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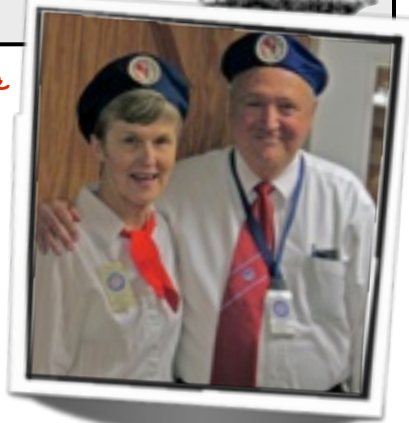
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Hello Delmarva Friends,

We are finally experiencing the “warm Florida breezes” that we were promised, and we wish we could send some of them back up to you! These days are passing quickly, but we are not returning to Delaware before the snow is all melted!

A very special “thank you” to Judy Moore and Frank Laughlin for a FANTASTIC Flamingo Fling down here at Travelers Rest Park in Florida. And, on February 12, Tom and Connie Littel hosted the Valentine’s Lunch at the Trevi Restaurant in Smyrna, DE. All of those attending enjoyed an afternoon of fun, fellowship and good food. Thank you, Connie and Tom, for a wonderful Luncheon.

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Unit Trustees: Don Smith, Eva Lee Carter, Phil Cruchley, Bruce Purcell.

Presidents letter continued.....

Some of our Delmarva friends drove to Sarasota to join Unit members at the Florida State Rally, for a special lunch at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant on February 17th. It is always fun to visit that area and check out the vendors at the Rally.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ☒ St. Patrick's Day Luncheon-March 17, 2011, Hosted by
John Chromy & Millie Brown
- ☒ Maintenance Rally-April 29-May1, 2011-Hosted by Clyde Warden & Claire Connelly

Please let me know if you are planning to go to the Region 2, and/or the International Rally at DuQuoin, Ill. as there will be Caravans to both Rallies. Thank you Phil Cruchley and Malcolm Comstock for leading these Caravans
We hope that all of you are keeping well and warm during these cold winter days up north. May God bless you, and "we will see you down (or up) the road".

Les & Mary Ann

Welcome New Members

**Larry and Adilee
Koppenhaber**
**145 East Third Street
New Castle , DE 19720
Unit No. 1355**

March Anniversaries'

- Monty & Phillis McVaugh 14
- Tom & Diane Meyers 17
- Gary & Elizabeth Behler 18



March Birthday's

- Robert Blom 01
- Tom Meyers 02
- Dick Talbot 05
- Carole Adams 06
- Margaret Phelps 08
- Ruth Bryson 13
- Phillis McVaugh 14
- Bill Robinson 15
- Livi Sansom 15
- Bob Potter 17
- Margaret Helwig 19
- Dee Blom 20
- Irene Kozicki 21
- Ann O'Bier 21
- Charlie Carter 23
- Tom Littel 26
- Don Smith 26
- Bob Poynter 27



*Delmarva at Sarasota
2011*



Written by: John Chromy



Valentine's Day Unit Luncheon

Saturday, February 12, 2011

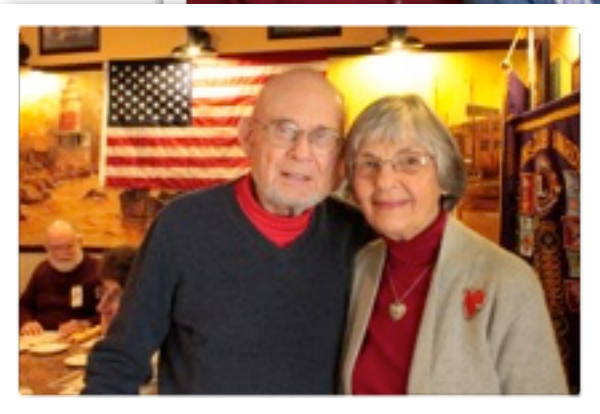
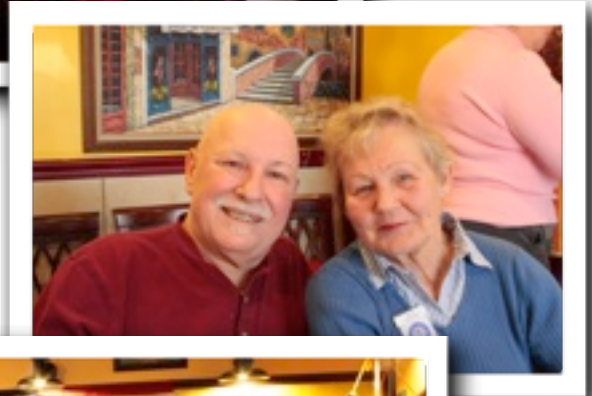
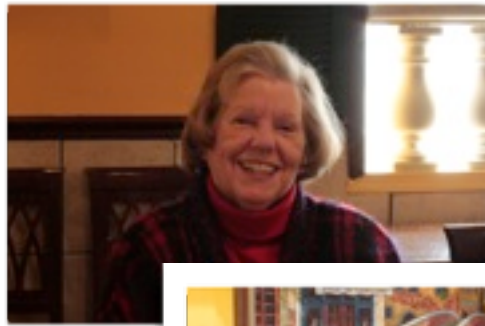
It was a bright (and windy) sunny day that 17 members of the Delmarva Unit came together at Trevi Restaurant in Smyrna, De. for our Valentine's Day Luncheon. If any one left the restaurant hungry, it was their fault. And hard to believe. The portions were humongus! Last time we were there, Mary Lee DeLuca took home a "doggy bag" - and had three more meals at home from it! Would you believe, I even brought home a "doggy bag"!!

We were joined by: Tom and Connie Littel, Malcolm and Sue Comstock, John Chromy and Millie Brown, Marge White, Bruce and Bonnie Purcell, Chuck and Maggie Helwig, Ruth McEaney and William Gerfin, Bill and Tillie Robinson and Don and Bobbie Smith.

Tom and Connie Littel hosted the luncheon and announced the passing of Earl Miller in Florida and former Unit President - Jerry McEachern of Seaford. Funeral for Jerry was in Seaford on Monday, February 14, 2011.

After lots of food and chit chat, we said our good-byes and left for home. It was a very pleasant "get-together".

P.S. For those of you "down south", we have had snow on the ground now for over 45 days.



Our hosts Connie & Tom

More attendees on page 4.....

Valentine's Lunch Continued....



Thanks
Connie and Tom

Delmarva is Losing Our Founding Fathers

Earl Miller, former member of Delmarva Unit, died in Feb. 2011. Although in recent years Earl and his wife Betty lived in Port Charlotte, Florida, for many years they spent the summers in their Airstream motorhome at Tall Pines Campground near Sanford, VA. Originally, Tall Pines was an Airstream Park, sponsored by Delmarva Unit. Earl and Betty joined WBCCI in 1975. Until recently they were Friends of Delmarva.

Jerry McEachern died on Feb. 9, 2011. Jerry and his wife Ellen have been members of Delmarva Unit since 1970. In 1989-90, Jerry was president of the unit. Their home is in Seaford, Delaware, and for many years they spent the winter months in Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, Florida. When they gave up trailering they continued their relationship with the unit as Friends of Delmarva.



Reported by:
Frances Mason

Carter's Corner... Senior Heroes (part 2)

Old, but Not Retiring.....

TOKYO -- As dawn breaks over the world's largest metropolis, Keizo Miura, a sinewy centenarian, is already dressed in his charcoal gray tracksuit and pumped to sweat. Before a hearty breakfast of seaweed and eggs, Miura races through his indoor exercises, wincing as his neck -- still tender from a collarbone injury -- momentarily reminds him that he was born in 1904. The man who has become a role model in graying Japan sucks it up, shaking off the pain the way he did last year when he skied down Europe's Mont Blanc at age 99. In a Tokyo minute, he is out the front door for his daily two-mile power walk. "I still feel good," said Miura, who in 1981 became the oldest man to scale Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, and is training for an expedition to the Italian Alps next year. "There's really nothing so amazing about me . . . but my son, now he is amazing.

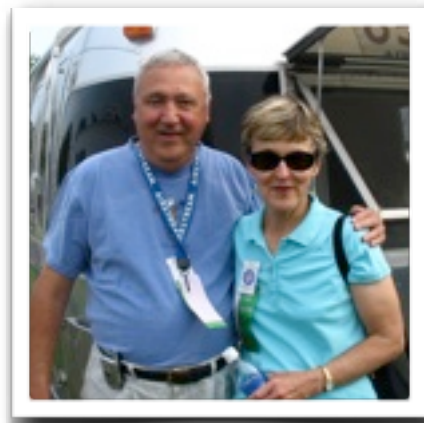
"That would be Yuichiro Miura, 72, who in May 2003 became the oldest man to reach the summit of Mount Everest after a two-month assault on the world's highest peak.

This year, another group of 11 Japanese retirees -- with an average age of 63 and a team leader clocking in at 78 -- walked across China's Taklimakan Desert along the ancient Silk Road. For 73 days, they trekked about 750 miles in the steps of the 19th-century Swedish adventurer Sven Hedin, braving evening frosts with temperatures reaching 15 degrees below zero.

Flamingo Fling 2011



Once again our Delmarva “Florida Snowbird” members and friends enjoyed the annual “Flamingo Fling” party at Travelers Rest Resort Park in Dade City, Florida. This year’s event took place on February 1, and was hosted by Frank Laughlin and Judy Moore.



As the “Flamingo” was the theme of the party, the room was very colorfully decorated with colorful tablecloths, feather boas, pink mini lights, ‘potted Flamingoes’, ‘floating Flamingoes’, and ‘welcoming Flamingoes’ at the entrance to the party.

Our very own ‘Paula Dean’, aka. Judy Moore, prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with meatballs, yummy sauce, salad, and bread. For dessert, Judy baked and decorated the most beautiful and delicious cake with an AWESOME Florida motif of Flamingoes, tall grasses, Palm trees, and water. It was definitely a “WOW” cake. Thank you Judy!!!



Frank Laughlin introduced us to a very special guest, “Freddy Wannabee Flamingo” and his family, some of whom boasted a little WBCCI tag on their collar. Freddy is a Pheasant who was rescued by a fellow TR resident, and adopted by Frank and Judy. He looked really “spiffy” in his handsome new pink outfit Judy made especially for him. Freddy hopes that one day he can come to the “Fling” holding his head high because he has finally become a “real” Flamingo.



Thanks Frank and Judy !

After dinner, the group enjoyed a Chinese Auction, which brought much interesting conversation, and lots of laughs. Now each of us has something to wrap up for the next time we play the game!

We thank Frank and Judy for ALL of their thought and effort to provide our Delmarva members and friends with a most enjoyable party, and a delicious meal. All of us had a great time, and look forward to next year’s “Flamingo Fling”.





APPLE BLOSSOM TIME In REGION 2



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 Bus trip to Hollywood Casino, a min. of 40 people required, & receive \$25.00 in free slot play, costing you nothing. There will be entertainment, door prizes, golf tournament, and seminars. Please join in the fun. A catered dinner and morning coffee & doughnuts are included in the rally fee.

Checks payable to: Region 2 WBCCI Send check and coupon, to: Bill Kent, Region 2 Treasurer,
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 1011 Talbot Trail, R.R. #1
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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 or Linda Ramsey at lr Ramsey524@verizon.net with any questions suggestions, or other input.

Name: _____ **Member # :** _____

Address: _____

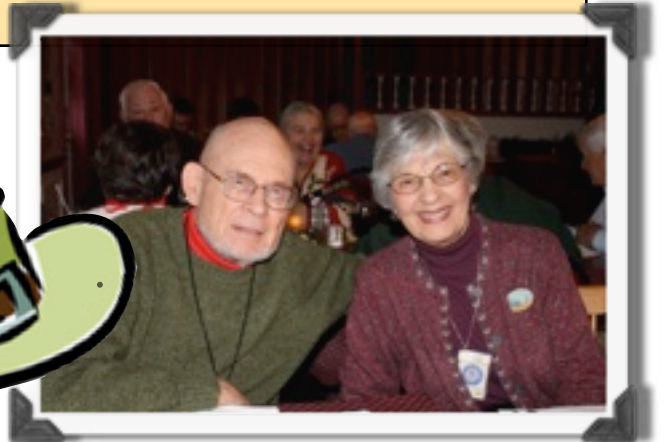
Unit Name: _____ **Number in Party** _____ **Number under 12 years of age** _____

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

Friday Potluck Dinner: Yes _____ **No** _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Clyde Warden and *mail with above coupon before March 20, to:*
 Clyde Warden, Paradise Park, Box 253, 46900 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982.
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