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President's Message-June-July 2010

The theme for rallies this year seems to be "How Hot Can It Get?"

On May 28th we headed up to North Adams, MA for a joint rally with NEU, called The Rally in the Valley. Deborah Bede was WDCU's host and did a fine job of making this a stellar rally. The campground was tucked into the woods near a lake and we all enjoyed the location and new friends we met in the other unit. One of the highlights of the rally was a walking tour of North Adams. Our guide was quite a character and gave us a first rate tour of the town. While it wasn't really hot, the sun was strong and warmer than usual.

Our next rally though was hot. We headed south on June 23rd to Pittsville, MD for the Airplanes and Airstreams rally hosted for the second time by Art Kudner.



This is such an unusual and wonderful rally that it's worth enduring the heat. Peter and I arrived several days early so that he could help Art put in more electric. Thanks to Tom Waugh, the electrical equipment was brought over from CBR and installed in the hangar so everyone could have electric, even in the middle of a cornfield.



When I took this picture of Peter it was 104 degrees, and he's smiling!! I will admit to being a bit grumpy and cranky, but I wasn't the only one and happy hour in the tent seemed to cure us.

Art was thoughtful enough to have his friend Dean roll his plane out of the hangar and offer Gayle Sunde, Lori Wilson and me a Friday evening flight over the adjoining farms. What an awesome experience. The sun was just setting and the moon was coming up along the runway. All was smooth and peaceful until Dean turned over the controls to me! EEK!! The next day, vintage airplanes started arriving just in time for lunch. It was a funny sight to see people deplaning with armloads of food for a potluck. One guy even brought a chest filled with ice cream pops.



After flying in, the planes lined up, tails into the corn and we were allowed to photograph and tour. I met a wonderful gentleman named Porter Houston, who had been to the fly-in last year and remembered meeting Lisa Bevis. He was disappointed she wasn't there this year, but did offer me a ride in his wonderful 1943 silver and blue (yes, just like an Airstream) plane. I had another exciting and thrilling ride, this time flying over to Ocean City and the beaches.

There aren't enough good things to say about this rally. We had nine trailers in attendance and even though it was hot (it was hot everywhere that weekend) we all felt something special. The pilots and their families are so friendly and informative and the experience is so unique. At one point after the planes left, Art's other friend, Brian, went up in a his plane and flew low over the grass runway, dropping Beanie Babies down to the kids. Now THAT was memorable.



Art Kudner is willing to host again next year, possibly in October, and you should not miss this rally!

Peter and I have just come back from a week's hosting at Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park in Copper Hill, VA. Again, it was hot...in the mountains! This was the first time that we had even used our air conditioner there. Fortunately, it was only hot during the day and went down to mountain temperatures at night. If you haven't been to Highland Haven, you should take the time to visit if you are down Roanoke, VA way. There is so much to do and see and the area is beautiful. The park is near Virginia Tech and also Floyd, which is the home of Floydfest, the bluegrass music festival. The whole area is part of the Crooked Road, where the pioneers of bluegrass music performed in the past and still do today.

Just outside of Floyd, off the Blue Ridge Parkway, is where Floydfest is held. We were just riding around looking at the scenery and came upon the festival. It was Thursday and early for the event, but we decided to pull in and see what was going on. I remembered that Pete Daniel said he worked the festival, and whose trailer did we see? You guessed it, Pete's. He wasn't there though, but the whole site was filled with tents in the woods and people working hard to get the festival up and running for the weekend. Next year, we plan to be there for the music.

The Outer Banks Rally, starting on August 7th and hosted by Gayle and Rob Sunde, is next. Everyone looks forward to this special rally, which has been held every other year for many years. Here's wishing for a cool ocean, gentle winds and moderate temperatures. See you all there.

Star Grover, # 7790
WDCU, President

Report from the International 2010

By Daisy Welch

Gillette is a long way from WDC, so no wonder that Hunter and I were the only ones here. (at least as far as I know).

The Complex is an event complex that is brand new, was an excellent venue, with full hookups for all in nice grassy fields, lots of bathrooms with showers, and the buildings for indoor events are pretty spiffy, and close enough to walk to. I'm guessing the International will be back there one of these years.

Gillette is booming on energy related industry, especially coal. Wyoming coal provides 1/5th of all the US electricity, and a lot of it comes from right around Gillette To promote the complex, they spent a fortune on a world class fireworks display on the night of the 4th which we watched sitting in front of our trailers.

As always, I parked in Vintage, and had a good time with those festivities, and gave several people I met there our unit information as they were not thrilled with their local units.

For my official duties, I brought a flag of my own in the past, as it has always been a mad scramble to find one. Then I was given a correct flag pole by my neighbors from Oregon. Due to low membership, two units combined, and she had two poles. So now I have an official WDCU flag and pole, and a box I can ship it in, so the next victim just needs to let me know. I'm pretty sure I won't be at the next two Internationals.



In keeping with tradition, I wore a blue baseball cap with a Wally emblem instead of a beret. I was not the only one not in a beret, and otherwise my outfit (a skirt!) and demeanor was pretty ordinary, except that I smiled broadly when they called my name (gasp!)

Being the official delegate was kind of a let down. The whole voting thing is kind of pre-canned at the Mid Winter IBT meeting, just a slate of officers to vote for. Someone named Mark Garvey was nominated from the floor for the nominating committee. I believe he is related to Leo, but many thought it was Leo running under an assumed name. He got a surprising number of votes, more as a protest against the status quo than anything, but most delegates voted the ticket as presented.

Final results on that vote:

Richard Heyde	3649
Doug Wylie	4573
Mark Garvey	1237

Abstentions	1525
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I cast 118 votes for Mark Garvey and 118 votes for Doug Wylie.

The number of abstention I think was interesting. One delegate stood up and said her unit would vote for none of the candidates on the Nominating Committee slate as they were too controversial.

There was no provision during the meeting to ask any questions or raise any issues. To start any kind of action, you would have to attend the winter IBT meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy Welch (Hardin, MT today)

Trip Report: Rally in the Valley

By Deborah Bede

This was a great rally if I do say so myself! The campground, Hidden Valley Campground in North Adams MA is lovely, very rustic and more like a state park campground than a private campground – but with water and electric at each site. All 24 spots were filled, with 7 units from WDCU and 15 from NEU; attendees had a chance to get to know members of the other unit at Happy Hours and meals and there was lots of convivial mingling. One unaffiliated couple even joined WBCCI and WDCU – Jim and Marguerite Ridolfi – welcome!



The area around North Adams is filled with many interesting things to do, from the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MassMOCA) to hiking in the Berkshires. Along with familiar rally activities like a pancake breakfast, Happy Hours, pot luck and a barbecue dinner, the rally hosted a walking tour of historic downtown North Adams with a local expert. I heard lots of requests for another rally next year so stay tuned.

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2010 Rally Schedule

Aug. 7 th -Aug 14 th	Outer Banks Rally	<u>Gayle Sunde</u> gmccllell@verizon.net <u>Margaret Natof</u> natofs@aol.com
Sept. 16 th -Sept. 19 th	Trap Pond State Park Laurel, DEL	<u>Lori & Greg Wilson</u> flamingo.babe@comcast.net <u>Peg Van Beveren</u> bluemoon12641@aol.com
Oct. 7 th -Oct. 10 th	Installation Rally Gettysburg, PA	<u>Garnet Horner</u> Gch2878@cox.net

Announcements

Reminder!

WBCCI/WDCU membership dues are due. WDCU Treasurer Linda Moore has sent out the membership form in a separate mailing or it can be found on the WDCU web site. Note that the WBCCI dues have increased by \$10, bringing the total to \$66.

Rallies!

Note: If not included here, registration forms can be found at the WDCU web site. <http://wdcu.wbcci.net/>

The **Outer Banks Rally** is being held **Aug 7th – 14th**. For those attending, here is the schedule:

August 7 –Saturday

Arrival Day. No activities scheduled.

August 8 –Sunday

No activities scheduled.

August 9-Monday

Be a tourist... the Camp Hatteras office can provide information about area lighthouses, the Pea Island Wildlife Reserve, the Wright Memorial, shopping, etc. Remember to take your camera, sunscreen and binoculars. Check with your fellow Airstreamers –some are planning day trips to the many parks, preserves and reserves in the Outer Banks. Camp Hatteras has miniature golf, indoor and outdoor pools, tennis, basketball, fishing ponds and can assist you with jet-ski and kayak rental.

For relaxation...hit the beach! Bring your sunscreen, beach chair, umbrella, sunscreen, big hat, sunscreen and cool drinks.

Happy Hour starts at 4:30pm **For all happy hours, bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Bring your own glass, cup, etc. Only napkins will be provided.**

Dinner on your own.

August 10 Tuesday

Be a tourist or enjoy the beach for the day. Remember sunscreen!

Happy Hour -4:30pm **see Monday info

Dinner on your own.

August 11-Wednesday

Be a tourist or enjoy the beach for the day. Sunscreen!

Happy Hour -4:30pm **

Dinner on your own.

August 12-Thursday

Be a tourist or enjoy the beach for the day.

2pm- Fun in the Sun (aka juice boxes on the beach)

Happy Hour -4:30pm **

Dinner on your own.

Game night after dinner. Bring cards or board games.

August 13-Friday

Happy Hour -4:30pm** Turn in Art projects.

Dinner 6 pm in the Conference Center. Bring your own plates and utensils. Dinner is provided.

After dinner – Art Contest winners will be announced.

After dinner –Unit Business Meeting

August 14-Saturday

Departure day

Checkout time is noon. See you down the road!

Art Contest

Theme: Waves

Honors to be announced in 3 categories:

- 1. Kids
- 2. Teens
- 3. “Adult”

Rules:

- 1. Wall art in any medium.
- 2. Dimension limited to 2 feet by 3 feet.
- 3. Background in paper or cardboard only.
- 4. Any material projecting from the background must be securely attached and may not project more than 1 inch.
- 5. Markers, crayons and glue will be available on request for sharing. Other materials will have to be scrounged or improvised.
- 6. Projects must be turned in at the Conference Center at 5pm on Friday.



*schedule subject to change if the weather changes, or if the Campground needs to use the Conference Center.

The **Trap Pond Rally** is being held Sept. 16th – 19th. This is the first WDCU rally in Delaware, and we're very excited to host it. Here is some information:

We have blocked 20 sites with Electric and Water Hookups.. Dump Station is available.

The Park is located in Laurel, Delaware - Trap Pond State Park offers a beautiful setting for camping.

<http://www.destateparks.com/park/trap-pond/index.asp>

We have blocked 20 sites in A-Loop, which is conveniently located near the pavilion, playground & bathhouses, and just a short walk from the pond with dock access for canoes, kayaks and fishing. There nature trails for biking and hiking. Pet friendly!!

Please mail in your registration and payment before August 31, 2010. The registration form is below. Any unused sites must be released back to Trap Pond on September 1, 2010.

If you have any questions....please do not hesitate to ask.

Hope to see you there!!

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WDCU Trap Pond Rally Registration

Trap Pond State Park Campground

Laurel, DE September 16 - 19, 2010

Note: We must receive your registration and check by August 31, 2010 to reserve a site. On September 1, 2010 all unreserved sites will be released. There are only 20 reserved sites.

Name: _____

Spouse or SO: _____

Children: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Trailer/Motorhome Length _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

ZIP/Post Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address _____

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

Nights I will be attending ___Thu ___Fri ___Sat

Campsite fee @ \$28.00 per night _____

Rally fee, \$10 per trailer _____

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to WDCU in USD.

Mail to: Greg & Lori Wilson

27156 Carpenter Rd.

Milton, DE 19968

The **2010 Installation Rally** is being held at the Artillery Ridge Campground in Gettysburg, PA on Oct. 7th – 10th. The campground is located adjacent to the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg. There will be plenty of opportunities to go on tours of various types at the battlefield. These tours are offered via the National Park Service. You should make your own plans for attending these tours since I have not planned any WDCU specific tours.

There are 25 sites reserved at the Artillery Ridge Campground. All sites have full hookups and are pull thru. Please sign-up early to reserve your site since all un-reserved sites on September 24th will be released.

Any additional questions? Please contact:

Garnett Horner
Gch2878@cox.net
757-218-6672

WDCU Installation Rally Registration

Artillery Ridge Campground
Gettysburg PA
October 7-10, 2010

Note: I must receive your registration and check by September 23 to reserve a site. On September 24th all unreserved sites will be released. There 25 reserved sites.

Name: _____

Spouse or SO: _____

Children: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Trailer/Motorhome length _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

ZIP/Post Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address _____

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

Nights I will be attending ___Thu ___ Fri ___Sat ___Sun

Campsite fee @ \$48 per night _____

Rally fee, \$15 per adult _____

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to WDCU in USD.

Mail to: Garnett Horner
204 Hodges Cove Rd
Yorktown VA 23692

From the Editor

Fellow WDCU members,

Thank you to all who have contributed to this newsletter, especially Star, Deborah, and Daisy for the excellent rally reports and pictures. There has been so much happening lately I can't get it all into one newsletter. So, there will be another newsletter published shortly featuring The Rodeo Rally in Cowtown, NJ, pictures from Alumapalooza in Jackson Center, OH, and more pictures from the Airstreams & Airplanes Rally in Pittsville, MD. There will also be more information and pictures of the upcoming rallies



If you have an article, announcements, or anything to include in the next newsletters, please contact me.

Greg Wilson

Links

WDCU Website

<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/>

Vintage Airstream Club

<http://vintageairstreamclub.org>

WBCCI Region 2

<http://www.wbcci2.org/>

Airstream History (SNU)

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/history/index.htm>