

Sunshine Committee Report: For the record: Art Kramer was 92 in August and he and Louise celebrated their 67th Anniversary. (CLOSED)

Historian Report – Louise Kramer (none to report): (CLOSED)

Newsletter Report – Pat Finn Pat has been sending out newsletters along with 12 copies to J.D. Sanders, the company that paid for part of our T-shirts and sells Airstreams. The last cost for copies (6 pages w/2 color pages) was \$74.73 for 50 sets – that’s not including stamps. (She does not have a copy center nearby, time was running out for timely mailing and she didn’t want to make a 20 mile r/t to make copies so she went to “Mailman Joey’s.”) We were picking up new members from CFU, so 5 extra copies were made. It is requested each member ensure their e-mail address is up to date. Pat stated she must track down approximately 13 returns out of about 50 e-mails. (If we purchase Frank’s extra printer, the printer should pay for itself in just a few issues.) Vic puts the newsletter on Region III Website for all to see. (CLOSED)

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of rallies held in 2008

There was no discussion of the 2008 rallies; however, Randy Godfrey went over the plans for 2009. He also introduced Ron & Chris Allen who will be hosting the first rally in the new year in Jacksonville. Ron Allen distributed brochures for Hanna Park. All are encouraged to contact the Allens if they are planning to attend the rally in Jacksonville. Following are the proposed rallies for 2009.

January 15-19, 2009 Hanna Park Jacksonville (Ron & Chris Allen rally leaders) February 17-22, 2009 - Florida State Rally, Sarasota, FL (Registrar: Randy Godfrey)
March 11- 16 – Bluegrass Festival/Volunteer Rally, Ft. Christmas, FL (Frank & Joan Carson)
April 7-13 - St. Augustine Easter Rally, St John’s County Fairgrounds (Frank & Joan Carson Rally Leaders)
April 22-26, 2009 Region 3 Rally, Perry, GA - Tom Moore
May TBD Unit Rally;
June 28-July 4, 2009 International Rally, Madison, WI
August
September 17-20 Fruitland Park, FL – Phil Drugge
October 22-25 Daytona Speedway Campground – Tom Moore
November 18 Election Luncheon Kissimmee, FL – Tom Moore
December 2-7 - Cracker Christmas /Installation Rally, Ft Christmas, FL - Frank Carson
(OPEN)

SUGGESTION BY WHIT: Whit has seen this at other rallies with success and suggested we try this at one of ours. Each attendee is requested to save all receipts for items purchased in that town, put their name and unit number on the reverse, drop them in a central bucket and a drawing ensues at the end of the rally with a prize. The receipts are then counted and the town is notified of how much was spent in their town by the Airstreamers. (OPEN)

2008 INSTALLATION RALLY

Installation dinner catered by Woodies B-B-Q on Thurs, Dec 4, 5:30 pm

FOOD: Pat & Wray Finn will pick up Woodies (Bar-b-que, salad & baked beans, rolls & butter)

Cake for dessert: Frank Carson

DECORATE TABLES: Linda & Bob Rude, Chairmen

Marilyn Blasdell

Pat Godfrey

Doris Drugge

Bill Holt – Linens

Whit made the comment that he felt the rally was the best rally ever and encouraged all to attend and participate. He is donating a fancy cane which he carved in hopes to make a separate drawing from the ones put on by the regular crafters. He'll make a 2nd cane for the regular drawing. (OPEN)

Region 3 Merit Award: Randy announced he did accept the Region 3 Rally Award at St. Augustine on behalf of the unit. Congratulations Unit Members. (Our unit has earned the Superior Unit Award every year since the inception of the Region 3 award program started by Don Shafer.) (CLOSED)

New Flagpole purchased from WBCCI: Dave thanked Tom Moore for constructing a new bag in which we can carry our flag and flag pole to our various ceremonies. We will get to see these bags at the December rally. Everyone should bring all flags and/or ribbons belonging to the unit, to Fort Christmas in December. We still cannot account for the new fringed flags – need to check hopper – last time they were seen was at the Easter Rally 2 years ago. Officers please bring blue books to the installation ceremony to pass to the person replacing you if your term is ending. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of 2009 Officers

The President, read the following nominations from the Nominations Committee:

President: Tom Moore

1st V President: Randy Godfrey

2nd V President: Willard Pickrel

Recording Secretary: Pat Finn

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Carson

Treasurer: Frank Carson

2 Yr Trustee: Phil Drugge

Vic Smith

1 Yr Trustee: Joe McMillan

Earl Leggett

Immediate Past President: Dave Wenger

Since there were no nominations from the floor, Dave Wenger made a motion we accept these nominations, seconded by Whit Blasdell and approved. (CLOSED)

Following are other Committee Chairman who have volunteered to remain in their positions.

Membership: Joan Carson

Historian: Louise Kramer
Cheer: Joan Carson
Newsletter Editor: Pat Finn
Webmaster: Vic Smith

Donation to Charity at Sarasota Rally: Pat Finn made a motion we donate \$100 to the Sarasota Rally charity project (as has been done in the past). Seconded by Betty Wenger and approved. Betty reminded the attendees that personal checks made out directly to the charity would be accepted also. (CLOSED)

PARKING: Whit stated he had 2 early parking passes for Sarasota for volunteers. Phil Drugge and Willard Pickrel offered to help with the Bingo Games of which Whit is Chairman. Randy is also willing to help but already has an early pass. (CLOSED)

Volunteer to decorate the barrel at Sarasota: Pat Godfrey volunteered to head up the decoration of the food barrel for Sarasota's charity. Marilyn Blasdell and Dave & Betty Wenger will also serve on her committee. (CLOSED)

Governor for the Florida State Rally: Vic has agreed to be our unit member representative to the Florida State Board of Governors meeting and Phil Drugge has offered to serve as alternate. Tom Moore made this into a motion, seconded by Bob Rude and approved. (Frank has resigned since he is now Director of the Sarasota Rally.) (CLOSED)

Purchase of a new printer from Frank: The printer Frank has sells for \$90, but Frank has offered to let the club have it for \$50.00. This should be a lot easier on the Newsletter editor than driving to a copy center. It should also be less expensive for the club once the investment has been recouped. Wray Finn made a motion that the unit purchase the printer from Frank. Seconded by Pat Godfrey and approved. (CLOSED)

Volunteer Issues:

January Rally: Frank Carson and Dave Wenger will do pancakes at the January rally. (OPEN)

International Rally – Bulletin Board: Jeanne Pickrel volunteered to decorate the Bulletin Board for International again this year. (CLOSED)

Easter Rally: Tom & Ann will do the BBQ? The unit will need to provide side dishes (baked beans and cole slaw).

Coffee: Dave Wenger

Pancake breakfast. Whit Blasdell will do the pancake breakfast.

Decorations: Josie Smith

Omelette in a bag: Frank & Joan Carson

Strawberry shortcakes: Whit & Marilyn Blasdell (OPEN)

Unit Flag: Randy Godfrey would like the unit to have a unit flag for use at all gatherings, especially the state & international parades where the flags remain on display throughout the week. He offered to look into the cost and the process of obtaining said flag. Randy turned this suggestion into a motion, seconded by Vic and approved. (OPEN)

Proposal of International Rally Date & Place Change: Randy Godfrey suggested we once again make a bid to change the date of the International Rally stating the date and place be left to the incoming Presidents (2-3 years prior). Rallies in the middle of the summer are hot and muggy and expensive because of the AC needed as well as the parking fees. If the rally up north was moved to the spring or fall, the weather would be more conducive to camping; in Florida the rally could be held in the winter. **MOTION:** Tom Moore made a motion that we once again propose an amendment to WBCCI Constitution, Article XII, Section 2, giving the Rally Directors freedom to move the rally location as well as the dates. Seconded by Phil Drugge and approved. Randy offered to research the appropriate way to do this and prepare the wording and submit the proposal. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Augustine Bank Accounts: Willard Pickrell made a motion that Pat Finn's name be removed from the St. Augustine Rally Bank account #2000012828281 with Wachovia Bank and the name of either Ed or Marion Krajewski be put on the account. Seconded by Vic Smith and approved.
Discussion: The reason for this is Ed & Marion will be taking over the St. Augustine rally after 2009. (OPEN)

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business, the President adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Finn
Recording Secretary

ATTENDEES:

Pat & Wray Finn
Bill Holt
Bob & Linda Rude
Tom Moore
Randy & Pat Godfrey
Ron & Chris Allen
Tex & Betty Ritter
Willard & Jenne Pickrel
Doris & Phil Drugge
Whit & Marilyn Blasdell
Vic & Josie Smith
Larry & Marie Moser
Dave & Betty Wenger