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WDCU Website

<http://www.servintfree.net/wbccl-dc/>

Vintage Club

www.airstream.net

OFFICER MESSAGE - Rob Baker

First off, I want to thank all the WDCU members that came to my Installation Rally in central NY and thank all the WDCU members for your support. I'm excited about the upcoming year and where the WDCU is headed. We had a grand time at Installation doing the classic WBCCI Wagon Wheel of the days gone by. In total, there were 30 trailers present in the Wagon Wheel including 25 Airstream trailers, 4 Argosy trailers, and one Wally Byam Holiday trailer. Four WBCCI units were represented too - the WDCU of course, the New England Unit, the Finger Lakes Unit and the Ontario Canada unit. Many thanks to my wife, Zoe', for all her hard work to make the event a great one! From the camp fires, to the pot lucks, to the wagon rides and Saturday's Harvest dinner, the Airstream spirit was alive and well at this event and we just plain HAD FUN - that's what it is all about! Now that I am back at work I am resting from all the activity.



Pete Daniel, our outgoing President, could not make it - we missed ya Pete!! Thanks for the 2008 season - it was a good one with rallies in Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and North Carolina. The Region 2 President, Mr. Don McKelvey and his lovely wife Kathy, attended the rally and presided over the Installation of Officers.

Our new WDCU list of officers are:

Rob Baker, President

Star Grover, 1st Vice President

Gayle McClellan, 2nd Vice President

Kim Alaniz, 3rd Vice President

Trustees: Linda Bell, Sonia McConnell, and John Guillard

Our membership chair is now Margaret Natof since Star has moved up to 1st VP. Margaret is also our Treasurer - THANK YOU Margaret! So, if you find someone interested in the WDCU, send them in Margaret's direction. Thank you Star for all the hard work you've done over the past few years for our membership.

Next year we have a bunch of rallies already in the planning stages. There was, and I'm sure you've heard, work being done for a Biltmore Estates Rally in Asheville, NC for the 2009 season. This is still in the works, but it is being moved to the 2010 timeframe for better notification and planning. Here is the list of rallies and caravans that we see taking shape for next year:

April 2-5 10th Annual Cherry Blossum Rally

May 21-25 Region 2 "Niagara Falls for Region 2" Rally - Lockport, NY

May 28-31 Crawfish Music Festival "Air Forums" Rally

June 5-7 Pageant of Bands Boon-Docking Rally in the town of Sherburne

June 23-27 Caravan to International (stopping in Elkhart, Ind at the RV Hall of Fame Museum)

June 28 - July 4 International Rally(Wisconsin)

July - Vintage Trailer JAM (tbd)

July 24-26 Possible get together at Knoebel's Amusement Park, Catawissa, PA

August 12-23 Crooked Road Caravan #1

Sept Labor Day - possible Westcott Beach State Park, Thousand Islands, NY

Sept - East Coast TCT Rally (tbd)

Oct 1-4 Installation Rally - *Shartlesville, Pa*

Oct 14-25 Crooked Road Caravan #2

With all that is happening on the WBCCI political front, I think it is time to reflect upon Wally Byam's Creed! I feel that Wally's 9 points below put what we WDCU Airstreamers do and understand:

1. To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
2. To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
3. To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands... of rediscovering old places and new interests.
4. To open a whole world of new experiences... a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
5. To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.
6. To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow... over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts... to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
7. To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
8. To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
9. To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end... and thus make your travel dreams come true.

- Wally Byam

These are points I see WDCU fully engaged in throughout the next year. #7 is a hard one – does anyone have an idea on how we can do that? Point #1, some of us have more comforts than others, but we do have the world at our doorsteps. Points 5 and 6 are two where we excel within WDCU, and I encourage all of you to participate in our rallies and our two Crooked Road Caravans next year. In the upcoming year, try to pick out one of your travel related dreams and make it come true with your Airstream or Argosy trailer or motorhome, or even in a WB Holiday trailer – right Dick?

Linda Moore has been our Newsletter volunteer for a while now. The time has come to find someone else to become our Newsletter editor / publisher so that we can give her a break. So, if anyone out there has a desire to pick up and work the WDCU newsletter let me and Linda know as soon as possible.

My policy is one that my door is always open – if you have a question feel free to email me or get in touch with me, at my email airstreamnut@gmail.com or my phone – 607 334 4960 and or cell 607 244 2520.

I'm on Active Duty until 10 November, when I become a civilian again. I'm looking forward to it. I've got to start saving up my vacation time for next year – as I want to attend as many rallies possibly one of the Caravans that Garnett is doing too! Take Care and I'll see you down the road.

Rob Baker
WDCU President

Installation Rally - Oct 2-5, North Norwich, NY

It was a chilly fall weekend in mid state NY. We had not been there since taking our boys to visit friends in Cooperstown for many Hall of Fame games and presentations. That was about 15 years ago. I had forgotten how beautiful that region in NY was. We weren't far from Cooperstown but were actually in Norwich for Rob Bakers' installation to WDCU President. Rob and Zoe Baker and Frank Yensan were the rally hosts and they did a wonderful job.

We didn't get there until Thursday after happy hour, of all times to miss. It was cloudy and cold but there was a big fire waiting for us and plenty of old friends to catch up with.

Friday activities were on our own. I went on a very interesting field trip with Deborah Beede to visit a friend of hers who weaves reproduction textiles on vintage (very vintage) factory looms. You now the kind that make a racket while working and weave faster than you can think. The name of the company was Thistle Hill Weavers and the proprietor's name was Rabbit. Rabbits company has done textile weaving for the movie industry as well as for designers. The whole experience was very interesting.

My visit to the NY country would not have been complete without a trip to an apple orchard. Fly Creek Orchard was very picturesque and their apple pie with caramel topping was to die for.

Friday night was another award winning pot luck.

Saturday was an open house but I skipped off with the girls to go to the local quilt shop. The activity at the rally site was polishing Deborah Beedes' Bubble called Ruby. There were 4 & 5 guys with Cyclo's and drill polishers. I think it took 3-4 hours and the Bubble was done.



Saturday night was the catered meal of a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. Frank Yensan, Zoe Baker and I helped by slicing 3 turkeys. We just jumped right in, gloved hands and all. Thanks Rob, it was a delicious meal, one of my favorites.



Topping off the activities of the day and the rally was Don McKelvey installing Rob Baker as our new WDCU President. A listing of new officers is included in this newsletter.



This was the last rally this year for WDCU. We all left making sure to say that we would see all at the CBR. I am looking forward to April already.

Linda Moore
WDCU #15116

Beach Comber Rally, Cape May, NJ- September 2008

It's 11:30AM on Thursday, 9/18/08 and the first Airstreams are getting off of the Lewes-Cape May Ferry and rolling into the Beachcomber Camping Resort in Cape May.

After a year of planning and preparation, here we are, hosting our first rally. We are nervous, rushing to put the last leis in the Welcome Packages along with the guest lists, customized CDs and rally schedule.

Thursday, 20 trailers arrive. We hug and kiss our fiends, some we haven't seen since the Cherry Blossom rally, others we had just spent a week with at OBX in mid-August. You can say that it's a close family reunion.

We enjoy the usual WDCU Happy Hour with all the delicious appetizers prepared by our talented unit members.

Friday, we are up early to get breakfast going. While we had tested running the industrial size coffee pots with just water in 20 minutes, it took twice as long to get the coffee ready. Yeah, we are rookies. Friends encourage us, while others tell us to delegate. Hmmm, we can do this, and we eventually did get things done on time by the last day of the rally.

Friday, more trailers show up. The Happy Hour was held by the tent followed by the potluck. There was so much food! We had a movie night. The children watched a movie in our trailer, while the grown-ups got to see Blue Hawaii outside on the big screen projector. There was a late night showing of Cheech and Chong's 'Up In Smoke' movie. We were laughing so hard, that we were glad the campground manager didn't come and yell at us. But he was probably busy checking in Paul and Mary Kim, who had made it all the way from Front Royale, VA.

Saturday, more Airstreamers showed up, including Pat and Lauren from Colonial Airstream and John Lenzo (owner of Colonial Airstream) with his young family. It was nice seeing all the little girls dressed up in their grass skirts and leis. We had a total of 26 trailers. While we were enjoying Happy Hour, some fine ladies from Mele Kini Studio showed up in their Hawaiian outfits. We also had some WDCU visitors. The nice touch was seeing Pappy's Roast Pig truck drive by, pulling behind him a huge smoker with our roasted pig in it. We enjoyed the feast in the pavillion, by the beach, as the sun was setting. We had a raffle and used the gift certificates and gourmet basket donated by Colonial Airstream. Some Hawaiian gifts were given out as prizes too.

What is a Luau without some Hawaiian dancing? The Mele Kini dancers started the show with an ancient "kahiko" dance, done with the fire torches for the fire goddess Pele. There were other Hawaiian modern dances, followed by Tahitian and Maori poi twirling dances. There were some Airstreamers that got up, put on a grass skirt and tried to learn hula to Don Hos' Tinny Bubbles.

The second part of the dance involved teaching the fun, the powerful young men of WDCU, the wonderful Tahitian Oteas (fast drumming dances). Seven guys put on the grass skirts and moved their hips to the drums of the Tahitian toere. Danee was last. Jane danced with him to the Ori Ori Mama E, then all of a sudden, Danee was surrounded by all the ladies, dancing around him and showing him how to shake his hips.

The night ended with a huge campfire by the tent. Some watched the movie that Hunt had brought along.

Sunday, breakfast was ready before the scheduled time. We had made some progress and learned to time ourselves better.

After breakfast, came the good-byes. One after the other, the Airstreams rolled out of the campground. We left Hunt and Sue behind to rest and we left the campground at 3PM.

We just got the Airstream all cleaned-up and ready for the Installation rally. We can't wait to get on the road again and see our WDCU family.



Membership Report - Star Grover - October 2008

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2009 ARE NOW PAYABLE, but there are changes this year. Please send \$56 for WDCU dues or \$1 for Affiliate Dues to: Margaret Natof, Treasurer, 17216 Hobble Bush Ct., Derwood, Maryland 20855

There are several more months left in this camping season, so I hope you will all continue to help the membership swell. Several new members joined after attending the Vintage Rally in Stanton, VA and the Trailer Jam '08 in Saratoga Springs, NY. How easy it is to recruit new members to WDCU when all those vintage trailers are gleaming at the open houses.

What I hear continually from perspective members is how nice the people from our unit are. How informative and fun. They almost can't wait to get home to download the application and send it in. I know that other units don't experience this phenomenon, but it seems like a natural extension of our members. Keep doing what you're doing!

A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Abe & Melissa Lincoln of Richmond, VA
Terry & Brenda Fouts and their children, Tim and Andrea of Gahanna, OH
Hunt & Peggy Hardinge of Hagerstown, MD
Robert & Beth Klenk of North Wales, PA
Angela Moore & Brad Mascho of Frederick, MD
Karen & Donald Hicks of Johnson City, TN
Peter & Sharon Kallaste of Lakefield, Ontario, CA
Deborah Bede of Bradford, NH
Kenneth Sweatt of Pine Hill, NJ
Lynn Ann & Stanley Grimm of Oakland, MD
Krista and Michael Orchard of Bridgewater, NS, Canada
Jim and Elaine Clark of Christiansburg, VA
Rae Jean and Gary Whaley of Chesterfield, VA
Lisa Schroeder-Bevis and John Bevis of Saratoga Springs, NY
Helen & Barry Custer of Crofton, MD

For members who joined before July 2008 your dues for 2009 are due now also.

We are so happy to be growing and spreading Wally's message and our own, "IT'S JUST CAMPING".

Star Grover, Membership Chair
#7790

Officer Listing

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The President's Month in Review

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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Distribution...

This report is sent out only by e-mail, at the end of every month to: *The International 1st, 2nd, & 3rd VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President (7), WBCCI Corporate Office Staff (4), Region Presidents (12), International Standing and Special Committee Chairmen (17), and Past International Presidents (15).*

Comment/Purpose...

Requests have been received from various members to be added to the distribution of this President's Monthly Review. This Review is not intended to be a general membership newsletter. It's an informal informational/status report of WBCCI items of interest for Club Leaders that occurred during the past month. Information from the President to the general membership is located in the Blue Beret inside front cover. This Report includes items for information, evaluation, and consideration in your leadership role. Each Key Leader may distribute parts, or all, of this Report to their staff and members as deemed appropriate.

Madison Convention/Rally...

Need 8 Chairmen:

<u>#</u>	<u>Committee</u>
14	Bean Bag Baseball
120	Grounds After Rally
140	Job Descriptions
228	Rally Headquarters Receptionist
292	Transportation, Shuttle
New	Bicycle Excursions
New	Canoe/Kayak Excursions
New	Pre-Rally Promotion Drawing

Statistics To-Date:

- Registrations - 368
- Airstreams - 350
- 30 Amp Power – 287 (78%)
- 3 Amp Power - 63
- Staying Off-Site – 18

Pre- Rally Schedule: The Pre-Rally Booklet is now on the Club's Web site under 'Rallies' then 'International Rally'. In addition a newly 'Updated Pre-Rally Schedule' supersedes the Pre-Rally Booklet's Schedule on pages 9/10 for events between June 11 and June 27.

ACTIONS COMPLETED...

- A **Grand Public Open House** will be held at the 2009 Madison Rally/Convention on Saturday, July 4, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This should bring more local community citizens to our Flea Market and Vendors for possible additional sales, more local visitors to view the Vintage Airstreams in addition to seeing and maybe even to purchase a new Airstream.

President's Correspondence

<u>Month</u>	<u>E - Mails</u>		<u>NewsLtrs</u>		<u>Phone</u>
	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Calls</u>
July	195	68	37	2	47
Aug	349	205	40	5	59
Sept	303	118	45	4	29
3-Months	847	391	122	11	135

MEMBER IDEAS to EVALUATE...

Members have wondered, if their suggestions and recommendations are being heard. Help me to assure them that all inputs are received, evaluated and then acted upon. The actions may include making a change, or not, collecting the data with no action at this time, or evaluating if this has been done in the past. The key is to listen and refer valid recommendations to the appropriate level of leadership.

For instance, here is a new item:

Historic Airstreams: Consider developing and/or providing some type of recognition/identification for various historic Airstreams. Such as those who were on certain overseas caravans, like the one from Capetown to Cairo and other special caravans. Also those special Airstreams owned by certain individuals, like Wally Byam and others. Because this may significantly affect the value of these "Historic Airstreams" care and accuracy with documented proof must be considered. With this being a historical technical research issue, the Vintage Intra-Club may be the best ones to consider evaluating this idea, developing various criteria and then submitting a proposal to the International Boards of Trustees.

RALLY COLORS: CORAL, BLACK & WHITE

RALLY THEME: "BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

ON COMMUNICATIONS...

Encourage all our Members to use the normal WBCCI organizational structure to address their communications directly to an individual, group, or Committee Chairman at the Unit, Region, or International level who can best answer, or relay, their request. We each need to keep the members of the International Executive Committee and International Board of Trustees informed of key items.

In discussions with our Membership, a few have stated that our Code of Ethics are too stringent and they want to be able to say and print anything they want. I encourage all the Leadership to ask their Members for opinions and discussion on this subject and to bring these opinions to the Mid-Winter IBT Workshop.

A PERSONAL OBSERVATION ON VOLUNTEERISM...

Our Club depends heavily upon Member Volunteerism. We have a limited staff of only four paid employees in our Headquarters Office at Jackson Center, Ohio to take care of many vital Membership needs.

This time of year, Units are installing new officers. The task of finding new officers is becoming more difficult each year. This is also true of chairmen and new officers for our Standing Committees, Intra-Clubs, the many Chairmen for Rallies (Special Event, National, Region, State, and International) plus new officers for Regions and International. The fact is this great Club could not function without each of these dedicated and willing volunteers. They give of their time, expertise, and even financial resources just for the privilege to help and serve others. We need to appreciate and respect each of our Volunteers. Give them a hearty 'Thank You' frequently.

WHY CONFIDENTIALITY IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES?...

Several comments and questions have been received on this subject during the past two months.

REFERENCE A: WBCCI Bylaws, Article I, Parliamentary Authority, Section 1, Page 1.

REFERENCE B: Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised – Chapter XX, Disciplinary Procedures, Section 61, Rights of the Society and the Accused.

WBCCI Members working together, with differing opinions, for the betterment of the WBCCI has been evidenced in the situations posed by events surrounding a series of grievances that were filed in mid 2008. Each of these members, too many to be listed here, are to be commended for their contributions and devotion to the principles under which this great Club operates.

In contrast, these same situations have caused some WBCCI Members to demonstrate their dissatisfaction against the WBCCI and its leadership for making apparently unpopular decisions required by the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws.

The WBCCI is governed by a set of rules called its Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. In Reference A above, it states, *“The rules contained in the current edition of “Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern the international club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the international club.”*

This causes one to look further into Reference B which states, *“Since a society has the right to prescribe and enforce its standards for membership, it has the right to investigate the character of its members as may be necessary to this enforcement. But neither the society nor any member has the right to make public any information obtained through such investigation; if it becomes common knowledge within the society, it should not be revealed to any nonmember.*

If a member is expelled, the society has the right to disclose the fact that he is no longer a member – circulating it only to the extent required for the protection of the society or, possibly, of other organizations. Neither the society nor any of its members has the right to make public the charge of which an expelled member has been found guilty, or to reveal another details connected with the case.... The society can not legally establish the guilt of the accused, as understood in a court of law; it can only establish his guilt as affecting the society's judgment of his fitness for membership.”

CONFIDENTIALITY (Continued)...

It must be emphasized that should any WBCCI Member not agree with, or desire to change, any current requirements under which the Club operates, all they need to do is properly submit a change to those requirements. It is the Membership who governs this great Club and votes to decide whether a change will be approved or not.

AFFILIATE UNIT MEMBERS...

An interesting question was asked by a Member in regards to a Member-at-Large becoming an Affiliate Member of a Unit. The answer is on page 10.1 of Bylaws/Policy under Definitions of Member where Paragraph 2 states; *“Affiliate Member - A Regular member in good standing in one Unit and who applies to and is accepted as a member by another Unit and such member pays only Unit dues to said Unit. (1/17/97)”*

So the answer is: Only a Member of another Unit in WBCCI may become an Affiliate Member in a different Unit.

One Moore Time - Letter from the Editor

What a great fall for camping! The weather and the foliage have been beautiful! I am already dreading, though, what will follow. I am not ready for this one. But I say that every year.

I have been the newsletter editor for two years and it is time to pass this responsibility onto someone else to contribute to the unit. Dacia Susleck will be taking over. Please remember, the Newsletter Editor's job is to put the news of the unit together and distribute so that all our members will know what is going on. It is the responsibility of the unit members to submit rally write-ups with contacts, place, costs and any other information members would like to know about your rally (if you want them to come, you have to give them something to entice them), rally reports after the rally because everyone likes to read about how much fun everyone had at the rally and any other news that members would be interested in. It is the WDCU newsletter, not the editors' newsletter. So give Darcia a hand at making the Capital Times a great read.

I am glad that I was able to contribute to the unit in this way. This will be my last issue as it is time to drive off into the sunset with our Airstream in tow looking for our next adventure. Damn, this is fun!

Just campin'.

Linda Moore #151166