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Letter from the President - Paul Waddell

First, I want to thank every one of you for being a part of the WDCU. I understand we all have choices to make in life, you guys/ladies decided to be part of the WDCU and again for that, "Thank You". Since my wife and I joined the WDCU about 5 years ago, a few people have left, most have stayed, but many have joined. I want say; MaryKim, Virginia and I were around the 35th members to join the WDCU back in 2002. We now have a little over 100 members/units from 39 different states in the WDCU.

I remember our first rally; it was CBR in 2002, our daughter Virginia was 4 months old and it was cold!! The camera guys were there from the Travel Channel, we showed up late Friday afternoon (which over time has become our trademark), with pink flamingos in hand, Bob our 125 lbs dog and really not knowing what to expect. What we found were a bunch of people very laid back, they invited us into their trailers to fill us with food and drink and to help us out anyway they could. The most important thing for them was that we felt at ease and were having a good time.

From that rally, we continued down the coast taking back roads and ferry's to cross out, over and back to the OBX, NC and then down to "Hunting Island" state park in South Carolina. By the end of that trip, I think we both knew we had found something special. Some may even say "a way of life". Since then, most if not all our vacations have normally included an Airstream and the WBCCI/WDCU. Virginia is now 5 years of age. She's made friends that she looks forward to seeing. When we go to rallies, she'll always ask, "Is so-n-so going to be there?" I know as a family, we feel very blessed to have met and become friends with many of you in the WDCU.

Like many other things in life, the WDCU is what you put into it. I know the time and effort my family has put into the WDCU has paid us back 10 fold in friends, fun and life experiences. With a return like that, I'd say it's been a pretty good investment! If you ever need help with any of your investments, drop me a line. I'm sure that I'll be able to tell you which rally will have a great rate of return. Until Next time.

Paul Waddell
2006-2007 President

WDCU Installation Rally, Grover's Corner Farm, New Hope, PA

Why do they say that?

In the Middle Ages, scholars wore a square cap similar to our graduation mortarboard. People believed the hat actually helped its owner think-and the term "thinking cap" was born.



Group photo of Installation attendees taken by Danee Alaniz.

Thirty-five Airstream trailers signed up for WDCU's Installation Rally held at Peter and Star Grover's farm in New Hope, PA. The scheduled date for the rally was October 12th-13th, but trailers were pulling in as early as three days before the event to help set up and prepare for the rally. Larry Trueman, Steve Nehlig and Don McKelvey were a few of those who arrived early to assist Peter Grover in the Herculean task of parking and hooking up. Valerie Nehlig and Jenny Trueman helped Star with the early decorations and table set up.

New Hope is well known as a tourist town. The rally goers took advantage of good weather and the area guidebooks to tour the town's museums, antique shops, and art galleries. The local restaurants and pubs played host to many during the day, but each night our campers were lured back to the farm to enjoy the huge campfire and an adult beverage or two.

With 70 adults and 12 children camping out on the lawn and fields, the 1760 farmhouse looked as if it was being invaded by UFO's. Gleaming silver shapes caused many neighbors and passers-by to stop in and see "what's going on here?" In true WDCU style, all were welcomed and even given tours of the vintage trailers.

Thursday was an informal night, but Friday night's theme was cook-your-own meat over the 12' grilling pit with a delicious pot luck dinner served in Peter's "Taj Garage". The campfire never went out the whole weekend and Carlos Sanchez and Rob Sunde worked in shifts to accomplish that.

Saturday morning, some of the men dragged in a 1964 Tradewind from outside the garage and put it over one of the pits. Colin Hyde gave an interesting and detailed speech regaling those assembled with more knowledge and information than anyone thought possible. People came and went, but Colin kept on giving his expertise answering question after question about

I would like to add some new sections to the newsletter. Some of the titles I think would be of interest are, but are not limited to...

"The Softer Side to 12V Living". This would be tips from the ladies. Anything that makes our lives easier.

"Restoration Roundup" What restoration projects are you doing and how's it going.

"Member Bio" Send me how you got into Airstreaming and how did you come to belong to the WDCU.

restoration and the proper way to go about it. We are lucky to have someone of his caliber in the club. Several new people interested in joining WDCU stopped by and met Colin and he graciously inspired them as well. It should be noted that 4 new members were signed up over the weekend.

Happy hour started early and by 5:30 we were ready to have the installation ceremony. Barry Heckensweiler of the Keystone Unit and Region 2 President was on hand to perform the ceremony and did so with great decorum (this is sometimes hard to do with pirates in the audience) assisted by another Region 2 officer, Don McKelvey. Paul Waddell was installed as President for 2007, Star Grover as 3rd VP and John Gilliland as Trustee. Peter Daniel and Rob Baker were not able to be there, but they will be 1st and 2nd VP's. Bill Jacobs, our outgoing President, wasn't able to attend either, but we gave him a toast in absentia.

A dinner of Cowboy Chili, Roasted Chicken, Cornbread and Jalapeno Caesar Salad, prepared by Dish Catering was served to almost 100 members and guests with the help of Gayle McClelland, Peg Van Beveren and Kim Alaniz. During and after dinner, the Cadillac Cowboys, a 5-piece blue grass and country western band played until the wee hours with a 1948 Liner Airstream as backdrop.

The local police commissioner, who is also involved in land preservation in Solebury Township, gave a talk about why the area is still so beautiful and steps the citizens are taking to keep it that way. It shouldn't be said that "all hell broke loose", but after he left, the intensity of the dancing grew. Babysitters were provided to chaperone the kiddies, so even the parents got to trip the light fantastic.

Every morning, Don Bates drove to the store to pick up fresh bagels, turned on the coffee and made sure all breakfast foods were out for the early risers. Yes, Don is a new member and he certainly got to meet everyone around the coffee urns. Yeah, sure, give the new guy the early shift! Hey, he wanted it! Thanks, Don.

People usually leave early on Sunday, but for some reason, only a few left. Many stayed on and had a hearty breakfast, some went to Quaker meeting or church and others headed out for the flea market in Lambertville. At least 5 trailers belonged to members of the Watchung NJ Unit, which is close by, so maybe they stayed because the return journey wasn't long. Who knows? I choose to believe that we all had a great time and wanted to keep the feeling going. The kids were throwing pears, rolling down the hill, playing in the tree fort and running around the pond, so they were still having fun. Many stayed on a day or three and we were glad to have the extra help and friendship. It was a lovely weekend and both Peter and I thank all who attended for your help and wonderful comradeship.

PS, Yes, the lawns are fine.



Kids at play at the pump house on Grover's Farm by Kim or Danee Alaniz

A list of attendees:

Valerie & Steve Nehlig, Gayle Shonley & Terry Clopper, Sue & Hunt Jones, John & Ann DiBella, Larry & Jenny Trueman, Betty Lou & William Walker, Peg Van Beveren, David Vasquez & Janis Cresci, Marc & Becky Weimer, Sonia & Jerry McConnell, Garnett Horner & Connie Carroll, Gayle McClelland & Rob Sunde, Linda & Wayne Moore, Tito & Maria Sanchez, Al Owens, Kim & Danee Alaniz, Colin Hyde, Paul Waddell, Linda Bell & Reggie Miller, Bill & Nancy Richwine, Greg & Lori Wilson, Dot & Richard Reich, Leslie & Barry Heckensweiler, Terry & Doug Rowbottom, Sue & Bob Chatman, Don & Kathy McKelvey, Ethel & Dick Perkins, Harley Muse & John Gilliland, Braith & Howard Eldridge, David Morrison, Don & Nancy Bates, Andy Myers and Al Durham.

New Officer listing

President – Paul Waddell – balloon@rideair.com

1st VP – Pete Daniel - pete@consultadc.com

2nd VP – Rob Baker - robandzoe@adelphia.net

3rd VP – Star Grover - sgrover@voicenet.com

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Trustee – John Gililand - foxdown@aol.com

Trustee – Matt Worner - wornmatt@plateautel.net

Trustee – Gayle McClelland – gmcclell@verizon.net

Trustee – Kim Alaniz - daneekim@yahoo.com

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New Members

- We would all like to welcome the new members to our unit. We hope to meet you at a future rally and hope that you have as much fun as we do.

Nancy & Don	Bates	Forest Hill	MD
Bethany & Norman	Bauer	Ambler	PA
Jan & Richard	Girard	Phoenix	AZ
Colleen & David	Hale	Grand Isle	VT
Cyndi & Gregg	Halpin	Castalian Sps.	TN
Patricia & George	Hatfield	Las Cruces	NM
Gerald & Terri	Hulsey	Colorado Spr.	CO
Anne & Floyd	Inman	Sauquoit	NY
Kenneth & Ellyn	Johansen	Durango	CO
Christopher L.	Johnson	Portland	OR
Beth & Patrick	Killoran	Vienna	VA
Greg & Lois Ito-Koch	Koch	Berkeley	CA
Sonia & Jerry	McConnell	Skillman	NJ
Cecilia & Jerr	McGill	Hillsboro	TX
Frances	Mierzwa	Yardley	PA
Julie & Brad	Norgaard	Phoenix	AZ
Gayle & Terry Clopper	Shonley	Falmouth	ME
Victoria & Joe Webb	Summy	Georgetown	TX

2007 Rally Schedule

8th Annual Cherry Blossom Rally – April 12-15, 2007 - Host: Clayton & Christie Rogers, Co-host: Doug & Terry Rowbottom mossbackdoug@yahoo.com

Region 2 Rally– May 23-27, 2007 – Bloomsburg, PA

Pageant of the Bands Rally– May 31-June 3 - Host: Rob & Zoe Baker robandzoe@adelphia.net

Caravan to International – June 23-25, 2007 - Caravan Leader: Paul Waddell - balloon@rideair.com

International Rally - June 27-July 4, 2007 Perry, GA

Radio Observatory Rally – July 4-8, 2007 - West Virginia – Host: Bill Jacobs - bjacobs1@citlink.net

Woodsman Festival Rally – August – PA – Host: Linda Bell - belrngr13@suscom.net

Caravan of Presidents Born in VA – September – 12 day caravan ending in Staunton, VA – Rally to follow – Caravan Leader: Margaret Natof – natofs@aol.com

Staunton VA Rally – September – Host: Paul & Mary Kim Waddell - balloon@rideair.com, Co-host: Pete Daniels - pete@consultadc.com – Rally not included in Caravan of Presidents.

Newport News, VA Installation Rally – Oct 4-7 – Host: Garnett Horner gch2878@earthlink.net

Letter from the Editor

Hi to all my fellow WDCU members and welcome to your WDCU newsletter. As the Newsletter Editor, I pledge to keep everyone informed of the good times we are all having and the information for future rallies so you won't miss a thing.

It has been a wonderful year of camping and good times. This issue contains the rally report for Grover's Farm Installation Rally. If you were there, you know what a good time we had and I hope you enjoyed reading about it. In the next issues, I will be catching up with the OBX rally, which was in August and then the Edinburgh rally, which was in September. I am hoping that these rally reports will keep our minds camping while we endure the winter and look forward to the CBR in April 2007.

If you have any ideas, articles or letters for the editor please email me at moorelinda2@prodigy.net. I would love to hear from you. Please remember it can only get better from here.

Just campin'

Linda Moore

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