



GOOD LIFE NEWS



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FLORIDA UNIT 027

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President's Message

I am honored to be your President for the next year. Keep in mind that you have entrusted the leadership of this great Unit to someone who has only been an Air streamer for going on three years now. As I said at my installation in December, I don't claim to know all the history, traditions, and political realities of the WBCCI and this Unit, so I'm bound to make some mistakes or step on some toes. If I do, or make you mad, call me (321-432-1934) or send me an email (rgodfrey@cfl.rr.com), and let me know your feelings. That's the only way I'll learn how to keep this Unit the great Unit it is today.

I was still working during my first year of Air streaming. From my office overlooking Melbourne's Land Yacht Harbor I watched Airstreams pulling out in February heading to the FL State Rally, and again in April for the St. Augustine Easter Rally. In 2007, I wanted to observe the International Delegates Meeting, and we wanted to attend our Units wine and cheese party at Vic's trailer scheduled for Saturday evening. Pat and I drove to Perry, GA for the weekend and with help from our Unit's members, we crashed the gate on Saturday and attended the meeting, and got to meet some of you that evening. By year's end, we were retired, had one long trip completed (to Northern Michigan for the fall colors), and we were able to attend our first WBCCI Rally, our own Cracker Christmas Rally, just long enough to be installed as your then Second Vice President.

I tell you that story to show you that I am aware of how difficult it is to participate in WBCCI activities if you are still working. If you are still working and/or have children at home, send me an email and let me know what the FL Unit can do to help you get to at least one or two of our events in a year. My goal is to make membership in the WBCCI and the Florida Unit just as meaningful to you who are still working and raising families as to those of us who are retired.

I encourage everyone who has a computer and Internet access to join our Unit Forum on AIRForums.com. Look for instructions on how to do this in this newsletter. This will be a great resource for us and will bring us forward into the Internet age. It will also keep us in the lead group of the progressive Units in the WBCCI. We can have some of the discussion I talked about above on the forum for all to read and make their input.

At our October rally, we planned out a full year of activities. We just completed a very successful and fun Cracker Christmas Rally. Our next event is the Life is Good II Rally in Fruitland Park, January 21 – 25, 2010. If you can only come for the weekend, please do. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you at one of our activities this year. **Please refer to page 6 for directions on Air Forums.** *Randy Godfrey*

Outgoing President. Many Thanks go to Tom Moore and his first lady Ann, and all, his staff for a wonderful job during their term of office as our unit's board members. We all appreciate all the work, the time, and the effort that was expended to make our unit the exceptional unit that it is. Each newly elected President and his elected board members are given the position to run and oversee our unit. We who are members of the Florida Unit 027 are proud to know that we have a wonderful unit with many dedicated and trusted elected officials.

On November 11, 2009 The Florida unit held its annual meeting at the Golden Corral in Kissimmee Florida. Many ideas and thoughts were discussed .The following are the minutes from that meeting.

Annual Meeting
WBCCI Florida Unit #027
Golden Corral, Kissimmee, FL
November 18, 2009

The annual meeting was called to order by President, Tom Moore.

The roll of officers was called by the secretary.

President, Tom Moore – Present
1st V. President, Randy Godfrey – Present
2nd V. President, Willard Pickrel – Present
Corresponding Secretary, Joan Carson – Absent
Recording Secretary, Pat Finn – Present
Treasurer, Frank Carson – Absent
2 Yr. Trustee, Vic Smith – Present
2 Yr. Trustee, Phil Drugge – Present
1 Yr. Trustee, Joe McMillan – Present
1 Yr. Trustee, Earl Leggett – Absent
Immed. Past President, Dave Wenger – Present

Don Clarke made a motion that the minutes of last year's meeting be dispensed with. Seconded by Lucille Clarke and the motion carried.

The secretary read the Treasurer's Report submitted by Frank Carson (see attached).

AUDIT: Ellen McMillan made a motion that, in accordance with our bylaws, our financial records should be audited after the first of the year. Seconded by Vic Smith. It was suggested this audit be performed either at Fort Christmas or the Florida State Rally. Randy and Phil will contact Frank to set up a time and work with Frank. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fort Christmas: Vic Smith read a note from Frank Carson stating we needed help for tasks to be performed at our volunteer rally at Fort Christmas, December 2-7. The Wengers will head up pancake breakfasts for

Thursday and Friday. Pat Finn will head up table decorations for the installation dinner – team will be Pat Godfrey, Betty Wenger and Doris Drugge. Charles Whittington and Willard Pickrel will direct the parking.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mentoring System: Vic Smith read a note from Frank Carson suggesting the mentoring system be restarted. Randy Godfrey stated his hopes for his year as President would include rallies that always included a weekend, if at all possible, so that members who are still working would find it worthwhile to attend. There needs to be activities on the weekends and not just a transition time. Phil Drugge passed around a copy of a “First Timer” newsletter that he has prepared and mails to each new member. It’s also available on line. Ellen stated the club needs to be mindful of members who are not on the internet and miss all the conversations and ideas that are floated via the internet.

January Rally – Fruitland Park – January 21-14 - If anyone is interested, contact Randy or Phil. Dave Wenger gave a wonderful review of this park and encouraged attendance.

Past Presidents and Dues: Randy made a motion that the issue of Past Presidents not paying Unit dues be eliminated and that they pay the same dues as everyone else in the Unit. Ellen encouraged this change. Seconded by Dave Wenger and Vic Smith simultaneously and approved.

Election of Officers: Ellen proposed a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. There was no opposition and the proposed slate of officers for 2010 was unanimously approved as follows:

- President: Randy Godfrey and wife Pat
- 1st Vice President: Willard Pickrel and wife Jeanne
- 2nd Vice President: Phil Drugge and wife Doris
- Corresponding Secretary: Joan Carson and husband Frank
- Recording Secretary: Pat Finn and husband Wray
- Treasurer: Frank Carson and wife Joan
- One Year Trustee: Ron Allen and wife Chris (filling the remaining one year for Phil Drugge)
- One Year Trustee: Vic Smith and wife Josie
- Two Year Trustee: Lucille Clark and husband Don
- Two Year Trustee: Marilyn Blasdell and husband Whit
- Immediate Past President and First Lady: Tom and Ann Moore

Historian: Louise Kramer
Sunshine: Joan Carson

Nominating Committee for 2011: Tom Moore announced the Nominating Committee for 2011 to be as follows:

- Vic Smith
- Frank Carson
- Willard Pickrel

Adjournment: Phil Drugge made a motion the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Vic Smith and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

File: Annual Meeting Kissimmee 2010

Patricia A. Finn Recording Secretary

ATTENDEES at the Annual Florida Unit 027 meeting

Tom Moore
Dave & Betty Wenger
Earl & Beverly Trask
Joe and Ellen McMillan
Ron Allen
Tex & Betty Ritter
Pat & Wray Finn
Marie & Larry Moser
Fred and Ruth Carey
Henry Lappen
Don & Lucille Clarke
Vic & Josie Smith
Randy & Pat Godfrey
Willard J. Pickrel
Phil and Doris Drugge
Alice Wymer
Joe & Annette Conoly
Gerold Michaelson

Cracker Christmas Volunteer Rally

This years Cracker Christmas rally was a huge success even though the rain tried to hamper the events of the rally. On arrival every person was greeted by Charles Whittington, and Willard Pickrel. They proceeded to get all the rigs parked, and supplied with water and electricity. This is a complicated task and takes a lot of coordination to keep every one safe. They deserve a hand for doing a wonderful job Every Air streamer is invited to attend the rally that is held every year in the beginning of December, at the Fort Christmas Orange County Park in Christmas Florida. This is a volunteer rally that benefits not only Orange County but every airstream member who attends. There are plenty of good meals served. Much praise goes to all the women who prepared all the meal tables, and the delicious pot luck dinners including a very delicious turkey dinner, Cole slaw, pork and beans, and plenty of hot coffee with hot buns. Plenty of happy hours beginning at 4PM every afternoon that did not rain. An airstream tradition as the above photo shows. The camaraderie was wonderful and the spirit was high. Each person goes away with a sense of accomplishment and personal enjoyment. Many door prizes are awarded to lucky winners. 4 lucky people won hand made wood tables built by Earl Trask. A Florida Unit member for many years. The Florida unit purchases these tables to be given away as door prizes. Each table is handsomely decorated with a Christmas theme. The Florida unit # and the year 2009. The tables are a wonderful gift that is treasured by every person who wins one. A total of 500 hours of volunteer hours were donated by 54 members. There were 7 motor homes, 2- B Vans, 10 airstream trailers, and 1 bambi trailer in attendance. Ron Allen and his wife Chris enjoyed the company of their granddaughter as a volunteer. She delightfully greeted every one with a pleasant smile and a warm hello.



New elected officers Installation of newly elected officers was presided by Tom Moore. The meeting was called to order. Randy Godfrey offered the pledge of allegiance. Pat Finn called the roll of officers present. Past minutes of the annual meeting were dispensed with by a vote of all members. Region. 3 officer Julienne Clements and his first lady Lynne installed Randy Godfrey as the new President of Florida Unit 027. Willard Pickrel is the 1st vice President. Phil Drugge is the 2nd vice President. Lucille Clarke and Marylyn Blasdell were installed as trustees. Frank Carson is the treasurer. Joan Carson is the recording secretary. Randy Godfrey was presented with a hand carved cane made by Whit Blasdell. It is to be noted that each cane that Whit makes takes approximately 27 hours to make. Tom Moore thanked every one present for the opportunity to serve as president. Tom Moore called for a motion to adjourn the meeting .All members said yes and the meeting was adjourned

New Members welcome

Jonathan and Serena Robison WBCCI # 3162. installed at Christmas Caper rally by Region 3 Officer Julienne Clements.

Get Well List

Vic Smith hurt his leg installing refrigerator in his trailer
Beverly Trask had a gall bladder surgical procedure.
Post cards were sent to Don and Flora Benham

Editor's notes

My name is Donald Clarke WBCCI 11801. I will be the new newsletter editor, replacing Pat Finn. I will send out the newsletter via E mail to all members who have E mail addresses. I have made a request to all members to notify me if you desire your newsletter to be sent to you via E mail or regular mail. I will send out the newsletter via regular mail to all those members that do not wish to receive their newsletter by E mail or do not have an E mail address .It is to be noted that newsletters sent by regular mail will incur costs to the unit for postage and mailing.

Please note that the newsletter will be published every other month starting in January 2010, and the deadline for items to be submitted for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 15th of the month the newsletter comes out
Thank you for your support.

Florida Unit Online Forum

Did you know we have a private forum for our unit on the Airstream Knowledge sharing Forums www.airforums.com We can use this forum to have online discussions of our unit's business, or anything else that concerns us that is not appropriate for posting on the public boards. Only unit # 027 members will be given access to this forum, and you have to be "joined" to be able to see anything that is there. To be part of this forum, first you must be a member of the online Airstream Forum. Go to www.airforums.com and follow the sign up instructions that appear in the top right of the window. Once you have joined the Airstream Forum you need to join the Unit 027 forum. On the forum or portal page, there is box of quick links on the left hand side. Toward the bottom of this box is a link to the WBCCI Unit Forums. Click on this link. You will see WBCCI # 027 Florida Unit in the list. Notice that you have to be approved by Silver Cabin (that is me Randy Godfrey) to join the group. Click on the two join then the request window that comes up type in your WBCCI number so I can check the roster and join you to the group. I get many requests from those who are not members of our unit so please give me a hint as to who you are. There are a few 027 threads out there for you to read when you join. Im looking forward to joining you to the unit forum soon Randy Godfrey (SiverCabin)



**“Life is Good” Rally Coupon
Florida Unit 027**

Life Enrichment Center
4991 Picciola Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Rally Dates: January 21 - 24, 2010

If you have a computer, you may complete this form and email it to pedrugge@comcast.net and send a check to the address below. A confirmation email will be sent to you. If you register by USPS mail, send this form with your check to the address below.

WBCCI #		Unit			
Name			Spouse		
Address					
City			ST		Zip
Phone			email		
Date of Arrival			Trailer Length		Motor Home Length
Parking - Full Hook-up Electric/Water/Sewer			\$27.75 per night		
Parking – Electric & Water Only			\$23.31 per night		
Rally Fee			\$35.00 per rig		

Total Fee, 3 nights parking w/ Full Hook-ups & Rally Fee	\$118.75
Total Fee, 3 nights parking w/ Electric & Water Only	\$104.93

Activity	Date	Number of People	Cost
The Villages Trolley Tour	Friday – 1/22		Free
Tractor Museum	Friday – 1/22		Free
Florida Carriage Museum	Saturday 1/23		TBD

There are 12 sites reserved as of now. Please register early!

Please mail your check and/or registration for rally fees to:

Philip Drugge
1102 Davenport Drive
The Villages, FL 32162

Questions: Tel: 352-751-4597
Cell: 352-504-5906
email: pedrugge@comcast.net

Include SASE for additional Rally information.

If you wish to come before 1/21 and/or stay after 1/24 , contact the Life Enrichment Center directly at 352-787-0313 to make reservations for those dates.

Orange County

PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

4801 W Colonial Drive, Orlando. FL 32808

407-8366200. FAX 407-836 6210.<http://parksonetoovnet>

Fort Christmas Historical Park
1300 Fort Christmas Road
Christmas, Florida 32709
Telephone: 407-568-4149

December 14, 2009

Wally Byam Caravan Club International
% Frank Carson
29129 Johnston Road, Lot 5-46
Dade City, Florida 33523

Re: Thank you!

Dear Frank and the Airstream Family,

Just wanted to thank you and the Airstream Club Members for all of the help
During preparation and implementation of Cracker Christmas! You all have truly
. Become part of our family and we are always so happy to see you arrive and sad to
see you go!

What a week! Despite the rainy weather on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and on
Saturday morning you all were right there! Everybody had great attitudes and
patience and 'a good time was had by all', we hope! I still don't have the numbers
But will email you with them later. Once again, we couldn't do this wonderful
event without the help of our volunteers! Thank you all!

Hope to see everyone at the Fort Christmas Bluegrass Festival!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

~

Vickie B. Prewett
Recreation Specialist
Fort Christmas Historical Park

FLORIDA STATE RALLY

FEBRUARY 17 – 22, 2009

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Big plans are under way for a great Florida State Rally. As the new rally director, I have made some interesting changes to the rally schedule. “We are having a party” is our rally theme. Come join us at the second largest WBCCI rally. We look forward to seeing you.

The opening ceremony has been changed from Wednesday morning to Tuesday evening, effectively adding an extra day. The ceremony will be all new, with an added highlight. We have added new and more seminars on Saturday including a fashion show and a seminar by the “Health Chic”. This will give members that are still working and can only attend for the weekend, something to enjoy.

During the week, you can try the great Sarasota Amish Restaurants. There will be donuts and coffee in the mornings. Going on tours, playing organized games and attending seminars, can fill the rest of the days. There will also be a large assortment of vendors.

The Saturday dinner has been changed from barbeque, to roast beef with sweet potato casserole, salad, green beans, ice tea and a cookie. Your Saturday morning will start with a huge flea market. You can purchase anything from antiques to Airstream parts. There is usually something you need at the flea market at great prices. On Saturday afternoon, we will hold the Vintage Airstream open house. It is always fun to see how shiny the trailers can be on the outside and then see unique remodeled insides. Owners of vintage units put hundreds of hours into their Airstreams.

Consider that you will be visiting one of the most popular resort cities in Florida at the height of the season for the low cost of \$170.00 based on two people per unit for nearly a week. You will have rally electric and water. Numerous dump stations are on site for when you leave. The rally fee includes professional entertainment nightly, bingo, and games, including joker, bridge and pinochle. There will be tours, seminars, a hobby show and a fashion show.

Sarasota is famous for it’s beaches, shopping, museums and Amish restaurants. We have tried our best to give you a rally that is one of the best deals for the money. Hope to see you in Sarasota in February. Every year, we will endeavor to add new and interesting activities and seminars.

Frank Carson, Director
Florida State Rally
Natl. St Augustine Easter Rally

Name(s) _____ Address _____
Phone (cell?) _____ Email _____ Pet yes ___ no ___
WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Trailer _____ Motor home _____
Airstream w/2 people: \$170.00 \$ _____
Airstream w/1 person: \$120.00 (extra person, guest \$50.00 ea.) \$ _____
Weekend rate with 2 people, Friday to Sunday, \$80.00 \$ _____
Weekend rate with 1 person \$50.00 (extra person, guest \$30.00 ea.) \$ _____
Register before January 3, 2009, deduct \$5.00 from total \$ _____
Handicap? ___ State ID Placard required Total \$ _____

Make check payable to WBCCI Florida State Rally, and mail to:
Randy Godfrey, Registrar, 2148 Auburn Lakes Dr, Viera, FL 32955-6764
Cancellation fee before January 3, 2009, \$5.00, after January 3, 2009, \$20.00 include 4X9 self stamped envelope for receipt

New shirt for Florida Unit 027



President Randy Godfrey models new shirt!

A new shirt is now available for WBCCI Florida Unit members. As shown above, it is forest green with an embroidered Unit patch. This will be the “official” shirt for the Installation Rally at Fort Christmas, but the old tee shirt is acceptable also.

Berets may be ordered from WBCCI in Jackson Center (not

Order from:

A & W Design
P.O. Box 68
Lafayette, TN 37083

Tel: 561-301-0272
615-388-2481

awhurner@yahoo.com

Allison & Wes Hurner, Owners

Shirt Information

Jerzee Brand 50/50	
Small - XL	\$15.00
2X	\$17.00
3X	\$18.00

100% cotton add \$3.00

1st Name on right	\$6.00
Shipping via Priority Mail, USPS.	

I recommend a phone call and the shirt is on the way.



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