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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** 2011 is here and the Mid-Atlantic Unit is looking forward to a busy year. Please check your calendar and attend as many rallies as possible. It takes a lot of planning to put on a rally. We have planned a couple of buddy rallies in our schedule, so invite your non-airstreaming friends to camp with us. By having a buddy rally it introduces our friends to the Airstream way of life.

Plans are being finalized for the WBCCI 2011 International Rally in DuQuoin, Illinois. We

have been promised new vendor participation and new seminars. It is not far to go to attend this fun-filled rally. If you are planning to attend, it helps international to receive your registration early.

Thanks go to Robert and Dee Blom for planning our Christmas Luncheon at the Timbuktu Restaurant in December. It is always enjoyable to go to a new location. We had good attendance and we were able to see some of our old friends.

The weather in Florida has been very pleasant. (Just wanted to rub it in).

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Phil and Joan

*Editor's note: You can read the International President's messages on the Region 2 website:*

<http://wbcci2.org/pres-review.htm>

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# DAYS OF CELEBRATION

## January

### BIRTHDAYS

1/8 Dorothy Erler  
 1/9 Marcia Kelly  
 1/17 Phil Broomall  
 1/19 Bill Draize  
 1/23 Carole Wade  
 1/24 Jo Jugel  
 1/25 Betty Zimmerman



### ANNIVERSARIES

1/30/46 Joyce & Jim Fava



## 2011 Caravan & Rally Schedule

	Winter Luncheon-Annie's Paramount Steakhouse, Kent Island, MD	Dee Blom
1/15 Sat	Snow Bird Potluck-Paradise Park, Punta Gorda, FL	Carol Baker
	Valentines Luncheon-MD	Eva Shankman
2/12 Sat	Valentines Luncheon-Punta Gorda Elks Club, FL	Ralph Forrester
3/10-13 Th-Sun	Community Service Rally, Chippokes State Park, VA	OPEN
4/21-24 Th-Sun	Historic Garden Week in Virginia, a State-Wide Event	Robert Blom & Burt Shankman
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

## Rally Rumors and Caravan Chatter

Happy New Year! Maybe it is time for a few resolutions? Mid-Atlantic members might be on the lookout for unaffiliated Airstream owners and resolve to seize on any and all opportunities to promote the benefits of MAU to potential recruits. Some of the benefits of membership are obvious and some benefits are not so obvious. One of the most obvious benefits of being affiliated with the MAU is the opportunity to participate in numerous interesting rallies and social events. The 2011 MAU event schedule is packed full with one event per month, in addition to the national and regional caravans and rallies across the US and Canada. One not so obvious benefit of being affiliated with MAU is quality of the current membership. Each MAU member, down to the last, is welcoming, congenial, and cooperative. MAU members go out of their way to make everyone a very real part of the organization. They go beyond

making people feel like they are part of the group; new members are part of the group on the first day.

A second new year's resolution might include resolving to participate in MAU activities to the greatest extent possible. Pull out the MAU schedule of events and begin planning your personal calendar. Yes, many things take priority, like family, work, faith, and health, but good planning can enable a full and rewarding lifestyle. Consider writing an article for publication in the Caravanner about that exceptional experience you had on a caravan or at a rally.

Whatever you resolve to do, we look forward to seeing and hearing from you throughout the new year. We hope you have a very healthy and rewarding year in 2011.

Robert Blom, MAU 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## The Caravanner Newsletter

needs your help!



The editor requests that MAU members submit articles and photographs for publication in the Mid-Atlantic Unit newsletter. The Caravanner needs articles of interest, artwork, photographs, and information related to MAU activities or MAU member participation in WBCCI regional or national events. The Caravanner will also publish MAU member activities that are independent of WBCCI sanctioned events, if they are consistent with furthering the goals and objectives of WBCCI.

MAU members possess a wealth of knowledge, experience, skills, and history that should be shared. MAU members have expressed interest in learning well kept secrets that make Airstreaming affordable and enjoyable. Ideas that minimize effort and maximize fun, while increasing the quality of life out-of-doors, need to be widely shared. Please take some time for reflection, then consider

taking that extra step to pass along your hard earned Airstream and WBCCI wisdom. This can be done as part of the unit's commitment to mentoring new members. It is a way of "giving back" that advances the WBCCI way of life.

The Caravanner staff strives to produce a high quality and timely newsletter. The Caravanner staff requests that recurring articles (i.e. President's Message, Rally Rumors and Caravan Chatter) for publication be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication of the newsletter. MAU event announcements and coupons should also be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication of the newsletter. It is desired that event articles (i.e., Rally, Social, and Caravan) are submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month if possible; however, it is important to submit these articles in time for publication the month following the event – even if these events take place after the 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The Caravanner staff is looking forward to hearing from you soon. So send in those articles and photographs.

Robert Blom, MAU 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



## Holiday Luncheon December 4, 2010 Rally Hosts: Dee & Robert Blom



On December 4<sup>th</sup> Airstreamers from the Mid-Atlantic Unit (MAU) gathered in Hanover, Maryland to re-new friendships that span 10 to 20 or more years. MAU members and associates living in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia found a clear sky and dry roads for traveling that day. Dee Blom organized and hosted the Holiday Luncheon for 27 Airstreamers at the Timbuktu restaurant in Hanover, Maryland.

During the pre-meal social, Airstreamers recalled and relived adventures from numerous past caravans and rallies. Alex and Jonathan Jacobs presented their newest arrival, baby Penelope Jacobs, to the group. Penelope's dance card was filled immediately by MAU ladies who lined up to hold her. Big brother, Sebastian, enjoyed a bird's eye view of the activity from on top of Jonathan's shoulders.

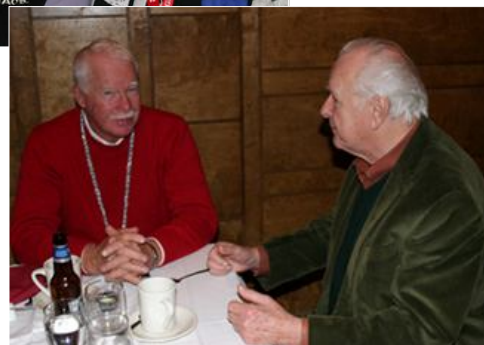


The MAU President, Phil Broomall, addressed the group and expressed his appreciation for all the effort and hard work provided by members that contributed to the many successful events in 2010. MAU First Vice President, Robert Blom, briefly discussed the upcoming schedule of events planned for 2011. He also solicited ideas for new rally concepts and venues. He requested the members pass along their suggestions to MAU 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Zoe Forrester, who is actively planning the MAU 2012 event schedule.



MAU members and associates who attended the Holiday Luncheon are Carol & Pete Baker, Dee & Robert Blom, Joan & Phil Broomall, Betty & Bob Clark, Lucille & Carl Darner, Ernest Entzian and Susan Gonzalez (Earnest's daughter), Joyce & Jim Fava, Bob George, Gail & Warner Hord, Alex, Sebastian, Penelope & Jonathan Jacobs, Marcia & Michael Kelly, Barbara & Francis Posniewski, and Carole & Phil Wade.

Robert Blom, MAU 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President





Valentine's Day Luncheon Potluck  
(Saturday, 12 February 2011  
@ 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm)

Hosts: Eva & Bert Shankman  
301.774.0655 to RSVP

Come and join your Airstream friends at the Shankman's home for the annual VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON POTLUCK. Bring your favorite appetizer, or a main dish, or a salad. Also, bring wine or beer if desired. Eva will be providing desserts and sodas. Please let Eva know what you are planning to bring so that she can make sure there is a good variety of foods.

**DESTINATION:**

Bert & Eva Shankman's Home  
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Directions: If you need directions, just call Eva or Bert at 301.774.0655 or email Eva at [shankmaneva@yahoo.com](mailto:shankmaneva@yahoo.com)

See you there!

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**Valentine's Day Luncheon SOUTH**  
(Saturday, 12 February 2011 @ 12:00 noon)

The MAU – SOUTH VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON will be held at 12:00 Noon, on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Punta Gorda Elk's Lodge at 25538 Shore Drive, Punta Gorda, FL.

Please let Ralph Forrester know if you plan to attend. His number is (301) 580-1216. We will order from the menu.



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