

GOOD LIFE NEWS

At the Rally in DuQuoin

From our Delegate and First Vice President, Phil Drugge

Doris and I arrived in Du Quoin on June 23, after some 3,400 miles of travel! We left home on Memorial Day weekend and drove up to Plymouth, MA, where we stayed at the Pinewood Lodge CG. We spent about 2 1/2 weeks there, seeing old friends and enjoying the wonderful seafood that you can only get in New England. We left Plymouth on June 19 and went to Niagara Falls. Stayed there for 2 nights and went on the Maid of the Mist boat at the Falls. Great fun! Just being tourists.

On June 22, we stayed at a KOA in Benton IL, dumped the tanks, and got ready for the big show. We were only about 20 miles from the fairgrounds and made it here in short order in the morning.

Those of you who stayed home because you didn't want to camp in a cornfield missed out big time! The grounds are beautiful. Green lawns abound, we're on one, great landscaping, etc. The water and electric are rally style, but very good. We are in the Unit Presidents area. Right now there are probably about 20 of us. We are on the outside, front row on a "street corner" so to speak. Great spot. Nice breeze blowing and a real nice day. No more than a mile up the road is Walmart, Kroger, Ace Hardware, etc. There are paddocks behind us and harness racing goes on in the afternoon. We've had drivers and sulkies riding past our rig each afternoon as they exercised the horses.

I say, "three cheers" for Norm and Linda Beu. They picked a terrific spot!

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From Our President

It's all over. The St. Augustine Easter Rally has reached the end of its long run.

They say all good things must come to an end, and on Sunday, April 25, 2011 this came true. We took our flags, our memories of many wonderful times, turned out the lights, and said goodbye to St. Augustine. I, would personally like to thank Vic & Josie Smith, Frank & Joan Carson and all the unit volunteers who made the last one, one of the best.

The nominating committee is searching for someone to step forward and be our Unit Recording Secretary. If you are interested please contact me.

Thank you, and have a wonderful summer.

-Willard Pickrel

YOUR 2012 WBCCI AND FL UNIT DUES ARE DUE NOW

Please send your annual dues to Frank Carson by October 1, 2011. WBCCI \$65.00, FL Unit dues \$10.00, for a total of \$75.00. For Affiliate Members, the dues are \$10.00. Sending your dues without Frank having to send a bill saves the club a lot of money. Past Presidents of the Florida Unit before December, 2009 may choose to pay only

the WBCCI portion, as was the custom before our November and December, 2009 meetings. Please make your check payable to WBCCI Florida Unit and send to:

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A Big Welcome To Our Newest Member!

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We hope to see all our new members at a rally soon.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Florida Unit President has changed the date for the Unit Luncheon, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2012. Previously, this was scheduled to take place at our 2nd Annual Tom Moore Memorial Rally in October.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011, 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral located on International Dr. in Orlando, easy exit off of I-4. Directions will be emailed (and mailed for those without Internet) to all members 30 and 15 days before the meeting.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee, chosen by the Unit President, consist of Willard Pickrel, Frank Carson, and Vic Smith. The committee has nominated Larry Scovotto as 2nd Vice President (he accepted), Joe Conoly for Trustee (he accepted), and Vic Smith for Trustee (he accepted). We still need someone for Recording Secretary, suggestions will be appreciated. The full slate of candidates will be in the September newsletter

Traditionally the slate of officers that are presented to the members at the Annual Meeting and Elections meeting are approved by a majority vote, just like all present officers were chosen. Nominations are always accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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AT THE RALLY IN DUQUOIN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The day after we arrived, vendors were setting up, 7 new Airstreams arrived from Missouri to look at, tables were being set up and staffed by Regions, caravan leaders, etc. That night we went to the American Legion Hall for the fish fry supper. For 8 bucks, you got fish (pollack), fried chicken, baked potato, french fries, onion rings, salad, cole slaw, bread, pickles, and I don't know what all.

There were a lot of Airstreamer's there enjoying the meal. There was a good line when we arrived, but it moved along and when we left it was just as long. We sat with a couple who live in the area and had a nice chat about "stuff."

Then we went to Walmart across the street to buy a cell phone. Our's won't work here as the Sprint coverage is non-existent. \$20.00 for the phone and \$20.00 for 200 minutes. OK I guess. At least it works.

On the way back we saw the 1935 Airstream arriving. There is a handicapped fellow that owns it and he comes from Florida. You may have seen him at Sarasota in the Vintage area.

We sat out for a while, beautiful evening and I watched people walking by (some with their dogs, in case you're interested) and some who seemed lost, and gave out some directions, even though I hardly know where I am!

So, now we're back in the "tin can" for some reading, writing, and sleeping.

International next year will be in Sedalia, MO as there is a

vendor selling patches and shirts with the logo on them.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011,
DELEGATES MEETING

Another hot day in Illinois. Got up early this morning to get to the SIC building and the WBCCI Delegates Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Most people, except those who wished to be noticed, were dressed in their WBCCI finest, berets, white shirts or blouses, dark skirts or slacks and black shoes. Neckties were optional. There were 108 delegates present along with Region Officers and International Officers. Also on hand, were a number of "spectators" to watch the proceedings.

After the Opening Ceremony, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance, President Norm Beu opened the meeting. He stated the protocols for speaking and so forth.

Then there was the roll call of delegates. Essentially finding out what Units were NOT there. I think there were 17 out of 125 Units absent.

President Norm Beu gave his report, mostly thank you's and so on. No "State of the Club" remarks which I thought would have been appropriate, but I'm only a rookie.

There was no correspondence, the reading of last year's minutes was waived, and the Treasurer couldn't really give a report, because the Fiscal year was not over. He did say however, that the Rally and the WBCCI would finish this year

in the black. That certainly is a compliment to all the Regional and International Officers.

Next up was the Election of the International Officers, a lengthy procedure. Past President Tom Collier gave the Nominating Committee Report and presented the slate of Officers for the 2011 - 2012 year.

After some discussion and the opening and closing of nominations from the floor (there were none), the slate of officers was declared elected without polling the delegates as provided for in our Constitution.

The officers elected were:
President: Barry Heckenswiler
1st VP: Don Clark
2nd VP: John Boutwell
3rd VP: John Stumpf
Rec. Sec.: Jo Jugel
Treasurer: June Ryan
Nom. Comm.: Kerry Mattila and William Johnjulia

President Beu then stated that there would be no vote this year on amending the Constitution as the membership needed time to review the matter and provide input into the proposed changes. There was no discussion.

There was no Unfinished Business to be discussed.

For New Business, a motion was presented by C.C. Gartman, Region 9 President, concerning the listing of all qualified International Officer Candidates information, i.e., resumes, and inserting them in the April Blue Beret. After some orderly and intelligent discussion, the Amendment was

adopted by the Delegates. A roll call vote was taken and each Delegate present voted for his or her Unit. I voted all the Florida Unit's 65 votes for this motion as it was and is my opinion that the motion was for the good of the Club. The motion passed unanimously, receiving over 4,000 yeas votes.

There being no further business, the meeting was ad-

joined by President Beu. Delegates were asked to be back in 20 minutes for the start of a seminar that would address the proposed revisions to the WBCCI Constitution.

I was impressed by how orderly and effectively the meeting was carried out. The International Officers had obviously done their homework. The Delegates conducted themselves

professionally. I have attended other club and fraternal meetings of this nature and the WBCCI is certainly on a par with other organizations of this type.

-Phil

ON THE ROAD WITH HOWARD & SUSAN LAROSE

We left Palm Bay the last week of April and headed to the Tennessee Airstream Park (TCPC). We were delighted when George & Pam Millis stopped by on their way to Alaska. One day we took them to Fall Creek Falls State Park to see waterfalls, the visitor center, and Buzzard's Roost. Another day we had lunch at the Cumberland Mountain State Park restaurant, and then we toured the Homestead Tower and Museum, and the historic Homestead House.

In late May, we headed north in the B-Van to Apple Valley, Minnesota, to meet our new granddaughter Kate, born March 7, and to spend time with her brother Ethan, age 2.

We then drove to South Dakota's Badlands (new, very informative visitor center), Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, and historic Deadwood. We discovered a hidden jewel, Spearfish Canyon, a beautiful 13 mile drive (one way) with three thundering waterfalls.

Devil's Tower was next and we hiked around the base. In Cody, Wyoming, we toured the Buffalo Bill Historic Center, actually five museums in one, and referred to as "The Smithsonian of the West." We drove west into Shoshone Canyon and the east

Yellowstone Park entrance. Yellowstone and the Great Tetons had double the usual amount of snow and most of it had not melted. The Teton Range reminded us of the mountains in Alaska and British Columbia—breathtaking. Moose Junction has a huge new visitor center, and when the video ends, the drapes open for a view of the snow-covered mountains. For you birders, there were 15 white pelicans below Jackson Dam. Jackson Hole is our favorite place in the US.

Heading back east, we enjoyed the mountain man rendezvous at Ft. Laramie. Re-enactors authentically portrayed an 1836 fur trade camp. Next was the fur trade museum in Chadron, Nebraska, and then the Atka Lakota Museum in Chamberlain, South Dakota, where a time line showed the history of the Plains Indians (good exhibits too). Nearby we toured the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center on I-90.

Our last stop was in Apple Valley enjoying the grandkids again. We are now back at the Tennessee Airstream Park until mid-September. If any of you are nearby, send us an e-mail and we'll make plans to show you around this area.

-Howard and Susan

SILVERCABIN ROLLING

SilverCabin is rolling for the summer again. In case you don't know who that is, SilverCabin is your newsletter editor's online handle and you can read my travel blog on my website www.silvercabin.net.

Pat and I are currently in the Minneapolis Southeast KOA. We have been here since July 1st, to visit the area and avoid the camping rush over the 4th of July.

We left Florida on June 20 and are en-route to Sioux Falls, SD where we will rendezvous with the WBCCI Northern Experience Caravan. So far we have had stopovers in Childersburg, AL to wait out some severe weather, but we discovered a Blue Bell Creamery with ice cream at 50¢ a scoop. Nashville, TN where we had a great Bluegrass band play in the campground. Springfield, IL where we saw President Lincoln's

home and his Presidential Museum. Rock Island, IL where we discovered a very interesting museum on the Rock Island Arsenal, and the John Deere Pavilion in the city. And now, Minneapolis, home of the Mall of America.

The caravan will take us north into Manitoba, Canada. We will drive until the road ends and then take a plane to Churchill on the Hudson Bay. From Churchill, we will return to our Airstreams, and then drive south to Winnipeg and the caravan end. We will make our way back home from there, and should be back in Florida by September 1st.

I published this newsletter while sitting in a Starbucks waiting on the truck to be serviced for the rest of the trip. Thanks to all contributors for emailing me the articles.

-Randy Godfrey

SECOND ANNUAL TOM MOORE MEMORIAL RALLY

Plans are coming together for our second annual Tom Moore Memorial rally at the Daytona Beach KOA in Port Orange, FL. The rally is Thursday through Monday, October 20 - 24, 2011.

This will be a very casual rally, no meetings, just fun, fellowship, and adventure. We'll have some group meals, happy hours, and there is plenty to see and do in the Daytona area. If you want to do a slide show of your summer travels for us one evening, a digital projector will be provided.

More details will be in our September newsletter, but if you have any suggestions, or would like to sponsor an activity, please let Randy Godfrey, Phil Drugge, or Ron Allen know. Contact information is in the box on page 2.

ST. AUGUSTINE EASTER RALLY ENDS

As reported by Vic Smith in our last newsletter, the 2011 St. Augustine Easter Rally was the

last. You may recall that it almost didn't happen this year because of problems with St. Johns County who manages the rally site.

A poll taken of the FL Unit members present at the Easter Rally found no one willing to take the Director's job for 2012. In addition, due to an error at the fairgrounds, another event was scheduled for "our week," the week before Easter.

This National Special Event rally has been sponsored by our Unit for many years and has been very successful in getting WBCCI International attention for the Florida Unit. It's sad to accept the fact that it is over, but then the club and events are evolving. We need to be thinking as a Unit if there is an alternative that we might want to sponsor in the future, and a management structure that doesn't place all the burden on a single individual. This is a good topic for a Unit meeting.

NEW WINTER ADDRESS FOR THE CARSONS

By the time you read this Frank and Joan will be at their New Jersey home for the summer. When they return to Florida in the fall, they will be at this new address. Please make the changes in your rosters.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS IS 8/25/2011

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the September 2011 edition of our newsletter by August 25, 2011. All news and items of interest to members of our Unit are welcome.

Items can be accepted in any format by email at: rgodfrey@cfl.rr.com, or by mail at the following address:

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SUNSHINE LIST

Joe McMillan had a pace-maker inserted and is doing well. By the time you read this Joe & Ellen should be in Ohio.

Earl Trask was in the hospital for surgery, he is also doing very well. By the time you read he should be in New Hampshire.

Please keep Brandy Shinnamon in your prayers. A new member. She has been under going treatment for cancer and is not doing well.

NOTES FROM INTERNATIONAL

Our International President, Norm Beu, writes:

“Friends, I have received sufficient feedback from some of you and from individual members at rallies which makes it necessary for me to markedly change the processing of the proposed Constitutional Revision. It is currently on the agenda for the Delegates’ Meeting, June 30, at the International Convention/ Rally. Only one month has passed since the proposed Constitutional Revision was distributed to our Units. In retrospect, it was unreasonable to expect all Units to have scheduled business meetings, understand the Proposal, and vote on each of the Articles. Due to the pressures of time, the

Executive Committee established an unrealistic schedule for our Units. It was an easy trap to fall into, with only one Delegates’ Meeting each year. Nevertheless, if revising the Club Constitution is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

“I profoundly appreciate the work done by the Revision Committee. This Committee of five has much time invested in the Proposal during the prior ten months. I sincerely value the alternative ideas as well, some of which have been expressed to me very passionately. Throughout the Membership there is much concern for the future of our Club. If nothing else, work done so far now has members (who are interested in Club governance) talking about what we want for a Constitution.

“My judgement is that the membership is not prepared to make decisions at this time, and that they want an additional year for consideration. Therefore, I will not make the motion concerning the proposed Revision during the next Delegates’ Meeting. Barry Heckenswiler has indicated that he will place the proposal on the 2012 Delegates’ agenda so that members’ discussions can continue. My intention is to solicit discussion at a Delegates’ Seminar. Those Units who do have prepared amendments to the proposed Revision are encouraged to present them. Other members with ideas and comments may present those as well. This will provide all members with additional material for dis-

cussion without the formality of a business meeting.

“I ask that you advise your Region Officers and Unit Presidents that the proposed Constitutional Revision will be discussed during a Delegates’ Seminar, but not voted on during the Delegates’ Meeting as originally scheduled.”

2011 Calendar

NOTE CHANGE BELOW

January 8
Unit Luncheon; Melbourne, FL

January 13 – 17
Life is Good Rally; Fruitland Park, FL

February 15 – 20
Florida State Rally; Sarasota, FL

February 16
Unit Luncheon; Sarasota, FL

March 16 – 21
Bluegrass Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

April 19 – 25
St. Augustine Easter Rally; Elkton, FL

June 28 – July 4
54th International Rally; Du Quoin, IL

October 20 – 24
2nd Annual Tom Moore Memorial Rally; Port Orange, FL

November 5, 11:30 a.m.
Unit Luncheon, Annual Meeting & Elections; Golden Corral; International Dr.; Orlando, FL

November 29 – December 5
Cracker Christmas Rally; Ft. Christmas, FL

December 1
Unit Dinner, Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2012; Ft. Christmas, FL