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Letter from the President



Pete Daniels

Happy New Year! Wow, where does the time go? Christmas came and went so fast I still can't seem to get everything put away. The cold air has fallen upon most of us in the North and Northeast making me realize that sporadic 70 degree days are no longer a reality. Now its time to plan for them to come back! ***The DC Unit has a great slate of rallies scheduled this year*** along with a not to be missed caravan, "The Crooked Road" led by our own, Mr. Garnett Horner.

Its almost time to be thinking about fixing all those little things that need to be done on your Airstream so you can be ready for spring. Believe me, I need to start now, as my list grew longer when friends from Canada recently, and one of them pulled my couch apart in my 34ft Party Barge to get to my converter. Well, you can now get to the converter, but they left and headed back to Canada. Right, they left and left my couch out and converter still broken. I guess that was better than the last Christmas visit (2006), for 2 weeks when we replaced both their axles on their Argosy and then they left. Yep, they left and left their old axles in my backyard. Its really not that bad, see , this year when they came back, (2007) they picked up the old axles and hauled them away. Those Canadians are sure really fun people, but they sure have a strange way of doing things! I hope I don't have to wait until this Christmas

(2008) to get my couch put back together.....

Be sure to check our website, www.WashingtonDCUnit.Org and view the upcoming events. Registration forms will be posted for each rally or caravan as soon as the host is ready to take reservations. With that said, **The 2008 CBR (Cherry Blossom Rally) April 10-13th 2008 registration forms are on our website and ready for you to fill out, print and mail to Danee and Kim Alaniz.** Get yours in now before this one is full! This will be the 8th CBR Rally held by the DC Unit. The rally schedule should be posted by the time you receive this newsletter. Co-Host Danee and Kim Alaniz have an awesome entertainment line up for all ages and weather permitting we will hear the music of Lance Manley Band. (www.LanceManley.Com)

Since this is our 8th Anniversary of the CBR, I think its time to give something back to the communities that we visit. I propose that we start this year off with something that's badly needed and easy for us as a unit to handle. Hunger is a horrible thing for families to endure. Especially children. This is one thing we can do to help people that are not as fortunate as we are.

Food is something most of us take for granted, but for many, it's a luxury they cannot afford. I challenge each rally attendee to bring donations of the following food to the CBR to donate to our first local food drive!

The "WBCCI - Washington DC Unit CBR Food Bank Drive"

MOST NEEDED FOODS INCLUDE:

- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham • Chili • Soups and stews • Canned fruits and vegetables • Canned and packaged beans • Pasta, macaroni and cheese
- Rice • Peanut butter (plastic jars) • Canned juices • Canned baby food (no jars) • Canned evaporated skim milk • Cereals (hot and cold) • Personal hygiene articles
- Home cleaning products

Help us make a difference in someone's life by providing a well needed meal.

The local food bank will be contacted and a pick up will be scheduled on site during the rally! So lets bring a load!

If you are going to the **Region 2 Rally " A Canadian Holiday" May 22- May 27th 2008.** You better sign up quick! The rally is limited to 150 rigs! (Visit www.washingtonDCUnit.Org to download the registration form.. Each unit in Region 2 participates in putting on the rally and we need a few people that are going, to help do our part if you can. Our Canadian neighbors are fantastic people and loads of fun to be around. (Plus they have great beer too) It would be nice to see the Washington DC Unit represented well at this region rally. **Please contact me if you can help out at the rally. My email is pete@UltimateCycle.Net**

"Airstreams to Big Sky Country 2008 International Rally"

(I will be unable to make International this year and our unit will need help on the following)

Flag Ceremony - someone to carry our flag in during opening ceremony.

Bulletin Board - There is a contest for these and most importantly it's a great communication device for all members to get in touch with you or post messages to each other and events. This will need to be in place the day before opening ceremonies. If you would like to join the committee that handles the boards, you can receive free early parking at the International Rally! If you would like to join this committee, please email Ann and Bob Turnbull, annturn@aol.com to sign up.

Please let me know if you are available and willing to participate in the opening ceremonies by carrying our unit flag or put our bulletin board up. Contact pete@UltimateCycle.Net


There are also 2 other events that are not DC Unit rallies, but I feel you should know about, as they both offer excellent surroundings and great people. Lets face it, not everyone can make it to the International this year, so there are still Airstream related events you can attend and not be left out in the cold. These events by no means are intended to deter members from going to the WBCCI 51st International, nor conflict with, but to inform members of events on the east coast that will be occurring if they cannot make the trip to Bozeman.

The "**East Coast VAC Rally**" will be held during the dates of "**June 19, 2008-June 23, 2008**" which is a Thurs-Monday. The rally will be held at the "KOA" in "Staunton, Virginia". Staunton, Virginia is located off I-81 between I-66 & I-64 in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. The Vintage Airstream Club is an intra-club of the WBCCI. The host will be WDCU Past Presidents Wayne Moore, Paul Waddell and WDCU 1st VP Rob Baker. You can visit www.Airstream.Net for more information. You can also join the VAC intra-club from their website as well.

Our WDCU Past President Bill Jacobs will be having a Non-WBCCI event in West Virginia the following weekend 65 miles from the VAC East Coast Rally.

June 28 to July 5. Please contact Bill Jacobs by email bjacobs1@citlink.net . This astronomy event is held at the radio observatory in Green Bank, WV.

Many thanks to Sonia and Jerry McConnell and Danee and Kim Alaniz for hosting their first rallies! And Garnett Horner for leading a caravan this year. There is no limit on the amount or location of rallies our unit can hold. If you know a great place, why not host a rally. There are many veterans that are willing to help you make it happen. Please contact me with any suggestions and we will get it on the books for 2008 or 2009!



Thank you for taking time to reading our newsletter.

Get out and see the world in your Airstream. It's truly a great place.

All the best,
Pete Daniel
WBCCI # 3592

CARAVAN OF VIRGINIA PRESIDENTS - 2007

By Mary-Lou Gatward

September 2007 WDCU had a unit caravan; the theme was Presidents born in Virginia. The caravan was led by Margaret Natof and her official driver/photographer, Stuart.

The caravan started in Westmoreland on September 12. Where 6 of the 8 trailers met Stuart & Margaret Natof (Maryland), John & Esther Dona (Buffalo), John & Ann DiBella (Virginia), Wayne & Linda Moore (New Hampshire), Bill & Pat Herzing (Florida) and Dave & Mary-Lou Gatward (Ontario).

Day 1 – Toured George Washington's birth place and we were given an interesting spinning and weaving demonstration. We lunched at Stratford Hall then toured Robert E. Lee's Plantation (not part of the official tour). John Gilliland and Harley Muse live in Westmoreland and invited us all over for Happy Hour. John and Harley have a beautiful view of the Potomac from their patio. Did you know that the Muse family were neighbours of the Washington's when George was born?

Day 2 – Travelled to Lanexa. We met up with the final 2 trailers on our caravan, Bert & Dot Kalet and Mike, Cindy, Jacob and Cate Kalet (North Carolina). Toured the Benjamin Harris Plantation - Berkeley Plantation, which is on the James River. Then we drove by Sherwood Forest Plantation John Tyler birthplace.

Day 3 – Travelled to Powatan. After setting up camp, we all drove into Richmond where Margaret & Pete Daniels had organized a dinner and speaker at the Willow Oaks Country Club. Dinner was excellent then we were treated to a verbal rendition of the adventures of a young George Washington by author William Clotworthy. When Margaret was researching the Caravan of Presidents she used the book - *Homes and Libraries of the Presidents* which was also written by Clotworthy.

Day 4 – A chartered bus took us from the campground to Richmond. Our tour guide Frank showed us a condensed version of the history of Richmond. What a beautiful interesting city, I think we would all love to go back and visit Richmond again in the future. We toured the White house of the Confederacy and the Hollywood cemetery, and then we took a boat down the canal.

Day 5 – Travel day. Drove to Charlottesville, the campground has a great community hall so in airstream fashion we had an impromptu potluck supper. We also celebrated Jacob Kalet's 10th birthday.

Day 6 – Toured Thomas Jefferson's Montecello. Wow what an interesting and beautiful place. There we had tours of the house and the ground. Thomas Jefferson had interest in many things, he conducted extensive horticultural experiments. Jefferson founded the University of Virginia, which you can see from Montecello.

For lunch some of us ate at Michie Tavern with all you can eat fried chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy – mmm mmm good.

Day 7 - Tour of James Munro's home Ash Lawn-Highland and James Madison's plantation Montpelier. Montpelier is being reconstructed and will look beautiful in a few years time. The vista from the front of the house is outstanding. Also saw the Zachary Taylor birthplace marker. That night Cindy & Mike Kalet prepared a feast for all of us to enjoy. Then we enjoyed a campfire.

Day 8 – The Kalet family left the caravan to travel back home, the rest of us travelled to Staunton. Once camp was setup, the women went off in search of quilting material and the men enjoyed the camp's hot tub. We had pot luck and roasted wieners over the camp fire.

Day 9 – Toured the Woodrow Wilson birthplace and Library. Then we had a nice lunch out, enjoying corn bread and pecan pie. When we arrived back at camp other unit members started arriving for a weekend rally.

All in all this was a great caravan. The weather was good. The Virginia roads were excellent. We all learned a little more and we enjoyed each others company. Kudos to Margaret who did a fantastic job of organizing the caravan what a great time we had. Also thanks to Stuart who managed to get a group photo in front of every home or marker.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT – YR END DECEMBER 2007

Membership Report-January 2008

Reflecting on membership for this past year has been an interesting exercise. I decided to see exactly where our members are coming from and I'm sure you will find the answers interesting.

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| Alabama | 1 | California | 6 | Colorado | 1 | Connecticut | 1 |
| Delaware | 1 | Florida | 4 | Georgia | 3 | Iowa | 1 |
| Idaho | 1 | Illinois | 1 | Louisiana | 1 | Massachusetts | 1 |
| Maryland | 12 | Maine | 2 | Michigan | 7 | Missouri | 2 |
| North Carolina | 4 | New Hampshire | 2 | New Jersey | 6 | New Mexico | 2 |
| Nevada | 2 | New York | 9 | Ohio | 1 | Oklahoma | 1 |
| Oregon | 1 | Pennsylvania | 17 | Rhode Island | 1 | South Dakota | 1 |
| Tennessee | 4 | Texas | 7 | Virginia | 16 | Vermont | 5 |
| Washington | 3 | Wisconsin | 1 | W. Virginia | 2 | Canada | 5 |

Looking at this breakdown, we should be having more rallies in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey. BUT, how about simultaneous rallies in California, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas? Hey, even Washington, someone will come. This is what makes us different from other units, the diversity of location.

One of the questions asked when I send back the welcome letter is, "Would you like to co-host a rally in your area?" Well would you? Please contact our president, Pete Daniel he will be glad to put you on the schedule and help find a co-host.

We would like to welcome **Robert and Marilyn Robertson from Huntsville, Alabama and Mark Perfetto of West Chester, Pennsylvania** as new members. We hope you will enjoy WDCU and thank you for putting our membership to over 130.

Carlos Sanchez of Bensalem, Pa. Is selling is trailer. If you are interested, please contact him at tito5825@comcast.net.

Happy New Year everyone. Ask a camping friend to come to a rally with you in 2008.

Star Grover, Membership Chair & 2nd VP

2008 Rally Schedule

Cherry Blossom Rally

Rogers Farm, MD
April 10-13, 2008
Host: Kim & Danee Alaniz
Help: Doug & Terri Rowbottom
Contact: pete@consultadc.com
www.WashingtonDCUnit.Org

2008 Region 2 Rally

Almonte, Ontario
May 22-26, 2008
Contact: www.wbcc.org

Dave Morrison & Pete Daniel's Excellent Adventure

Joint Rally Watchung and Washington DC Units
Crawfish Fest 2008
May 30 - June 1, 2008
Sussex County Fairgrounds - Augusta, NJ
Contact: pete@consultadc.com
www.WashingtonDCUnit.Org

East Coast VAC Rally

June 19 – June 23, 2008 (Thurs – Monday)
Staunton KOA, Staunton, VA (See info below)
Paul Waddell – balloon@rideair.com

51st International Rally

June 28 - July 4, 2008
Bozeman, Montana
Contact : www.wbcc.org

Cape Hatteras Seashore Rally

August, 2 – 10th 2008 (Dates TBD)
Host: Gayle McClellan & Margaret Natof
Contact: 301 – 384-4223
Email: gmccllell@ahrg.gov
www.WashingtonDCUnit.Org

BeachComber Rally

Cape May, NJ
September 18-21, 2008
Host: Jerry & Sonia McConnell
Email: Sonia.McConnell@jpmchase.com
www.WashingtonDCUnit.Org

WDCU 2008 Installation Rally

Norwich, New York - October 16th – 19th, 2008
Host: Rob & Zoe Baker Email: Rob.Baker@apogen.com



CHERRY BLOSSOM RALLY

ROGERS FARM

Claggett Landing Road, Upper Marlboro, MD

April 10 - 13, 2008

Registration

Name: _____

Spouse/SO: _____

Children/Age: _____

Guests: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____

Zip/Post Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile 1: _____

Mobile 2: _____ E-mail: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Unit: _____

Pets: Yes No

Airstream Type: Trailer B - Van Motorhome Length (Feet) _____

Rally fees:

Airstream with 2 adults \$130.00 x _____ \$ _____

Add'l guests per person \$ 30.00 x _____ \$ _____

Airstream with 1 adult \$115.00 x _____ \$ _____

Saturday Dinner Fee per person \$ 15.00 x _____ \$ _____

Children 17 and under free **Total** \$ _____

I will be attending: Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun

Make check payable to: "WDCU" (US dollars only)

Mail to: Danee & Kim Alaniz
13812 Vista Drive
Rockville, MD 20853
(301-871-9365)

There are a limited number of sites available and registration is on a first come (paid) first serve basis. This is a Buddy Rally. This is not a full service camping site. Electric is limited to 5 amps per rig (**No Electric Heating Appliances or Heaters**) and the water is on the daisy chain method. Arrive with full water tanks and empty holding tanks. **Please note: the \$15 Saturday dinner fee is only for guests of the WDCU who have not paid the rally fee.**

East Coast Vintage Rally

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The "KOA" offers things for the family with kids and the kids at heart. Nestled within a 1½ Miles Horse Shoe Bend of Middle River. SVKOA is the only campground in Virginia with a spectacular Waterfall and four 6-person Indoor Hot Tubs. We offer Free Wi-Fi, River Tubing, Wading and Trout and Bass Fishing in the River as well as Trout and Bass Fishing in our Well-Stocked Lake. We have a Huge Pool and a Kiddie Pool, 18 Hole Mini-Golf, Game Room and Two Playgrounds and Nature Trails. Be greeted by our Tame Bunnies, Squirrels, and Ducks on your way to the Pitstop Cafe for a Pizza. Pitch Horseshoes, play sand Volleyball or cool off under the refreshing Waterfall. On summer nights sing Karaoke (Fridays) and dance to our DJ (Saturdays).

Here's how you need to sign up for the rally. "You need" to call the "campground" and make your own reservations. Let them know you are with the "Airstream" group. Since their sites range in size, we ask those of you that have the smaller trailers (16-21 footers) please let them know (we're trying to save the longer sites for longer trailers).

I have on hold 48 sites that have water/elec (\$34-37 a night). They have about 12 more sites that have water/elec/sewer (\$39-42 a night) that require a credit card to hold them (I was not going to use my personal credit card to hold these). They also have many other sites at the campground that can be used.

Shenandoah Valley KOA

296 Riner Ln

Verona, VA 24482

Information: 540-248-2746

Reservations: 800-310-2580

<http://www.svkoa.net/default.html>

Also, if they do not answer the phone, try back throughout the day. Since it's winter, they answer the phone off and on.

I have the 48 campsites are on hold until 30 days before the rally, at that time, "ALL" campsites are released to the general public. The other campsites (water/elec/sewer) can be held by anyone and anytime (general public) by using a credit card. Again, I "do not" have these on hold.

My thought is this, in an "attempt" to please everyone:

Sign up for the rally is open to only "WBCCI" members until "March 1, 2008". On "March 1, 2008" the rally is open to "ALL" Airstream owners.

Please email me letting me know you have signed up: balloon@rideair.com

Paul Waddell

WDCU "Past Prez" (In the words of Richard Nixon "You won't have me to kick around anymore!")

Officer listing

President – Pete Daniel - pete@consultadc.com

1st VP – Rob Baker - robandzoe@adelphia.net

2nd VP – Star Grover - sgrover@voicenet.com

3rd VP – Gayle McClelland – gmcclell@verizon.net

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Treasurer – Margaret Natof - natofs@aol.com

Membership – Star Grover

Trustee – Marc Weimer- marc@penn.com

Trustee – John Gililand - foxdown@aol.com

Trustee – Matt Worner - wormmatt@plateautel.net

Trustee – Kim Alaniz - daneekim@yahoo.com

Webmaster – Marc Weimer

Newsletter – Linda Moore – moorelinda2@prodigy.net

One Moore Thing - Letter from the Editor

Happy New Year!

Well I don't have the wanderlust yet but that is probably because we are just barely out of the holidays, our son Jeff is home on leave (and back from Iraq) and we are trying to get back into the swing of just normal every day living.

Don't forget to start planning your rally year with the listing of really great rallies that are planned for this year. It is not too early to do so. I know our goal is to try and make as many as possible in addition to exploring what other WBCCI rallies are out there.

If you have submissions for the next newsletter, please submit to me by the end of February. Send to moorelinda2@prodigy.net.

Just campin'.

Linda Moore

WBCCI WDCU #15116

See ya down the road!