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**President Les shines  
it up!**



*Hello Delmarva Friends,*

Our “snowbird time” in Florida is fast coming to a close, and the snow is all melted back in Delaware, so we will be leaving for home on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Not only have we had “ideal” Florida weather, but we experienced a “blessed event” with the birth of two precious Sandhill Crane babies on the golf course here at the Park. Thank you to Abby Mannering for so beautifully recording the event, from the hatching of the eggs to the chicks swimming across the water the day after birth, as well as their “family activities” throughout the following days. Note the golf ball among eggs the mommy kept warm, but kicked out of the nest when she finally realized it wasn’t her “real” egg! Also, for all of the fishermen out there, can you top that 10 lb. + Bass Bill Mannering caught in the golf course pond??? Good Luck!!! Exciting times at Travelers Rest Park!

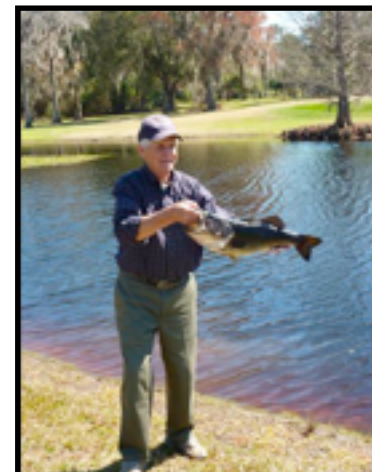


A special “thank you” to John Chromy and Millie Brown for hosting the St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon for our Delaware friends, and to Phil and Fay Cruchley for gathering our Delmarva Florida friends for a St. Patrick’s Day dinner at John’s Corner Family Restaurant in Brooksville, Florida.

As spring approaches, and summer travel is near, please consider coming to the Maintenance Rally in April, as it is a good time to check all of the systems in your Airstream, and make necessary repairs under the guidance of knowledgeable fellow Airstreamers. Also, please join us as we travel to the Region 2 Rally in Gettysburg, PA over Memorial Day weekend. It is not only close to home, but we will be treated to the many wonderful historical sites in the area. In addition, our Delmarva Unit will be responsible for helping to host the Rally, and we will appreciate all of your support.

We are excited about the August Unit Rally that Roger and Celeste are hosting. They have reserved space for us at the Winter Park

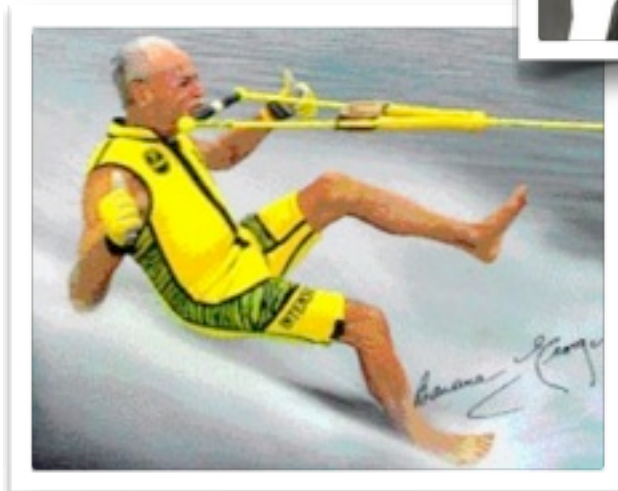
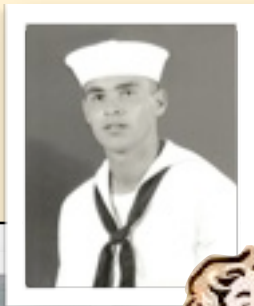
near Salisbury, MD. As this will be a new location for our group, we look forward to exploring the area. Thank you, Roger and Celeste! **Continued on page 2...**



**Bill’s golf course bass...**

# Carter's Corner

(Senior Heroes Part 3)



## George Blair (Banana George)

**Born: Jan. 22, 1915**

The greatest barefoot waterskier of all-time. George Blair was a successful New Jersey businessman in 1955 when he traveled to Florida at the age of 40 to recuperate from back fusion surgery. An instructor at a ski school near Fort Lauderdale convinced George to try water skiing, back brace and all. His life hasn't been the same since.

### Records After the Age of Seventy

- He has skied on all seven continents and in 69 different countries, which are Guinness World Records. He holds the National Jumping Record Veterans division at 34 feet.
- At age 70 (1985), he learned to wake board.
- At age 71 (1986), he barefooted on Whalers Bay in Antarctica.
- At age 75 (1990), he learned to snowboard.
- At age 76 (1991), inducted into the Water Ski Hall of Fame
- At age 83 (1998), he rode his first surfboard.
- At age 85 (2000), he road a bull for a full 10 seconds.
- At age 90 (2005), he went barefoot water skiing, a Guinness World Record.
- At age 93 (2008), he went barefoot water skiing, a Guinness World Record.

I'm not getting older, I'm getting bolder... *George Blair*

## April Birthdays

Sue Comstock 1  
Roger Sansome 1  
Marjorie White 3  
Carole Adams 6  
Mike Fanning 9  
Emma Fanning 15  
Annie Barlow 18  
Howard Lefkowitz 16  
Phil Cruchley 22  
Herman Duke 22  
Bob Poynter 27  
Mary Lou Luckette 28

## April Anniversaries

Mike & Marcia Kelly 6  
Norm & Lois Showers 12  
Jack & Linda Casto 14

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We look forward to being with ALL of our Delmarva Friends again soon. May God bless you, and "we will see you down the road"

*President Les and First Lady Mary Ann*

**P.S.** Check out the upcoming events in the revised Delmarva schedule....in this issue.

# St. Pat's Day Luncheon



Hosted by John and Millie  
Article by John and Millie

On March 17, fifteen brave souls ventured out into a sunny 65 degree day to sit together at Michael's Restaurant and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Those attending included Chuck and Maggie Helwig, Bob and Helen McAneny, Bill Gerfin and Ruth McEnaney, Bruce and Bonnie Purcell, Bill and Tillie Robinson, Dick and Peg Talbot, Marge White, John Chromy and Millie Brown.

The strangest thing happened at the "door" prize drawing - Each winning couple picked out their own ticket - I would not say this out loud - but I think it was "rigged"!! What would you say? After lots of food and conversation we all went back into the sunshine and home. A nice day!



**Left:** Bruce Purcell, Helen & Bob McAneny, John Chromy, Millie Brown, Maggie Helwig

**End of Table:** Marge White

**Right:** Bonnie Purcell, William Gerfin, Ruth McEnaney, Dick & Peg Talbot, Bill & Tilly Robinson



**Left:** Stan & Neila Solette, Fay & Phil Cruchley.

**Right:** Frank Laughlin, Judy Moore, Carl & Margaret Morris, Abby & Bill Mannering.

**Left:** Bill & Betsy Behler, Frances & Boots Mason.

**Right:** Mary Ann Parks, Kay & Frank Blunda.



## Delmarva Caravan to International June 19th to 24th

**Rendezvous: 9:00 am June 20th Rest stop on Maryland 301 and Hayden Rd.**

**Mon. June 20th...**Dover area to Flintstone, MD...203 miles. Hidden Springs Campground  
[www.hiddenspringscampground.com](http://www.hiddenspringscampground.com)

**Tue. June 21st...**Flintstone to Zanesville, OH...240 miles. Wolfies Campground  
[www.wolfiescampground.com](http://www.wolfiescampground.com)

**Wed. June 22nd...**Zanesville to Dayton, OH...170 miles. Enon Beach Campground  
[www.enonbeach.com](http://www.enonbeach.com)

**Thru. June 23rd...**Dayton, OH

**Fri. June 24th...**Dayton, OH to Effingham, IL...260 miles. Camp Lakewood  
[www.camplakewoodcampground.com](http://www.camplakewoodcampground.com)

**Saturday. June 25th...**Effingham, IL to DuQuoin, IL... Caravan Parking at International 103

**June 23rd** Carpool to Attractions in Dayton.....

National Museum of the Air Force: largest military air museum in the world.

Lunch at the museum cafe or outside restaurant.

Afternoon: Dayton Aviation Heritage Park....Wright Cycle Company, Huffman Prairie Flying Field....or other locations.

**Comments, suggestions, questions ? Call Les: 302-475-8882 or Malcolm: 302-724-0654**

**Mardi-Gras Rally.....Story starts on page 6.**



The museum showed most every phase of WWII but highlighted: Jewish Americans in the services and the Normandy invasion. One focus was on the Higgins Boat (top of photo on left). It was the main landing craft at Normandy, Eisenhower said it was the boat that won the war, a small boat builder in Louisiana designed and build 20,000. The companies owner, Andrew Higgins, based the design on the flat bottom boats common in the Louisiana swamps and bayous. Ending our visit was the viewing of an I-Max film: Beyond all Boundaries- The war that changed the world, narrated by Tom Hanks.

Men and women of that era were truly America's greatest generation !

# 2011 Delmarva & KEYSTONE JOINT MAINTENANCE RALLY

*April 29th through May 1st at the Queen Anne 4-H Park in Centreville, Md.*

Learn how to check for problems and perform maintenance on your rig. Test equipment and recommended chemicals will be provided. Cost will be \$60 per rig with two people (\$8 for each additional person), \$50 for one person in rig, and children under 12 are free. The fee includes two nights camping, maintenance supplies, ice cream, Saturday breakfast and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Friday dinner on your own. List of local restaurants will be available at the rally site. If you are interested in a potluck dinner on Friday (fixings for a hoagie supplied) please check the appropriate space on the registration form.

**Arrival after 10:00 AM on Friday** upon entering the campground area there will be several tests done prior to parking, i.e., light check, break lights, brake controller, etc.

There will be forms filled out on each participants rig documenting the maintenance performed, which can serve as a record of said maintenance. The refrigerator check will satisfy Dometic's refrigerator check requirement. Tests can include the tow/towed vehicle, if desired. Each camper will do their own tests, the technicians will help where necessary. Specialty wrenches will be supplied.

There will be a community project on Saturday at the park for those who are able and willing to participate. The project will involve the cleaning up of leaves and other debris, and the planting of flowers. Those willing to participate are asked to bring garden gloves, leaf rakes, potting trowels and any other garden tools they might find helpful with this project.

E-mail Clyde Warden at [clydeclaire@basicisp.net](mailto:clydeclaire@basicisp.net) or Linda Ramsey at [lramsey524@verizon.net](mailto:lramsey524@verizon.net) with any questions suggestions, or other input.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Number under 12 years of age \_\_\_\_\_

Type ( trailer or coach ) & Length \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Potluck Dinner: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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## Revised Delmarva Schedule:

MAINTENANCE RALLY	4-29-11 TO 5-1-11	CLYDE WARDEN AND CLARE CONNELLY	4 H PARK, CENTREVILLE, MD
REGION 2 RALLY	5-26-11 TO 5-30-11	LES PARKS	SOUTH MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUNDS NEAR GETTYSBURG, PA
CARAVAN TO REGION 2 RALLY	DETAILS TO FOLLOW	PHIL CRUCHLEY	
WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY	6-28-11 TO 7-4-11	LES PARKS	DuQuoin, IL
CARAVAN TO INTERNATIONAL RALLY	DETAILS TO FOLLOW	MALCOLM COMSTOCK	
WINTER PARK RALLY	8-18-11 TO 8-20-11	Roger and Celeste Sansom	SALISBURY, MD
RALLY	9-16-11 TO 9-18-11	CARL AND MARGARET MORRIS	HOMESTEAD CAMPGROUND, DE BEACH AREA
INSTALLATION RALLY	10-13-11 TO 10-16-11	LES AND MARY ANN PARKS	4 H PARK, CENTREVILLE, MD



# The Mardi Gras Rally

By Malcolm & Sue



There are rallies and the Mardi Gras Rally: a whole different attitude! We started the rally with a Margarita and chili party....that set the tone for the week !

First, we explored New Orleans, sampling the cuisine: pralines, muffulettas, crawfish etouffee, Bananas Foster cheesecake, beignets, and many others....Then we went on a parade binge: six parades in two nights; dozens of floats, marching bands and most importantly hundreds of people riding the floats. The riders hurled tons of: beads, stuffed toys, doubloons (and other things) into the crowd along the parade route. The parade watchers showed their appreciation by screaming for more.

In between all the parade and bead catching activity we took interesting "day" trips. Visiting New Orleans cooking school taught us how to cook three signature NO dishes. Plus, we got to eat the food after the demonstration. Another interesting trip was to Mardi Gras World. This was an enormous warehouse where Mardi Gras float figures were made. They also created characters for movies and commercials (like the cows in Chick-Fil-A ads).

The most interesting and inspirational day trip was to the World War II museum, in New Orleans. **Continued on page 4...**



**Picture Captions:** (top to bottom) The Masquerade Ball, King Zulu parade, grilled oysters at the Acme oyster house, St Louis Cathedral and Jackson Statue. Kong figure at Mardi Gras World.

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