



June 2010 Delmarva Beacon

Delmarva Unit 026 WBCCI Region 2

Unit Trustees: Charles Carter 2010, Herman Duke 2010, Phil Cruchley 2011, Bruce Purcell 2011

Greetings to All

We are sitting at the regional rally; it is the last day of the event. We will be heading out tomorrow morning and will be home on Tuesday afternoon. Paris was a nice little town for the rally, plenty to do and much to see. No real new items were discussed at the meetings. I did bring up the idea of trying a different time of year for the International Rally in order to attract a greater number of participants.



One of their concerns is to provide full hook-ups for all. All of the possible sights in the northeast that had full hook-ups were not available for the 2012 rally. At this time it looks like the 2012 International Rally will be in Missouri with full hook-ups for all. There was also a vote to see who was interested in only having the Regional Rally every other year. The vote was equally divided, so if some unit will step up and volunteer to take charge it will be in Gettysburg area next year.

Region II is still looking for a second vice president candidate. This could be the first time we did not have one.

The only other excitement going on was Maryann requesting that Les get her one of the new I-Pads. Les had as many excuses as Carter had little pills, from wait until they get the bugs out of it to wait for the new and better model. Everyone joined in with Maryann and picked on Les, but he wouldn't give in. He did offer to give her his I-Pod Touch and get the New I-Pad for himself. We now have a lottery going on as to what the date will be that she gets her I-Pad. Pick your date and give Maryann a call. Hint Les did say she would have it by the time we returned from our trip.

Well, we're leaving for the International on June 12th and then on to the Alyeska Caravan. Wishing everyone a very event filled and safe summer. Stay involved and see you this fall.

See You Down the Road Chuck & Maggie

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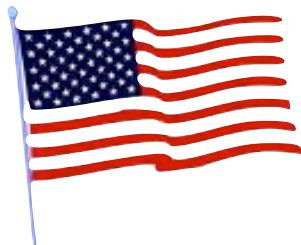
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Flag Day: Always June 14th



Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation.....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.



Carter's Corner
Margaret's Meltdown
 By: Margaret



June Birthday's

- Millie Brown...07
- Russ Leager...08
- Shelia Leager...09
- Chuck Woodward...15
- John Chromy...17
- Abby Mannering...20
- Elizabeth Behler...24
- Carolyn Norden...25
- Connie Littel...25
- Sodona Ashmen...27
- Quinton Ashman...27
- Frances Mason...27
- Hannah Mudge...27
- Jack Casto...28
- Bobbie Smith...30

As all airstreamers know space is a priority.

I use a colander as a fruit bowl and keep it on the top of the stove. When I open up the burners the fruit goes where all good airstreamers would put it-on the bed. However, we had some cool nights in Florida this past winter and I used the oven more than usual.. one night Carl turned the oven on for me and when I thought it was hot enough I put the casserole in to cook. As usual I picked the things off the stove top to carry to the bed and to my surprise I had long strings of melted plastic hanging from my colander..Just in the amount of time it took to heat the oven my colander was destroyed (I'd had it since 1958). My lesson learned.



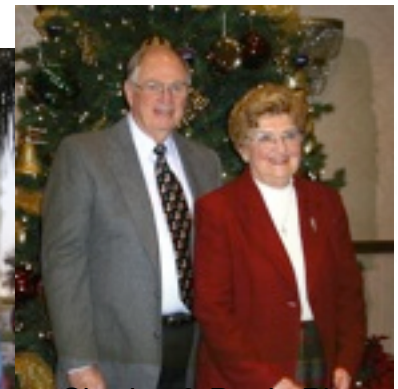
Empty the stovetop before you turn on the oven.

June Anniversarie's

- Ken & Pat Heath...03
- Neil & Connie Lindeman...09
- Malcolm & Sue Comstock...15
- Phil & Carol Wade...28



Frank & Kay Blunda
 June 24



Charles & Dottie Pierce
 June 10



Clyde & Claire Warden
 June 29

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Chestertown Rally

Written by:
Bobbie Smith

Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post 36
Chestertown, Maryland



Fantastic Rally: Good time, good weather, good food, great friends!

Twelve trailers: Charles & Iva Lee Carter; Caryle & Vaughn Brayton; Kay & Frank Blunda; Peg & George Spahn; John Chromy & Millie Brown; Don & Bobbie Smith; Boots & Frances Mason; Bruce & Bonnie Purcell; Jody & Sue Dietz; Mike & Debbie Pyles; Fay & Phil Cruchley; John, Lisa, Quinton & Sedona Ashman.

Guests/Visitors: Charlotte & Jim Lovelace; Florence Hague; Barclay Bloomgarden; Kristyn, Jimmy, Justin & Joey Peacock; Bert Coleman; Connie & Jack Barr; Joan Mason Sacks.

Our rally started off on Wednesday. It was a beautiful day, warm, 90°, with a slight, very slight, breeze. By 4:30 PM all those registered to arrive today had arrived. We had a nice social hour outside the Carter's trailer with lots of stories and laughs. (For those of you that missed it, you may want to ask Charlie Carter how blueberry coffee affects him.)

Our dinner consisted of a delicious chicken salad prepared by Charlie's mother, deviled eggs and fried squash, sliced tomatoes and, for dessert, assorted Klondike bars. Charlie's mother and friend, Barclay, sister, Charlotte and husband Jim joined us for dinner and it was great visiting with them.

Thursday was another glorious day. The Carters prepared breakfast - juice, egg McCarter muffins, coffee cakes and coffee. What a treat! We then had free time before our tour of the Massey Air Museum.

During this free time Fay Cruchley noticed a long black snake under her trailer and she was, to put it mildly, not happy. Brave Phil coaxed the snake back to the grass and away from their trailer but Fay will absolutely not venture into the woods this weekend. Funny thing.....we had a black snake at our last rally. If there is another at our Crisfield Rally I will be very suspicious.

We had a wonderful tour of the Massey Air Museum. I took lots of pictures of planes and motors and learned about rebuilding both. After a while it was just too hot for me to retain anything else so Peg Spahn of the Keystone Unit and I waited for the group to finish the tour in waiting room. She and I had a great time reminiscing about our younger years. Back at our trailers we rested up for happy hour at 4:30 and to discuss where we should go for dinner.

On Friday morning we had a delicious pancake and bacon breakfast and then several of the women went to Maryland Massey's Herb Garden in Millington, MD. Maryland is very knowledgeable about herbs and plants and we enjoyed our visit with her. We had to rush back to the campsite in order to eat lunch and get ready for our tour of the Custom House and a walking tour in Chestertown. At the Custom House we all received ipods for our self-guided tour. After the walking tour we walked up to the Geddes-Piper townhouse that contained three floors of furnishings, etc. reflecting 18th and 19th century life in a colonial town.

For dinner, we feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, tossed salad, fruit salad, baked beans, decorated brownies and root beer floats. We were then invited to participate in Bingo being held at the Legion Post. A few members of our group won some \$\$ playing Bingo. - Way to go!!!!

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2010 Region 2 Rally: Paris, Ontario

The Journey North



Rally Attendees: L-R

Margaret & Chuck, Malcolm & Sue,
Carl & Margaret, Les & Mary Ann.



Carl accepts the Unit's Superior Merit Award.

The further North you venture, the colder it becomes, right ? Not so for the Paris Regional it was hot and humid when we arrived and it stayed hot and humid almost the whole rally. Sadly with "rally electric" turning on the "air " was not an option.

We were greeted warmly when we arrived by the President of Central Pen, Joann Olshefski and First mate Felix. After setting up we went to register and talk with friends from other units.

President Chuck and First lady Margaret carried our flags in for the opening ceremonies. Immediate past President Carl Morris received our Superior Merit Award, earned during his Presidency. We were welcomed by the Paris Fairgrounds General Manager, Russell. He told us that his young daughter upon seeing almost one- hundred Airstreams parked at the Fairgrounds, asked the question: "What are all the giant toasters doing at the Fair ?"

On Thursday most of our group went to the St Joseph Amish farmers market, followed by a "Hassle Tassel" in the afternoon. The evening's entertainment was "Two of a Kind" 50's Music. They had everyone dancing, especially Mary Ann !

Friday and Saturday were busy with touring the area, social hours, forums (conducted by Region President Roy McDonald), entertainment and door prizes.

Chuck and Margaret retired our flags at the closing ceremonies and we were treated to the best entertainment of the rally, Blazing Fiddles.

Paris is a beautiful area and the people were very friendly. Reluctantly, on Monday (we had not choice, they shut off the water and electric) we packed up, formed our small caravan and headed for the U.S.A.

2010 Crisfield Rally

August 5th to the 8th, 2010



Hosted by the *Masons & the Parks*

The Masons and the Parks invite ALL of our Delmarva friends to join us for the Crisfield Rally to be held from Thursday evening, August 5th through Sunday, August 8th, at the American Legion Grounds, Crisfield, MD. Your "Rally Fee" includes Saturday and Sunday breakfast, as well as a light meal Saturday evening. Your "Parking Fee" includes electric and water, and you may choose one, two or three nights stay.

Saturday activities include a Smith Island Cruise and Tour and a meal at the Bayside Inn on the Island. You may also wish to visit the Island Museum. A Walking Tour of Crisfield and visit to the J. Millard Tawes Historical Museum will be available. In addition, many interesting shops and restaurants are located in the town, and offer an enjoyable option for you.

So grab your insect repellent, sunscreen, bathing suit, and walking shoes, as well as your fishing gear, crab nets, and sand toys and get ready to have a fun time.

We are looking forward to being with ALL of you.

Please complete the "Rally Coupon" below and send it along with your check made payable to 'Les Parks' **BY July 15th-**

Les & Mary Ann Parks
2219 Inwood Road
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Both the "Rally Fee" and "Parking Fee" are REQUIRED. The other activities are OPTIONAL, but a lot of fun for all.

Crisfield Rally Coupon

Rally Fee	=	\$12.00
Parking Fee (\$20/night)		
1 night \$20	=	
2 nights \$40	=	
3 nights \$60	=	
Friday Night Legion Dinner		
\$15/adult x _____	=	
free/child (3-11)		
Smith Island Cruise		
\$21/adult x _____	=	
\$11/child (3-11) x _____	=	
Smith Island Bayside Inn		
\$18.40/adult x _____	=	
\$9.17/child (3-11) x _____	=	
Total	=	

Smith Island Center Museum: Paid by individual.

Crisfield Museum and walking tour: Paid by individual.

Please send check written to:
Les Parks for your above total before July 15th.

**Les & Mary Ann Parks
2219 Inwood Road
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President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

As our year as International President comes to an end, we are becoming increasingly aware of the many misconceptions in the WBCCI. Inaccurate perceptions can be very destructive. The best way to dispel these misconceptions, which can cause much internal strife, is through better and more open communications. That has been one of the purposes of this monthly newsletter. I sincerely hope that each region president is sending this newsletter to each unit president and that the unit president is then making sure each member sees it. In our travels we have met people who did not know a monthly newsletter existed.

Internal strife can be caused by members holding grudges, hurt feelings, judgmental attitudes, the need to always be right, and by believing everything one hears without going to the source to check the facts. Open communication can help heal internal strife, as well as help to be attuned to the needs of each unit member.

There are eight aspects to building a successful unit, and following these steps will clear up most misconceptions. These steps are accepting responsibility, respecting each other, always being kind, working as a team, setting goals, always being honest, having patience, and working to build a community of Airstreamers. You are strongly encouraged to work toward eradicating the misconceptions concerning the WBCCI.

Recent Changes in WBCCI

The WBCCI is a constitutional organization, and only policies can be changed by executive decision. All other changes must be made by the IBT and/or the Delegates.

- A monthly newsletter has been written to more clearly communicate with our members.
- The wearing of white tuxes is probably past
- "Gold" parking is gone
- In Gillette most attendees will be parked in Boxelder. Each site is on a row and has a number. These are already in place.
- The International President's Reception and Dinner is a Dutch treat affair.
- The Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner is dressy casual. Only unit presidents, and region and international officers have been invited.
- The current International Officers all are talking about being more informal at future International Rallies.
- We are experimenting in Gillette with a way to shorten the Opening Ceremonies.
- The night of Installation there will be no outside entertainment, thus shortening the evening.
- Long dresses will not be worn at Installation. Men will wear dark suits.

For the WBCCI to grow, we must change. Will you be a part of the change process or someone who sits back and just talks about the need for change?

Meals at International

Over 55 meals have been scheduled before and during the International Rally. This number does not include any meals planned by individual units. All of the meals are Dutch Treat, with the exception of the Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner and the Committee Chairmen's Appreciation Dinner.

Constitutional and Bylaw Changes

Nothing in the WBCCI is written in stone. The constitution and Bylaws can be changed following the guideline set forth in the constitution. The constitution can be changed by a 2/3 majority vote of the members, through their delegates at the Delegates Meeting on June 30th. Bylaws can be changed by a majority of the IBT.

Unit Activities

Are you using the Media Kit to advertise your unit meetings and projects? Please remember that a project worth doing is a project worth publicizing. Take pictures and send them to the home towns of each member involved in the project and to the newspaper in the town where the project was held.

Current Gillette Vendors: (Expecting additional)

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To keep vendors attending our rallies, please give them your support. Give them the opportunity to supply your RV needs.

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"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer"

Lt. Col. James Doolittle, April, 18, 1942

May 5th 2010

Old Timers Luncheon

Submitted by: John Chromy

On a beautiful day, 21 "old timers" from the Delmarva Unit met at Baker's Restaurant for a reunion luncheon. The food was good, but the conversations, news and remembrances were even better. The group included: Tom & Connie Littel, Len Kirk, Lou Wright, Mary Wharton and daughter Ruth Ann, Jerry & Ellen McEachern, Helen McCann (the organizer), Hilda Schnell, John & Carol Adams, Monty & Phyllis McVaugh and daughter Sheryl, Bill & Alice Rowe, Mary Lee DeLuca, Odetta Bennett, Boots & Frances Mason and John Chromy & Millie Brown. **A good time was had by all !**



Saturday was a beautiful day for the Tea Party Festival. After a continental breakfast we car pooled to Chestertown for the events. What a glorious day! The weather was perfect for the parade and vendors. We all arrived back at our trailers tired but ready for our pot luck dinner. Since there was a graduation party being held at the Legion Hall and our rally host just happened to know the family of the graduate, we were invited to go into the hall and listen to the 4 piece band. The band was very good and we enjoyed listening to them and watching the people dance.

Sunday was yet another beautiful day. Frances Mason led our church service and the Mason's daughter, Joan, came from Pennsylvania to play her guitar and sing for us. Bruce Purcell and Joan tuned their guitars and both played for us during the service. Frances had a beautiful church service telling us about her brother who was a WW II veteran. We sang patriotic songs and saluted the flag. They continued to play after the service and we certainly enjoyed their music and the nice breeze. What a perfect ending to a truly wonderful weekend.

Thank you Charlie and Iva Lee and we all will be looking forward to a repeat rally next year.

Note: Since there is so much to see and do in Kent County, Maryland, a few members stayed for yet another night to enjoy more of the Upper Eastern Shore on the Chesapeake Bay.

Delmarva Dues Coupon 2010-2011

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Name(s) _____ Cell Phone Vendor: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Birthdays: (month & day) His: _____ Hers: _____

Type of rig: (year, length & model) _____ Anniversary Date: _____

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Winter Phone Numbers: _____

International Dues: \$ 65 Unit Dues: \$ 12 Total Dues: \$ 77
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