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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 is 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.

The next rally is the joint rally with the New England Unit and Deborah Bede will be our hostess. The Rally in the Valley, North Adams, MA, to be held May 28-31 promises to be an interesting time and Peter and I are looking forward to it. We'll have a full report for the next newsletter.

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!! Lori took a photo and I'm sure I don't look too relaxed. 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.

If anyone is interested in being the flag bearer at the Region 2 rally in Canada at the end of this month, let me know. Daisy Welch is going to

represent the unit at International, but we still need a rep for the Region rally. Please give me a call ASAP.

Peter and I are leaving for Wellsboro, PA early next week for some quiet time and I hope you are headed out soon too. See you at the Rally in the Valley. Cheers, Star

Announcements

The following is from Region 2 President. Roy MacDonald:

Good Morning to all

I was going to wait till Sat. afternoon to make this decision but I have been getting a few e-mails wanting to know what was happening. One unit is having a Rally this Week-end and needed to know.

So here it is.

THE RALLY IS A GO. We will take a loss unless we can get more people to come. So please talk this up. I have attached a Registration form to this e-mail.

One of the main reasons I can go ahead with the Rally is that Can-Am RV our Airstream Dealer in Ontario has given us a generous donation to help offset the loss.

So let's talk it up and get those coupons in. Those few clubs that do not have anyone coming, please re-think your plans.

The Entertainment is going to be great including a live play put on just for us.

See you in Paris.

Roy MacDonald

Congratulations to April and Andy Hershberger on the birth of their son, Alexander George Hershberger, "Alex"!! Alex arrived on April 12th at 9:16 pm. He weighed 8 lbs, and was 20 inches long.



Due to the above announcement, Linda Moore will be the WDCU Membership Chair. Please direct all membership information and questions to Linda at: lindamoorenh@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

We have two rallies coming up soon that look like a lot of fun. The first is the **Airstreams & Airplanes Rally** in Pittsville, MD being held on June 25th – June 27th. For information contact Art Kudner at arthur_kudner@comcast.net .

The next is the **Cowtown Rodeo Rally** in New Jersey on July 16th – July 18th. This a joint rally with the Watchung Unit. For information contact Jane Layman at janelayman2@mac.com
A registration coupon can be found here: <http://wdcu.wbccci.net/rally/108/>

New Members

While general membership numbers are on the decline, the WDCU continues to be one of the fastest growing units in the WBCCI. We are proud to welcome our new members to the unit.

New Members:

JoAnn & Patrick Wheatley
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1956 Bubble
San Luis Obispo, CA

WDCU Officer Listing

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2009 Rally Schedule

May 28 th to May 31 st	Rally in the Valley North Adams, MA Joint with NEU	<u>Deborah Bede</u> stillwaterstudio@conknet.com
June 25 th -June 27 th	Airstreams & Airplanes Pittsville, MD	<u>Arthur Kudner</u> arthur_kudner@comcast.net
July 16 th -July 18 th	Cowtown Rodeo Rally Joint w/Watchung	<u>Jane Layman</u> janelayman2@mac.com
Aug. 16 th -Aug 14 th	Outer Banks Rally	<u>Gayle Sunde</u> gmcclell@verizon.net <u>Margaret Natof</u> natofs@aol.com
Sept. 2 nd -Sept. 6 th	Highpoint Rally Springs, PA	<u>April & Andy Hershberger</u> ahershbergers@mac.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>Jayne Layman</u> janelayman2@mac.net <u>Garnet Horner</u>

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The Rally That Wasn't.

By Dacia Susleck

Many of us WDCU'ers were disappointed when the 11th Annual Cherry Blossom Rally, the last one at Roger's Farm, was cancelled. The winter had no mercy and subsequent rains created a field of mush where Airstreams should be.

In spite of it all, the spirit of the CBR lived on at Cherry Hill Park in College Park, Maryland. It wasn't a WDCU event, or a WBCCI event, or even an event with any other affiliation. In all honesty it wasn't even a rally. It was just camping.

No pressure, just show up if you want. If you show up, do what you want. Seventeen rigs did show, and a few other Airstreams that happened to be at the park joined in the fun. Folks came from all over. From Florida, to Tennessee, to Ohio, to the New England states. We even had a few people drop by, sans Airstream, just for the fellowship.

There were CBR loyalists, WDCU'ers and other WBCCI'ers, Airforums members, vintage and newer, and Airstreamers in general.

Oh yes, and one fellow Airstreamer gone "Scotty". Sweet rig, Marc!

With the exception of Thursday evening, the weather was near perfect. The famous "Happy Hour" spreads occurred nightly. Of course, food and drink flowed in abundance.

Cooking together was an event in itself. Everything from deep fried steak and Twinkies, to Boardwalk style fries.

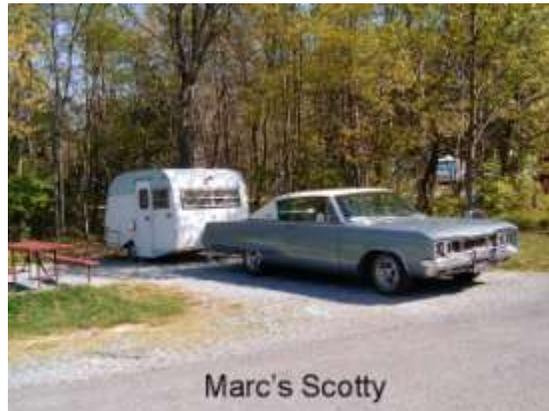
Campfires went into the early morning hours.

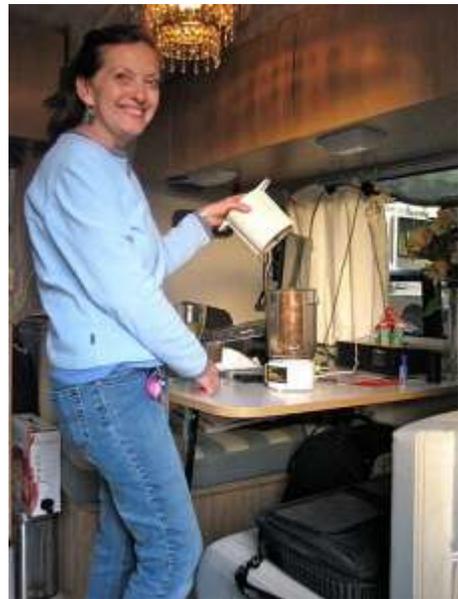
It is said that living well is the best revenge. This April, we certainly achieved this. It was some serious revenge on one wicked winter.

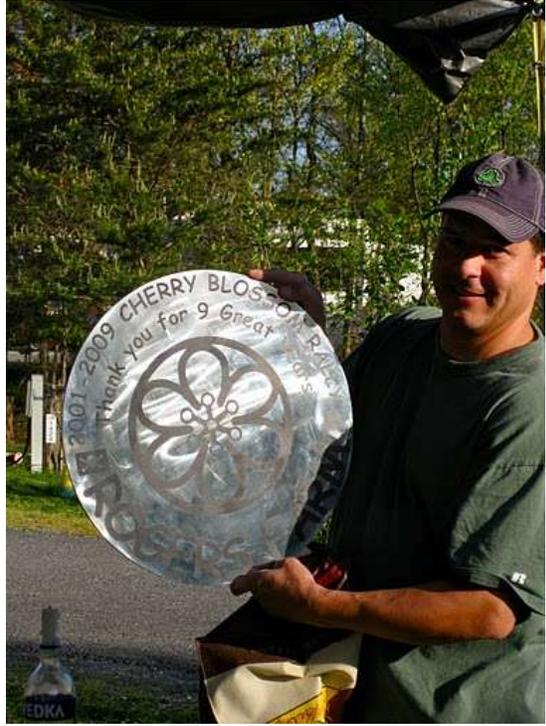
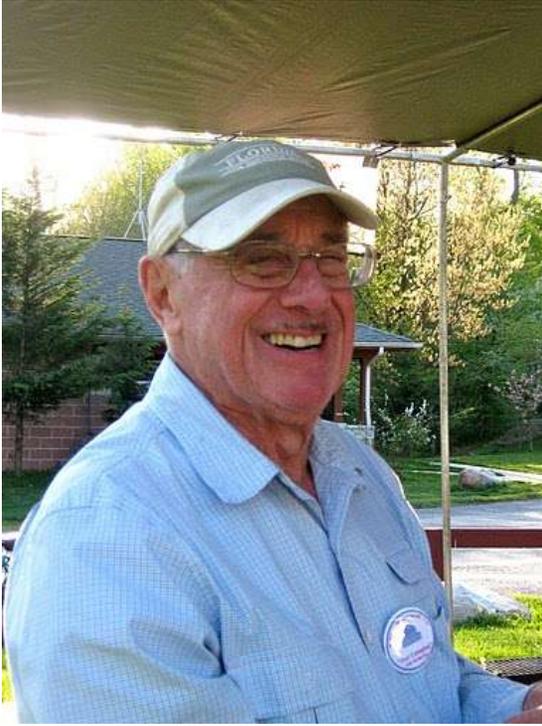
Life is good!

Here are some random shots at Cherry Hill Campground. The complete collection of Dacia's excellent photographs of the CBR non-rally can be found here:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/Lulusugarfoot/CherryHillNonRally?authkey=Gv1sRgCKyw5Mrt0YjmXQ#>.







CBR Non-Rally Commentary

Jane Layman had a great idea to gather a list of comments by happy hour participants.

“CBR lives on – can cancel, but can’t stop us – we keep coming – I am so happy we had such a turn out.”

Jane Layman 2778

“We are CBR, not the location!!!”

Tom Waugh 2641

“It’s not really a rally!”

Dave Morrison 6481

“Keep on “Just Camping!”

Stuart & Margaret Natoff 2307

“1st time... Great time!”

Tom & Nan LaVerge 8848

“The spirit of the CBR lives on! It’s all about the people-the Airstreams.”

Dacia Susleck

“Love Just Camping! Great group!”

Rob & Gayle Sunde

“CBR in our hearts at this non-rally!”

Star & Peter Grover 7790

“Best non-rally of the year!”

Howie & Braith Eldridge

“SOB – Thanks for making us feel so welcome despite the brand. We enjoyed this weekend.”

Steve & Braith Dicker

“I love the ”It’s Just Camping” theme! Great time in MD. Thanks all!

Peg Van Beveren 12641

“A great time!”

Sue & Hunt Jones

First CBR, and it didn't really happen. Loved DC with the kids. Didn't spend enough time with the Airstream group.”

Jim “Wally” Wallace

“Thanks for making our first non-rally so spectacular. We loved meeting everyone, and are looking forward to seeing you all again.”

Cathy & Scott Lieber

“A+++++++ Would rally with again!!”

RJ Marquette & Erica 13270

From the Editor

Fellow WDCU members,

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter, especially Dacia's pictures and article, and Jane's collection of comments from the CBR Non-Rally. Even though a grand time was had at Cherry Hill, we have a lot of great rallies coming up for this camping season. Please send any stories or narratives about your Airstream adventures, and don't forget to take lots of pictures.

The next newsletter will feature articles about Trap Pond State Park in Delaware, and Lori And I will be traveling out to “Alumapalooza” being held at the Airstream Company in Jackson Center, Ohio the first week in June, so I'll be including some pictures of that as well.

<http://airstreamlife.com/alumapalooza>

If there's anything you would like to see in The Capital Times, just send it in, or let me know how I can assist you to make it happen.

See you on the road.

Greg Wilson

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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>