

FUN TIMES

SOUTH FLORIDA UNIT #30

Wally Byam Caravan Club International

September / October 2014



“Just Not In My Rocking Chair”

Wally Byam had a saying which has stayed with me: “Any place, anywhere, just not in my rocking chair!” (I may not have that exactly right, but that’s close to what he said.) In that spirit, Eileen and I have been “on the road” since Easter Tuesday. It’s now September 15 and we are a good week into the “Watch It Made” caravan which began in Bowling Green, Kentucky and will end near Philadelphia on October 5. It has been an interesting and at times an exciting four plus months in our “rolling roomette”... We will have been on two caravans (Springtime in Kentucky -- April/May -- and the present one), spent time with our youngest daughter and family in Kansas City area, attended Gillette Rally, enjoyed Cheyenne Frontier Days with its grand parades, rodeos, Indian performances, pancake breakfast for 8,000 people, etc., stayed in Corps of Engineer Campgrounds, attended Cardinals games in St. Louis, stayed at Indiana Dunes State Park on Lake Michigan, explored Shippshewana and its quaint Amish and Mennonite community, reunited after 49 years with an extremely successful businessman in Fort Wayne, Indiana, whom we took into our home as a 14 year old boy whose family disintegrated while I was on my internship at a Lutheran parish (You gotta hear this story!), visited with a couple I united in marriage 25 years ago in the Palm Beaches, and have met so many new folks on these caravans and Rally – and have become the nominee for First Vice-President for Region 3, a genuine surprise but a great opportunity to grow even more within the Airstream family... So what’s my point? Get out and go! As Wally would say, go see what’s around the next bend in the road... Which leads me to remind you all about our “Installation Rally” November 6-12. We are staying at John Prince Park and have planned lots of exciting things to see and do. Tony Laurie will be installed as our new president so we want everyone to be there to show their support. Eileen and I will also have everyone at our home for an "around the pool" dinner. You will also see some wonderful sights in and around the Palm Beaches! There’s lots of history there!

So get out and let’s go! Eileen and I will have been traveling for six months by the time we get home. And we are planning our next trip as we make our way down the Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge Parkway with a short stop in York, SC to visit my sister. And start making plans to GO...GO...GO!

By the way, the Region3 Rally will be held next spring in Charleston, SC. The tentative dates are April 29-May 3. And don’t forget Alumaflamingo in Sarasota February 24 thru March 2, 2015.

See ya down the road!



John and Eileen Frerking
President and First Lady, South Florida Unit, WBCCI



A Florida State Park in the morning

Membership Reminder

Annual Renewal Was Due: September 15, 2014

Renewing in September will insure that your names will be published in next year's **Blue Beret Membership Edition**

International \$65.

Unit 30 Dues: \$10. (Member or Affiliate)

Total \$75.

Checks are made payable to **WBCCI South Florida Unit 30**
Include your name, member number and email address.

Please mail to: Susan Quintana, 504 Taylor Rd. E., Deland, FL 32724

Direct any questions to Susan at: quin1427@aol.com

November Installation Rally Daily Activities

WBCCI SOUTH FLORIDA - UNIT 30 RALLY John Prince Park November 6-12, 2014

Thursday – November 6

3-5:00 p.m. Set up
5:30 – Happy Hour
6:00 – Dinner – spaghetti

Friday – November 7

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast
9:30 – Leave for tour of Norton Museum and Gardens
Lunch at museum café
1:00 – Visit and brief tour of Breakers Hotel and walk along intracoastal and beach
5:30 Happy Hour and Potluck

Saturday – November 8

8:00 – Full Breakfast
9:30 – leave for tour of Flagler Museum
11:30 a.m. – brief tour of St. Edwards Catholic Church – home church of President Kennedy
12:00 – lunch at Greene’s Pharmacy
1:30 p.m. – bicycle ride along bike trail to see Palm Beach backyards
3:30 - leave for Frerkings for relaxation, happy hour and supper

Sunday – November 9

8:00 – continental breakfast
10:15 – leave for 11:00 am service, tour and picnic lunch at Bethesda by the Sea Church
Afternoon schedule:
CityPlace – stores, IMAX theater, coffee, strolling
6:00 – Happy Hour – Soup supper and dessert

Monday – November 10

8:00 – breakfast
10:00 – leave for Worth Avenue shopping, browsing, vias, etc
Tour of the Glades -
Dinner and Installation

Tuesday – November 11 – Veterans’ Day

8:00 – breakfast
Observance of Veteran’s Day - location TBA
Lunch on your own
3:30 RV Safety Seminar
5:00 - Board/Members Meeting
6:00 – Cookout – bring your own meat and a side dish – dessert provide

Registration Form -- Installation Rally

“Palm Beach Sampler -- A Unique Piece of Paradise ”

November 6-12, 2014

John Prince Park, Lake Worth, Florida

Tony Laurie will make all reservations with the park. Contact him NOW at tony@ajlaurie.com 954-971-8802

Name: _____ # of persons _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Unit type: _____ Length: _____

Campground fee to be paid directly to John Prince Park upon arrival at check in:

\$35.52 X 6 nights = \$213.12 The 7th night is FREE if you wish to stay.

Check in time is 1pm and check out time is 11am

Rally Fee \$66.00/person Payable to Susan = _____

Make checks payable to: Susan Quintana
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Deland, Florida 32724-7821
Email: quin1427@aol.com

November Installation Rally

John Prince Park, 4759 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth, FL. 33461
November 6-12, 2014

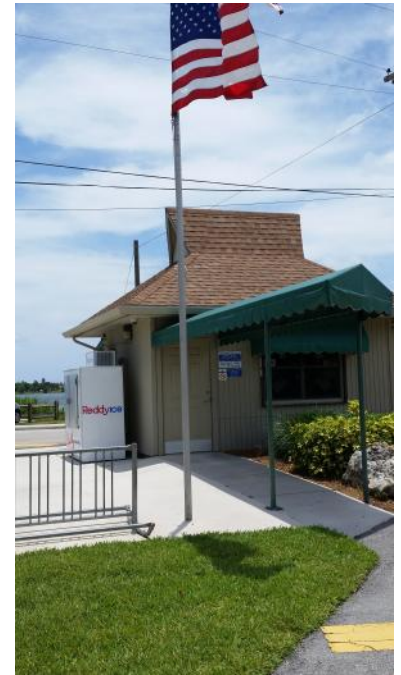
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On June 4th Donna & I visited John Prince Park and talked with the reservations manager. They require that one person make the reservations for all attending. Upon arrival each unit member will pay directly to John Prince Park for their site. We are scheduled for six nights at \$35.52 per night. If you wish to stay one more night, it will be free. Just mention you will be staying 7 nights at check in. All of our sites will be Lakefront with full service. After check in I will assign your site on Lake Osborne.

Looking forward to another fun rally!
Tony

PS: I will need your trailer or coach length and number of people attending.



Stop at Office to Check In

Current members signed up:

Tony & Donna Laurie
John & Eileen Frerking
Tom & Sissy Towsley
Sue Quintana
Max & Myra Joseph
Bob & Gay Konnagan

Charlie & Jane May
John & Katharina Spalding
Caroline Zimmer-Stone



UPCOMING RALLIES 2014 - 2015

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January 7-10, 2015 Celebration Rally at Morningside RV Estates, 12645 Morning Drive, Dade City, FL 33525 Call or email Tony Laurie at 954-971-8802 to reserve a site. Come join us and raise some cane. We will attend a raising cane & syrup tasting festival at Pioneer Florida Museum and Village. We will also tour a kumquat factory and gift shop and discover what kumquats are. We will be going out to dinner to celebrate our unit's 50th anniversary!!! Other activities and meals are in the planning stages. <http://www.morningsidervestates.com/location.php>

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With the Florida Suncoast Unit #129

Call or go online today to reserve your campsite at Highlands Hammock State Park before they are all booked! 850-245-2157. Try to book a site in the center of the park.

Highlands Hammock campground map download & Reservations:
http://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/map_of_Highlands_Hammock_Sp/r/campgroundMap.do?page=map&search=site&contractCode=FL&parkId=281036

June 26 - July 4, 2015 58th International Convention/Rally
Farmington, New Mexico

Convention/Rally Fees for registrations received **prior to January 1, 2015**, will be **\$425** for couples, **\$350** for singles, and **\$125** for each additional adult. **Convention/Rally fees for the first 575 to register include 30 amp electricity, water and regular pump outs** (No 3 amp electricity or generator section available).

<http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2015-farmington-nm>

Complete information about our rally events, registration and daily details can be found on our South Florida Unit webpage. >>> <http://southflorida.wbcci.net/>

Note: Rallies extend thru the last day— Departure is the day following the rally.

Member News



Alaska Caravan

We have arrived back in the lower 48 as its said. The sights we saw were unbelievable..

Bill & Beth Racavich



An Orchid That Looks Like A Ballerina



Flying Duck Orchid (Caleana Major)

NATURE IS AMAZING & ASTONISHING....

Submitted by Max Joseph

Editor's Note: I know that many of our members are on caravans at this time. Please take a few seconds and snap a few photos of your interesting locations and send them to me for this page.



President's Corner

I spend a lot of time thinking about our club. **Why are we here?** What value can we add to make it worth while for Airstream owners to dig deep in their pockets each year and fund our existence? There are things we do to justify their support. We offer a magazine and a few other benefits, but more importantly we are here to hold together a network of like-minded Airstream owners. We encourage and facilitate a variety of functions, which provide social opportunities, fun and exciting activities. We provide opportunities for enrichment of life by helping to meet the needs of Airstream owners for balance in their lives. Especially for those of us who are retired, but for those who work as well, we need an avenue to find that balance through contribution.

How great to find a little time for reflection and contemplation, time to be with ourselves and savor our very existence. To watch the sunrise over a mountain lake, while enjoying a cup of coffee in solitude from our Airstream, then later to enjoy a few chips and a glass of wine with friends while chatting about nothing special, just to be alive and enjoy the process. But is this enough? As great as participating in rallies and caravans can be; as much as we value the sense of community, we are still left with the nagging realization that life is supposed to be about more. The richly lived life is about balance.

Balance is a hugely important factor in happiness; a time to work, a time to rest, a time to selfishly grasp and suck all of the good out of life, and a time to selflessly give back. We all have different situations, and different demands are made on our lives. We have varied abilities and interests. But for all of us I know that a very well-balanced life will include some level of contribution. To be truly happy, there must be a balance of taking and giving back. WBCCI is an organization that exists to contribute to the lives of Airstream owners by providing them with RV and social opportunities. Throughout its 50 years of existence, it has done this with a constant stream of willing volunteers; members who selflessly give of their time, and their energies, to help improve the lives of others. Now in our busy world, there are fewer people who want to take on these responsibilities. Units can't find willing volunteers to fill offices, the quality and numbers of our activities decline because no one will accept the responsibility of hosting. At all levels of our organization there is a problem finding willing and capable volunteers; volunteerism isn't dead at WBCCI, however it most certainly is sick.

This is unfortunate for a couple of reasons. In part because we lose the ability to do the very thing we exist to do. That is improving the lives of club members by providing opportunities for them to enjoy their Airstream in the company of like-minded Airstream owners. Equally sad is the fact that members lose the opportunity to find balance in their lives, to fulfill their need to be of value, to do something worthwhile, to make a contribution. I want to encourage you for the good of the club, but also for your own happiness, to find a way to make your Unit, Region and International club better at its primary reason for existence. Look for a job, work for your unit and friends to make this club a continuing success, you will be glad you did.

Joe



From the Desk of the President...

A Few Notes for Region 3

I hope your summer has been an enjoyable one. Summer is winding down and school is back in session. Beth and I have been quite busy since returning from Gillette and I have a great deal to share; almost all is good news. Let me start by telling you that Joe and Sandy Perryman are working hard to implement many improvements for the club. Their positive attitude and willingness to work for the future of the club are absolutely moving our club in the right direction.

Speaking of moving in the right direction, Jay Thompson and I have been very successful finding qualified and enthusiastic candidates to fill the open Region 3 positions. We had help from several of you who recommended excellent folks. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find biographies for John Frerking (South Florida Unit), candidate for 1st Vice President and John Leake (Palmetto Unit) candidate for 2nd Vice President. In addition, we have another outstanding candidate interested in being nominated for 2nd Vice President in 2016! I am confident that the largest region in the WBCCI will have a most talented crew on board in a few weeks. I would be remiss if I failed to thank two other very talented and hard working members of the team. Jay Thompson has agreed to serve on the Region 3 Executive Committee as a very active President Emeritus and Dick Martiny will continue in his role as Membership Chairman.

As fall approaches, our calendar is nearly full, but we are already working on plans for winter and spring. Region 3 will again have building at Alumaflamingo. I have asked John Frerking to put together a list activities and volunteers to run them. The event organizers have invited us to hold all the activities we have traditionally held in Sarasota. Those can certainly include unit gatherings and games, but may also include any new activities you would like to suggest. We will also be holding a Region 3 Board Meeting at Alumaflamingo. This will give me a chance to communicate directly with representatives from your units regarding information from the Mid-Winter IBT. The Region 3 meeting will be open to all and you do NOT need to pay to attend Alumaflamingo to attend this meeting. If you would like to attend the event, go to www.Alumaflamingo.com

Recently, Beth and I were near Charleston, SC discussing the 2015 Region 3 Rally. We have not yet signed a contract, but we have reserved the dates. We plan to hold the rally at Exchange Park in Ladson (www.exchangepark.org) from April 29 - May 3. Plan to attend the rally, see the sites and enjoy Charleston. For those able to arrive early or stay after the rally, there are several nice parks near Charleston, where you can see more! Many of you will remember this facility from 2010. I will provide more details as they become available.

Finally, you may notice a different look to the Region 3 Newsletter. Pat King has agreed to be our Newsletter Editor. I want to thank her for agreeing to perform this important task. I know we will all benefit from her work.

See you down the road!
Matt and Beth

To see complete newsletter go to:
http://region3.wbcci.net/files/2012/10/Sep_2014_Happenings.pdf

WBCCI News

As you can see in the attached e-mail, the Executive Committee has been successful in their search for a new Club Manager. She appears to be an excellent choice. You may share this information with your membership. To the extent possible, please attempt to resolve or solve any issues or questions your members may have; minimizing the load on the club office staff at this time.

Thanks,

Matt

Team,

We posted the position of Corporate Manager on Monster.com, Craigslist and in local papers and received 50 resumes. The EC reviewed them all and picked a top 7. I did an initial face to face interview and eliminated 3. Because the individual will report to myself, Jim and Richard over the next three years, we elected to do 3 one on one interviews, which they conducted by phone after my first interview. Out of the full list of 50 applicants, all three of us selected the same front runner, Lori Plummer. She has 13 years experience in managerial positions. She has been the Executive Director of the Logan County Humane Society in Bellefontaine since November, 2007. She was also the office manager of Exterior Systems, Inc. in Plain City, Oh for six years. She has extensive experience with QuickBooks being a certified QuickBooks Pro advisor. She also has a background with other computer data processing systems. In fact, when I called to talk to her, she said she had been doing online tutorials in FileMaker. She will be in the office to meet the other ladies

Since Lori will be new to her position and the other ladies (Tara) are not up to speed on the job, please refrain as much as possible from contacting them for a few weeks until they get their feet more firmly planted. Also, please answer any questions from your units yourself, if possible. I realize you may need to contact HQ on occasion but please do not call just to talk.

Joe



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Barbara Grimes	24
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Joe Bova	3
Fran Perrucci	4
Bernice Richardson	10

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Marilyn & James Ulmer	5
Thea & Joe Bova	15



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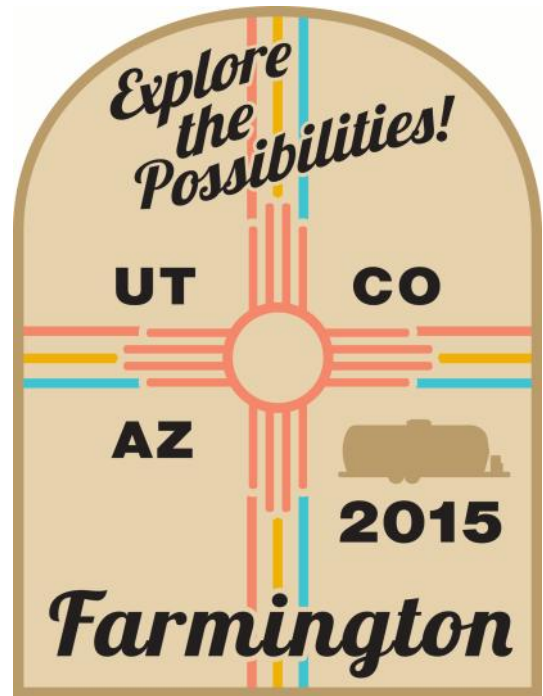
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