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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Election Rally is coming up in November and so far only a few folks have signed up. I am hoping that the response will be stronger in the next few weeks. I would really like to have your rally coupon in by October 15th so I can plan the activities with some solid numbers. So please keep those cards and letters coming in, folks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Randy Godfrey for agreeing to run for 2nd Vice President. Although Randy is new to the club, he has been very active with us and has many good ideas. Thanks again, Randy.

Don't forget the Cracker Christmas Rally. This one is always great fun and very rewarding. There is a lot to do, from pulling pork to decorating houses. Also, lots of food, free parking in an interesting setting. Don't miss this one!

On our way to the International this year, we traveled down from Richmond, VA. We shunpiked most of the way and things got confusing around Augusta and I became a little frustrated. I swore I would not get "lost" again. Once we got to Perry, I went to Wally World and bought a Garmin C330 GPS system. We haven't gotten lost since. I am not selling Garmins, but I am telling you that the new GPS systems offer a peace of mind that few other high-tech items can. There are lots of brands on the market from which to choose. They are easy to use; some come with XM radio with traffic and weather monitoring. For RVers, these are a godsend. You will never get lost again and they take a lot of the work and worry out of trip planning. The USA has spent billions putting the GPS satellites in orbit so we can know, within a few feet, exactly where we are. RVers should take full advantage of this investment.

I have had pretty good response from the Survey of our membership. If you haven't sent me yours, please do so. Once again, we will include the rally coupons, the survey, and the unit dues form in this newsletter. You can also find them on our website at: http://www.airstream-adventures.com/FU/Florida_Unit.html.

That's about it for now. My term of office is coming to a close soon. I am really enjoying representing such a great group of Airstreamers.

See you down the road,

Vic Smith, President



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A Message from Your Treasurer

As your treasurer, I'd like all members to know how their dues are spent. Of the \$65.00 sent to me, \$55.00 goes to headquarters for your International dues. This money covers your subscription to the Blue Beret, a copy of the International Directory, and the rest goes to defray the cost of the Office staff at Jackson Center, OH.

The \$10.00 that I retain goes into the Florida Unit treasury which, you must realize by now, does not fully cover the cost of printing and mailing the Unit newsletter. To defray some of this cost, those of us that have computers receive the newsletter via email. This saves the Unit a portion of the \$41.00 a month estimated cost of printing and mailing hard copies to each member. (This figure is based on our total membership of 76, using \$.41 for mailing and about \$.05 a page printing.) If we have to send out a reminder to everyone whose Unit dues are due, that additional cost also comes from a portion of another \$31.00, which is what it would cost to mail the newsletter at \$.41. At our Volunteer/Installation Rally at Fort Christmas, the Unit subsidizes approximately \$6.00 a member. If there are 2 attending members, this comes to \$12.00 from the \$10.00 of each unit member's dues.

What I am trying to make clear is this: for the \$10.00 you pay, you are getting back more than double in benefits. Not only do we subsidize the Ft. Christmas Installation Rally, we also subsidize informal luncheons at Region, Florida State and International. If you have the ability to attend these functions and do not take advantage of these benefits, you are missing out on a good time, and we are missing you.

Our Unit, **as all Units should be,** is run as a non-profit Unit and I feel it should continue to be run as such. If for any reason we make money on a rally, it is retained in the treasury and spent back on our members. We usually start each year with the Florida Unit treasury at around \$2,000.00.

If for any reason you cannot receive the newsletter via email, please let Ellen McMillan know. She will be more than happy to mail you a hard copy, in color!

The Florida Unit is the second largest Unit in Region 3, and it is a growing Unit because of the way your officers run it. We are all volunteers and we need you. **PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.**

If you have already sent in your dues, I thank you very much. If you haven't, please do as soon as possible. Joan and I are looking forward to a trip out west this fall and I'd like to have this all completed before we leave. Thank you for being faithful members, I really do appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Frank Carson

Florida Unit Treasurer
Past President of the Florida Unit
Region 3 Membership Chairman
International Membership Chairman
Pres., Florida State Board of Governors
Director, St. Augustine Easter Rally
And

Glutton for punishment

DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues yet, you're running the risk of not having your name in the WBCCI 2008 Directory. Frank Carson, treasurer, needs your payment so he can do the necessary paper work before he and Joan start on their trip west.

The future of our Unit depends on good and faithful members who participate and support the leaders who are willing to take the responsibility of the organization. Be sure you continue your participation.

Get your dues to Frank ASAP. He'll appreciate it. The deadline is October 15.

E-MAIL OR MAIL?

You have the opportunity to make the choice of getting your Good Life News, Florida Unit's newsletter, by e-mail or mail. We would like to know which.

If you have e-mail, please take the time to e-mail your preference. The Editor's e-mail address is: esmjrm@juno.com. If you don't have e-mail, we will continue to send you the newsletter by USPS.

An important thing is the accuracy of both your home address and e-mail address. The dues form asking you for your information is again attached. Please fill it out completely. We need your cooperation.

We don't want anyone to miss out on the newsletter or other information that may be sent to you. The last Good Life News was dated August 2007. With it was included the registration sheets for the Election Rally and the Installation Rally, the survey by Vic Smith, the Constitution and Bylaws, the Unit roster, and the dues notice.

If you didn't receive the above by e-mail or by mail, please let the Editor know.

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ENJOY YOURSELF

That's what you'll do if you attend the two upcoming rallies. There is business to be conducted at each one, but that is the excuse to have a good time with some friends.

The Election Rally is to be held at the Camelot RV Park in Malabar, Florida. It is a new location for a rally for the Unit, and Vic Smith has some interesting adventures planned for us.

The Installation Rally is at Fort Christmas where we give a helping hand to the Cracker Christmas event.

Registration forms are included. Let Vic know you're attending so he can make the necessary commitments he must do.

The Luncheon is a part of the Election Rally, but if you can't attend the whole occasion, your presence is requested for the luncheon meeting. This is your opportunity to express yourself concerning the leadership of the Unit and show your support for those who are willing to take the offices.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome a new full member completely new to Airstreaming. She'll appreciate your help.

Shirley Hickman #3848

914 Jasmine Ln

Vero Beach, FL 32963

772-532-4341

hickmansherry@aol.com

We hope to get the chance to meet you at the rallies.

Cathy and Pierre Gosselin are in need of your thoughts and prayers. He is battling cancer with chemo and experimental medication.

Bev and Earl Trask sent these for your reflection.

On a motel sign in NH: Not all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time---". Some begin with "When I get elected---".

On a bumper sticker for Airstreamers and other RVers: "Not all that wander are lost."

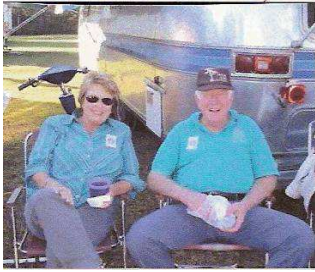
Nominees



Pres. – Dave Wenger
1st Mate – Betty



Trustee, 2 yrs – Earl Leggett
1st Mate – Helen



1st VP – Tom Moore
1st Mate – Ann



Trustee, 2 yrs – Joe
McMillan
1st Mate – Ellen



2nd VP – Randy Godfrey
1st Mate – Pat



Immed. Past Pres. – Vic
Smith
1st Mate – Josie



Rec. Sec. – Pat Finn
1st Mate – Wray



Trustee, 1 yr – Henry Lappen
1st Mate – Kitty Hagerty



Rec. Sec. Joan Carson
Treas. Frank Carson

Trustee, 1 yr – Betty Wenger

Committee Chairpeople

Membership – Joan Carson

Historian – Louise Kramer

Newsletter Editor – Ellen
McMillan

Florida Unit 027
Florida Unit Members and Associate Members ONLY

Unit Rally

November 14 to Nov. 18, 2007
Camelot RV Park 1600 S. US Hwy. 1, Malabar, FL 32950-0205

Election meeting

Nov. 17th 11am to 1pm
Golden Corral, 880 Palm Bay Rd, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Contact Vic Smith: Heartofglory1@aol.com
Home: 321-984-7676
Cell: 321-243-7814

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal _____

WBCCI# _____ e-mail address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Rally Fee:

Circle nights you will attend: **Wed** **Thurs** **Fri** **Sat**

Site Fee: \$22.00/night for _____ nights \$ _____

Rally Fee: \$20.00/person: _____ persons \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Thursday: Chocolate Factory Tour – number of persons (___)

Friday: Sun Cruz Casino Cruise - number of persons (___)

Saturday: Brevard County Zoo - number of persons Adult (___) 60 and up (___) Children 2-12 (___)

I/We will attend the Golden Corral Buffet and **Election Meeting ONLY** – number of persons (___)

Make checks payable to Victor L Smith
Mail to: Victor L Smith
1186 Port Malabar Blvd NE
Palm Bay FL 32905-5143

The meal at the Golden Corral is buffet and each attendee will pay for his/her own meal. Rally Fee includes Thursday's evening meal, Chocolate factory tour and the Brevard Zoo.

The Sun Cruz is \$10/person. Each person will receive \$5.00 in Casino money and a hot lunch. Bus transportation to and from Cape Canaveral is provided by Sun Cruz. Bus leaves between 9 and 9:30. Cruise leaves at 11am and returns to Canaveral at 4pm.

**Volunteer Week and Installation Rally Coupon
Fort Christmas Historical Park
1300 Fort Christmas Road
Christmas, Florida
Wednesday, November 28 – December 3, 2007
Early parking Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal _____

WBCCI# _____ e-mail address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Arrival day Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____

Rally fee of \$15.00 per person includes two dinners and one pot luck, two lunches, two full breakfasts, two continental breakfasts. Parking is free. If only attending Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, no rally fee. No vehicular traffic through the park between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Rally electric, and water.

Rally limited to 27 Rec. Vehicles

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2008 FLORIDA UNIT DUES FORM

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Summer address: _____

Phone: _____

Winter address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Birthday: His: _____ Hers: _____

(Do not include year)

Anniversary date: _____

WBCCI dues \$55.00 _____

(Life WBCCI members pays no
International dues)

Unit dues \$10.00 _____

(Past FL Unit presidents pay
no Unit dues)

Affiliate members \$10.00 _____

Through what unit do you pay your
International dues?

Total _____

Please make your check out to: **WBCCI FLORIDA UNIT**

Mail your check and this form to: **Frank Carson, Treas.**

PO Box 135

Crosswicks, NJ 08515

Please get your dues in to Frank by October 1, 2007. Your membership card mailed by Frank will be your receipt. If you paid your 2007 dues after July 1, 2007, your dues are paid for 2008.

Membership Survey

We need to determine the demographics of our unit, to better serve the membership. Please fill out the following form and return it to:

Vic Smith
1186 Port Malabar Blvd NE,
Palm Bay FL 32905-5143

Name: _____

Age: 20-30() 31-40() 41-50() 51-60() 61-70() 71-80() 81-90() 90-100()

Mate: _____

Age: 20-30() 31-40() 41-50() 51-60() 61-70() 71-80() 81-90() 90-100()

Address: _____

WBCCI# _____

Names and Ages of Children living at home.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Airstream Product(s) currently owned:

Motorhome: Year (____) Model _____ Length (____) Gas () Diesel ()

Trailer 1: Year (____) Model _____ Length (____)

Trailer 2: Year (____) Model _____ Length (____)

How long have you been towing a trailer/driving a motorhome? _____

How many Airstreams have you owned? _____

What would you like to do on rallies? Visit museums? Veg out? Hike? Bicycle? Visit Points of Interest? Etc...

Any other comments you would like to make.
