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## From the President

Pat and I arrived back in Florida on August 18, 2011. Everything was in pretty good shape at the home we left behind over two and a half months ago. It seems like I have a pretty good checklist of things to do when closing up for an extended period. We did have one item that needed fixing though; the garbage disposal was frozen up solid. My checklist calls for putting vegetable oil in it before we leave. Either we forgot to do this or we used the sink afterwards—now it needed replacing.

Following the closing ceremony of the International Rally and the spectacular fireworks show, we left Gillette, WY on July 5th and continued west to Grand Teton National Park. We spent four days there relaxing and hiking in the gorgeous mountains. We were somewhat surprised at the weather on our arrival there, 38 degrees the following morning! We weren't quite prepared for that.

From Grand Teton National Park we traveled north into Montana, then east thru North Dakota into Minnesota. We had to wait out severe weather in Minnesota and holed up at the Minnesota Airstream Park in Clear Lake. That's a beautiful place and we recommend it to you if you're in the area.

From Minnesota, we went north into Ontario and followed Trans Canada 17 over the top of Lake Superior to Sault Ste Marie, where we crossed over the border into Michigan. We spent two weeks in Michigan with family. Pat's sister is doing better, and they finally have her medications, diet, and fluid intake calibrated, but she is on the kidney transplant list now.

Leaving Michigan we toured the Amish area of northern Indiana, and spent a couple of nights at the Airstream Service Center in Jackson Center, OH before returning to Florida. It was a little over 7,000 miles of towing, and another 1,800 miles of side trips. A two-oil change journey. The only trouble we had was the near loss of two tires on the Airstream. Check your tires. If they are over four years old, replace them before any long trips. I thought I could get one more trip out of mine, but was wrong.

Next year's International Rally will be June 28 – July 4, 2011 in DuQuoine, IL. It will be a different rally in that there are no large cities nearby, just a small town that really wants us to come. I've heard that they will be bringing in the Tide trucks so we can wash our clothes! I hope we see you there in 2011.

You know I'm not one to stay quiet, and after "contributing" at several meetings at International, I was invited to join the WBCCI Marketing Committee. My job is to watch the Internet and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and broadcast under the WBCCI account items of interest to Airstreamers and/or showing the benefit of WBCCI membership. If you see anything, point it out to me. The Club is moving slowly forward into the Internet age. We realize that some of our members don't even have a computer and we're trying to address that. Many units today, are totally Internet based for all communications. We'll still be mailing newsletters in the Florida Unit for some time though, so not to worry.

I've said this before, but you are our most important asset. Let me know how we are doing and what we could be doing better. 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:

**New Full Members:**

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## **October 21 – 25, 2010 Tom Moore Memorial Rally and Annual Unit Meeting and Elections**

Plans are complete for our October Rally and Annual Meeting to be held in Daytona Beach, FL.

Please use the coupon at the back of this newsletter to sign up for the Rally and Meeting, or just the Meeting. We hope you can at least come to the Meeting, meet your Unit members, and take a part in the direction of the Unit.

The rally will be four days of fun activities, mostly on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning to be accommodating to our working members. There will be plenty of time to do some sightseeing on your own. Daytona Beach has many sights and activities, and attending the Rally will give you an opportunity to see some of them at a really cheap nightly price.

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 charge for the meal.

**Location:** Daytona Beach KOA. 30/50 amp electric, and water at each site. Dump station, restrooms, and recreation hall nearby.

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

**Friday, Oct 22:** Coffee and Pastries, hosted by Dave and Betty Wenger. Sightseeing on your own. A welcome Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m. to greet our weekend only/working members, followed by hamburger/hot dog dinner at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Ron and Chris Allen. Entertainment by a comedy duo from our own Unit.

**Saturday, Oct 23:** Coffee and Pastries, hosted by Dave and Betty Wenger. Catered lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the recreation hall followed by annual membership meeting and elections. Saturday afternoon and evening is open for everyone to take advantage of the Daytona Beach sights and eateries.

**Sunday, Oct 24:** Breakfast buffet with omelet bar at Gamble Place Preserve, followed by an eco-history pontoon boat tour of Spruce Creek. These activities will finish in time for those who have to leave on Sunday. Canoes and Kayaks are also available to rent at Spruce Creek for those who would like to do some paddling on their own. Sunday afternoon sightseeing on your own. Sunday evening Happy Hour followed by a potluck dinner, games, etc.

**Monday, Oct 25:** Break camp and depart.

As usual, bring your own serving pieces and drinks for the meals, and drinks and a snack to share at the Happy Hours. Please use the coupon in the back of this newsletter to sign-up for this fun weekend.

## Membership

The Florida Unit is the oldest active unit in WBCCI. We are the largest unit in Florida and still growing. There is reason for our growth and it is not necessarily because we have the best membership recruitment team (Frank and Joan Carson) in the WBCCI. A big part of the credit for our success belongs to our unit members, for their friendliness and their willingness to help others. Another reason is, we believe we run one of the best rally programs in the country for the most reasonable prices. If you are receiving this newsletter, then as a unit member you should make an effort to attend one of our rallies before the end of the year.

## Cracker Christmas Volunteer and Installation Rally

This last rally of the year is our annual Cracker Christmas Volunteer and Installation Rally; December 1 – 6, 2010 at Fort Christmas Historical Park in Christmas, FL. This is our annual rally where we help the Fort Christmas folks get ready for their biggest event of the year, and then we help them carry it out. We also install our Unit Officers for 2011 at this rally. It's great fun and we always get a good turnout.

Orange County Parks relies on us to provide staffing for the various historic homes and venues for the duration of the Cracker Christmas Festival on Saturday and Sunday. If you are coming, we ask you to please commit to staying through the end of the event on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. so that we can have adequate support for both days of activity.

The rally fee is \$15.00 per person. You will have 10 amp electric and water. There are also flush toilets. If you can only come for the weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday there is no fee. Your rally fee includes 10 meals, 3 of them dinners. Six of the meals are scheduled on the weekend, some

provided by the Park. These too are no charge if you can only come for the weekend.

Early parking will be on Tuesday, November 30. The parking committee should arrive no earlier than Monday, November 29. Our Unit dinner and Installation of Unit Officers for 2011 will be held on Thursday, December 2. Members that still belong to our Unit and the WBCCI but have no Airstreams are welcome to attend the dinner and installation; please let us know that you are coming. Day visitors are also welcome. Just provide us with advance notice, so that we will know to expect you.

We are the only group that is permitted to park overnight at Fort Christmas Historical Park. No other Airstream, Good Sam, or other RV groups are permitted to camp in this Orange County Park. On the park grounds is a completely reconstructed fort from the Second Seminole Indian War. There are also about a dozen restored Cracker homes, a school, and a 1950s house. During your stay, one of the largest craft shows in Central Florida will take place on the grounds. On Saturday and Sunday you can expect to see between 20,000 and 25,000 people in attendance.

If you have never been to one of our rallies, this is the one to come to. Because of space, our Unit members and affiliates have priority at this rally—pre-registration is a must.

Frank Carson, our rally host, invites you to come and join in on one of the best rallies around. Make your check for the rally fee payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and mail it to:

Randy Godfrey  
WBCCI Florida Unit  
2148 Auburn Lakes Dr  
Viera, FL 32944-6764

## Next Rallies

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

- Canopener 2011; January 7 – 9, 2011; Topsail Hill Preserve State Park; Destin, FL. This is not a WBCCI sponsored rally, but one of our own members, Steve Martin WBCCI #6637, hosts this annual event. Everyone makes their own

reservations at the State Park. Several of our members have been attending this event and it is always fun. More information can be found by following this link:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f288/canopener-2011-january-7th-9th-68906.html>

- Life is Good Rally; January 13 – 17, 2011; Life Enrichment Retreat Center in Fruitland Park, FL. Phil and Doris Drugge have again volunteered to host this fun event. More details 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 should change the above schedule by adding more rallies, so watch your newsletter for the latest information.

## Send In Your 2011 Dues

Please send your annual dues by October 1, 2010 so Frank can wrap up things in New Jersey and get on the road. Headquarters \$65.00, unit dues \$10.00 for a total of \$75.00. For Affiliate Members, the dues are \$10.00. Please make your check payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and send to:

Frank Carson, Treasurer  
PO Box 135  
Crosswicks, NJ 08515

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.

## The Florida Unit **STILL** Needs Your Help

There was ZERO response to last newsletter's plea for members to step up to the various jobs we have open in the Unit. This is a volunteer organization, and everyone needs to contribute to keep the Florida Unit a growing success. Please consider taking on one of the jobs that are open as discussed last month, and reprinted here:

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.

## Notes from the Membership Chairperson

**Elma Craft #9770**, WBCCI Lifetime Member, sent a nice note with her club dues. She enjoys being an Airstreamer and has enjoyed the Florida Unit activities. The members have always been friendly and helpful.

**Bill and Virginia Peterson #1381** sent a note with their dues renewal for 2010. They regret to inform the club members that they have sold their Airstream. Hopefully we can get a group together to hold a luncheon in Zepherhills. Virginia was the Florida State Rally Registrar for many years.

**Marie Chapman #9146** gave her B-van to her son. Marie found some treasures from past airstreams she owned: a set of doors, and an umbilical cord

from another one. If any one can use them contact Marie at (717) 393-0205. She will mail them to you if you pay the postage.

**Earl Trask #10168** reported that his daughter in Atlanta found a Copperhead snake in her yard. Her husband killed it, and their daughter's dissected it. They found two dead moles in the snake's stomach. Wow! I would not touch a snake dead or alive. The girls are brave. Maybe they will become biologists.

**Louise and Art Kramer #24275** long time members of the Florida Unit sent a note in early July. They wanted the members to know how much they have enjoyed participating in Florida Unit rallies and activities. Louise and Art sold their Airstream a few years ago and have remained members. Louise has enjoyed attending the Melbourne luncheon organized by Marie Moser and Susan Larose. A few weeks after Louise sent her note we received word that Art had passed away.

Arthur F. Kramer Sr., 94, of West Melbourne, died Tuesday, August 31, 2010. The funeral was held Saturday, September 4, 2010 at the Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home, in Melbourne, FL.

Louise you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss Art. He was a true gentleman. He was always so polite and courteous to everyone.

**Fred and Ruth Carey #2697** reported that their youngest son recently passed away after a struggle with Lung cancer. The membership was notified of his passing and it is asked that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Fred and Ruth would like to say thank you to every one for caring and sending cards to remember their son's passing. Fred and Ruth are long time members of WBCCI and are part of the founders of the Christmas Airstream Park at Christmas, Florida.

## Help Needed for the Florida State Rally

Looking for men and women volunteers willing to help with the stage backdrop at the February 2011 Florida State Rally. We need assistance with construction, installation, painting etc. If you will be available to help, please contact Chris or Ron Allen by September 30, 2010. For all the fun details

E-mail [ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net)  
 Phone (904) 221-5086, or  
 Mailing Address: 1633 Flintlock Ct;  
 Jacksonville, FL 32225

## Summer travels of Howard and Susan LaRose #8063

We left Palm Bay in the B-van and headed to Atlanta to visit our son and his family. Then, after five weeks at the Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground (TCPC) Airstream Park (Lot #112), we drove to the Minneapolis suburb of Chaska to visit our daughter and her family (1 yr. old grandson!). We recommend the University of Minnesota Arboretum in Chanhassen, MN. It's as interesting as Butcher Gardens on Vancouver Island.

Next we drove to Michigan's upper peninsula and toured the Escanaba Lighthouse and Museum, and then the historic town site of Fayette in the Fayette Historic State Park. In Munising, MI we took the boat cruise of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and also saw Munising Falls.



We drove on to the Seney National Wildlife Refuge (photo #2) where we saw loons and counted 52 trumpeter swans. The refuge has an excellent visitor center too.



Then we headed east to see the upper and lower Tahquamenon Falls, and then south to Straits State Park (St. Ignace, MI) for a day trip to Mackinac Island. We took the Shepler's 10 a.m. "Mighty Mac" boat ride for a close view of the Mackinac Bridge. We recommend purchasing the carriage ride tickets for an excellent narrated tour of the island. There was a historic rifle and drill team demonstration at old Ft. Mackinac.

The next day we stopped for lunch at the famous restaurant, Legs Inn, in Cross Village, MI. At Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, there were wonderful exhibits and a nice slide show at the visitor center. We drove the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive and stopped at the overlooks.

In Holland, MI we toured the Nelis Dutch Village, and then headed for the Studebaker Museum (loved it!) in South Bend, IN. Next was the RV/Motor Home Museum in Elkhart, IN where we viewed a good history of RV'ing over the last 80 years. Then we headed south back to Tennessee for the rest of the summer.

We camped in five Michigan State Parks (buy the day pass sticker). We recommend them.

## Summer Travels of Joseph and Betty Kucowski #4219

Betty and I recently attended the NASCAR race at the Pocono race track in Pocono, Pennsylvania. We

were 1 of 48 airstreams attending the race. There were Airstreamers from California to Canada attending the race. The race sponsors couldn't do anymore to make our stay more pleasurable.

We parked wagon wheel style in the infield. They supplied a large tent so we could all have breakfast together and interact during the day. There were three enjoyable races, and tickets to two races were free. The fireworks on Saturday night were the best we have ever seen. Full time security was supplied by the track.

This was the first time our Airstream has been on the road in two years because of work and family commitments. We hope to return next year and also attend more NASCAR races in the future. Go Junior!

### Sunshine List

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

**Jeanne Pickrel** has been having some thyroid problems and is seeing a specialist at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL

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](http://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.

### September 11, 2001

A day that was paid for with a very heavy price. God bless all the families and loved ones who suffered a tragic loss on that day. God bless all the men and women in uniform who defend our lives and freedom's with their lives and blood. May God bless all of the 343 Firefighters and their families who sacrificed their lives so others may live to tell the story of what happened on that day.



**Tom Moore Memorial Rally  
 WBCCI FL Unit Annual Meeting and Elections  
 October 21 – 25, 2010  
 Daytona Beach KOA  
 3520 South Nova Road  
 Port Orange, Florida 32129  
 Randy Godfrey, Rally Host**

**Directions to Campground:** From I-95 Exit 256 (Note: this is the second exit south of the main Daytona Beach exit for US-92, and one exit south of the I-4/I-95 Interchange), exit eastbound on FL-421, Dunlawton Ave. Drive east 2.2 miles to the intersection of South Nova Road. Turn left (northbound) on South Nova Road. Drive 3.2 miles. Daytona Beach KOA will be on your left (GPS Coordinates: N29.14107 W81.01294).

Your Rally Fee of \$30.00 per person includes five meals: Continental Breakfast Friday and Saturday morning, Hamburger/Hot Dog dinner with all the fixin's on Friday night, Lunch Saturday, and Breakfast Buffet with Omelet Bar on Sunday morning. The Fee also includes an eco-history pontoon boat tour of Spruce Creek on Sunday after breakfast.

There is a separate \$10.00 per night parking fee for Rally attendees that will be paid to the campground on check-in. This is for a water/electric site in the area reserved for our Unit. These are nice, shaded sites with 30 amp electric and water, very near a dump station, two restrooms with showers, and in front of the recreation hall. If desired, the campground will upgrade you to a full hook-up site if available at extra cost. The normal rates for these sites is almost three times what we are paying, so this is a great value and a cheap way to explore Daytona Beach during the free time at the rally.

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WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_; Unit Type: Trailer or Motor Home; Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap? Yes or No

Number attending Rally \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 (includes Saturday lunch) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Parking Fee of \$10.00 per night will be paid directly to the campground at check-in.)

Check here  if only attending luncheon and meeting.

Number attending only Luncheon and Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations are due by 10/15/2011 so that final headcounts can be provided to the caterers. Please call me at (321) 633-7591 if there is any problem. Make check payable to Randall Godfrey and mail with coupon to:**

**Randall Godfrey, WBCCI FL Unit; 2148 Auburn Lakes Dr.; Viera, FL 32955-6764.**

