

Washington DC Unit



WBCCI

THE CAPITAL TIMES

February 2007

Volume 1 2007

In This Issue

- Letter from the President
- OBX August 2006 Rally Report
- John Dibella – Cape Town the Cairo
- 2007 Rally Schedule
- CBR Rally Info and Schedule
- New Member
- New Officer listing
- Letter from the Editor
- "The Caravanner"
- News & Views – Region 2 Officers

Links

WDCU Website

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

Vintage Club

www.airstream.net

Next Issue

- Edinburgh, VA Rally

We have a Flag!!

Well, if you have not heard, the WDCU motion that was presented to the IBT in Perry, GA in regards to our unit flag was passed with so called "Flying Colors". This means, I'm now on the hook to get them made and to you our members.

Just to let you know were I am in the process. I have a flag from two different flag companies being shipped to me. I want to make sure the "blank flag" I purchase is heavy duty and can handle screen-printing on both sides. I have a company lined up and ready to go for the making of the "screens" that are used during the screen-printing process. We'll do a test run on each of the flags to make sure there isn't any color bleed from one side to the next and to check which one will work the best. After the test, the order will be placed for the blank flags and then I'll take them to the printers for printing. I should have this finished in time for our "Cherry Blossom Rally" in April.

I would like to know a "rough" set of numbers on how many people plan to purchase a flag and how many flags they plan to purchase. I know some of us have a couple trailers we use (Rob Baker) so you may need to purchase more than one! Anyway, I'll send out an email for those numbers in February. Until Next Time;

Paul Waddell
WDCU President

3rd Annual OBX Rally - August 2006

Mr. President,

I hereby submit the following report for the OBX Rally held August 20-27, 2006.

The weather (mostly) cooperated although there was some rain and the winds were just what the Wright Brothers would have loved. However, there was enough sunshine for those folks who wanted tans to get nice and crisp. The rally was well attended with 16 rigs, 29 adults, 6 young folks, multiple dogs and a cat.

In the relaxed tradition of the Outer Banks, the rally was not a highly structured event and the first official activities started Thursday with breakfast and then juice boxes on the beach in the afternoon. The boxes on the beach were well received and will probably become permanent agenda item. (Thanks to certain happy campers for the necessary equipment and able assistance). The mid-week crab dinner organized by the Jones' was splendid –great food and great company al fresco –can't get much better than that! The Rally Dinner (aka lasagna night) seemed to go over well, really well, as Linda, Sue and I made 6 pans of lasagna and there wasn't much left! Although not originally planned, having the Rally Dinner on Friday with Potluck on Saturday worked extremely well and I would recommend that schedule for future rallies. Happy hour, as always, was a culinary treat and well attended each evening. Nightly movies (pirate-themed for the most part) shown on the side of Pete Daniels' trailer were fun and the popcorn and 'Pirates Booty' (cheese popcorn) seemed to go over well. Kudos to the a/v guys. The Art Contest had some fabulous entries and ribbons were awarded to all entries.

A full accounting of the revenue and expenses was promptly turned in to the Treasurer and club assets (the coffee pots etc) were turned over to the next rally hosts.

I believe it was a successful rally and hope you enjoyed it too- see you all at the beach in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle McClelland
WBCCI #6945



Linda Bell, the "professional picker".
Do try this at home!



The endangered OBX Maflingo

Cape Town to Cairo interest - Letter from John DiBella

Hi Linda,

I called Paul today to request a note be added to the newsletter, and the Unit's website, about the Cape Town to Cairo caravan planned for 2009 and 2010. Paul recommended I send the general information to you for inclusion in the next newsletter. You may edit my three general points as necessary.

1.) Basically: I want to find out which members of our WDCU, (and Region 2 in general), have joined or are planning to join the Cape Town to Cairo to Cape Town caravan. There still are openings left. It will be beneficial for participants to coordinate their preparation activities.

2.) Announce that the DiBella's and the Alaniz's have tentatively agreed to "partner" on an Airstream, with each of us taking it on one leg of the caravan. Danee & Kin Alaniz (& their two boys) plan to take the north bound leg to Egypt and I plan to take it back to Cape Town.

3.) One problem is that we don't own a suitable trailer, which will be sold in South Africa at the end of the trip. Therefore we are looking to buy and refurbish an appropriate vintage Airstream in the under 23-foot range that will meet our requirements. Anyone knowing of a 1970 to 1980 smaller Airstream for sale should contact us via telephone or Email. I believe you have our contact information but here it is again: My telephone is (703) 323-0958, and Alaniz is (310) 871-9365. daneekim@yahoo.com,

However, we haven't yet finished determining the specifications, costs and other particulars. These details are being developed and will be detailed as our investigation progresses. Although the departure date is two and a half years off, there are a number of tasks and milestones that have to be accomplished, and getting a suitable trailer is one of the primary early steps.

Thanks,
John

2007 Rally Schedule

8th Annual Cherry Blossom Rally – April 12-15, 2007 - Host: Clayton & Christie Rogers, Co-host: Doug & Terry Rowbottom mossbackdoug@yahoo.com Only a few spots left for this anxiously awaited yearly event. Contact Doug to find out if there is still room. Rally schedule below.

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 - belnrg13@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

CBR Apr. 12 - 15, 2007

Well it' time for winter to end and the cherry blossoms are right on schedule for blooming during the Cherry Blossom Rally. We have lots of registrations but there is room for more so this year we are making it open to buddies. If you have any friends wondering where you get off to with your Airstream trailer every April, bring them along.

This year clean out your garage and bring along all those extra trailer parts and stuff and set up during the open house. Find treasures and spare parts you can't live without. Help some of us make room for more trailers at home.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan the food for Saturday dinner and morning breakfasts.

April 12 - 15, 2007

THURSDAY - Arrivals and set up – Happy hour at 4:00, Meet and greet in the tent

Friday - Breakfast and Coffee in the tent - See Washington before the weekend crowds - Happy hour in the tent at 4:00 - Pot Luck dinner in the tent - Visit and tell your travel stories in the tent

Saturday - Breakfast and Coffee in the tent - Get together groups for the big parade in Washington at 10am - Open house for trailers at the farm 2:00- 4:00 - Bring extra parts and stuff for sale or free during open house - Dinner supplied in the tent after happy hour

Sunday - Breakfast and Coffee in the tent - Most will leave for home, welcome to stay overnight

2007 Cherry Blossom Rally Rogers' Farm, Upper Marlborough, MD Washington, DC Unit WBCCI

April 12 - 15 Sign Up Sheet

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Spouse or OSO: _____

WBCCI #: _____

Rig Year and Model: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

ZIP/Post Code: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children (15 and under): _____

Rally fee is \$125 for rig and two adults. Deduct \$ 15 for solos, add \$15 for additional adults (16 and over)
CBR 2007 is a buddy rally. If this sign up is for a buddy you are hosting please insert your name and
WBCCI# here: _____

If you are planning on guests for the Saturday Dinner Please indicate how many: _____ Guest fee is \$20 and
may be included here or paid at the rally.

Make checks payable to WDCU. Please indicate by placing DNP next to any information you want left off
the attendance roster to be distributed at the rally.

U.S. Mail to Star Grover 7066 Phillips Mill Rd., New Hope, PA, 18938. Canadians mail to Doug
Rowbottom, RR2 St. Pauls, Ontario, Canada, N0K1V0

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.

Beth & Patrick Killoran Vienna VA
Hugh & Molly LaPenotiere Charles Town WV

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

Immediate Past President - Bill Jacobs - bjacobs1@citlink.net

Treasurer – Margaret Natof - natofs@aol.com

Membership – Star Grover

Trustee – Marc Weimer- marc@penn.com

Trustee – John Gililand - foxdown@aol.com

Trustee – Matt Worner - wormatt@plateautel.net

Trustee – Gayle McClelland – gmcclell@verizon.net

Trustee – Kim Alaniz - daneekim@yahoo.com

Webmaster – Marc Weimer

Newsletter – Linda Moore – moorelinda2@prodigy.net

Letter from the Editor

OH oh, I'm late! I hope not too late for you to start planning your camping events for this year.

We were invited to a gathering of Airstream friends this weekend and it was a much needed get away, which I have been missing since November. One thing it made me realize was the importance of friends. We weren't all from the same unit but we didn't have to be to have a great time. Our common bond was an interest in getting out and meeting new people, enjoying the friendships we have made and of course "camping" in our Airstream.

Only ten more weeks until the CBR. It is a week later this year. Maybe the weather will cooperate all weekend this time.

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

“The Caravanner”

Members of the WDCU, I read this article, which was published back in the “February, 1961” issue of “The Caravanner” magazine. I thought about the different things, I could write in this month’s newsletter, but, I kept coming back to this article. I think, it say’s a lot about who we are as a group. I would like to think some if not most of us have started to do what this article talks about. If not, I hope you get the chance real soon! Until Next Time,

Paul Waddell, 2006-2007 President

MEETING TIME

Lessons and Who Should Learn ‘Em

By

C. H. Manchester

It seems to me that the greatest lesson that can be learned from the Wally Byams Caravans is for those who have never traveled on one!

When we read about the fantastic trips that Wally and his Airstreamers have taken and taking and are planning to take; when we see photographs of Airstreams in African Pygmy villages and floating down the Nile and parked wagon-wheel beside the Great Pyramid in Egypt and posing in front of the famous Red Square in Moscow; when we see colorful movies of hundreds of Wally Byam Caravanners having fun in Europe or Mexico or Canada or Central America- there is a lesson in life that should hit us right between the eyes. But it most often doesn’t.

Most folks are inclined to say “What an adventure,” or “It looks like a lot of fun,” or “That would be a wonderful education for the children who went,” or “That’s the way to see the country,” or “I’d like to go on one of those trips,” Those of us who work for Airstream more generally think “Those pictures are terrific,” or “What a story that will make,” or “Well, we have learned some new lessons on building a trailer on that caravan,” or “What other manufacture would spend this kind of money to make sure its customers were enjoying its product,” or “I’d like to go on one of those trips,”. But we all seem to miss the point that the Wally Byam Caravans, aside from all of the pioneering and exploring and travel testing and publicizing and just plain having fun, are a concrete expression of a group of people who have made the basic decision to do what they want to do! What’s so great about that? What is the tremendous lesson for us to have learned from their example? If we but admit it to ourselves, **most of us never make that decision!**

Of course, in many instances, we don’t have the opportunity to make the decision because of family responsibilities and financial limitations and other very real obstacles that like has a way of presenting to the pursuits of our personal, selfish interest. But, more often than not, the major barrier to our doing what we really want to do can be found right within ourselves- just won’t make the decision to do it. Quite naturally, we won’t admit this fault and so we must adopt all kinds of tactics so that we won’t have to make the decision.

I’ve heard it said that in terms of actually doing what we really want to do, there are three defenses we use; First, there is the “Cannot do without me” defense in which we convince ourselves that our business or professional activity or rate of financial growth would suffer irreparably if we were to devote some of our time or interest or money (at least right “today”)

to what we really want to do. And then there is the "Someday I'm going to" defense in which we derive some satisfaction out of just dreaming about what we want to do and therefore never get around to having to face the basic decision of actually doing it. And the last is the "I'll be ready next year" defense (sometimes referred to as the "great planner" technique) in which we plan on certain things happening at certain times in certain ways and, based on all of these things happening as we are expecting them to, we will then make the decision to satisfy ourselves. The problem with such defenses is not just that they allow us continually to procrastinate but that they become an end unto themselves.

The person who is so consumed with his work that he cannot find time for himself, one day finds that he is not really too interested in himself or his own enjoyment and derives satisfaction only from his work. I am reminded of an old doggerel that goes something like this:

"If you keep your nose to the grindstone rough
And you keep it there long enough
Soon you'll say. There's no such thing
As brooks that babble and birds that sing.
Then three things will your world compose-
Just you...the stone...and your dammed old nose."

With forced retirement programs in industry today, this is a growing psychological problem among older executives. The "dream" defense is the really dangerous one because it destroys our desire actually to do things. We can accomplish so much more and see so much more and go so many more places in our dreams- and exert almost no energy in the process- so ultimately it becomes a lot easier to think and contemplate and dream than to do.

And the "great planner" technique, of course, feeds upon itself because we don't have control over our own destinies or the things around us that affect us, and so we have continually to make new plans ("It will be next year instead of this year") to accommodate the unexpected. From Proverbs XXVII: 2, we read, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow...for thou knowest not what a day may bring fourth"... and yet some of the plans we make for one and two and even 10 years hence would lead one to believe that we had an exclusive pipeline into the future.

Another tragedy of using these defenses can be that by the time we've decided to listen to our own desires the opportunities for realizing them have been narrowed.

The world around us is constantly changing. And with it, our opportunities for personal expression are being changed or modified or, in some cases, lost. And the changes are taking place constantly...today...right now...in our environment...in our opportunities...in US!

Paul Guerin of our Advertising Agency, in a recent Airstream ad, put it this way: "Don't put it off another minute, for minutes are the very stuff that life is made of." Paul was referring to buying an Airstream but the merit of the statement is that it should caution all of us to re-evaluate our personal goals and desires and dreams and make some decision in their direction even though the decision may necessarily be qualified by practical considerations. We should take some step today, make some definite commitment right now to hoard at least a little of our effort, at least a degree of our interest, at least a part of ourselves for what we really want to do- for what we really want out of life.""



January 2007

NEWS & VIEWS - From your Region 2 Officers

Barry Heckenswiler, President
Phil Pons, 2nd VP
heck257@verizon.net
pep62@earthlink.com

Don McKelvey, 1st VP

mckelvey@exulink.net

Region 2

www.wbcc2.org

Mid Winter IBT

Well IBT is over and there were a number of important issues that were brought to the board.

Because the trade agreement with Airstream has not been finalized, any motion that had the Airstream insignia on it was not able to be passed. We just need to wait until the trade agreement is final.

1: Washington DC Unit's flag was approved

2: Contract for Madison, Wisconsin was authorized to be signed.

3: A Life Time Member vinyl decal that can be pasted over the current logo on the name badge was approved. The cost would be no more than \$0.57, payable by the Life Time Member.

4: When a grievance is filed with International the President of the Region where it orientated will be informed of the grievance.

5: The Canine Court will no longer be exclusive. Dogs owners will now be able to park in the general population if you so desire. There will be a Canine Court for those who still wish to park with other people that have dogs. As you can imagine there was much discussion about this motion.

Yes 11, No 6, Abstain 1

6: A 50th anniversary plaque will be placed at the Bull Shoals State Park in Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Approximately 380 WBCCI members gathered at the Bull Shoals State Park for the first International Rally.

7: Motion to correctly refer to Canada Day in the Constitution. This was considered a housekeeping change and does not require a Delegate vote.

8: Motion to correct the wording from "or consolidate with another unit" to read "with another unit or consolidate with one or more units". This was also considered a housekeeping change.

9: To add Province or Provincial when ever State appears. This makes the Constitution, Bylaws, Policy and Blue Beret correct when referring to US and Canadian events.

10: After the Canine Court the last motion will probably be the most controversial. Please consider all the aspects before you draw lines.

The Delegates will be asked to vote on whether to allow Four Winds line of class A motor homes into WBCCI. They have a price range between from \$70 to \$300 thousands dollars. The one that was at Mid Winter was very nice inside and out and comments were it was well built and nicely laid out. The Four Winds products are owned by Thor who also own Airstream. The class A motor homes would have a decal stating "**Airstream Edition**". This motion would allow the members that now have motor homes and will need to replace them in the future and those who plan to purchase a motor home to remain in WBCCI. I think this addition would increase our membership.

Please check out these motor homes on the web and consider your vote very carefully. I know we would all like to be purists but sometimes we must bend with the wind.

As you can see we were kept much busier than usual but as always, Mid Winter IBT is something you need to experience.

Working Together is Winning Together

International 3rd Vice President

Congratulations to Norman Beu Region 8 President. The Nominating Committee selected Norm to be the International 3rd VP. Norm and Linda will make be an asset to WBCCI.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Units and individuals who wrote letters of recommendation for me to the Nominating Committee.

International Officers for 2007 – 2008

President	Tom Collins
1 st VP	Gerry Larson
2ndVP	Tom Collier
3 rd VP	Norman Beu

Region 2 Luncheon

The Region 2 Luncheon will be held July 2, 2007 at the Elk's Club in Warner Robins. The date change is because of a conflict with the Chairman's Appreciation Luncheon being held on the same day.

The menu is
Caribbean Chicken Broccoli Salad
Fresh Fruit Sliced Tomatoes
Croissants Coffee, Iced Tea
Chocolate Éclair Cake

It was suggested that a cool plate would be advisable for Perry, Georgia in July.

Hope to see you there as your Region Officers will be installed at this time, and it will be my last Region 2 function.

Quote Sir Winston Churchill

"The Price of greatness is responsibility." We each have a personal responsibility for the continued success of WBCCI.

IRS is giving back money

The IRS is refunding telephone excise taxes billed to individuals after Feb. 28, 2003 and before July 31, 2006. **Beware of scam artists** that say you a need special formula which will eliminate the need to find your old bills. There is no need to find your old bills.

The IRS standard amount is between \$30 and \$60, depending on how many exemptions you have. On your Form 1040 for the tax year 2006, will be a special line-item entry.

Today's Chuckle

Taxpayer: a person who doesn't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government.

Web links

Here are three great web links you might be interested in.

Consumer Protection for Seniors

www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Seniors/Consumer.shtml

Click on *Consumer Handbook* to read about current scam alerts and warnings in *Consumer News*.

Online Tax Assistance

www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/taxconseling/

A list of *frequently asked question* on this AARP site leads you to valuable FREE tax help. Get answers about general filing and which forms to use. Or click on *Ask your own federal tax questions*, and complete the online form.

The History Net

www.historynet.com/

History buffs and genealogy explores will enjoy this site's primary focus on U.S. history and stories illuminating the people and events that shaped our nation. Historynet.com gives you the choice of in-depth study or interesting tidbits, like *Today in History*, *Picture of the Day* and *Book Reviews*.

International Rally Perry, Georgia

If you are planning to attend the Rally the following are a necessity depending where you are parked

40ft sewer hose

50ft extra water line

extra 30amp extension cord

duct tape

Today's Chuckle

Everyone wants their place in the sun and then they complain about the heat rash.

See ya down the road!