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PRESIDENTS LETTER from Jerry McConnell

Hi Campers

“What a long strange trip it has been...” from a different Gerry; but that about sums it up for me too. Sonia and I are finally on the move, or at least by the time you read this we will be. We are heading back to the mainland and before it even starts, we are hitting some snags. We have three legs to fly and our third leg was just changed and now takes off several hours before our second leg lands. Instead of being incensed I am humbly grateful that the first two legs are still flying. Given the dearth of scheduled flights the only reasonable solution is rent a car to complete the last leg on the road. So, a normal 14-15-hour trip is now almost 30 hours and counting – but we have heard worse recently.

All this just to say how much I miss my Airstream and cannot wait to get back in it and hit the road. We are all incredibly lucky to have this as an alternative way to travel – now if I can just get my Airstream to float, I would be all set!

I'd like to report to the unit membership some interesting outtakes from the Region 2 meeting held this past week:

First, I want to send out a huge congratulations to our very own RJ Marquette. I was honored to be able to cast our Unit's vote for RJ as 1st VP of Region 2! RJ and his lovely wife Erica are both past presidents of WDCU and I am sure I join all of you in wishing RJ good luck in his new position.

Second, the International leadership has passed on a challenge. The suggestion was for each Unit to take up the cause of a local charity that is helping those in need during this pandemic. In discussion with my fellow officers we have decided to support D.C. World Central Kitchen – further details are in this newsletter.

Rallies and Social Distancing – oxymoron? One of our sister units is conducting a survey on ideas to practice social distancing while at rallies – a report is scheduled to come out shortly. At first, it seems straightforward – everyone uses common sense and are respectful of others. However, I imagine that there may be some insightful ways to approach rally staples like potluck, happy hour, and campfires so I am looking forward to a dialogue on those points.

Which segues nicely to my next point, WDCU rallies. The Crabby Rally is sold out and will be the units first attempt to officially rally in this semi-post-apocalyptic semi-post-covid world. It is a smaller rally so it will be a good place for us to try out some ideas and report back.

After Crabby Rally, our next scheduled rally is in September - the Finger Lakes Rally – hosted by Rob and Gayle, it is still scheduled, and slots are still available. 2020 has been a tough year on a lot of us, and as they say, better late than never – so I hope I will see as many of you as possible there.

Thank you and be safe,

Jerry & Sonia

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CHARITY CHALLENGE

International passed on to the Regions and the Regions down to the individual Units a challenge to find a local charity to support during the pandemic. Your WDCU officers took on this challenge.

First, we were looking for a Washington DC local charity with a national and international reach – something that would reflect our membership.

Next, we wanted something that is having a direct and positive effect in helping those in need during this pandemic.

And finally, we wanted a respected and reliable charity so we can be assured our donations would go where they are most needed for now and in the future.

Our WDCU officers have recommended World Central Kitchen (web site [here](#)). “Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) uses the power of food to heal and strengthen communities through times of crisis and beyond”.

This organization checks all the boxes for us; an organization headquartered in Washington D.C. and has provided relief across the country and the world and finally, it is an internationally known and respected charity.

There are many ways to support this charity but WDCU has setup a GoFundMe site specifically for this challenge – you can visit our WDCU GoFundMe site [here](#). Participation is entirely voluntary and I know that in these current times money can be short – so even if you can’t donate please share the link on social media with friends and family and see if we can’t reach our goal of \$1000 by July 15th.

We are going to host a fund raising virtual happy hour via Zoom, currently scheduled for Sunday June 14th at 7PM EST (invites to be mailed out next week) – we’ll review some unit business and give a chance for everyone to say hello and display their pandemic beards and hair-do’s. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please remember to visit this [site](#) and share it on Facebook and beyond.

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 – **A RALLY UPDATE IS JUST BELOW AND MORE INFO IS AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER** - Crabby Rally – Crisfield, MD American Legion, 116 Lorie Quinn Dr, Crisfield, MD - Cohosts: Danee & Kim Alaniz, Jerry & Sonia McConnell daneekim2468@gmail.com, jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com.
 - Crabby Rally Update – To All Crabby Rally-Goers - The rally is a go. I held off on depositing checks but will be doing so this week. All spaces are full but if anyone is still interested in attending and would like an overflow space at the American Legion or would like to book separately at Janes Island State Park please let me know. Of course, anyone who has registered but cannot attend let me know as soon as possible to daneekim2468@gmail.com. Within a few weeks I will be sending an email to attendees with the itinerary. I am certainly looking forward to our “kickoff” rally, plentiful crabs, and great weather.
- AUGUST – STILL 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.
- 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. 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.

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

WBCCI membership runs for the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. 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 30th of the preceding year.

If you renew after January 1st, 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 1st, 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.

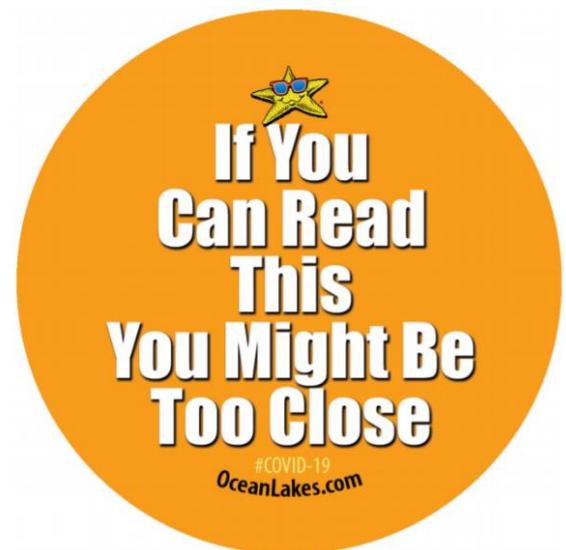
It is easiest for everyone if you renew through the WBCCI office, whether by mail or online.

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 1st 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

First Vice President - Kim Alaniz #2468 – daneekim2468@gmail.com

Second Vice President - Patti Galupo #22010 pgalupo@icloud.com

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

Past President - Erica Marquette #13270 – ericamarq15@gmail.com

Trustee 1 - Joy Spahr #8791 – spahr5@att.net

Trustee 2 - Greg Wilson #4582 g.l.wilson@comcast.net

Trustee 3 – Danee Alaniz #2468 – daneekim2468@gmail.com

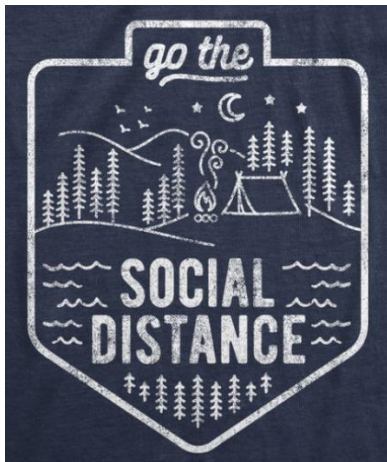
Trustee 4 – OPEN – Contact any of the current officers for information.

Treasurer & Membership – Diane Sheridan – #3802 – dianesheridan78@gmail.com

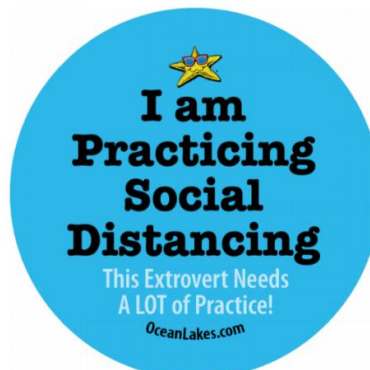
Recording Secretary – Becky Weimer #15767– becky@penn.com

Newsletter - Linda Moore #15116 – lindamoorenh@comcast.net

Webmaster – RJ Marquette #13270 – rjm1@yahoo.com



RALLY REPORTS – No rallies since the 2019 Installation Rally report which was sadly last year! I hope there is a rally report in the August newsletter about the Crabby Rally! We gotta have a rally soon!



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 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
groverstar66@gmail.com.

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 10th: 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 11th: 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) 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...

I hope you are all doing well and are healthy. The country is starting to open, albeit very slowly. My heart goes out to anyone who has died from or has been impacted by covid 19. We are campers, resilience is our middle name and we will get through this. It will be the subject of many campfire stories for some time.

Keep your fingers crossed the Crabby Rally goes off as planned. I really need a rally! I did get some Airstream time taking our rig out to a LARGE parking lot to practice towing, swinging wide and backing into a space. We will see how that goes for real when I am really going somewhere and there are 'things' in the way! That could be a campfire story too!

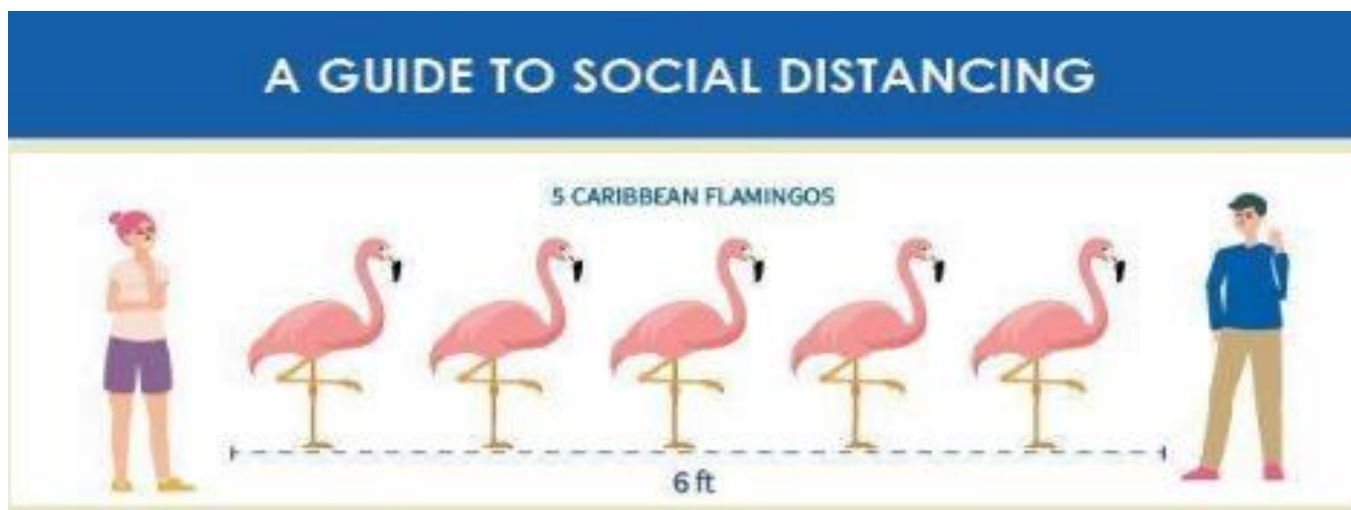
I am sure you have noticed all the distancing badges I found on the internet. Some of them are cute and I thought we will need to be reminded the pandemic won't be done by the Crabby Rally. I know it will be tough for me to show restraint when I finally get to see any of you. But remember, the key here is to be physically distanced as opposed to socially. Can't wait to see you all!

And lastly, please give some consideration to taking on the Region 2 challenge and donate to the World Central Kitchen in DC. At the very least, please share the information wherever you can.

Please submit your news articles by June 30, 2020 as a word document OR just type it on an email. Please let everyone know what you're up to while hunkered down.

Remember, we are 'Just campin'', or trying to anyway. I hope to see you soon (in 2020 I hope).

Just campin',
Linda #15116





CAPTION NEEDED. Please send me an email with your caption lindamoorenh@comcast.net. That smooth green stuff is pond slime and you can see the grass in front of the mower. 'Someone' we all know went into the pond while mowing. GO....

SEE YA DOWN THE ROAD!

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