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## President's Message-November 2009

Peter and I have just returned from Garnet Horner's Crooked Road Caravan. What a stunning success this trip was! We had so much fun and enjoyed so much good music that we ended up wishing we could go again and soon. Well, Garnet has agreed to do this caravan every other year, so read his comments and John DiBella's comments and then plan to sign up early for the 2011 repeat.

The 2010 rally schedule is at the end of this newsletter. One of the things you'll notice is that we have three rallies in June; two of them on the same weekend! The timing for Wally's Birthday Bash was switched after the Airplanes & Airstreams rally was already planned, so some of you will have to decide which one to go to. At this point I am planning to go to the International, which is in Wyoming, so I'm glad not to have to make that decision.

We're introducing a new segment called, "So You've Been Where?" Please take the opportunity to write to Greg and let him know what wonderful campground you've discovered or even what campground you'd never go to again. Make sure to give him the website and phone number and if you have photos of your trip, all the better. We have a wealth of knowledge and many miles under our collective belts, so let's share it.

There are a few legislative issues that you need to be aware of and they are presented below under *Proposed WBCCI Constitutional Amendments*. Read them over if you are interested and get back to me with your opinion. We're going to try and have an interactive voting button installed into our website so I will know how you want me to vote when I need to.

The next gathering is Paul Waddell's Myrtle Beach rally in December. This is a low-key rally and any beach in the winter is the place to be. Contact Ocean Lakes Family Campground at [www.oceanlakes.com](http://www.oceanlakes.com) and request an ocean site, then let Paul Waddell know you are coming at [balloon@rideair.com](mailto:balloon@rideair.com).

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Cheers, Star

## **The Crooked Road Caravan**

By Garnett Horner, Crooked Road Caravan Leader  
and  
John DiBella WBCCI # 8425

### **Report on the Crooked Road Caravan – October 14 – 25.**

#### **Garnett Horner**

The Crooked Road Caravan was a 12 day trip in Southwest Virginia, highlighted by the people and music that is so much a part of their culture. We stopped at three campgrounds, Jessie Lea Campground in Big Stone Gap, Lee Hwy Campground in Bristol, and Fries New River RV Park in Fries. All of the campgrounds were beautiful and the owners were very friendly. In fact, the first and last campground owners provided a Bluegrass band to play for us on the evening that we arrived.

The caravan had seven trailers and those attending were:

- Garnett Horner
- Star and Peter Grover
- Valerie and Steve Nehlig
- Ann and John Dibella
- Linda Bell and Reggie Miller
- Elaine and Jim Clark
- Victoria Summy and Joseph Webb

Some of the venues we attended and things we saw included:

- Southwest VA Museum
- Harry Meador Coal Museum
- Meals at the Mutual Pharmacy cafeteria
- Ralph Stanley Museum
- Private catered meal at Celebrate in Coeburn
- Music at the Lays Hardware Bldg
- Model railroad club display in Appalachia
- Doc Watson, Richie, and Jeff Little concert at Home Craft Days (great happy hour at the theater too)
- Carter Family Fold
- Birthplace of Country Music in Bristol VA and the Burger Bar
- Play at the Barter Theater
- Music at the Blue Ridge Music Center
- Music in Independence
- Music at the Fries Theater
- Meal at the Hillsville Diner
- Meals at the Galax Smokehouse
- Music at the Floyd Country Store (at least four different bands in the neighborhood)
- Music at the Rex Theater
- Blue Ridge Folk Life Festival
- Brunch at Chateau Morrisette

The people we met on this trip were very nice and helped us whenever we asked. Everyone seemed to have a story about someone they met during the caravan and how that person had left a lasting impression. The music is truly unique as well as the people that live there and those that play the instruments. All are part of the rich culture in Southwest Virginia.

Below is a testimony from John DiBella, and I believe you feel his enthusiasm for the caravan.

## John DiBella

I have to say that Garnett Horner's 12-day Crooked Road Caravan exceeded our expectations. I never considered myself a fan of bluegrass music. However this caravan opened up another musical style together with an appreciation for the cultures and friendly down-to-earth people of Southwestern Virginia.

We experienced the authentic folk music that originates or has its roots in the rustic Appalachian region. "Bluegrass" or "mountain music" is distinctly different from the Nashville, or country and western music heard on the radio. This mountain music was first recorded in the 1920s, flourished during the Depression, and expanded following World War II.



The caravan immersed us in the ethnic sounds of traditional American music. We listened to this old-time music at two campgrounds, a hardware store, two folk festivals, a college auditorium, town halls, theaters and other venues. Every day or every evening after work, somewhere along the 250-mile long Crooked Road groups of amateurs and semi-professional musicians are performing at jam sessions. All are open to the public at little or no cost.



Mountain music is part of their everyday life and performed on acoustic string instruments without amplification. The free wine and cheese concert with Doc Watson, his grandson and Jeff Little on the piano was exceptional. It was a perfect blend of amplified guitars and enhanced by the lively piano playing. But for the most part, we enjoyed talented small-time entertainers, individuals and family groups that travel and play from one venue to another.

Would I consider repeating this caravan if Garnett offered it again? Yes, and I would recommend this unique caravan to others.



## New Members

The WDCU continues to be one of the fastest growing units in the WBCCI. We are proud to welcome our new and affiliate members to the unit.

### New Members:

**Karen & Robert Waldo**

Mocksville, NC  
waldoke@yahoo.com

**Dave & Delores Mayo**

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mayodnd@sbcglobal.net  
(transfer from another unit)

**Dave & Cynthia Velasco**

Upper Black Eddy, PA  
dlvelasco@mac.com

**Michael Heanue**

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home unit: 172  
WBCCI #:2390

**Robert & Linda Leopold**

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1978 Ambassador  
\*Courtesy parking\*

### New Affiliates

**Loretta & Peter Nauta**

Shallotte, NC  
peternauta@aol.com  
home unit: Watchung, NJ

**Jim & Paula Haddox**

Jourdanton, TX  
Jhaddox@wireweb.net  
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\*Courtesy Parking\*

**Grace & Tom Deal**

from: Roanoke, VA  
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## WDCU Officer Listing

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## **Rally Galley**

**By Sonia McConnell**

### **Mirror Lake Inn Chocolate Chip Cookies**

Every winter, we take a mini vacation and go to Whiteface Mountain in the Adirondacks, for some skiing. We stay at the Mirror Lake Inn in the village of Lake Placid. This is a beautiful place rated quite high in the Condo Nest Traveler and Travel and Leisure's Gold list. The chef makes fresh cookies which they serve with afternoon tea. This is their recipe. As you get ready for the holidays, maybe you can use one more cookie recipe?

Hmmmm, the smell of fresh baked cookies!! Enjoy!

#### **Mix until light and fluffy:**

**1 cup butter**

**1 cup sugar**

**1/2 cup brown sugar**

**2 eggs**

**2 tsp. vanilla**

#### **Then blend and add to the sugar mixture:**

**2 cups flour**

**1 1/2 tsp. salt**

**1 tsp. baking soda**

#### **Add:**

**2 cups chocolate chips**

**1 cup broken walnuts**

**Drop on greased cookie sheets and bake at 350 for 8 minutes. Yields 4 dozen.**

## 2010 Rally Schedule

Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> to Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> (2009) Ocean Lakes Family CG	<b>Myrtle Beach in Winter</b> Joint VAC Rally Reservations	<u>Paul Waddell</u> <a href="mailto:balloon@rideair.com">balloon@rideair.com</a> <a href="http://www.oceanlakes.com">www.oceanlakes.com</a>
Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup> to Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cherry Blossom Rally</b> Upper Marlboro, MD	<u>Kim Alaniz</u> <a href="mailto:daneekim@yahoo.com">daneekim@yahoo.com</a> Christi Rogers <a href="mailto:Christi@travelbugllc.com">Christi@travelbugllc.com</a>
May 28 <sup>th</sup> to May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Rally in the Valley</b> North Adams, MA Joint with NEU	<u>Deborah Bede</u> <a href="mailto:stillwaterstudio@conknet.com">stillwaterstudio@conknet.com</a>
June 4 <sup>th</sup> -June 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Crawfish Festival</b>	<u>Frank Yensan</u> <a href="mailto:frankyensan@verizon.net">frankyensan@verizon.net</a>
June 25 <sup>th</sup> -June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Airstreams &amp; Airplanes</b> Pittsville, MD	<u>Arthur Kudner</u> <a href="mailto:arthur_kudner@comcast.net">arthur_kudner@comcast.net</a>
June 24 <sup>th</sup> -June 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wally's Birthday Bash</b> Plymouth, NY	<u>Rob Baker</u> <a href="mailto:airstreamnut@gmail.com">airstreamnut@gmail.com</a>
July 16 <sup>th</sup> -July 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cowtown Rodeo Rally</b> Joint w/Watchung	<u>Frank Yensan</u> <a href="mailto:frankyensan@verizon.net">frankyensan@verizon.net</a>
Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup> -Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Outer Banks Rally</b>	<u>Gayle Sunde</u> <a href="mailto:gmcclell@verizon.net">gmcclell@verizon.net</a> <u>Margaret Natof</u> <a href="mailto:natofs@aol.com">natofs@aol.com</a>
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Highpoint Rally</b> Springs, PA	<u>April &amp; Andy Hershberger</u> <a href="mailto:ahershbergers@mac.com">ahershbergers@mac.com</a>
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> -Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Trap Pond State Park</b> Laurel, DEL	<u>Lori &amp; Greg Wilson</u> <a href="mailto:flamingo.babe@comcast.net">flamingo.babe@comcast.net</a> <u>Peg Van Beveren</u> <a href="mailto:bluemoon12641@aol.com">bluemoon12641@aol.com</a>
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> -Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Installation Rally</b> Gettysburg, PA	<u>Jayne Layman</u> <a href="mailto:janelayman2@mac.net">janelayman2@mac.net</a> <u>Garnet Horner</u> <a href="mailto:Gch2878@cox.net">Gch2878@cox.net</a>

## **So You've Been Where?**

By Greg Wilson

### **Assateague Island National Seashore**

Having lived in this area for most of my life, I'm a bit surprised I haven't discovered this little treasure before now. It's less than 50 miles from home, and we're always up for a road trip. Last Friday (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>), we had just unhitched from a few days camping in New Jersey, when we got a call from Harley Muse and John Gilliland who had just arrived at Assateague. Since they were so close, they thought it would be nice to meet up with us for dinner on Saturday. We figured, since we were headed that way; why not take the extra 5 minutes to hook up the Bambi and roll? So we did.

The park is a barrier island, and is part of the National Park Service. It occupies much of Assateague Island on the coast of Maryland and Virginia. It lies adjacent to Assateague State Park and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The campground is on the north (Maryland) end of the park. You have to drive through the state park to get to the National Park campsites.

There are two campgrounds, one on the ocean, and the other on the bayside. Each camp has two loops. There are no hookups, but generators are allowed from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm except in "B" loop on the bayside. It's a generator free zone. Each site has an upright grill and a picnic table. For November the campgrounds were quite busy, but we were fortunate enough to get a site next to Harley and John on one of the ocean side loops. The sites are spacious and were located at the base of the sand dune, only a short walk to the beach. There were lots of the famous wild horses roaming around, and Harley found some deer tracks outside his Airstream in the morning.

During the summer camping season you can make reservations, but sites are first come-first serve after Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Sites are \$20 per day during the season, and \$16 after Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Unlike most parks I'm familiar with, they also charge a \$15 park entrance fee. It's good for up to 7 days, which would be more cost-effective if you were camping for a week.

#### **Getting There:**

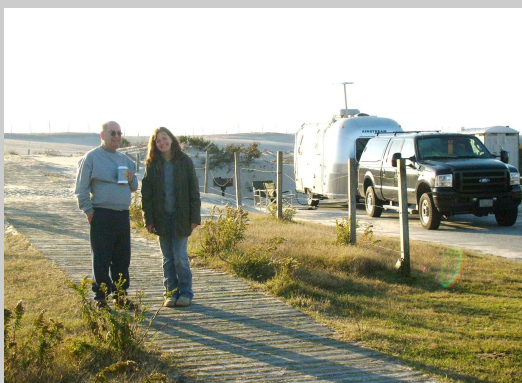
Assateague Island National Seashore (MD)  
7206 NATIONAL SEASHORE LN  
Berlin MD 21811 Phone: (410) 641-1441

Follow US RT. 50 east to MD RT. 611 south. Proceed over Verrazano Bridge. Take first right onto Bayberry Drive. Continue 2-1/4 miles to entrance station. Pay entrance fee. Take second left to ranger office to register and check in.

Follow the link for further information on the park and amenities:

<http://www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/marylandcamping.htm>

Here are some pictures:



## Proposed WBCCI Constitutional Amendments

I move to amend the Constitution to allow **Members through their Delegates or Units to adopt Bylaws and Policy.**

This amendment will require rewording in the four sections of the Constitution shown below. Each section of the Constitution follows with the simple amendment and insertions **underlined in bold** (nothing is deleted).

### 1. Constitution Article XV By Laws and Policy Section 1

By Laws and Policy not inconsistent with this Constitution embodying additional provisions for government of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. may be adopted by the Board of Trustees **or by the chartered units of the club.**

### 2. Constitution Article XVI Amendments Section 1

Proposed amendments to this Constitution **or Bylaws and Policy** may be submitted to Headquarters in writing by any chartered Unit of the club. Any such amendment(s) shall bear a certification by the Unit President that it has been approved by a majority vote conducted in accordance with the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendment(s) shall also bear a certification by the President of the Region of which the originating Unit is a part, that the amendment has likewise been approved by a majority of the Units within that Region. Upon receipt of the proposed amendment(s) bearing the required certifications, Headquarters shall distribute copies to the Presidents of all other chartered units for ratification or rejection. When two thirds of the club's chartered Units have ratified the proposed amendment(s) by majority votes according to their Constitution and Bylaws and the Unit Presidents have so certified to Headquarters, such amendment(s) shall be deemed to be adopted. If two-thirds of the Club's Units do not ratify the proposed amendment(s) within one year following the distribution to the Unit Presidents, the proposed amendment(s) shall be deemed to have been rejected and to be of no further effect.

### 3. Constitution Article XVI Amendments Section 2

Amendments to this Constitution **or Bylaws and Policy** may also be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members represented by Delegates present and voting at the annual Delegates Meeting voting in accordance with Article XII of the Constitution. Such proposed amendment(s) may be submitted in writing by any chartered unit, by the Board of Trustees and by the International President. Any such amendment(s) submitted by a Unit shall bear a certification by the Unit President that it has been approved by a majority vote conducted in accordance with the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendment(s) shall also bear a certification by the President of the Region of which the originating unit is a part, that the amendment has also been approved by a majority of the members of the Region Board of such region. Such proposed amendment(s) shall arrive at Headquarters by March 1. Headquarters shall distribute copies to the Presidents of all chartered Units by April 1 (90 days prior to the Delegates Meeting to which such proposed amendment(s) are to be presented, in order to give the units ample time to vote and instruct their Delegates.

### 4. Constitution Article XVI Amendments Section 3

A copy of any proposal to amend the Constitution **or Bylaws and Policy** pursuant to the provisions of this article shall be submitted by Headquarters to the Constitution and By Laws Committee prior to being submitted to the Unit Presidents. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall provide Headquarters with a written report containing its recommendations(s) regarding the proposed amendment(s) by March 20. Headquarters shall submit copies of this

Constitution and By Laws Committee report to the Unit Presidents with the copies of the proposed amendment(s) distributed in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of this article.

**Rationale:**

Currently only the International Board of Trustees can amend the club's Bylaws and Policies.

Many members believe that one source of membership loss is the slow to non-existent pace that our club has been modernizing with the times. To modernize the club so that it is more attractive to non-member Airstream owners, particularly those Airstream owners that are still working and have young families.

Our active membership base and our local unit leaders are the best qualified to recommend through the amendment process those changes that will both modernize the club and hopefully increase membership retention as well as new member applications.

By approving this amendment, WBCCI members will gain a voice in the WBCCI Bylaws and Policy.

Typically an organization's constitution and bylaws are passed and subsequently amendable by the body (members/units) for the good of the organization. In WBCCI this is not the case since they are voted on exclusively by the Board of Trustees. Restating the WBCCI Constitution will give the membership due authority in these issues by establishing the member's right to amend Bylaws and Policy, thereby directing the Board of Trustees' efforts on members' behalf. Member amendments are a part of the checks and balances that characterize a democratic organization.

This motion will correct this oversight and allow members/units to adopt Bylaws and Policy while not changing the Board of Trustees' ability to also adopt Bylaws and Policy. Any Board of Trustees is subordinate to the member body that elects them and is usually appointed by organizations that meet only annually, as does WBCCI. Therefore, the WBCCI Board of Trustees authority is to be exercised between annual meetings of the delegates. Running the WBCCI is a responsibility that the board and the members share. Please note that a subordinate body (Board of Trustees) cannot subsequently modify any action taken by its superior (members/units).

WBCCI Members and Units should have representative input through amendments to the Bylaws and Policy. Member involvement is enhanced and the club is strengthened when member suggestions for improvement are given deliberation and a vote.

A vote to approve this amendment will accomplish the following:

1. Give all WBCCI voting members an increased voice in how WBCCI is run.
2. Allow WBCCI to be more responsive to members' input and to more closely reflect the wishes of the majority of the members.
3. Formalize appropriate checks and balances for the international club since both the Board of Trustees and the members will have the right to address Bylaws and Policy
4. Preserve the Board of Trustees' ability to adopt and implement Bylaws and Policy with a more enlightened understanding of members' desire
5. Increase Membership value.

# WBCCI MOTION FORM

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Motion/Item No. \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I move that the WBCCI Constitution, be changed to add a method for Regular Members to run for International Office.

By first renumbering the current section 4 as section 5, and renumbering the current section 5 as section 6, we create a brand new section 4 in the Nominating Committee section of the WBCCI Constitution, Page 7, Article XIII, that would read, **“Any Unit President may nominate any Regular Member, for any International Office position, by submitting such nomination in writing, to headquarters by February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Written consent from that nominee must accompany the nomination.”**

**Rationale:**

It is impossible for any Regular Member seeking office to receive equal treatment and exposure in this club for the purposes of volunteering to serve this club. Members that have not been selected by the nominating committee are hampered by inconsistent practices by our Executive Committee, International Board of Trustees, and Unit Leadership. For this club to truly be a club of deliberation, any and all members that would offer to serve the membership must be treated equally in the membership’s eyes.

The last 30+ years of annual membership declines, now compounded by annual financial operating losses, prove that our current leadership selection does not produce leaders that are capable of fixing our problems. Members are best fit to decide who will, and who will not work for them if elected, and in a deliberative society it is a member’s right to choose their leadership.

Adopted    Defeated    Amended    Referred    Postponed\*    Tabled\*\*    Withdrawn

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\*Cannot be postponed beyond session.

\*\*Will lay on table only till end of present session. \_\_\_\_\_ Second

# WBCCI MOTION FORM

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Motion/Item No. \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I move that the WBCCI Constitution, be changed to amend the schedule of required International Board Meetings, required by our club's constitution.

By removing the phrase "**preceding the International Club Rally at which the Board ends its term, one such meeting at which the Board begins its term**" from the Board of Trustees section of the WBCCI Constitution, Page 4, Article IX, Section 5, and replacing that phrase with "**on the third official day of the International Club Rally at which the Board ends its term, one such meeting on the last official day of the International Rally, at which the newly elected Board begins its term.**"

### Rationale:

Members deserve to be present for the two required IBT Meetings called for in our club constitution, within the normal confines of our International Rally dates. Members also deserve to have the IBT Seminar, the only IBT meeting where mere members can address the International Board of Trustees, on any topic that concerns them, to fall within the official International Rally dates.

A significant portion of Unit Presidents, Unit Leaders, and the general membership are not currently present during both the IBT Seminar and the two mandatory IBT Meetings held at our International Rally site every year. Our members are our shareholders and deserve the right, and the respect, of having the ability to be present when our official business meetings are being held.

By placing the first IBT meeting on the third day of the official rally it assures that all members can be present for that meeting. More importantly, as it is an 'established custom' of the club to hold its IBT Seminar two days prior to the first IBT Meeting at the International Rally location. The IBT Seminar would now fall on the very first day of the International Rally, allowing all members attending the International Rally, the opportunity to attend the IBT Seminar, and address the Board if they so chose.

The other change merely assures that the first IBT Meeting of the new board will fall on the last official day of the International Rally.

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## From the Editor

Fellow WDCU members,

It is my privilege to have been asked to edit the WDCU newsletter. It's been quite a while since I've written or published anything, but I will endeavor to maintain the high standards set by our past editors. This first newsletter is kind of plain, but I'm open to any and all suggestions on how to make it better. I'd like to thank all those who contributed to this edition, and especially Dacia and April for their expertise and assistance.

From the beginning it was abundantly clear that there's an amazing amount of experience and talent within our unit, and it would be great if we could share it. The newsletter is one way we can do this. To name but a few, our unit has artists, engineers, mechanics, writers, scientists, electricians, etc., and I've seen some ingenious devices, work, and modifications done on Airstreams over this past year. If anyone would like to contribute an article, just send me some text and pictures, and I'll get it in print. From the looks of the Rally Schedule, we have some exciting times ahead of us. I'm sure the membership would like to hear more about these rallies and locations.

Again, if there's anything you would like to see in The Capital Times, just send it in, or let me know how I can assist you to make it happen.

See you on the road.

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## Links

### **WDCU Website**

<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/>

### **Vintage Airstream Club**

<http://vintageairstreamclub.org>

### **WBCCI Region 2**

<http://www.wbcci2.org/>

### **Airstream History (SNU)**

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/history/index.htm>