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Letter from the President - Paul Waddell



Well, I can say "It's been a heck of a year". I must admit, when I took over as the WDCU "Prez" last year, I didn't quite know what to expect. Like anything, you're not real sure the role you will play and what you need/want to do. There was paperwork that is needed for the WBCCI HQ (not much), things I wanted to do, like getting us a Unit flag passed by the WBCCI IBT (Thanks Barry R2P), getting the "Capital Times" back up and running (Thanks Linda), get info to the membership about the goings on within the WDCU and the WBCCI (MOHO amendment, our members Rob, Colin, Kimber and Tim working with the VAC), making sure we had rallies/caravans for our members to enjoy (thanks to all who hosted or attended a rally/caravan) and to help the WDCU grow (we're now the 4th largest Unit in the WBCCI, Thanks Star for your help), last but not least, to represent you the membership of the WDCU to our Region and to the WBCCI as a whole. I hope you all feel I served you well and thank you for all your support over the past year. I'll say, it was a bunch of fun doing it and hope you are proud of the job I did representing you. The one thing, I did not get done was to have flags/t-shirts/etc.... printed and ready for purchase for the membership. I was able to get a few done in time for our WDCU Caravan down to International this summer of which I saw many of the members wearing their t-shirts and flying their flags proudly at the WBCCI International Rally. I was very proud to carry the new WDCU flag for the first time during the opening ceremonies (as many of you know, I did that in what I thought was true WDCU style) I've turned the flag/t-shirt/etc... project over to Linda Moore to

finish out. Also, I want to thank "Pete Daniel, Rob Baker and Wayne Moore" who listened to me for many hours on the phone (You guys RULE!!).

So what's in the future for me? Myself and other members of the WDCU are planning a "East Coast Vintage Rally" sometime in 2008 (open to all WDCU/WBCCI members), I'm working on another caravan which will go from Virginia to New England up the east coast using all the old back roads long forgotten and just maybe even a caravan in the "Land Down Under" with the help from others sometime in 2010/2011. I've learned quickly, the more you want to do, the more help you need. Thanks for all your support; it's been a blast!

Until Next Time,

Paul Waddell

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

WDCU Caravan to WBCCI International Rally Perry, GA 2007

It all started with a man that had a dream. A dream to travel with other Airstreamers in a caravan to the WBCCI International Rally in Perry, Ga in late June, early July. Most would think going to Perry, GA that time of the year would be more of a nightmare than a dream. It all started back last summer talking to other WDCU members about wanting to do this caravan. In Oct. of last year, my 4-½ year old daughter and I (momma stayed home), set out to plan the route. After traveling down 3 days, checking out campgrounds, places to stop, etc... and 3 days traveling back fine-tuning the route, I knew the caravan was ready to roll.

We had a total of 7 trailers sign up for the caravan down. The first night was spent in Bealeton, VA at a place called the "Flying Circus". Four of the seven rigs met on Friday night so we could leave early Sat. morning. My hopes were we would not look so much like a train going down the road, but everyone would take their time, enjoy the things of interest to them and just have fun along the way. After a goodnight sleep Friday night, it was time to hit the road Saturday morning. I don't think anyone was in a real hurry to get going that morning. Around 9ish, different people started to head south to Perry, GA.



It took Colin and Susan less than 15 minutes to make their first stop at one of the many Virginia antique stores. Since, I was traveling alone on this trip; I stopped at any place that had the old 50's look. I understand Bob and his wife Susan had one of the most relaxing rides since they've owned their Airstream while traveling down old Rt. 29 in Virginia. The couple of the day (Saturday) went to Paul and Melanie Paradis. Paul and Melanie are from the

NEU (New England Unit) and we were lucky to have them with us. On Sat. they took in more stuff than I knew was in Virginia. As they traveled down Rt. 29, they stopped off at a “Legal Moonshine Distillery” and picked up some of the “Virginia Lighting” (more about that later). On the way down, John Gilland and Harley Muse along with Pete, Hillary and Harrison Daniel joined the caravan near Ashland, VA. The day of traveling south, ended at a little town called “Reidsville” in NC. We were able to park the rigs next to a beautiful lake at the campground. With food in our belly, a cool drink in hand and a campfire crackling, I think all would say it was a great first day.



Day two started out with most leaving about the same time. I was heading the pack down Rt. 29 in North Carolina, when I get the call from the WDCU 1stVP “Pete Daniel” saying “Why the h*ll you driving so fast!” I responded with “My speedo say’s I’m doing 58mph” I was then told the speedo on the old 1968 Travelall was off by 12mph. I’ve always wondered why the police look at me funny when I past them, now I know why. Anyway, most of us decided to stop by the zoo on the leg between Reidsville, NC and Columbia, SC. As we were pulling into the zoo, the perfect photo opt was right there in front us. Standing in a field were several elephant statues. We took a quick group photo and a joke was made about the “WDCU Capetown to Cairo Caravan” photo with elephants in the background, then into the zoo we went. After a few hours at the zoo seeing my relatives, it was time to head on down to Columbia, SC.



Right before crossing into SC, Colin Hyde’s truck decided to lose a belt. Lucky for Colin and us, he had a spare in the truck. One hour and thirty minutes later, the truck and our group were back on the road. Since we had spent a little extra time at the zoo, along with the roadside repair, it was putting us a little late at our next stop. I called ahead and asked Al Owens and Joan to go out and get us some food for dinner. By the time we got to the next stop,

all the fixens were ready.

As I said on the first day, Paul and Melanie stopped off at a “Legal Moonshine Distillery” there they picked up a bottle of the “Virginia Lighting”. The owner had told Paul, what could be done with the product and peaches. Since we were heading to Perry, GA the land of peaches, the drink was a perfect end to a very long and hot day on the road. Many were tired from the ride, zoo and the beautiful roads along the way. It seemed Sunday night was a night to turn in early, get a good nights sleep and dream about the final part of the trip into Perry.



Monday, things were really starting to heat up, not with the people on the caravan, but with the heat outside. As we left Columbia, SC the temps were starting to reach in to the low 90's. By chance, choice or just dumb luck, we all seemed to be ready to roll around the same time that morning. As we headed down I-20, Pete called me to let me know he needed to stop and gas up. His idea was to go ahead of everyone and build up some time, stop gas up, and then fall back into the caravan as we passed. His idea worked very well until he decided to take a “McDonalds” break. After getting stuck and having to completely shutdown the McDonalds parking lot and drive through during the “lunchtime rush” just to be able to back out his 34' Airstream (called the Valdez), Pete was back on the road. As we headed onto the back roads of Georgia, I wanted to stop at the “Best Little Winery in Georgia” which is nothing more than a “single-wide” trailer with some grapevines out front. Not only is the wine great, the advice on where to eat was better. The owner told us about a BBQ place called “Paeches” in Milledgeville, GA. If you're ever in that town, make sure you stop by for lunch. I can honestly say; they did have the best BBQ I've ever tasted in my life. So, with our bellies full the caravan rolled on down the road to Perry, GA. The last leg of our journey, took us down the back roads of Georgia through many small towns with one stoplight, if that. At times, it was hard to tell the difference between the homeowner having a yard sale and the person that needed a trip to the junkyard, but it was bunch of fun. The day ended with us making our way to the campground across the road from the International Rally. Going on a caravan to International may not be for everyone; I think for those who joined they had a goodtime, for me it was a dream coming true!

Paul Waddell

WDCU Caravan to International Leader

WBCCI 2007 International Rally Perry, GA - Paul Waddell

As I sit down to write this report about the 2007, WBCCI International Rally held in Perry, GA this year, I'm not real sure where to start. Do I go into detail and tell you about the heat all week (mid to upper 90's the whole time) or how the amendment to allow "Four Winds Motorhomes" into the WBCCI was defeated by a 2/3rds NO, 1/3 Yes vote or the "Vintage Parade" with all the old polished up trailers and Vintage Tow rigs that parade into the rally grounds with flags flying proudly enough to bring a tear to your eye and make you very proud to be part of the WBCCI or the opening ceremonies where people dress up in a pair of blue pants, white shirt, red tie and a blue beret on their head (and a little surprise from me) from each unit carrying in their unit flag or the different things to do and see from nightly entertainment to many workshops and the Airstreams company store or all the happy hours and dinners that take place. Again, with that said, I'm not real sure where or how to start. I'll say this, if you haven't been to a WBCCI International Rally, I suggest you do so. It is what I call "Hardcore WBCCI Airstreaming". If you can imagine a place with over 1000 Airstreams lined up row after row with trailers from 1935 to today, some polished like a mirror others looking like you wonder how they even got there in the first place, to everything in between, people from the very old to the very young swapping stories of their travels passing from one to another much like our Airstreams do as they go down the road, everyone more than willing to open their door to show you inside their trailer so you can get a few ideas for you own trailer, it's a multi-day event with a constant image of what makes the WBCCI and Airstreams so special. So with that, I'll let the pictures say the rest!

Paul Waddell



Courtesy Parking - Paul Waddell

If one had asked me six years ago about someone staying at my house using a travel trailer in my driveway, I'd said, "Why?" Well, it's now six years later and if someone in the WBCCI asks me "Can I courtesy park at your house?" I now say, "How long you plan on staying and is there anything I can do to help" Over the past couple years, my family has received calls from people asking to park, we in turn have made calls asking to park. I'm sure we've all seen the list in the back of the "WBCCI Membership Guide" of people across the USA and Canada offering their house/driveway as a place to stay. It took me a couple of years to get up the courage to list my family for parking, it took about that amount of time to get up the nerve to call and ask someone to park. What I've found is something that you will never find staying in a Wal-Mart parking lot, a campground or any other place. As you stay with people and they stay with you, your family grows and grows. The great thing about this new type of family is they are concerned for you and you for them. They don't call up asking to borrow a \$100.00 they call up to make sure that you got home from the last rally OK.

One of the best trips my family ever took, we stayed at a courtesy-parking house for a couple of days. While there, we had a great time going to the beach, eating out and taking in the sites of the local area. What made the time so special, we did it all with our friends. You will find, some (maybe not all) of the people that offer curiosity -parking love to show you around the area where they live. What better tour guide to have than someone that lives right there where you are staying. And you'll find they are proud of where they live and want to make sure you have a goodtime. Not long ago, we had someone come and stay at our house. At first, it was "We'll only be there for a night"

I told them, "You'll be here a couple of days" Before the time was over, we had great dinners, campfires by the stream, long talks about the goings on, hot air balloon rides and trips across the country-side. I think my family enjoyed them staying here more than they did. And guess what they called me after the International Rally just to make sure I got home OK in my 1968 International Travelall pulling a 1966 Safari.

I know at our rallies we have made new friends that I hope we will have for a lifetime. But, if you ever really want



to get to know your new WBCCI friends, have them parked in your driveway for a night or two. The friendship will deepen more than you could ever imagine.

Membership Report 9/7/07 - Star Grover

Membership Report-Labor Day-2007-Submitted by Star Grover # 7790

As summer comes to an end, please welcome the following new members to WDCU. They have either transferred from other units, joined new or came in from the cold after being members at large. WELCOME ALL, WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU.

George & Maureen Bebee, Newtown Square, PA
Barbara Brown, Pensacola, FL
Al Durham, Holland, PA
Richard & Patricia Donovan, Richmond, IL
Art & Carol Hall, Livingston, TX
Cindi & Gregg Halpin, Castalian Sp., TX
Lucius & Danielle Herrman, Decatur, GA
Andy & April Hershberger, Springs, PA
Georgia & Max Humphreys, Ashland, MO
Cecilia & Jerry McGill, Hillsboro, TX
Duane & Sherry Pandorf, Brevard, NC
Bob & Becky Pitcher, Livingston, TX
Melanie & Lee Power, Edmonds, WA
Steve Sinclair, New Orleans, LA
John & Christine Straight, Latham, NY
Ann & Frank Varga, Kingston, TN
Lavonne Wesner & Martha Tirrell, Fair Oaks, CA
Gregg & Lori Wilson, Milton, DE
Beth & Frank Yensan, Catonsville, MD

This is a good time to mention that International and Unit dues need to be paid. Please mail your checks made out to WDCU for \$56.00 and send them to:

Star Grover
7066 Phillips Mill Road,
New Hope, PA 18938

Affiliate dues are only \$1.00 and can be sent to the same address. You will get an e-receipt for affiliate dues payment

If you are an affiliate and want to transfer as a full member, please e-mail me at:

sgrover@voicenet.com

Let us know how we can enhance your camping experience and if you have any questions please call my cell: 215-962-1763

2007 Rally Schedule

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

2008 Rally schedule now being discussed. If you would like to host a rally in 2008, please contact Pete Daniels pete@consultadc.com.

Installation Rally, October 4-7, 2007 - Garnett Horner

**WDCU Installation Rally Registration
Newport News Campground
Newport News VA
October 3 - 7, 2007**

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the Installation Rally and it's not too early to mail in your registration. This rally will be held at the Newport News Campground, a very nice municipal park. http://www.nnparks.com/parks_nn.php

There are many interesting sites in the area and so I have set the rally for Wednesday through Sunday. I believe the following Monday is a Federal Holiday, Columbus Day, in case some would like to stay longer. Check the WDCU web site for additional information about things going on in the area. The new USS Monitor Center, <http://www.mariner.org/exhibitions/ussmonitorcenter/>, which just opened at the Mariners Museum, is a 'must see' exhibit. There is a full scale mock-up of the USS Monitor and the entire museum is truly outstanding. I believe I will have half-price coupons for this and other area events

In addition to the links on the WDCU web site, there is the Williamsburg Winery, <http://www.williamsburgwinery.com/>, which has wine tasting, a café, and tours. Also, there is the Casement Museum at Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA. This is where Jefferson Davis was imprisoned after the Civil War.

For those wanting a quiet cruise, there are sailboat cruises from Yorktown on a three masted schooner, Alliance. Check this site for more information, <http://www.schooneralliance.com/about.htm>

Finally, the rally coincides with the Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife, <http://www.nnparks.com/festivals.php>, which is held Saturday and Sunday in Newport News Park. The festival will draw a large crowd but transportation between the campground and the festival is provided via a shuttle.

All club activities will be under the Big Top tent, central to all the camp sites.

I have 32 sites reserved but I must receive your registration and check by September 26 to reserve your site. On September 27, all unreserved sites will be released.

Come prepared to have fun and to see our new president installed. The installation will be Friday evening.

Garnett Horner
Gch2878@earthlink.net

**WDCU Installation Rally Registration
Newport News Campground
Newport News VA
October 3 - 7, 2007**

**Note: I must receive your registration and check by September 26, 2007 to reserve a site.
On September 27th all unreserved sites will be released.**

Name: _____

Spouse or SO: _____

Children: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

ZIP/Post Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children (16 and under): _____

WBCCI #: _____ Trailer/Motorhome length _____

I will be attending (check appropriate nights)

Wed _____ ; Thur _____ ; Fri _____ ; Sat _____ ;

Campsite fee (including tax),

Number of nights @ \$27.25 / night _____

or

If age 60+, number of nights @ \$25.25 / night _____

Rally fee

\$35 for 2 adults _____

\$25 singles _____

TOTAL _____

Please let me know if you can not eat steamed crabs. I will provide a beef or chicken alternate.

_____ can not eat crabs.

Make checks payable to WDCU in USD. Mail to: **Garnett Horner
204 Hodges Cove Rd
Yorktown VA 23692**

Officer listing

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

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One Moore Thing - Letter from the Editor

Ahhhh, my favorite time to go camping! This is the time of year that I want to be out in the cool night air and have an apple pie in the oven. The sad part about camping at this time of year is that we are almost at the end of our camping and rally season. So make sure that you take advantage of this wonderful season to get away from home with the kids. Give them and you a break from work and from school on the weekends that are left. You won't regret it!

- If you have submissions for the next newsletter, please submit to me by the end of September 30. Send to moorelinda2@prodigy.net.

Just campin'

Linda Moore

WBCCI WDCU #15116

See ya down the road!