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Spring is not far off. You should be thinking about de-winterizing and checking your rigs for a new camping season. A little maintenance can save a lot of problems on your first trip out.

Joan and I attended the Florida State Rally in Sarasota last month. 340 plus rigs in attendance. International President Norm Beau spoke and stated that the reorganizing committee was making great strides in streamlining our club to get rid of the many rules and regulations in our Blue Book. Hopefully, we can get back to being a camping and travel club, which should attract some of the many new Airstream Owners. Please, if you see a baldy trailer or motorhome, stop and talk to them and give them a membership packet. We also have a new postcard available printed in color which

explains our club. We will have them available for you to hand out.

Robert Blom is working very hard to set up new and interesting Rallies for this year. The April Rally on April 28-May 1st will include a visit to Winterthur-a du Pont Estate. Please register as soon as possible.

I still need help in the planning and set up for the stage and decorations for the Region 2 Rally in Arendtsville, PA, on May 26-30. If you can chair this committee or help please call me.

We need to come up with a theme for our bulletin which is displayed at the WBCCI International Rally in DuQuoin, Ill. If anyone has ideas or could help in creating the board, please call.

Joan and I will leave Paradise Park on the 21st of March to go on the Cajon Caravan in LA. We will be back home around the 15th of April but can be reached at any time on the cell phone 240-285-7880 or email pbroomall@yahoo.com.

See you down the road.

Phil

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

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DAYS OF CELEBRATION

March

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Robert Blom
- 7 Rosann Marquardt
- 12 Zoe Forrester
- 17 Keith Woodard
- 19 Janet Knechtel
- 20 Dee Blom
- 23 Susan Frey
- 29 Karl Jugel



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/8/59 Marrienne & Herb Goller
- 3/19 Rosann & Richard Marquardt

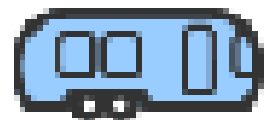


2011 Caravan & Rally Schedule

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
4/28-5/1 Th-Sun	Winterthur Estate & Garden Rally	Robert Blom
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

FOR SALE:

1986 Airstream Trailer, 27', Excellent Condition. \$17,500.00 or Best Offer. Contact Gene Bennett, 301-351-7396



WINTERTHUR [APRIL] RALLY
(April 28 – May 1, 2011; Thursday to Sunday)

WINTERTHUR



RALLY HOSTS: Dee and Robert Blom, RSVP — ASAP

WINTERTHUR: A fun and educational weekend is planned at Winterthur, a du Pont estate. Plan to spend Friday at the estate (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) to tour the gardens (tram tour); see the galleries and special exhibitions; and go on the Introductory Tour. We will dine at the estate. The Special Event Fee will allow two consecutive days of access to Winterthur, so we can return to the estate on Saturday. Two optional tours are available (advance reservations; each tour is limited to 5 people; and additional fees are required). Information www.winterthur.org

Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur (pronounced “winter-tour”) is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family’s life here. Its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country’s best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world. We invite you to visit and explore this place of beauty, history, and learning.

Garden Tram (seasonal and weather permitting) – This 20 minute narrated tour features highlights of the garden and introduces the history of Winterthur. (Included in General Admission)

Introductory Tour – Enjoy an array of beautiful fifth and sixth-floor rooms that were used by the du Ponts for entertaining. See the stunning two-story Montmorenci staircase. (Included in General Admission)

American Interiors Tour – Explore the lives of men, women and children of long ago through the objects they owned. This tour of the seventh floor includes settings for cards and tea, revealing how early Americans spent their leisure hours. (1 hour optional tour/additional fee: \$12/adult)

Winterthur Then & Now Tour – Winter was- and is – a country place, a beautiful house, a rare and unusual garden, and a center of learning and scholarship. As well as taking place in the garden, this tour features rooms on several floors of the house. It focuses on the life of the du Pont family in the first half of the 20th century, the development of the collection of American decorative arts, and the evolution of a private estate into a public resource. (2 hour optional tour & additional fee: \$22/adult)

CAMPING: Electric, Water, and Sewer are available at the Philadelphia / West Chester, PA - KOA campground. Enjoy the spring weekend in the Brandywine River Valley.

CAMPGROUND: (KOA) www.philadelphiakoa.com

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(610) 486-0447 [Information]

(800) 562-1726 [Reservations]

DIRECTIONS: (to the KOA)

From US 202 & US 1, S on US 1 to PA 82. N 3 mi to PA 162, E 3 mi. From PA Turnpike Exit 312, take PA 100S to US 202S to US 1. S 10 mi to PA 82. N 3 mi to PA 162. E 3 mi to campground.

Please use the Winterthur Coupon from the coupon page.

RALLY RUMORS AND CARAVAN CHATTER (MARCH)

Spring is here and freezing nighttime temperatures will soon be past. MAU early birds celebrated Saint Patrick's day at Elk Neck State Park, Maryland at the first rally of the season. In April, the Mid-Atlantic Unit rally season gets into full swing at Winterthur. The Region 2 Rally is close by for many of our members, so come on out and have some fun at the Apple Blossom Time Rally, at the South Mountain Fairgrounds in Biglerville, PA. The March survey of MAU intentions indicated that six (6) members are planning on attending the 2011 International Rally in DuQuoin, IL. Dee & I are looking forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new friends at Airstream events during the rally and caravan season.

The Central Maryland Unit has graciously offered space on their caravan to the International Rally. This Caravan to DuQuoin will rendezvous on June 11 in Greenville, VA and end on June 24 at the International Rally. The excellent planning for this caravan has resulted in an outstanding agenda of interesting destinations and tours.

Robert Blom, MAU 1st VP

CMU CARAVAN TO DUQUOIN, IL (JUNE 11 – 24, 2011) FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY (MARCH)

CMU is planning a caravan to the International Rally in DuQuoin, Illinois. The caravan will begin June 11th in Greenville Virginia and end June 24th at 1:PM, our assigned date and parking time at the Rally.

During the travels we will visit an actual coal mine and museum in Beckley West Virginia as well as other venues. We will then travel to Bardstown, Kentucky where we have 3 full days of visiting attractions. There are several points of interest in this general area; Fort Knox, Patton Museum, Stephen Foster Park museum and Playhouse, the Whiskey Trail that includes one of the oldest distilleries in the country. President Lincoln's birthplace and boyhood home are also in this general area. From there we will go to Cave City and visit Mammoth Cave, the Corvette Factory and museum Bowling Green and near by the only Shaker Village built in Kentucky. Bowling Green is also the location of the first Camping World store. We then plan to move to Marion Illinois our last day on the road. Friday, June 24th we will leave the campground in Marion at 11:30 AM arriving at the International Rally in time for our 1:00 PM parking assignment.

Come join us for a relaxing and enjoyable trip through two of most unique States as we travel to the International. Please let us know on or before March 15th if you would like to join us on the caravan. You may contact us at 301-997-0423 or 301 751- 4173, also by email to acpmdp@verizon.net. Marlene Potter, 1st Vice President of the Central Maryland Unit (CMU)

Mid Atlantic Unit Rally Coupon

Estate and Garden Rally at Winterthur (Thursday – Sunday, April 28 – May 1, 2011)

Event Registration:

- 1} RSVP - Call (410-643-8550) or email (rablom@verizon.net) the Rally Host
- 2} RSVP – Confirm by mail. Send Rally Coupon and Check to the Rally Host no later than March 10, 2011
- 3} Check the box for Optional Tours desired and total up the fees.

Last Name First Name Spouse WBCCI # Unit

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Parking Fee: \$130.05 per unit (43.35/night)
Rally Fee: \$ 20.00/adult (Kids-R-Free)
Special Event Fee(s): \$ 18.00/adult (General Admission & Introductory Tour)
[] Optional Tour \$ 12.00/adult (American Interiors - 1 hour tour)
[] Optional Tour \$ 22.00/adult (Winterthur Then & Now - 2 hour tour)
Total \$ _____ (2 adults) \$ _____ (1 adult)

MAIL TO: Robert Blom, 515 Bayside Drive, Stevensville, MD 21666 (to RSVP)

Travel Quotes:

"Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey."
-- Fitzhugh Mullan

"A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving."
-- Lao Tzu

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts."
-- Mark Twain
Innocents Abroad

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there".
Yogi Berra

"If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel."
Will Kommen

"I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places".
Henny Youngman

January Thaw Luncheon January 15, 2011 Hosts: Dee & Robert Blom



Traveling was good on the clear and sunny day for the annual Winter Luncheon. Airstreamers met on the Kent Narrows, just off US 301N/50E at noon on Saturday, 15 January 2011.



The first MAU event in the new year was successful with 15 MAU members and one guest in attendance. Attending the luncheon were Dee & Robert Blom, Ernest Entzian, Marty Gallagher & Marc



Stachowski, Marcia & Michael Kelly, Carol and Keith Martin, Zoe & Howard Lefkowitz, Rebecca Perry (Guest), Barbara & Francis Posniewski, and Carole and Phil Wade. The food and service at Annie's Paramount Steak and Seafood House was



very good. Dee Blom did a great job arranging the luncheon.

We dined on the "porch" where we had a view of the waterfront and the boats in the marina. The great weather, fine food, and very pleasant company made for a very enjoyable afternoon. The restaurant allowed us to have a very leisurely lunch that gave ample time to catch up on last year's events and discuss the upcoming rally and caravan season.



Robert Blom, MAU 1st VP



51st Annual Hobo Rally Blythe, California January 31st – February 6, 2011 By: Bob George

While spending the winter months with my Arizona daughter and her family in Scottsdale, AZ, it was my privilege to attend Region 12's 51st annual Hobo Rally in Blythe, CA. Region 12 is comprised of the California and Nevada units of the WBBCL. Even so, I met people from all over, including North Carolina, Minnesota and Ontario, in addition to the local members. There were 70 units in attendance.



I was immediately welcomed as an old friend, even though I was a "first timer". When I arrived, the temperature was in the mid 60's, but

it went downhill from there. It dropped below freezing for three of the six nights and we had frozen hoses all over the ground. Not really all that bad, we just waited until about 9:30 and they all thawed out. Our hosts were apologetic about the weather, but the last couple of days saw the 70's and I really didn't consider the upper 50's to be horrible, considering the weather back East.



They provided many choices for activities during the day and really good entertainment during the evening. In addition to the outside entertainers, they have their own "Hobo Band" featuring the 90 year old sax player



(thinking of you, Ernie). They were quite good. And, of course, there was always food, food and more food.



I took one afternoon and traveled 20 miles to the east to Quartzsite, AZ. For those of you unfamiliar with Quartzsite, it is billed as the largest flea market in the world. Good Sam describes it as the "Greatest Show on Dirt". Believe it, folks.



The last day consists of the Hobo Parade, best beard contest and the crowning of the Hobo King and Queen. And of course the Hobo Stew

which is ladled into your very own, self made, Hobo can. Their motto is "no can, no stew", so everyone makes a can from a large vegetable can, complete with handle so you're not burned by the boiling stew.

They also had drawings for door prizes each evening. I won a model of a Bambi Airstream. How cool is that?

All in all it was loads of fun. I made many new friends and plan on doing it all over again next year.



Bob George

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