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The President's Letter

Josie and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of the members of the Florida Unit a very Happy New Year. We wish for all of you happiness and good fortune in 2007.

This point in a New Year is a time for reflection on the events of the past year and anticipation of what 2007 may bring.

I am pleased to report that the Florida Unit is growing. We have many new members in our midst. It is incumbent upon those of us who have been members for awhile to make them welcome and to ensure that they take full advantage of the opportunities for fun, fellowship, and adventure the WBCCI and the Florida Unit have to offer.

This next year brings with it many activities which await our participation.

January 10th-14th is the Daytona Rally. We attended last year's rally and it was thrilling. Daytona is fascinating and the parking is just outside turn four of the Daytona Speedway.

February 21st-25th brings the annual Florida State Rally at Sarasota. This is always a big event with hundreds of Airstreams attending.

With March 21st-26th comes the Bluegrass Rally at Fort Christmas, Florida. If you love Bluegrass music this is a must.

April 3rd-9th means the Special Event St. Augustine Easter Rally. This one is limited to 50 RVs. The touring of St. Augustine and unique rally activities, culminating with the St. Augustine Easter Parade are but a few of the fun things awaiting the lucky few. The rally site is at the newly renovated St. Johns County Fair Grounds.

Immediately on the heels of the St. Augustine rally is the Region 3 Rally on April 10th-15th which this year is at the St. Johns County Fair Grounds as well. Don't miss it.

June 27th-July 4th of course means The International, which this year is in Perry, Georgia, right in our own "back yard"!! The International Rally, for the new members, is the biggest rally of the year. Do not miss this one.

Summertime is rally time. Where ever you go this summer, there are rallies galore. Check your Blue Beret or your 2007 Annual Directory, when it comes out, for dates and locations.

As you can see, the year is just chock full of things to do and places to go with your Airstream RV.

For us, November 14th-18th is the Florida Unit's Annual Membership Meeting and Election Rally. This year the rally will be held at Camelot RV Park on U.S. Route 1 in Malabar Florida. The Annual Meeting and Elections will be held at 11:00am on Saturday November 17th, 2007 at the Golden Corral on Palm Bay Road in West Melbourne, Florida.

This is also an opportunity for new and old members to become involved in the running of the Unit. We will be looking for a 2nd Vice President and two trustees among others. If you are so inclined, please let me know by email or phone call of your desire to participate as an elected official.

Early December brings us full circle to the Cracker Christmas, again.

Finally, I bid welcome to the new members of the club. Please take an active roll in the club by going to rallies, on caravans and attending Unit functions. We have many talented and interesting people in our unit. Come meet us and let us get to know you and you us. The whole idea is to have fun with our Airstream RVs.

Again, Happy New Year to all.

Vic Smith, President, Florida Unit

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Proposed WBCCI Amendments

To: Membership of the Florida Unit 027
From: Victor Smith, President Florida Unit
Subj: Proposed Changes to the WBCCI Constitution

I sent an email to the members of the unit with my assessment of the changes to the WBCCI Constitution. Here is an abridged summary of the changes and some comments. I have been asked by the Region 3 President to respond by 31 Jan 2007 with a sense of the unit regarding the proposed change. Please contact me by email or by phone with your feelings on this matter.

These are the proposed changes.

Members at Large are given the right to vote.

The weight of the Unit membership is removed from the Unit Delegates. It changes election of officers from the Delegates voting the Unit membership to elect International officers to a ballot printed in the Blue Beret and to be mailed to the WBCCI for counting.

It also stipulates that the Delegates now have one vote on all matters.

The definition of a quorum is changed from 20 percent of the Delegates selected to participate to 51 percent of the total number of units operating with a permanent Unit Charter.

Nominations from the floor are deleted.

The biggest change is to Article XVI

Article XVI is changed to allow any member of the WBCCI to submit an amendment and removes the power of the International President to submit an amendment.

The following is the inserted paragraph in Article XVI which I cannot condense in any meaningful way.

Delegates participating in the annual Delegates Meeting may debate and amend any motion that comes before it. With the passage of any motion by the delegate body (51%), the motion must then be formalized and sent out to the membership for a final vote. Under the direction of the IBT any passed motions must be prepared to appear on the post Delegates Meeting ballot. The Executive committee shall select two members. One member in favor of the motion to prepare a pro statement and one member that is against the motion to prepare a con statement within a stated maximum length to accompany the proposed amendment. If no member can be found against the motion the Executive committee can select

someone who can create a plausible con statement. These statements will be appended to the annual post-Delegate Meeting ballot for voter consideration. The original authors of the amendment must provide complete rationale for the amendment. The rationale must detail all costs involved in the change and any and all changes in the constitution and by-laws in order to facilitate said change. If second or third parties are required to be involved as a result of a change, due diligence must be made to assure that any arrangement with the outside party will not cause additional changes to the International Clubs' Constitution or Bylaws beyond what has been called out in the proposed amendment. All documents required to facilitate any amendment

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Attention! Dometic Recalls Refrigerators

Models affected: NDR 1062 9999, RM 2652 9999, RM 2662 9999, RM 3662 9999, RM 3663 9999, RM 3862 9999, RM 3863 9999

Dometic has recalled 926,877 faulty refrigerators manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003. Recall No. 06EO76000

A fatigue crack may release a sufficient amount of pressurized coolant solution into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. The release of coolant could ignite and result in a fire.

Owners may contact Dometic at 888-446-5157, or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153, or visit www.safercar.gov).

(Editor's note: Our model number information was on the plate on the lower part of the refrigerator when the door is opened. It only takes a few seconds to check. It is also in the instruction book.)

Daytona

Rally

There are lots of activities available at the Daytona Rally, some scheduled, some optional. Here's a list of what you may choose from or is planned.

1. Halifax Historical Museum - \$4
2. Museum of Arts & Sciences - \$10.95
3. Daytona USA Speedway Tour
4. Living Legends of Auto Racing Museum
5. Marine Science Center - \$3
6. Ponce DeLeon Lighthouse - \$5
7. Trolley Boat Cruise
8. Paddlewheel Cruise
9. Sailboat Cruise with Capt. Eric West
10. Southeast Museum of Photography

Other events

1. Campground Potluck Dinner (Come prepared)
2. Dinner at Tom & Ann's riverfront home in Daytona Beach

Excursions some distance away

1. DeLeon Springs State Park – Pancake House
2. Manatee Excursion
3. 2 Hour St. Johns River Cruise, DeLand

The dates are Wednesday, Jan. 10 to Sunday, Jan. 14. **Frank Carson needs your commitment now.** Please get in touch with him that you are attending so food may be purchased. Rally fee is \$3 per person. His phone number is 352-467-9530 or e-mail fc23343@aol.com. By the time you receive this newsletter, there isn't much time left to inform Frank, so get going!

Tom and Ann are working hard to show you a good time. Let's support our new 2nd vice president and his First Lady.

Question?

For those of you who have e-mail capability: What is your preference in receiving the Good Life News? Would you prefer to receive it by e-mail or would you like it by snail mail?

Vic Smith is willing to include the newsletter on his website and inform you via e-mail when the letter is available. Posting it electronically would save a lot in postage and copying costs as well as the manual labor involved in the mailing procedure.

However, we recognize that sometimes it may not work with your equipment. Let me know via esmjrm@juno.com. Thanks, The Editor

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Welcome to New Members

The following information about our new members was sent by International and our unit membership chairman, Frank Carson. Please add the list to your directory.

We are happy to have you as members of our unit and look forward to your taking an active part in our activities. It's the way we may all get acquainted.

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Some Changes

Please make the following corrections in your directory.

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Pierre & Cathy Gosselin
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About Our Members

Gosselins report that they are finally retired and are enjoying their first experiences traveling without a schedule though they have busy plans. We wish them many happy and safe miles

Pat & Ron Neunsinger attended the Ft. Christmas rally. Pat has been battling cancer and will be taking chemo treatments. Ron was bitten by a rabid cat and had to take the required shots. We wish that 2007 is kinder to them and that they recover fully from their health problems.

Larry Moser, our 2005 unit president, received the Certificate of Merit Award at the Region 3 rally at Myrtle Beach. The award recognized the efforts of the unit members, under his leadership, for their work done during the various rallies outside the unit's own activities.

The following people volunteered to serve at the rallies of 2006.

At the Florida State Rally –

Hospitality chairwoman - Helen Leggett, Fulltime server - Pat Finn, Fulltime greeter - Wray Finn
Scooter patrol – chairman, Earl Leggett, riders - David Wenger, and Earl Trask
Bingo – Frank Carson, chairman, Joan Carson, Larry Moser, and Marie Moser, workers
Sanitation at end of rally – Dave Wenger
Chairs – Whit Blasdell

Region 3 Rally

Community Services Chairwoman, Pat Finn
Worker, Ray Finn

International Rally

Scooter Patrol – Chairman, Earl Leggett
Worker – Helen Leggett

We congratulate them on their service.

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Cracker Christmas Review

The Florida Unit's 2006 Fort Christmas Rally took place from November 29th to December 4th. It is an annual event at which all of the attendees volunteer their time to assist the Orange County Parks and Recreation personnel on preparation for the Cracker Christmas festivities. We

- set up booths and tents,
- pull pork for the pork barbecue which the park personnel sell.
- decorate houses with Christmas garland
- handle parking for the vendors area
- serve lunches for the workers and
- anything else we can do to help

It isn't all work. We visited the Alligator Farm on Thursday November 30th and had a catered Installation Dinner that evening.

The installation was conducted by WBCCI Region 3 President Tom Tisdell ably assisted by his First Lady, Jackie.

Installed were:

- Vic Smith – President
- Dave Wenger – First Vice President
- Tom Moore – Second Vice President
- Frank Carson – Treasurer
- Joan Carson – Membership
- Pat Finn – Recording Secretary
- Don Benham – Corresponding Secretary
- Beverly Trask, Ellen McMillan and Betty Wenger – Trustees
(Elected for 2 years, Henry Lappen was not present.)

Cake and ice cream were served at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Saturday dawned with cloudy skies and even though the forecast was for showers, the weather held and the day progressed without

any precipitation but the humidity was typical for Florida... for June!

Fort Christmas was overrun with people coming to purchase the vendors' wares, visit the fort, watch the demonstrators and tour the restored old houses. The air was periodically pierced with the resounding crack of a demonstrator's whip. The sound the whip makes is where the Florida Crackers get their name. The whips, used to herd cattle, can be heard for a mile or more. The sound of drums and the jingling of bells announce the Native American dancers as they entertain.

Sunday's weather was equally fine as the festivities continued. It seems like the whole of Central Florida turns out for this event with incoming traffic backed up for two miles or more.

Our unit's activities culminated with the Sunday Happy Hour. Many of us left after that afternoon, but some stayed until Monday morning. All in all it was a great rally. We all had a good time with lots of work accomplished.

Many thanks go to all of the rally organizers who make it a big success and loads of fun.

Vic Smith
President, Florida Unit 027

An Appeal from Frank

Frank Carson needs to know your intentions concerning attending the St. Augustine rally. He doesn't need your money yet, but he certainly needs to know your plans. Remember, the number of sites for us is limited.

He also needs to know who will be the helpers to make the rally a success. Please give him your registration via phone or e-mail pronto.

