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## PRESIDENTS LETTER **from Jerry McConnell**

Hi Campers

First and foremost, I hope all of you and yours are safe and sound. In our neck of the woods it is Day 33 of lockdown. For many of you in other parts of the country it has been even longer, but I feel there is some light at the end of the tunnel (on coming trains notwithstanding).

This past weekend, in another dimension of space and time, we would have had our signature Capitol Kickoff Rally. This is the first one Sonia and I have missed since 2007, back then the unit was lucky enough to be able to host it at the Roger's farm in Upper Marlboro, MD. I have included a few pics from that Rally - it makes me smile to look at them. I hope it brings a smile to your face too, remembering friends both past and present and for imagining new friends in our future. We shall rally again!

Thank you and see you down the road,

Jerry & Sonia



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## WDCU 2020 - RALLY SCHEDULE – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- APRIL 23-26 – **CANCELLED** - CKR
- MAY 7-10 - **CANCELLED** – Winchester, VA rally
- MAY 21-25 – **CANCELLED** - REGION 2, KINGSTON, ONTARIO –
- JUNE 20-27– **CANCELLED** - International – Loveland, CO –
- JULY 16-19 – **INFO TOWARDS THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER** - Crabby Rally – Crisfield, MD American Legion- Cohosts: Danee & Kim Alaniz, Jerry & Sonia McConnell [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com), [jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com).
  - Crabby Rally Update - So far, we have seven trailers signed up for the Crabby Rally which is scheduled for July 16 – 19, 2020, American Legion, 116 Lorie Quinn Drive, Crisfield, Maryland 21817. It's a go (unless it's not) for now! The itinerary has not been finalized, but those attending will be kept in the loop as the rally draws near. There are spaces for 12 trailers so if you are interested and haven't sent in your form with payment please do so and send us an email: [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com). This may just be our (un)official KICKOFF RALLY!
- AUGUST - Open
- SEPTEMBER 17-24 - Finger Lakes - Bath, NY - Hammondsport KOA Finger Lakes – Hosts: Rob & Gayle Sunde. **SEE RALLY INFORMATION AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.** [rsunde@verizon.net](mailto:rsunde@verizon.net).
- October 8-11 – Grover's Farm – New Hope, PA – Hosts: Peter & Star Grover. Please email Star to let her know you will attend. [Groverstar66@gmail.com](mailto:Groverstar66@gmail.com). More information about this rally in the Rally Information section.

## JOIN US / Renew – 2020 WBCCI Membership Renewal Information

It's time to pay your WBCCI and WDCU dues for 2020 which is \$66.00 (\$65.00 for WBCCI and \$1.00 for WDCU). The best and easiest way to do this is to go to the WBCCI web site and pay with a credit card. Here is the link. <http://wbcci.org/component/rsform/form/12-renew-your-wbcci-membership>. Life members of WBCCI and Affiliates of WDCU can send their WDCU dues to Diane or give them to her at a rally.

If you prefer, you can pay directly at a rally; cash or checks are both fine. If you choose mail, send a check for \$66.00 to Diane Sheridan, 15053 Greymont Dr., Centreville, VA 20120.

To be listed in the 2020 WBCCI Directory, dues need to be paid before November 30, 2019. If you have any changes to your Directory information, please note them on your renewal form or notify Diane.

If you have any questions, email Diane at [dianesheridan78@gmail.com](mailto:dianesheridan78@gmail.com).

### WDCU Renewal Information – How dues are calculated during the year.

WBCCI membership runs for the calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewals begin in August of the preceding year and can continue throughout the membership year. If you want to be listed in the Membership Directory, your renewal must be in the WBCCI office by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year.

If you renew after January 1<sup>st</sup>, at any time during the year, you will pay the full amount of \$65.00 plus \$1.00 for WDC Unit dues. But – if you renew after July 1<sup>st</sup>, you will also need to pay in full for the following year. So, if you don't renew for 2018 until July 10, for example, you will pay \$132.00 instead of \$66.00 and your dues will be paid through 2020.

If you don't renew at all in 2019 you can reinstate your membership if you renew in the first half of 2020.

It is easiest for everyone if you renew through the WBCCI office, whether by mail or online.

If you are an Affiliate member of the WDCU or a Life member of WBCCI, you can pay your Unit dues of \$1.00 per year for more than one year at a time if you pay it to the WDCU Treasurer/Membership person. So, if you give Diane \$5.00, it will be good for five years. Regular members of the unit can only pay one year at a time; again, it is easiest if you do this directly to WBCCI when you renew your WBCCI dues. If you are paying just Affiliate member dues to Diane it is important to address your checks payable to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Washington D C Unit.

New members' dues are prorated if they join later in the year. There is a schedule on the WBCCI web site; after July 1<sup>st</sup> new members pay the prorated amount for that year plus the full amount for the following year.

Diane Sheridan

## UNIT BUSINESS – None this month.

### 2020 Unit Officers

President - Jerry McConnell #6249 – [Jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com)

First Vice President - Kim Alaniz #2468 – [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com)

Second Vice President - Patti Galupo #22010 [pgalupo@icloud.com](mailto:pgalupo@icloud.com)

**Third Vice President – OPEN – Contact any of the current officers for information.**

Past President - Erica Marquette #13270 – [ericamarq15@gmail.com](mailto:ericamarq15@gmail.com)

Trustee 1 - Joy Spahr #8791 – [spahr5@att.net](mailto:spahr5@att.net)

Trustee 2 - Greg Wilson #4582 [g.l.wilson@comcast.net](mailto:g.l.wilson@comcast.net)

Trustee 3 – Danee Alaniz #2468 – [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com)

**Trustee 4 – OPEN – Contact any of the current officers for information.**

Treasurer & Membership – Diane Sheridan – #3802 – [dianesheridan78@gmail.com](mailto:dianesheridan78@gmail.com)

Recording Secretary – Becky Weimer #15767– [becky@penn.com](mailto:becky@penn.com)

Newsletter - Linda Moore #15116 – [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net)

Webmaster – RJ Marquette #13270 – [rjm1@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com)



I labeled a quilt. It was not the only thing I did. I did a great deal of things; some were big. But nothing satisfied me more than labeling this quilt.

As a quilter, I know the importance of labeling the quilts you make. In 2014, Deborah Bede invited me to an exhibit opening at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts as her guest. Deborah is a textile conservator by trade and knew the collector. The exhibit was called Quilts and Color, The Pilgrim/Roy Collection. It was a lavash festive event. We toured the museum to see the collection, had cocktails and hors d'oeuvres later followed by a fancy dinner. At dinner we were seated at Gerald Roy's table for dinner. Of course, the conversation was about quilts and their history, but one thing stuck in my mind. Gerry said it is wonderful when a quilt is labeled or signed by who made the quilt and when. A bonus would be to whom and why the quilt was made. This helps in dating and uncovering its history if they can find info on that person. If not, about that time period.

In 2007 I made a quilt for my son who was coming home on leave from Iraq from fabric given to me by Star Grover. It had army images on it, and I made it with yellow (I couldn't find gold) and black, which are army colors. I did not label it. At that time, I figured a label was fluff, which came last or not at all for me. I am still making quilts but since 2014 I try to label my quilts.

Fast forward to 2020, I took my son's quilt back last month and finally made a label. It is now finished. I will return his quilt back to him today but I have to tell you, finishing this quilt brought back all the feelings of worry for him being in a war zone, the feeling of dread of an unwanted visit from a uniformed soldier knocking at my door and the feeling of joy when we greeted him off the plane for leave. Yes, a quilt tells a story and carries lots of feelings. That is the story of this quilt.

Next, onto my very first quilt made for son #1 to repair and label from 1981 when he was four. He is turning 43 this year and I can't wait to relive those feelings!



Army quilt made in 2007. Has little pictures of tanks and Humvees.



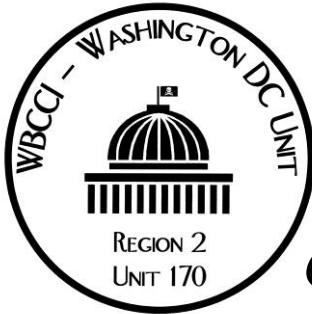
Quilt label finally completed April 2020, 13 years later.

So, what have you been doing during the COVID 19 stay at home order? We would love to know. Please send an email and let me know. I will include in the next edition of the WDCU newsletter.

RALLY REPORTS – No rallies since the Installation Rally report. Please look here in April/May for 2020 rally reports.

### RALLY INFORMATION

....CRABBY RALLY



# CRABBY RALLY 2020

116 LORIE QUINN DRIVE  
CRISFIELD, MD 21817

July 16-19

## REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/SO: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile 2: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Pets:  Yes  No

Airstream Type:  Trailer  B -Van  Motorhome Length (Feet) \_\_\_\_\_ Model/Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Rally fees:

American Legion Grounds Fee: \$35.00 per night (water & electric) one central dump station.

I will be attending:  Thurs  Fri  Sat # of days x \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee \$15.00 per person (over 12 years old) # of adults x \$15.00. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., WDCU, and send it to Danee & Kim Alaniz, 13812 Vista Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20853.

The cost of the crab and shrimp boil on Saturday has not been included in the rally fee.

Please check the box below regarding your preference: I would love to eat crabs/shrimp  I hate crabs/shrimp

...FINGER LAKES RALLY - September 17 - 24, 2020- Hosts – Gayle & Rob Sunde

CONTACT: [rsunde@verizon.net](mailto:rsunde@verizon.net) LOCATION: Hammondsport/Bath KOA Resort (formerly Hickory Hill Camping Resort) 7531 County Route 13, Bath, NY 14810, 607-776-4345 or 800-760-0947.

To reserve a camp site, you must contact the campground directly. Ask for Elaine (x211) and let her know that you are camping with the Washington DC Unit Airstream group. We have reserved 20 sites which will be held for us until 1/31/20. Please make your reservations early. This will be our final rally at this place. Remember, it is easier to cancel a reservation than to make a late one. If you are bringing any pets, you must bring proof of their immunizations.

The campground is an all-inclusive facility with multiple pools (one is adult only), playgrounds, mini-golf, game room, pedal carts, laser tag, and geocaching. The campground can arrange for discounts of area attractions and tours. Nearby attractions include the Corning Museum, the Glen Curtiss Museum, the Finger Lakes Boating Museum, the Great Western winery, many other wineries and breweries, plus beautiful lakes to explore. For more ideas of things to do, check out “Mr. Cheapskate’s guide to Keuka Lake: 10 fun things to do for under \$65” at <https://expo.syracuse.com/life-andculture/g66l-2019/08/08c94df5d99e4/mr-cheapskates-guide-tokeuka-lake-10-fun-things-to-do-for-under-65.html>.

The schedule of events will be: Happy hour each day around 4:30 and Continental breakfast (8:00AM to 9:30AM) at the hosts’ site starting Friday 9/18 through Wednesday 9/23.

- 9/17 - arrivals all day
- 9/18 - more arrivals;
- start of continental breakfasts
- 9/19 – potluck dinner #1, 6:30ish at the hosts’ site
- 9/20 - explore on your own
- 9/21 - more exploration
- 9/22 - pot luck dinner #2, 6:30ish at the hosts’ site
- 9/23 - final day of continental breakfast
- 9/24 - say our “Good-byes” and head home
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Please complete the registration form below and return it, along with your rally fee of \$20 per person (age 12 and under are free) to: Robert Sunde, 18 Watergate Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20905.

Make checks payable (in USD) to “Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Washington D C Unit” . If you need to cancel, your rally fee will be refunded. Also, before you cancel with the campground, please let us know so that we may be able to fill your site with someone who was unable to get one of our reserved sites.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE

NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ RALLY FEE:

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of children (age 12 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ (no fee)

....INSTALLATION RALLY – Grover’s Farm, New Hope, PA - October 8-11 - Hosts: Star & Peter Grover.

Thursday October 8th: Arrivals from 10:00 am onward.

- Croquet will be set out.
- Dinner on your own.
- Campfire and hijinks.

Friday, October 9th: Continued arrivals and light breakfast.

- Installation after dinner.
- Campfire and maybe a hayride.

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: Maybe a cooked breakfast if Brother Rob is willing.

- Day on your own.
- We will have lists of places and things to do.
- Catered Pig Roast dinner and campfire.
- More hijinks.

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: Sad good-byes until next year.

I am waiting to hear back from the barbecue people, so all plans will have to be flexible considering the pandemic. We plan to have the pool open and heated so people can bring swimsuits and towels. We have a few full hook-ups, plenty of electricity and water as well as a dump station or two.

The “kitty” fee is TBD at this time until plans are finalized with the caterer. Check future newsletters for more information. Please send me an email ([groverstar66@gmail.com](mailto:groverstar66@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend so I can have the right sized pig. Peter and I are looking forward to rallying with you!

This has been a trying time for all of us these last few months, so I hope we will be able to have some fun and kick up our heels at the installation.





## ONE MOORE THING...

As Private Benjamin said, 'I want to go out to lunch, I want to be normal again!'. I will say one thing. WAM and I have been able to do some cleaning out, purging and finishing some projects because we can't go anywhere.

It is still not great camping weather here in New England yet, but I can see brighter days on the horizon and I hope reopening the country doesn't spin us back into increased COVID 19 cases. May 4 is our date in NH to end the stay at home order. I hope it doesn't get extended.

I hope you are all doing well and are healthy. We hope to see you soon (in 2020 I hope).

Please submit your news articles by May 31, 2020 as a word document OR just type it on an email. Please let everyone know what you're up to while hunkered down.

Just campin',  
Linda #15116



# SEE YA DOWN THE ROAD!