includes approximately eight meals including a great group pot-luck dinner with the living history actors at the Bee Head Ranch House on Saturday night. ***You must register for the rally and tell us on what day you will be arriving.*** If you are only coming for the dinner on Thursday night, we need to know that too.

Parking is free. Camping is not permitted at Fort Christmas except for our Unit. You will be parked on fairly level ground on a grassy field. You will have water and enough electric amps to keep your batteries charged, and watch TV. Refrigerators and water heaters must be turned to gas only. Please bring extra electric cords, preferably 10-gauge if you have them, an extra 5/8-inch water hose, and a free flowing “Y” hose connector. Mark all your equipment with your WBCCI number.

During the weekdays, we assist the employees at Fort Christmas with decorating and cleaning the houses. Our afternoon happy hours are a great opportunity to get to know your Unit members,

Our First Event in 2016

SERTOMA YOUTH RANCH RALLY,
FEBRUARY 11 – 15, 2016

The first Florida Unit rally of 2016 will be at the Sertoma Youth Ranch (85 Meyers Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602) on the 11th thru 15th of February.

The Youth Ranch campground features large sites with water and electric hook-ups situated among beautiful live oaks. Our rally dates coincide with the Broken Strings Music Festival so there will be entertainment throughout the weekend.

and ask questions about your Airstream and the WBCCI. On Thursday evening we have our Unit dinner followed by the installation of officers for 2016. Florida Unit members, if you can't come for the rally, please try to join us for Thursday's dinner.

On Saturday and Sunday, one of the largest craft shows in Central Florida happens just steps away from your Airstream, and you will be asked to volunteer for three hours each day as a docent at one of the many restored and reconstructed homes at Fort Christmas. “Cheat sheets” are provided to help you answer questions.

For more information, see the coupon and agenda in the back of this newsletter, but please send your response to our rally hosts for this year, Ron and Chris Allen (Frank and Joan Carson are Airstreaming in the West) as soon as possible, but no later than November 21. You may respond by email ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net, phone (904) 534-9896, or mail to 1633 Flintlock Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32225.

Directions to Fort Christmas: Address, 1300 Fort Christmas Rd; Christmas, FL. From I-95 take exit 215 to SR-50. Head west on SR-50. Fort Christmas Rd is approximately 10 miles west of I-95. Turn right (north) on Fort Christmas Rd (look for the Christmas Tree). Go two miles north on Fort Christmas Rd, the Fort will be on your left. Pull in at entrance, bear left to go past the Visitor Center/Gift Shop, go to end of the pavement and continue straight until one of the parkers flags you into the parking area.

For those with bicycles, the Withlacoochee State Trail is a short drive from the campground as is the Silver Lake Recreation Area for those with canoes/kayaks.

Look for the full rally schedule and registration coupon in your January newsletter.

Need more information? Contact Jeff Krabel at jk62gt@gmail.com or call (352) 796 8821.

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sausage, bacon, fruit etc. Breakfast fueled us up to take our Cracker Creek/Gambel House tour and pontoon boat ride down Spruce Creek. We got to see where the Gambles of Procter and Gamble came for day trips to hunt and fish. We also saw the restored building of the orange grove packing station, a side business for the Gamble family. Not to be overlooked on the property, was the Snow White House and Witches Tree House built to resemble the Disney movie set of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* for the Gamble children—a popular movie at the time this property was used by the Gambles. Our Pontoon boat ride was followed by an education about the makes and sizes of bull whips along with a demonstration of the whips by our boat captain.

At our next happy hour our new full members, Bill & Lynn Behnke and Mike & Mary Anne Swegles along with affiliate members Kim & Elaine Kauhler and Frank & Donna Rothery were welcomed and inducted into the Unit.



Saturday was scheduled for our Annual Member Meeting. The participation by those attending made the meeting run smooth and some needed decisions were made to make 2016 a year of fun and adventures. Minutes from the meeting can be found on our unit web site <http://floridaunit027.wbcci.net/>

Directly following the meeting we had a delicious lunch prepared and set up by Randy & Pat Godfrey. Nothing hits the spot like deli sandwiches, wraps, chips, pasta salad, pickles, and cookies for dessert. As you can tell this Unit eats very well at Rallies!



Frank Rothery and Kim Kahler brought metal detectors to the rally that they used at Daytona Beach to find treasures in the sand. Each happy hour they brought their finds for us to check out. The coins, costume jewelry, bottle caps, etc. they found were overshadowed by the Spanish silver piece that Frank found some time ago and shared with us. Digging in the sand can be fun and profitable.

Free time during the Rally was spent biking, site seeing, going to see the band Igor & The Red Elvis's, walking the beach, playing joker, and enjoying the local eateries. On Sunday, a couple from Virginia drove into the camp ground pulling their Airstream. Dave Barr invited them to our Sunday pot luck supper, and we showed them what a fun welcoming group the Florida Unit is—and gave them some WBCCI information too.

We want to thank all folks who helped make this rally such a success. Participation is the key to a super rally.

-Ron & Chris Allen, Rally Hosts

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING; OCTOBER 24, 2015

The official minutes of the meeting will be posted on our website: floridaunit027.wbcci.net/, the following are some notes on the things that were discussed and/or decided at the meeting:

- Dave Wenger was given the task of emptying the “Hopper” either donating the contents or trashing anything that’s not of use anymore. FYI: The “Hopper” is a cargo trailer built by Airstream and owned by the Florida Unit. It hasn’t been used in many, many years and is sitting on Dave’s property. If there is anything in there that you might want, or if you need more information, contact Dave by Thanksgiving at (407) 674-6909, or davewenger@hotmail.com.
- Once the Hopper is emptied, Dave will advertise the trailer for sale on AirForums.com or any other way suitable. Contact Dave for further information.
- Looking for more ideas and hosts for “active” rallies (hiking, bicycling, canoeing, etc.).
- Our new member mentoring program hasn’t met with much success. Many don’t answer the phone or won’t return calls or emails. Going forward, our Membership Chair will ask on initial contact, if the new members would like a member to contact them with information about the unit and to provide help with inclusion in our activities. Positive responses to this inquiry will be passed on to the Mentoring Chairperson, Patsy Barr, for follow up.
- We would like to put the names and WBCCI numbers (only these two items) in a list on our website. The thought being, it would help other WBCCI members in finding those they have met on the road. If you have any concerns, or would like to “opt out” contact our webmaster at (904) 716-0781, or mcgloin-trio@comcast.net.
- Below are the result of the elections/appointments, and our 2016 Rally Schedule:

2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS/COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President – Chris Allen
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FLORIDA UNIT #027 2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

February 11 – 15 Unit Rally, Sertoma Youth Ranch, Brooksville, FL, Host: Jeff & Mary Krabel
 March 10 – 13 Sebring Buddy Rally, Highland Hammock State Park, Host: FL Suncoast & S. FL Units
 March 15 – 20 Unit Rally, Blue Grass Festival Volunteer Rally, Fort Christmas, Host: Frank Carson
 April 6 – 11 All Florida State Rally/Sunshine Key Resort, Host: Dan Maciejczyk, Co-Host: Frank Carson
 April Region 3 Rally, Date and Location TBD
 May 19 – 22 Unit Rally, Wilderness RV Park, Silver Springs, Hosts: Janet & Brad McGloin
 June 2 – 5 Unit Rally, Dunedin RV Resort, Dunedin, Host: Pat & Randy Godfrey
 June 28 – to July 4, International Rally, Lewisburg, West Virginia
 September 15 – 18, Unit Rally, Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, Host: Susan & Tom Thompson
 October 20 – 23, Unit Rally, Otter Springs RV Park, Trenton, FL, Host: Chris & Ron Allen
 October 22 – Annual Member’s Meeting & Elections, Otter Springs RV Park, Trenton, FL, Host: Chris & Ron Allen
 November 30 – December 5, Unit Rally, Cracker Christmas Volunteer Rally, Fort Christmas, Host: Dan Maciejczyk
 December 1 – Unit Dinner/Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2017; Fort Christmas, Host: Dan Maciejczyk

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Susan Thompson accepted the position of chairperson for our Unit's Wounded Warrior fundraising project. This is the charity that WBCCI supports and our unit voted to do the same for the third year in a row.

During the annual meeting in Port Orange, Susan volunteered for the position and immediately went into fund raising mode, collecting \$21.00 from those present. The moment took a few people by surprise; but everyone graciously opened their wallets, and their hearts, for this great cause.

Our Unit has already collected an additional \$165.00 from the sale of Jeff Krable's hand crafted wooden items that include: reindeer, banks, folding tables, and Joker games. Jeff donates the materials, his talent and time to make these items for purchase at our events. Jeff's items have become so popular that there is a waiting list to purchase them! Thanks Jeff.

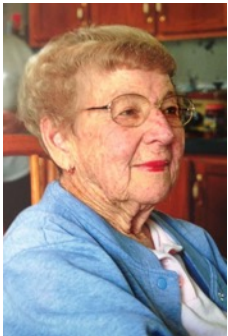
To date our unit has raised a total of \$186.00! Many thanks to all that have donated to this worthy cause.

PS: Susan has promised that you will have numerous opportunities this coming rally season to donate. Keep you money handy.



ELLEN MCMILLAN, 1925 – 2015

Early this month we learned of the passing of Ellen McMillan. Ellen was a Past President of the Florida Unit. When your editor joined the WBCCI in 2007, Ellen was the newsletter editor. When I became the newsletter editor a few years later, she provided much "constructive criticism" that made this publication what it is today, and I thank her for it. The following is an excerpt from her obituary.



ALBANY, Ohio. Ellen Smoyer McMillan died in her home on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015. Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania on Feb. 5, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Harry E. and Olive Vine Wilson Smoyer.

She grew up in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where she graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio, and attended the nursing school at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1947, she married the love of her life, Joe R. McMillan, with whom she had three children: Mary Jo McMillan Frank (Ray, deceased), Martha McMillan Barton (Keith), and James R. McMillan (Lynne).

After their marriage, she and husband Joe lived in Warren, Ohio before moving to Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where they lived for 10 years. Joe's job then took them to Ashtabula, Ohio, where they lived for 25 years before retiring to Dade City, Florida, spending the next 25 years there. Three years ago they moved to Albany, Ohio to be near family.

She was a natural-born teacher, teaching kindergarten in her early life, Sunday school as her children were growing up, and ladies' golf lessons during retirement.

She was an eager adventurer. She and Joe traveled the country pulling a 34' Airstream trailer, logging over 100,000 miles together, including two trips to Alaska and two to Nova Scotia. She also traveled to Europe several times and to Hawaii where she and Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was an accomplished sailor. She and husband Joe owned several sailboats over time with another couple, with such adventures as sailing the inland waterway down the Eastern seaboard from the St. Lawrence to Florida and competing in races across Lake Erie.

And while she was all these things and more, first and foremost Ellen was a loving mother, devoted wife, and wonderful grandmother.



SUNSHINE LIST

Joan Carson recently recovered from a medication interaction that hospitalized her for a week. She also had a staff infection in her lower leg because of a skin cancer removal. Frank and Joan are now traveling in the West.

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, enjoy the good life, and stay healthy in the days ahead.

There were no other cares and concerns reported to your editor for this edition. Please let our Sunshine Committee Chair, Joan Carson (321) 704-2568 or fc23303@aol.com, know of anything that needs to be published here.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS WILL BE 1/1/2016

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the January 2016 edition of our newsletter by **January 1, 2016**. 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 to fit in the newsletter as needed.

Please email items to: rgodfrey1@cfl.rr.com. Or send by US Mail so they arrive by the deadline to

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2015 Calendar

- February 12 – 15**
Unit Rally; Sertoma Youth Camp; Brooksville, FL
- March 3 – 8**
All Florida State Rally; St. Augustine, FL
- March 18 – 23**
Bluegrass Festival Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL
- April 9 – 12**
Unit Rally; Cedar Key, FL
- April 29 – May 3**
Region 3 Rally; Ladson, SC
- May 28 – June 1**
Unit Rally; Dunedin, FL
- June 26 – July 4**
International Rally; Farmington, NM
- August 4 – 10**
Unit Caravan; North Central Florida
- October 8 – 12**
Unit Rally; White Springs, FL
- October 22 – 26**
Unit Rally; Port Orange, FL
- October 24**
Annual Meeting; Daytona Beach KOA; Port Orange, FL
- November 15 – 23**
Unit Rally; Kissimmee, FL
CANCELLED
- December 2 – 7**
Cracker Christmas Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL
- December 3**
Unit Dinner/Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2016; Ft. Christmas, FL



**Cracker Christmas/Volunteer Installation Rally
1300 Fort Christmas Road; Christmas, Florida
December 2 – December 7, 2015**

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Cell # _____ Email _____
 WBCCI Number _____ Airstream type _____ Airstream size _____

Place a check-mark (✓) in the day you will be arriving:

Monday	Tuesday, 12/1	Wednesday, 12/2	Thursday, 12/3	Friday, 12/4
Parking Crew Only				

Check here if coming for dinner only on Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Rally fee is \$16.00 per person if coming for the full rally. No rally fee for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only, or dinner only on Thursday evening. Water, rally electric, and free parking. Rally fee provides eight meals including Thursday dinner. Everyone must be on grounds by 9:00 am Saturday. No vehicular traffic through park on Saturday or Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Remember, this is a Volunteer Rally, and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Reservations and payment if required, are due by November 21, 2015.

Questions, contact rally hosts Ron & Chris Allen at (904) 534-9896 or ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net

Make checks payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and mail to:

Ron & Chris Allen, 1633 Flintlock Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32225

**Cracker Christmas/Volunteer Installation Rally Agenda
1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL**

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. Arrive at Ft. Christmas Historical Park and set-up rigs

- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour. Bring your chair and beverage. We will discuss and sign up for weekend jobs
- 5:30 p.m. Group Dinner in Screen House (sub sandwiches, salads, sides & dessert). Bring your plates, silverware and beverages.

Thursday, Dec. 3rd

- 8:00 – 9:00 Coffee with Breakfast in Screen House
- 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. Assist Park with set-up of tents, chairs, sweep out houses, welcome visitors, docent buildings as needed, holiday decorations, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour in camping area (bring chairs and beverages)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Installation of New Officers in School House

Friday, Dec. 4th

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pull Pork in Screen House or report to buildings as needed to welcome visitors
- 2:00 p.m. – Group Activity (TBD) or finish up set ups at park as needed
- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour. Bring chairs, beverages and a snack to share. Dinner will be on your own.

Saturday, Dec. 5th. Park is open for visitors 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. No cars or trailers can enter or leave the park between these hours.

- 7:00 a.m. Parkers on duty to park vendors
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Coffee, sweet rolls and juice available at volunteer tent
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Volunteers report to houses, fort, etc.
- 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch served at volunteer tent
- 12:30 p.m. Afternoon volunteers report to houses, fort, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour (bring chairs and beverages)
- 6:00 p.m. We will join the living history actors at the campfire beside Cracker Homes. Bring a side and dessert to share. Meat will be provided. Also, bring your chairs, plates, silverware and beverages.

Sunday, Dec. 6th. Park is open for visitors 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. No cars or trailers can enter or leave the park between these hours.

- 7:00 a.m. Parkers on duty to park vendors
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Coffee, sweet rolls and juice available at volunteer tent
- 8:45 a.m. Morning volunteers report to houses, fort, etc.
- 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch served at volunteer tent
- 12:30 p.m. Afternoon volunteers report to houses, fort, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour (bring chairs, beverages and snack to share). Dinner will be on your own

Monday, Dec. 7th – Depart Park