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PRESIDENT'S LETTER – Michael Vallen

A GREAT time was had by all at the Delaware Seashore State Park Rally! The weather was glorious, the swimming was amazing and the fellowship was superb! I personally want to thank Glenn and Annie for stepping up and hosting this rally, it was because of their hard work, fabulous planning and attention to detail that we all had such a good time. We saw familiar faces and quite a few folks who for them this was their first rally! As well there were a number of other Airstreamers in the park all of whom came over and enjoyed happy hour with the group. One of the highlights of the rally was the impromptu ukulele serenade lead by Gary Whaley and his trio :). I posted a short clip to Instagram and Facebook just in case you happened to miss it.

Our next rally is up in Vermont and I am getting very excited for this one. Sara and Steven Bernheisel are hosting, Vermont being one of their favorite summertime vacation spots. They have picked a great campground for the rally, it's located on the Battenkill River and is close to Arlington, Vermont and many local attractions. The weather is typically cool in Vermont in July so we should have no need for air conditioning! There are lots of details about this rally on our website. I will say though it would be ideal if you are planning to attend to let Sara or Steven know as soon as possible, they would like to have a full list of attendees no later than July 1 so that they can plan and prepare everything they will need for the rally. Of note too, their rally fee includes a lot, all campground fees, meals and such are included.

Knoebels is next and this rally too will be well attended so make sure to get in touch with Nick Iverson to let him know you are coming!

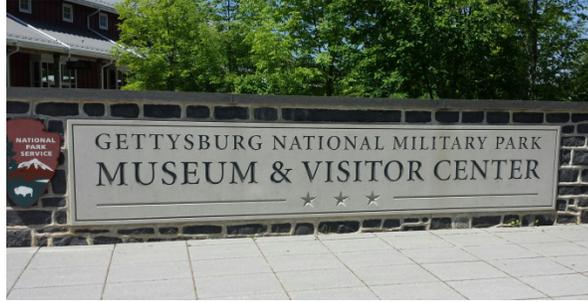
I've certainly learned that being the group leader isn't for the faint of heart. This year so far has been absolute chaos for me personally and so keeping up with the demands of the group, though not over the top intense, has been difficult. I hope that everyone appreciates the effort that is put into all of the planning and coordinating that is done to organize, plan and host these events! The greatest pleasure and what lets me know I'm/we are doing a good job is by having good attendance to the rallies. I'm enjoying the heck out of this year but I'm glad that it will not last beyond October :) A special THANK YOU to my second in command, Linda Moore who without I would never get anything done!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you during one or more of our upcoming rallies.

Travel well,

Michael Vallen

Gettysburg Rally May 14-17



Hosts Nancy & Carl McDowell

The rally started early for WAM and I when we left NH around 2pm on Wednesday but decided that we could possibly make a run for PA and get there very late. I tried calling a couple of campgrounds along the way but was too late. Since it is early camping season, camp offices close by 6pm. We had no idea what our campground situation was but moved forward anyway getting to the campground well after midnight. Luckily our group of sites was just behind the camp office. Still, trying to pull in and get situated QUIETLY was a task we did not accomplish.

We finally got up, not yet recovered from our kamikaze drive, and went to breakfast and did grocery shopping for the weekend. Others were to be coming in that day and we couldn't wait to greet them. Finally someone to play with!

The rally was very laid back and relaxing able to do what you wanted to do. We scoped out the Gettysburg visitor center to get the lay of the land and decided to see the movie and the Cyclorama on Thursday afternoon. Best decision ever since we were warned that there would be 100 buses coming in on Friday and the more on Saturday. Thursday dinner was out to a microbrew with Nancy and Carl. Ok dinner, great beer and company. Friday and Saturday we were able to tour the battlefield with a CD that we purchased from the gift shop. It was an audio tour of the whole battleground with battle dialogue that made you feel like you were there. My mind was a movie screen watching the whole bloody battle. The best \$25 tour ever!

Friday dinner was a 'hot dog roast' which was in tribute to the "Daily Union Army Ration" from 1861-1864: Meat: 12 oz of pork or bacon, or 1lb and 4 oz of salt or fresh beef; Bread: 1lb and 6oz of soft bread or flour, or 1lb of hardtack. I was thankful for the hot dog based on those rations!

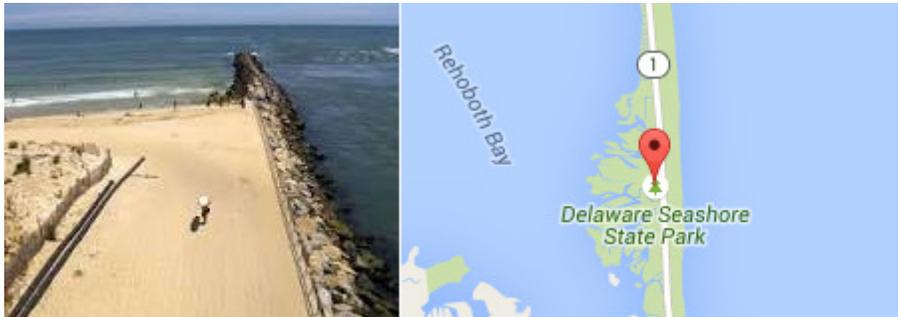
Saturday was more of the same history, happy hour and camaraderie with old and new friends. Dinner was a Crockpotluck. What a great idea. Clay pots were everywhere with delectable treasures in each! This diet was forgotten this weekend!

Sunday was the dreaded day of departure, sniff. We can't wait to spend time with you all again!

Thanks for the good time, Nancy and Carl!

WAM and Ma'am

Delaware Seashore Rally June 12-14, 2015 – Write up by Diane Sheridan



Delaware Seashore State Park



[Delaware Seashore State Park](#), Rehoboth Beach, DE. (302) 227-2800 | N38° 38.038 W75° 04.018

A big thank you to the hosts Annie and Glenn Barlow for stepping up to run a rally.

Fourteen units joined hosts Annie and Glenn Barlow for a great time at the beach.

The Rally kicked off on Friday with a 4:00 p.m. happy hour followed by a casual dinner of subs, chips, watermelon and the best ever key lime pie. Later on in the evening the group retreated to the campground's campfire ring to enjoy a beautiful evening.

Saturday morning we rose to a delicious continental breakfast provided by Glenn and Annie and then the group headed out for the day to enjoy the areas finest shopping, antiques, garage sales, farmers markets, the Ferry to Cape May, and restaurants/breweries. Some also stayed at the campground to enjoy relaxing on the beach.

Saturday evening we began with the 4:00 p.m. happy hour followed by a Pot Luck dinner. We chipped in for the most delicious fried chicken ordered and picked up in Bethany Beach. To complete the evening, after dinner we were serenaded by a trio of singers from our group playing guitars and ukuleles. It was very entertaining.

Sunday morning before we headed on down the road we were treated to a continental breakfast. Additionally, 3 Airstream Units joined our happy hours and meals and our thinking of joining our group.

2015 WDCU RALLY SCHEDULE

Three great rallies have already come and gone. Next up, Camping on the Battenkill Jul 23-26. Please contact Steven if you have questions about the rally. Knoebels Aug 20-23, contact Nick Iverson.

For more detail on each Rally, please click the link to be sent to the WBCCI – WDCU website.

Here is the link: <http://wdcu.wbcci.net/2015-rally-schedule/>

Apr 23-26 – Capitol Kick Off Rally -

A Buddy Rally - **Res deadline– Apr 7**

Marietta House Museum, Glenn Dale, MD
Contact: Michael Vallen mevallen@gmail.com
[CKR REGISTRATION](#) link

May 15-17 – Gettysburg Rally

Round Top Campground, Gettysburg, Pa
Contact: Nancy & Carl McDowell
giommi1@gmail.com

May 28 – 31 – Region 2 Rally

Jun 12-14 Delaware Seashore Rally

Delaware Seashore State Park
Rehoboth Beach, DE
Contact: Glenn Barlow agbarlow@aol.com
See more rally information at the end of the newsletter.

Jun 26 – Jul 4 – International

Farmington, NM

Jul 23-26 – Camping on the Battenkill

Camping on the Battenkill Campground
Arlington, VT
Contact Steve and Sara Bernheisel
steven.bernheisel@apsva.us

Aug 20-23 – Knoebels Rally

Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, PA
Contact: Nick Iverson NIC6930@gmail.com
See coupon at the end of the newsletter.

Sep 17-20 – Trap Pond Rally

Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, DE
Contact: Lori & Greg Wilson flamingo.babe@comcast.net

Oct 2-4 - Installation Rally

Starlite Campground, Lancaster, PA
Contact: Carol & Chris Assaf chris@ctassaf.com

Oct 30-Nov 1 – Fall Leaves Rally

Shenandoah River State Park
Bentonville, VA
Contact: Michael Vallen

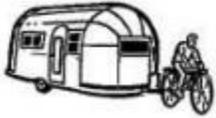
Dec 19-Jan 3, 2016 - FL 'Forgotten Coast' Mini-Caravan

Contact: Michael Vallen mevallen@gmail.com

CALL FOR RALLY HOSTS

If you have a great location or event in mind that would make a great rally, for this year or next, please contact Michael or any of the officers. Don't be shy. If you are fearful of hosting a Rally, there are many of us that can lend a hand; you don't need to go it alone. We all want the same thing, adventure, meet new people and have fun. The schedule for any Rally can be as stringent or as loose as you want, if it is your Rally, it is your prerogative.

[Join Us / Renew](#) – Click to go to the WDCU website to RENEW



We have two ways to join or renew your membership – by mail and online via Paypal. Note the Paypal option costs more to offset the fees.

By Mail:

[WDCU Membership Application Form](#)

1. Print a copy of the Membership Application.
2. Fill out the application form. For renewals, note changes as necessary.
3. Regular members write a \$66 check payable to the WDCU.
4. Affiliate members might prefer to send \$1.00 cash or more for multiple years.
5. Mail the application and check to the Treasurer & Membership Chairman, John S. DiBella, 8425 Toll House Rd, Annandale, VA 22003 JSDBLA@Gmail.com.

By Online dues with PayPal:

<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/44-2/>



Please feel free to contact any of the unit officers; we are here to assist you.

Do you have an idea for a rally? Please tell us your idea. We are always looking for places that are fun and interesting.



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AIRSTREAM MARKET

Do you have an Airstream or Airstream related item to sell? Send an email to lindamoorenh@comcast.net. I will put it in the next newsletter or send out to the membership.



USEFUL LINKS

Do you have a favorite place or website that you get your Airstream serviced, Airstream “stuff” or Airstream info? Don’t keep it a secret, spread the word.

Send an email to lindamoorenh@comcast.net to be included in the next newsletter.

Here is one of our favorites:



[campers!](#)

[Vintage Trailer Supply - parts and supplies for vintage travel trailers and](#)

ONE MOORE THING – FROM THE EDITOR

I can't believe that it is already the end of June. Oh how we longed for those long warm days and we are already here.

WAM and I attended the Gettysburg Rally and what a wonderful time we had. There is always a great time when you are surrounded with old and new friends and inundated with history! Nancy and Carl did a great job hosting. It was a laid back relaxing event with plenty to do when you wanted it.

The Delaware Seashore was a hit, I regret that we had to miss it. Make sure you read Diane's rally write up in this issue.

Next up is the Camping on the Battenkill in July and Knoebels in August.

If you haven't reserved your spaces at any of the other rallies yet, you really need to get going. You don't want to miss a single one. Both the Battenkill and Installation rally have a 7/1/15 deadline so get your reservations in. I hope to see you there.

The next newsletter will be the beginning of September. Please send any articles, rally photos, rally recipes, member news whatever to me by August 15. Send newsletter submissions to lindamoorenh@comcast.net.

Remember, we're just campin'!
Linda Moore #15116

P.S. Thank you and your welcome, Michael



WDCU KNOEBELS RALLY REGISTRATION

August 20-23, 2015

MAKE RESERVATIONS through Nick Iverson w/ this Registration

@ Lake Glory Campground

96 Eisenhower Road, Catawissa, PA 17820

Lake Glory Phone - 570-356-7392

<http://www.knoebels.com/index.php/camping> (Scroll to Lake Glory Campground)

\$49 a night per trailer (No maximum # adults in trailer; kids are free and may camp in tents at site)
Rally Fee \$10 per ADULT, kids are free (Continental breakfasts: Fri-Sun, Old Fashion Cookout: Sat)

Only 20 Sites have been reserved and site assignments will be completed by Nicola Iverson

Make checks payable to WDCU and mail by DEADLINE: August 3, 2015

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Kids names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Trailer Year/Model/Length: _____

Date Arriving: _____ Date Departing: _____

#Nights: _____ X \$49= _____

#Adults: _____ X \$10= _____

#Kids: _____ Free

Total Check Amount: _____