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The President's Message

The telephoning amongst the members is progressing nicely and we really appreciate those who have contacted the members to excite interest in the club. The October 15-18 Rally in Daytona Beach is shaping up nicely in my head. **Send your Rally Fee of \$35 to Tom Moore 501 Beville Rd. Daytona Beach, FL 32119 ASAP.** This will cover a Welcome Dinner and several breakfasts and a couple of other opportunities that I have in mind. We will settle the \$10 per night camping fee on site after you arrive. I hope everyone is having a good summer albeit a HOT one. By October the weather should be more conducive to pleasant camping.

Incidentally, I am looking forward to being at Phil Drugge's Rally September 17 near The Villages. He has asked me to fix a welcoming dinner for the first night of that rally.

ALSO: Let's make Frank's job a little easier – MAIL IN YOUR DUES TODAY!!!!
See dues schedule below

See you at the September Rally!
Tom Moore, President

386-767-2372; 800-447-2372; FAX 800-447-6167

Upcoming Events:

September 17-20 Fruitland Park (nr The Villages) (Phil & Doris Drugge) (352) 751-4597
October 22-25 Daytona Speedway CG (Tom Moore)
November 18 Election Luncheon, Kissimmee (Call Tom Moore for agenda items)
December 2-7 Cracker Christmas Installation/Volunteer Rally, Ft. Christmas, FL

FRANK: Insert photo of Conolys

BIOS on some of our newest members!

Joe and Annette Conoly (see photo above)

We are really looking forward to being in the Florida Unit and meeting everyone. Our Airstream is a 1990 Excella which we purchased in June of this year. It was in good shape but other Airstream owners I have talked to makes us desire to make it our own. We are in the process of reupholstering the gaucho, ripping out all of the carpeting and installing Pergo floors, and just doing a massive cleaning from top to bottom. We look forward to attending as many rallies as we can. The first one will probably be in December when Annette returns from seeing her family in northern California and my work schedule lightens up a bit.

Lynn & Gary Brink, new Assoc. Members
127 Omega Lane
Melbourne, FL 32934 (winter)
Phone: 908-347-5354 (Cell)

Summer Address

PO Box 788
Keswick, VA 22947-0788
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“Lynn and I began our wanderlust in the traditional sequence – we began in a tent, progressed to a pop-up trailer, and ultimately purchased our first Airstream in 1978. We became members of the WBCCI in 1979 (Watchung NJ Unit-#068) and attended our first International Rally that year in Las Cruces, NM. The following decades found us advancing through the officer chairs of the Watchung Unit, attending a multitude of rallies, enjoying the beauty of our country in the comfort of our Airstream, and learning to treasure the fellowship offered by brother and sister members of the WBCCI. We’ve leased a summer site at Jersey Shore Haven LYH since 1984 and, since mutual retirement in 2006, are winter residents of LYH Melbourne. When not at either of those locations (or off somewhere traveling in our rig) we can be found at our home in Keswick, VA.

We first met members of the Florida Unit several years ago at the Florida State Rally. Last year we attended and volunteered at the Ft. Christmas Bluegrass rally. It was obvious that an affiliate membership with Unit #027 was in our immediate future. We’re looking forward to a long relationship with you fine folks!

Gary

Check it out!!!!

REGION 3 WEBSITE: www.wbccci3.org

Greetings from the Summer Travelers

Our 1st VP is still on the N by NE caravan. Don’t forget, you can follow **Randy & Pat Godfrey’s** travels on the Internet at www.silvercabin.net.

Grace and Garold Michaelsen traveled to Wisconsin, for the 52nd International Rally. “We left Lake Wales on 5/27 heading to Bufort, SC with courtesy parking, then to Hendersonville, NC and parking at the Elk’s lodge. Then on to Madison WI by 5/31. At the FL State Rally I had been given permission to use courtesy parking in Portage, WI, from 5-4-11. On the 11th I began early parking for Engineering Committee. We attended some of the seminars. I was requested to carry our Florida Flag in the Opening Ceremony. However, not having a Flag, Staff or Beret, I had Blue Slacks, White Shirt and Red Tie. I got a Flag from Lou Fink and removed the Word “CENTRAL,” leaving the wording of ‘Florida Unit’. Got a Staff from President of Iowa Unit and was loaned a Beret.” So that’s how Garold got into the flag parade at International. We visited with our son, who lives in Madison and also with two of Grace’s sisters, one from San Diego who owns the family cottage in WI and another that lives in Alsoma. We left for MN 7/5 and then on to SW Iowa for a week on a cousin’s farm. Then to Cheyenne to meet Grace’s third sister from CA. Finally to Austin TX and then back to Central FL. Over 8K miles and two full months plus 2 days. We stayed at an Airstream Park in Clear Lake, MN and Hillsboro, TX. **Both were fantastic places to stay.**

Thank you, Garold, for representing our Unit!

Frank & Joan Carson have traveled from north Jersey to spend a week at Jersey Shore Haven. Joan reports they are having a wonderful time.

Bev & Earl Trask have been burning up the east coast of the US from FL to NH and CT (and enjoying rain, rain, rain). First stop was GA for granddaughter’s 8th grade graduation. On July 4th Bev & Earl celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary with about 65 family members and

friends. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! They also attended Earl's family reunion. The best part was enjoying the back porch in CT and seeing (among other wildlife) a mother and twin fawns come onto the lawn in the early morning.

Charles & Jackie Whittington spent a month at Top O' GA enjoying the cool air. They reported meeting **Dave & Betty Wenger** and **Ron & Chris Allen** during their stay. They also "ran into" **Whit and Marilyn Blasdell** who were spending some time up there also after winning several nights at a drawing. The Blasdell "saw" **Larry & Marie Moser's** spot; but, unfortunately, Larry & Marie are sidelined with some repairs in FL and missed the "surprise reunion" of FL Unit Members.

McMillan's in Ohio....still!

"It's hot here too and the humidity is the same as the temperature. We take our showers and wonder why because we're as wet after we dry as we were before. We're still down on the farm because of schedules with the wedding. Bachelorette party aboard their boat. No room for the grandparents. Next week we'll be in Bolingbrook, southwest of Chicago, to be with our other daughter."
(I'm sure TR misses the McMillans!)

Question on Paint. This might be of interest to other Airstream owners!

One of the ladies asked Vic Smith (you know, the owner of the Airstream that shines like a nickel) what brand and what color he painted the blue trim on his trailer.

Vic's response: "The paint I used is Rustoleum Royal Blue. It is an exact match. I put it on with a 4 inch foam roller. It still leaves some orange peel effect but not as much as the fuzzy rollers do."

In Memoriam:

Lois Nolle passed away on July 20. Cards may be sent to Alton at 2415 Eaton Lane, Orlando, Florida 32804-4910. Telephone # (407) 841-1614. Lois and Alton were very active in the Central Florida Unit.

Anita Norwood (nurse at many rallies as well as WBCCI Lifetime Member) passed away on August 7 at her daughter's home. Cards may be sent to Anita's daughter, Barbara Heneke, PO Box 724, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Donations to honor and remember Anita may be made to any local Hospice in Anita's name.

Illnesses:

Earl Leggett was in the hospital with a hairline fracture of his leg up near the hip. This is why he has been limping all the time after his hip operation years ago.

Harvey Carlisle – just got out of the hospital after a stay of 4 days. Bleeding fm intestines – but on the mend and at home now! "I miss everyone and say, 'Hi, and be sure to stick with it as long as you can.'" (Harvey was President of the Freewheelers.)

BLUE BERET SUBSCRIPTIONS: Julian Clements, Region 3 Pres, asked me to remind all FL Unit members that *former* WBCCI members are able to continue receiving subscriptions to the Blue Beret. They may also be purchased by non Airstream owners who may have an interest in what our club is all about.

Further comments: Dandylynn@windstream.net

FOR SALE:

Motor home. 1997 Land Yacht 33' with twin beds, center bath, solar panels on the roof, 2 A/C's one in the front, and one in the bedroom. Asking \$15,000. For more information call Bill or Virginia Peterson at (813) 788-7261.

vpete01381@verizon.net.

Zephyrhills, FL.

B-Van – 1997 - Good shape, mileage 78,780.

No price set as yet. Call Marie Chapman in Lancaster, PA (717) 393-0205.

DUES SCHEDULE:

Affiliate Member (belongs to another unit) \$10
International plus Unit Member \$65
Past President FL Unit \$55
Lifetime WBCCI Member (Unit dues only) \$10

Make checks payable to: “WBCCI Florida Unit”

Mail to: Frank Carson, Treasurer

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DID YOU HAVE A FUN SUMMER????

Call me on the phone or email any exciting events that you experienced this past summer. Your fellow members ARE interested. How about an autobiography?

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