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From the President

I'm writing this from the International Rally in Gillette, WY. Pat and I have been having a great time here. Please look for my rally review later in this newsletter.

We left our home in Florida on June 8, and took two weeks to get out here. Our route took us to Greenville, MS where we enjoyed traveling along and finding the markers on the Mississippi Blues Trail. We also enjoyed some of the local traditional restaurants. Have you ever entered through, been served, and eaten in the kitchen of a restaurant? We did there. It was excellent.

From Greenville we continued northwest to Hot Springs, AR, then north to Columbia, MO where I graduated from the University of Missouri, and continued on to Independence, MO. At Independence, MO we picked up the Oregon Trail Auto Route and followed it northwest to 110 miles south of here where we left it to come north to Gillette. Hopefully you have been following along on my blog at www.silvercabin.net.

Attending the International Rally is a great opportunity to interact with other unit officers and share what's been working and what hasn't. I've been picking up a lot of suggestions and new ideas. Just ask Willard and Phil who are planning our next year's rally schedule. I've been pestering them with daily email as I get new ideas.

If you're interested in the politics of this organization, like I am, The International Rally is where the rubber meets the road. I attended the IBT Seminar and Board meetings, carried our flag in the opening ceremony, and represented the 70 members of the Florida Unit at the delegates meeting. I was expecting demonstrations and a contingent of people with reinstate Leo Garvey ribbons, but saw none. While some of us, myself included, supported him (his motives not his behavior) and would support his reinstatement, when he threatened a lawsuit he lost us. The Clubs issues can and will be solved, but we need to work together, and it seemed that that was the general feeling here in Gillette.

But aside from the political and legal issues, that I think the WBCCI is handling well, although there is much more work to do, the emphasis here was on all the fun things the members, caravans, units, and regions are doing. There truly is something in the WBCCI for everyone, and if there is something you would like us to do, then please tell us about it so we can work together to provide it.

We had several people come to the Rally who weren't yet members: a young man that had just picked up his first Airstream in southern Wyoming (a new 19ft Bambi) and hoped he would find some experts here that would help him (he did), and a newly wed couple from St. Louis touring in a vintage 25ft. They didn't leave here without joining a happy hour, and getting all the help and information needed including a new member packet. New rules as of January 2010 from our WBCCI insurance say any Airstream owner can be invited to our events and be a part of the fun.

You, the 70 members we have, and the new members we will get, are our most important asset. Recruitment and retention is everyone's job. I truly appreciate your help and support. — [Randy Godfrey](#)

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Welcome New Members

Please give a BIG WELCOME to our newest members:

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Preview of the Tom Moore Memorial Rally and Annual Unit Meeting and Elections

Tom Moore and Randy Godfrey were planning on co-hosting our scheduled rally and Annual Meeting and Elections in October. Ann and Diston Moore have offered to help Randy put on this event in Tom's memory. It goes without saying that Randy is extremely grateful for their help. The final details and a sign-up coupon will be in the September newsletter, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend this event.

The Annual Meeting, Unit luncheon, and election of Unit officers for 2011 will be held at the rally site on Saturday, October 23, 2011. You may attend just the luncheon and meeting and not the whole rally, for a separate TBD charge for the meal.

Location: Raceway Campground; Daytona Beach, FL. This is same RV park where we were last year. 30/50 amp electric, and water at each site.

Thursday, Oct 21: Arrival and set-up. Happy Hour followed by dinner on your own.

Friday, Oct 22: Coffee and Pastries, sightseeing on your own, a welcome happy hour to greet our working members, followed by hamburger/hot dog dinner for group. Movie night if we can find a portable screen.

Saturday, Oct 23: Coffee and Pastries. Catered lunch under the big tent in the campground, followed by annual membership meeting and elections. (There will be a back-up location in case of in-climate weather.) Some afternoon activities then dinner on your own, followed by games or maybe some entertainment at the rally site.

Sunday, Oct 24: Dutch treat pancake breakfast at De Leon Springs Sugar House (make your own pancakes), followed by a group tour for all ages that Tom wanted us to take. Those that have to go to work can leave in the afternoon, for everyone else a potluck dinner, and games, etc.

Monday, Oct 25: Break camp and depart.

Please plan to be there for the meeting if not for the whole weekend.

Next Rallies

After our October Rally discussed above, you need to mark your calendars with these next rallies:

- Cracker Christmas Volunteer and Installation Rally; December 1 – 6, 2010; Fort Christmas Historical Park; Christmas, FL. This is our annual rally where we help the Fort Christmas folks get ready for their biggest event of the year. We also install our Unit Officers for 2011 at this rally. It's great fun and we always get a good turnout. More information and a sign-up coupon will be in the next newsletter.
- Florida State Rally "Roses and Romance" February 15 – 20, 2011; Sarasota Fairgrounds; Sarasota, FL. The flyer and a coupon for this rally can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

If you are going camping at your favorite spot and would like to invite the members of our unit to come along and have an informal rally, just email the Newsletter Editor and he will rebroadcast to everyone who has email addresses. Informal get-togethers are always fun.

Rally planning for 2011 is under way now. We will be discussing and approving the plan at our October Rally and Meeting. That may change the above schedule by adding more rallies, so watch your newsletter for the latest information.

Your Florida Unit Needs Your Help

Several Florida Unit jobs are open or will be soon. Pat Finn has resigned from her Recording Secretary position and we will need this job filled by our October meeting. Joan Carson will be leaving the Membership Chairperson, and Corresponding Secretary positions in December. We will also need candidates for two, two-year Trustees on the Executive Board for our October elections.

According to the WBCCI guidelines, we should also have the following positions filled: Caravan Chairperson, Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson, Ethics & Grievance Chairperson, Family & Youth Chairperson, and Publicity Chairperson. It doesn't appear that the Florida Unit has ever had these positions filled.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these jobs, or are interested in what the duties may be, please contact Randy Godfrey, our Unit President before the October meeting. We need your help.

International Rally Review by Randy Godfrey



714 units (trailers and/or motor homes) attended the 53rd International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. Unlike the previous year, 700 was the projected breakeven point, so the WBCCI should be close this year on the budget.

The facility was brand new and met all our needs, with the exception of Internet access at the campsites. Everyone had full hook-ups. The weather mostly cooperated. I was worried about being sitting ducks for hailstorms, but none came our way, although light hail was reported before our

arrival. A severe hailstorm came through Gillette in May that did \$40M in damage. There were hail damage repairmen everywhere in town. Mostly it was warm and windy, which created a lot of dust. They did water the roads frequently to try and keep it down.

This year's program was filled with more seminars than I have seen before (I've only been attending these since 2007 so that may not be a qualified observation). I attended all I could get in, around the things I had to do as your Unit President, and collected many ideas on how to improve our Unit, programs for rallies, maintenance, and trailer improvement tips.

The entertainment was very good, much better than Bozeman in 2008. The first night was the Yampa Valley Boys, a humorous cowboy duet that sung and played their instruments well and got the audience involved. The second night was a concert by the WBCCI band and chorus. The talent in this club is amazing (some nationally recognized musicians), and to think they only come together once a year to perform so impressively.

The third night had everyone on their feet asking for more, April Vetch and her band, a trio of highly talented and witty, acoustic musicians. April, a Canadian fiddler who played in the opening ceremony of the recent Vancouver Olympics, sang, step danced, and played some beautiful and rousing tunes. The music was reminiscent of what we heard last year in Nova Scotia, but with some American bluegrass, country, and Brazilian rhythm influences.

The fourth night was corny, but somewhat entertaining. A hypnotist brought 12 volunteers up on stage and "hypnotized" them. They then did some funny, but not embarrassing, things. Maybe I've watched too many episodes of the Mentalist on TV, but I wasn't buying it. It did look like a couple of people may have really been under, but most seemed to be just going along with the act. I talked to a few of the participants afterwards and they confirmed my observation.

Some visible changes from other International rallies were: no more reserved seating for past officers, no more tuxedos and ball gowns for the installation of officers, and they finally eliminated the Teen Queen contest. Current and past

International officers had their own rows in the parking area, but they were parked with the rest of us—no special parking near the building. There was a great emphasis on recognizing and assisting rally first-timers. If you have never been to an International rally it is daunting.

The IBT Seminar and Meeting, was mostly business items. It got a little tense when the Ethics & Grievance Committee gave their report and reported that Leo Garvey had cost the club \$20,306. They had budgeted \$1,000 for legal expenses for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year and have spent \$31,000. A new unit was chartered, the Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit (NOVA). All their members are Internet savvy and they plan to do most of their business that way. The longest discussion items were on financial management motions regarding the Club's and the Lifetime Membership funds. The responsible motions passed. The other lengthy discussion item was on a motion from Region 8 to reduce the number of days for a unit caravan to get a number. Participants on shorter caravans would then get numbers after their names in the annual membership directory. The motion failed, mostly due to objection from the Caravan Committee who would be given the extra work, but I think Region 8 has its heart in the right place. They needed Caravan Committee buy-in though, which they didn't have; I'm sure this will come back again.

Region 3 won the trophy for greatest membership growth in 2009 – 2010. Frank Carson was also recognized for signing up his 100th member. So, we know who is directly responsible for our Region's growth. Overall, the WBCCI had a net gain of 111 members this past year. The Florida Unit received another Superior Merit Award for our activities under the leadership of Tom Moore.

There were no motions to decide at the Delegate's Meeting, only the election of officers for the next fiscal year. The Nominating Committee presented its slate of candidates. Robert's Rules, by the way, recommends that the committee only nominate a single candidate for each office. There is a good rationale for this. If you are interested, I'll be glad to discuss it with you at a future rally or meeting.

There were no nominations from the floor for any of the positions until we got to the Nominating

Committee for next year. Mark Garvey, Leo's brother was nominated from the floor. When asked for more information on the candidate however, the people making the nomination were unable to provide any, and there was nothing sent in by the candidate. The elections results were 4,573 for Doug Wylie, 3,649 for Richard Heyde, 1,237 for Mark Garvey, and 1,525 abstentions. Each delegate was required to vote for two candidates or abstain. I voted our 70 votes for Doug Wylie (the maker of the caravan motion at the IBT), and abstained the other 70 votes. I was not going to vote for Richard Heyde after his performance at Perry, GA in 2007. He barely got the support of his own Region 5. Other unit delegates and I were trying to send a message to the IBT that we're not completely happy with the direction of the club. Most however, just voted like sheep. I will be glad to discuss my vote and the votes of the other units with you, if you're interested. The IBT and delegate meeting audio recordings should be archived for your listening online at: <http://www.wbcc.org>.

The closing ceremonies were on July 4. A somewhat emotional Tom Collier gave his farewell address. He talked about the 10 years it has taken to get to this point in time. That's a huge chunk of time for someone to invest. That evening the city of Gillette put on a spectacular fireworks show. They were launching from just over the fence from where we were camped. We watched from the drive in front of our trailer—some of the best seats in the house.

Next year's International Rally will be June 28 – July 4, 2011 in DuQuoine, IL. That's pretty close to us, so I hope more Florida Unit members will try to attend. This year there were only three FL Unit members in attendance: Godfrey's, Krajewski's, and Michaelsen's. There is a huge vintage attendance at these rallies. They said it was the largest in history this year. Some of our vintage owners would find this as time well spent. We have been to three now, and also went on a National Caravan. We meet more new and old friends each time. It's great fun, and there are still more seminars I want to attend. I hope we see you there in 2011.

Vote For The FL State Rally Backdrop

The Florida Unit is responsible for the stage decorations at the next Florida State Rally. Chris Allen has volunteered to be the chairperson for our committee. With the help of the club members she would like to choose one of two murals that are in line with the Romance and Roses theme of this year's Rally, and are within budget.

The chosen Mural will be hung at the Fair Grounds in Sarasota, FL over the center stage curtain. Our plan is to also hang a silhouette of a couple dining on one side of the mural and rose cut outs garnished with glitter on the other side of the mural. We need your help to choose which mural and help us with this display.

Please vote on the mural that you feel would best represent the Romance and Roses Rally theme. You can vote by email to Chris Allen at ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net or call her at (904) 221-5086. All votes must be received before August 15, 2010 to allow time to order the winning mural. The mural with the most votes will be ordered and displayed at the February Rally.

The two choices are:

1. Overlook Café, or



2. Roses



Send In Your 2011 Dues

2011 dues are now being accepted. Headquarters \$65.00, unit dues \$10.00 for a total of \$75.00. Please make your check payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and send to Frank Carson, Treasurer; PO Box 135; Crosswicks, NJ 08515. Affiliate Members, the dues are \$10.00. By sending your dues without Frank having to send a bill saves the club a lot of money. Past Presidents of the Florida Unit prior to December, 2009 may choose to pay only the Headquarters portion, as was the custom prior to our November and December, 2009 meetings.

Tom Moore Obituary

We mourn the loss of our Immediate Past President:

MOORE, THOMAS LAND Tom Moore, 70, of Lake Disston and Daytona Beach passed away Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Florida Hospital Flagler after the sudden onset of Acute Leukemia. The only son of the late Arthur (Terry) R. and Betty Land Moore, he leaves his wife of 44 years, Ann Taylor Moore, his daughter Tenaya Tyler (Mrs. Art), and his son, Disston Taylor Moore, to cherish many happy memories. Born in Buffalo, NY, on July 10, 1939, during the family's annual summer visit to friends and relatives, Mr. Moore was raised in Daytona Beach and attended Seabreeze High School before graduating from Bolles Military School in Jacksonville. He attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, prior to serving in the U.S. Army. Mr. Moore was the owner/operator of Florida Manufacturing Corporation, a family orthopedic specialty goods company with international sales that was started by his father in 1961 and is now managed by his son, Disston.

With his beautiful red hair and friendly smile, Tom enjoyed meeting people and sharing his love of life with them. With his wife, Ann, and their children, he opened their home on Lake Disston to many. Mr. Moore patiently taught many local young people to water ski, and the London Symphony Orchestra looked forward to their biennial day of BBQ, boating and Mr. Moore's Famous Haw Creek Punch. During his active life, Mr. Moore enjoyed scuba diving, the Airstream Motor Home Club, and he joined his father, who was a founding member, as an avid supporter of the Quarter Back Club.

Tom had a great sense of humor and loved the fireworks on the Fourth of July. His family approached a firework company who were glad to oblige, and his ashes were launched in the family's annual fireworks display over Lake Diston. They were expecting over 200 guests from the area to attend.

Sunshine List

Please keep all members in your thoughts and prayers and especially:

Charlie and Roxanne Nix have been having some health problems this year and weren't able to attend any rallies. Charlie has had skin cancer removed and Roxanne had back surgery. On June 2, Roxanne had both knees replaced at Oak Hill Hospital. She would appreciate your prayers.

Louise Kramer has had a rough winter and spring. On February 13, she fell and shattered her femur in her leg. It is now held together with screws and a titanium rod. Louise was in the hospital for a week, followed by a month in rehab. Louise is at home now in Melbourne—she uses a walker and a cane.

Art Kramer is confined to a wheelchair. He had a major stroke a few years ago. Recently he has had some TIAs. Louise mentioned that she loves to get together with Unit members at luncheons in Melbourne and thanks Marie Moser and Susan LaRose for doing a great job hosting the luncheons.

If you or someone in the club that you know has been ill please let us know so we can report their names in this column of the newsletter and let others in the club be aware.

Join Us On AirForums

Did you know we have a private forum for our unit on the Airstream Knowledge Sharing Forums <http://www.airforums.com/>. We can use this forum to have on-line 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 a 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 Portal or Forums page, there is a 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 SilverCabin (that's Randy Godfrey) to join the group. Click on the two join buttons, and then in the request window that comes up, type in your WBCCI number so I can check the roster and join you to the group. Randy gets many requests from those who aren't members of our Unit so please give him a hint as to who you are.

For Sale Trailers and Motorhomes

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A BEAUTIFUL REFINISHING JOB

Below is a picture of Bill and Janet Corsen's trailer. This is why we have not seen them in a while. Bill has been working 11-13 hours a day shining his trailer. Janet has been under the weather so that did not help. Running between the Doctor and working on the trailer pretty much took up the whole winter



Remembering Tom Moore

Bunnell Florida: The family of a Florida man has chosen a unique way to spread his ashes. They will be sending him off in a fireworks display during the Fourth of July celebration. Tom Moore died unexpectedly in May, and his remains were cremated.

The central Florida man always enjoyed watching fireworks on the Fourth of July, and so his family approached a fireworks company about spreading his ashes during the celebration.

Oh I think he had a big grin on his face up there, Ann Moore said.

She said her husband had a love for life, a wicked sense of humor and a passion for the Fourth of July. He more than most would appreciate being the grand finale at a fireworks show, his wife said.

When someone is cremated, of course you think what am I going to do with the ashes?.

Ann Moore said "I do have some ashes here in this little cross, but I am going to put the rest of him in Lake Diston.

Santore and sons agreed to accommodate the family's request and began packing Tom's ashes into firework shells on Tuesday. The family expected a crowd of more than 200 people to be with them at the lake on Sunday for the grand send off.

**Welcome to the 38th
Florida State Rally
February 15 to 20, 2011
Sarasota Fairgrounds
3000 Ringling Blvd
Sarasota, Florida 34237-5395
Frank Carson Rally director**

You have all heard me say we have the climate, (hopefully), we have the space and we have the price. This year we have the dealer, the repairmen and the Airstream parts. Florida's newest Airstream dealer, Camping World of Fort Myer's will be on the grounds with parts and repairmen.

Where can you go in Florida, at the height of the season in one of the most prestigious cities for \$185.00 based on 2 people in a Airstream, for six days with water, rally electric, (electric has all been redone), professional entertainment, seminars, games, crafts, hobby show, door prizes sightseeing, best shopping around, donuts and coffee each morning and a roast beef dinner. If you were breaking it down, it would come down to \$18.50 a person per night.

Some of the seminars will include items on your Airstream on how to maintain your Airstream. There will be a First Timers Seminar which is a must for all new Airstreamers and first time rally goers.

Last year the pet show went over big so we will do it again. The Fashion Show, this year will be hosted by one of the local premier department stores. This is a do not miss show.

The Saturday Morning flea market is a great place to find bargains and sell your treasures.

The tables are free so sign up early for one of the many spots. Saturday afternoon is the pet show and the Vintage open house. Saturday evening will be the roast beef catered dinner.

The colors this year are Red and White and the theme is Roses and Romance.

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 Name(s) _____
 Address _____

 Phone (cell) _____
 Email _____ WBCCI # _____

Trailer _____ Motorhome _____ Will you enter a pet in the pet show? _____
 Airstream w/2 people \$185.00
 \$ _____
 Airstream w/1 person \$135.00 (guest \$50.00 ea.) \$ _____
 Weekend rate w/2 people \$90.00
 \$ _____
 Weekend rate w/1 person \$58.00 (guest \$32.00 ea)
 \$ _____
 Handicap? State ID placard required
 Total \$ _____

No reservations accepted after February 5, 2011. Payment will be accepted at gate upon entry
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 1, 2011, \$5.00, After January 1, 2011, \$20.00. After February 1 refunds will be at the discretion of the Rally Director.
Registrations received before January 1 will be eligible to be placed in a drawing for their rally fee returned.

Include 4X9 self addressed STAMPED envelope for receipt