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It is hard to believe that February has arrived. Spring is not far off, so please review our MAU Rally Schedule and put the dates on your calendar.

The Mid Atlantic Unit has been asked by the Central Maryland Unit to help in running the Region 2 Rally at The South Mountain Fairgrounds in Arendtsville, PA on May 26-30, 2011. They requested that we be responsible for Stage and Decorations. I will need some help if one of our unit members will assist. Please let me know!

We received correspondence from Roy McDonald, Region 2 President, pertaining to the constitution and by-laws revision committees

report. Drafts of the reports will be finalized and sent to us for approval. These revisions will streamline our blue book. They will be ready for our vote of acceptance and presented to International in DuQuoin in June. This will give us a workable approach to running the business of WBCCI in a leaner, more efficient, and more participative manner. While a new constitution can help us operate more efficiently, it doesn't change the real heart of WBCCI-Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure. Instead it changes how we do our business. Change is here!

We have received a confirmation from Colonial Airstream in New Jersey that they will continue sponsoring our Caravanner Publication. Please consider using their services.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Phil

Editor's note: You can read the International President's messages on the Region 2 website: <http://wbcci2.org/pres-review.htm>

DAYS OF CELEBRATION

February

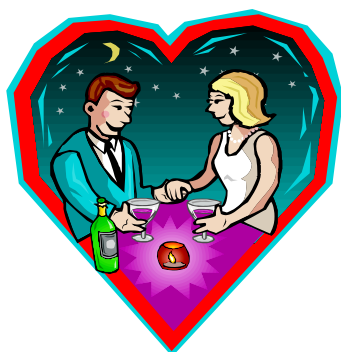
BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Ernie Entzian
2/8 Ralph Forrester
2/9 Arlene Draize
2/27 Michael Samet



ANNIVERSARIES

2/6/53 Betty & Bob Clark



2011 Caravan & Rally Schedule

1/15 Sat	Winter Luncheon-Annie's Paramount Steakhouse, Kent Island, MD	Dee Blom
	Snow Bird Potluck-Paradise Park, Punta Gorda, FL	Carol Baker
2/12 Sat	Valentines Luncheon-MD	Eva Shankman
	Valentines Luncheon-Punta Gorda Elks Club, FL	Ralph Forrester
3/17-20 Th-Sun	Community Service Rally, Elk Neck State Park, MD	Dee & Robert Blom
4/? Th-Sun	TBD	?
5/26-30 Th-Mon	Region 2 Rally, South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, PA [MAU Business Meeting]	OPEN
6/28-7/4 Tu-Mon	54th International Convention/Rally, DuQuoin, IL	OPEN
7/20 Wed	MAU Summer Luncheon TBD	OPEN
8/11-14 Th-Sun	76th Old Fiddlers' Convention/Galax Special Event Rally, Galax, VA	Bob & Betty Clark
9/9-11 Fri-Sun	Steam Train Rally, Cumberland, MD [MAU Business Meeting]	Phil Broomall
9/12-18 Mo-Sun	MAU Mystery Caravan	Zoe Forrester
10/7-10 Fri-Mon	MAU Installation Rally [Buddy Rally] Crisfield, MD	Phil Wade
11/3-6 Th-Sun	54th Urbana Oyster Festival, Urbana, VA (Camping on Private Property)	Forrester & Baker
12/3 Sat	MAU Holiday Luncheon TBD	Dee Blom

Dear MAU members,

Thank you so much for your generous gift (a bond for \$100.00) to baby Penelope. It will go towards her college fund :-)

We look forward to seeing everybody at some Rallies this year.

The Jacobs Family

Elk Neck State Park, Maryland Rally (March 17 - 20, 2011)

Rally Hosts: Dee and Robert Blom, 410-643-8550. RSVP

Adventure and Fun: Enjoy three nights (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) of camping. Departure on Sunday. Come to Elk Neck State Park, Maryland to enjoy camping on the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay. Check out Turkey Point Light House, which was built in 1833 on a bluff 100 feet above the Chesapeake Bay as a guide for ships sailing in the northern bay. Explore the 2,188 acres of parkland and sandy beaches. Participate as a park volunteer (light duty) for 3 hours.

Fellowship: Campfires, cook outs (weather permitting), and sightseeing are planned. St. Patrick's Day Fun, Rally Breakfast Friday and Saturday mornings (0830). Dine out Saturday evening. Sleep-in on Sunday. A hot grill lunch is planned for Sunday (1200).

Environment in March: Temps: (avg./rec.) Low 32/04; High 55/89.

Camping: Make a Reservation by telephone (1-888-432-2267)

Check-in and Check-out is at 3:00 pm. Full hook-up (electric, water, and sewer) in the North East Camping Loop. 50/30/20 Electric Service is available. The North East Camp Loop is open year round. Pets are permitted, but must be on a leash. Hot showers are available at the bath house. Alcohol is prohibited in the campground.

Destination:

Elk Neck State Park
4395 Turkey Point Road
North East, MD 21901.
410-287-5333 phone

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/elkneck.asp>



Turkey Point Lighthouse

Caravan Rendezvous at the Kent Island K-Mart @ 1200 (Rt. 50, Exit 37 or 38)

Directions: From US 95 & MD 272

Drive south on MD 272 (15 miles)

Look for the Campground Sign (go to North East Loop)

COUPON: Elk Neck State Park, Maryland Rally (March 17 - 20, 2011)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit: _____

Fees: Parking Fee: \$37 per night – Make a reservation and pay the park direct
Rally Fee: \$20 per adult (kids R free) – Pay the rally host on arrival.
Special Event Fee: \$ 6 per person for park patch or pin

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RALLY RUMORS AND CARAVAN CHATTER

Francis and Barbara Posniewski donated a Past President's Flag, several Five-Year Stars, and badge blanks to the MAU treasure chest at the January Thaw Luncheon. The MAU appreciates these items and the officers thank the Posniewskis for their generosity. One MAU pirate raided the treasure chest for a pair of stars at the luncheon.

Phil Pons is donating badge blanks to the MAU treasure chest. Phil had bought some new blanks, and he is mailing them to Robert Blom, MAU 1st VP to add to the treasure chest. Thank you, Phil and Diane, for your generous donation.

If new members have not received their badges, or if you would like a new badge to replace the old one, just ask. Please send an email to Robert Blom and let him know how you would like your name printed. Some Caravanners like to use a nick name or pet name. This is OK. Just let Robert know, and he will get the badges ready. The badges can be mailed to your home or picked up at an upcoming event.

The April Rally plan will be changing because it conflicts with Passover and Easter.

Robert Blom

MID-WINTER IBT NEWS

Two things came out of the mid-winter IBT meeting that should be of interest to MAU and all WBCCI members. First, a motion was passed that instructed the President to appoint a committee to come up with an action item for the June IBT meeting to offer a solution to the motor home situation. The situation is that we have lost, and continue to lose, members whose motor homes are wearing out, and those members who must, or wish, to travel in a motor home and Airstream has made it perfectly clear that they will not consider making a Class A motor home. There are divisions of Thor (Airstream's parent company) that have stated that they would consider producing a "badged Airstream" motor home if it would be accepted into the club. The ball is in our court.

The second item was a report from the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) Review Committee. This committee was formed to review our current C&BL and recommend changes incorporating the findings of the 2020 Committee. The report stated that a completely rewritten constitution will be sent to all WBCCI units for their review and may be presented at the Delegates Meeting in June for a vote. The bylaws cannot be rewritten until a new constitution is adopted. I have not seen the report but have been told that it reduces the number of International and Region Officers (and Regions) and contains more flexibility in the timing of the International Rally. Although I have not seen it, it appears that we are trying to bring our club into the 21st century and look forward to reviewing it.

Ralph Forrester

RV & CAMPING TIPS:

Fabric softener sheets placed in drawers, closets, and other strategic locations in an RV prevents musty odors and that "closed up" smell and has also been known to keep pesky rodents away.

Get a carbon monoxide detector. Replace the batteries regularly. Make sure your smoke detector works also and a couple of fire extinguisher are a must.

When you get ready to leave the campground in the morning, fill your water tank about 2/3 full of water and drop in a gallon size bag of cube ice. The ice will beat the nasties off the sides as you travel. Then be sure to dump it as soon as you stop that evening.

Rosann Marquardt



APPLE BLOSSOM TIME In REGION 2



South Mountain Fairgrounds
GPS Address:
615 Narrows Rd., Biglerville, PA

May 26—30, 2011

WBCCI# _____ UNIT _____
NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ CODE _____
PHONE _____ LENGTH _____
HANDICAP? _____ EMAIL _____ PET Y / N
REGION OFFICER _____ INTERNATIONAL OFFICER _____

	<i>U.S. or Canadian Funds</i>
AIRSTREAM WITH 2 ADULTS	\$150.00 _____
AIRSTREAM WITH 1 ADULT	\$120.00 _____
GUEST	\$ 40.00 _____
BUS TO CASINO—per PERSON	\$ 25.00 _____
TOTAL	_____

There will be tours of Gettysburg and surrounding area, historical, wineries, etc.
Bus trip to Hollywood Casino, a min. of 40 people required, & receive \$25.00 in free slot
play, costing you nothing. There will be entertainment, door prizes, golf tournament, and
seminars. Please join in the fun. A catered dinner and morning coffee & doughnuts are
included in the rally fee.

Checks payable to: Region 2 WBCCI Send check and coupon, to: Bill Kent, Region 2 Treasurer,
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