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ell it seems that the "summer that didn't happen" is drawing to a close. Fall has got to be better or we all shall go mad. Liz and I are finally ready to brave a trip in the Airstream! We plan to head out to Crestone, Colorado, to see family. This trip was originally planned for this past April when the world closed. It felt good to get to work planning the stops, stocking supplies and I even felt joyful washing down the trailer!! Only 8 more days to go, like counting down the school days before summer break. Did I mention we can't wait! Sorry that we won't be with you at the Crisfield Rally, we'll be missing your good company, but grandchildren and the Rocky Mountains will go a long way in making that up. Looking forward to October and getting to see our friends face to face, staying six feet apart of course.

Here is a picture of our covered parking spot I built for the camper.

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eptember and the Pandemic continues. There are some attempts at life as we once knew it, but only with precautions and careful practices in place to avoid as much of the virus contact as possible. While much of an active, regular Airstream season has been cancelled, some things can go on with appropriate distancing and masks.

One of those things is a Rally being organized by First VP Katharine Dowell. The booked sites are getting full as she has recorded twelve, but there is a possibility of getting a few more sites. Check with Katharine and see the updated info on page 9.

The cover photo comes from a student from the early KCHS days, Anna Ruth Tubman. I have used her photos before. She lives in Tolchester, near the site of the now long defunct Tolchester Amusement Park. Her location allows her to get beautiful shots of the Chesapeake Bay sunsets, and she does get them.....frequently. This one caught my eye, Thank you Anna Ruth.

The photo on the Birthday page is from Eva Johnson. I've used her photos before. She loves flowers and posts frequently plenty of stunning flowers of all kinds. They tend to be my go to source. Thank you Eva.

There is an article on the Cajun Country Caravan written by Charlie Michels, and with some of his fantastic photos. Charlie does an excellent job writing his adventures. When I put out a call for things that members were doing during the Pandemic, Charlie opted to send something about the Caravan. Unfortunately it was a shortened version, but the trip they had on the Caravan was wonderful. If you don't read anything else in this newsletter, read "Our (abbreviated) 2020 Cajun Country Caravan...by Charlie Michels starting on page 5. While Charlie suggested I could make it into separate articles, with no other August activity to report I elected with pleasure to run the entire article for the four pages, as Charile allows me to edit the layout. Thank you Charlie for a great report on what is a fabulous Caravan.

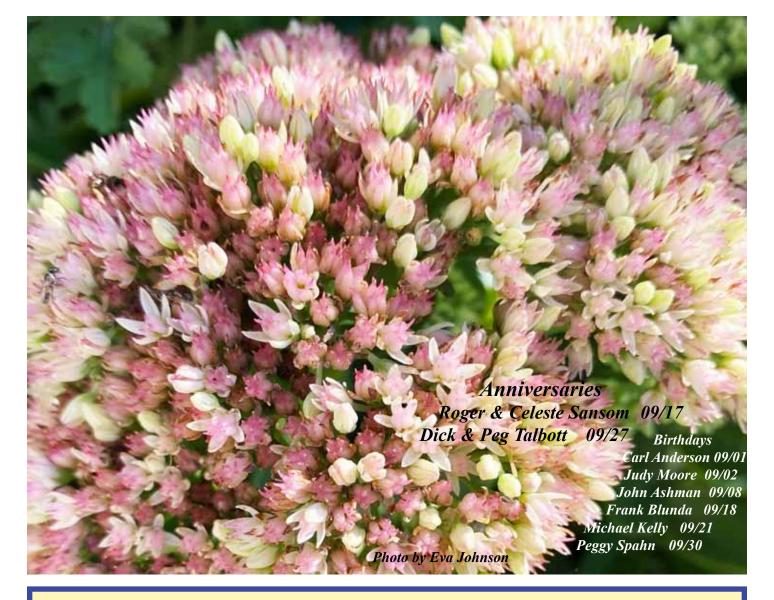
In this issue you will find a coupon for the Installation Rally to be held October 23-25 at the 4-H Park in Centreville. At the time of this writing this Rally is still a go! I would say you can send the coupon.

Thank you goes to Mary Ann Parks for her Sunshine Report. She is ALWAYS on time with her report and very pleasant to work with. Kudos to Mary Ann for a super job all the time. If you have health issues, or something good happening, give her a call or a text or an email. Make her life easier.

On page 11 you will find information on the International Rally for 2021 at Lebanon, TN provided by the new International President Andrew Selking. His info is followed by a coupon on page 12. As far as we know, it will be a go.

Also, there is a page with our remaining activity schedule and a VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES!!!





SUNSHINE NEWS- Mary Ann Parks, Chair. September, 2020

Well, here we are again, at the beginning of our "third" season of our nation fighting the Covid Virus! Who of us ever thought that we would still be quarantining, "social distancing," and wearing masks this Autumn? But, THIS is America, and we WILL defeat this nasty bug! I know all of us are getting a bit weary of this very challenging time, but, we pray for the health care workers and ALL of those on the "front line"! There are sooo many blessings we can we "thankful" for as we go through our days- our health, shelter and food, family and friends we can connect to through "ZOOM", our churches, this time spent with a new hobby, time spent reading and meditating, creating a beautiful garden, or some home improvement chores! So, "let us not grow weary". We must persevere! Better days ahead.

. Our good friend and longtime Delmarva friend, Charles Carter has suffered a "third" Stroke, leaving his left side paralyzed, and affecting his vision. Iva Lee was expecting him to be moved to a Rehab facility. Please pray hard for a full recovery for Charlie and strength, and comfort for Iva Lee.

Cards can be sent to their home address- 79 Hickory Dale Drive, Dover, DE 19901

. Phil Cruchley, another longtime Delmarva member, underwent successful Hip Replacement today (August 18). Please pray for a speedy and complete recovery for Phil, and for Fay as she "coaches" Phil during his rehab period! Cards can be sent to their address- 311 Adams Street, Delaware City, DE 19706.

I pray that all of our Delmarva members and friends continue to stay safe and well. And let's pick up the phone and check on each other during this time, as it can be especially difficult for those living alone.

Blessings, Mary Ann Parks

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Our (abbreviated) 2020 Cajun Country Caravan..

Article & Photos by Charlie Michels

fter 2+ years on the waiting list, I was notified this past January that a spot had opened to join the Airstream Club's Cajun Country Caravan in SW Louisiana the second week of March! I jumped at the opportunity and began preparations, including mapping a route and friendly places to stay on our way down. We were not sure about how much food to pack, long sleeve or short sleeve shirts, types of and amenities in campgrounds and how many etc., until we received more info from the Leaders a bit later.

On March 7th Nancy and I headed south to spend the first night at my brother Andy's near Greensboro, NC, and the second night at my brother Fred's near Seneca, SC (home of Clemson U). The next day was a longer day



Governor's Mansion

around Atlanta and stopping at Magnolia Branch Campground near Atmore, Alabama. Up again early, as we needed to arrive at the Caravan's first campground by 2:30 or so. We arrived at the Cajun Heritage RV Park around 2:15 after surviving a dangerous rain storm around Baton Rouge.

The Official Caravan began at 3:00 in Park's big Hall with Intros and initial review of the prodigious Cajun Country Caravan Handbook. I was pleasantly surprised to meet some Wisconsin Streamers, Sandy and Ed, whom I had met and hung out with at the International Rally in Escanaba a few years ago! After the official meeting we queued up at 6:00 for a monster pot of spicy chicken and sausage gumbo with rice cake and BYOB. Seated across from us was our International President, Mona Heath and partner Tim: it was

fun getting to know them! Following the opening series of events we made our way back to the 1968 Globetrotter to relax and call it



Old State House

Day 2: Up early to board a beautiful coach bus by 8:00 to head back east to Baton Rouge for a day of sightseeing, beginning with a stop at the very stately Governor's Mansion and

a day!



LSU Rural Farm Museum

grounds. *** After an informative tour of the two first floor living/parlor and dining room, we were delighted to be graced by an appearance of First Lady Beal. On into Baton Rouge for a great buffet lunch at the Jolie Oyster a few blocks from the Mississippi, then a great tour of the original State House which had certainly had its share of ups and downs, but now beautifully restored. *** Back to the RV park for the first (of 5) Get Acquainted Meetings (GAMs). These apparently are typical for Caravans, but new to Nancy and I, as this was our first Caravan. A quiet dinner in the Globetrotter and we called it a day.

Day 3: Up again early to board the same coach bus, and back toward Baton Rouge for our initial stop at the LSU Rural Life Museum. Caravan Leader Peter

served fresh bread pudding muffins on the bus that were tasty indeed! We toured the Museum initially on our own, then met up for a short video and split into two groups for an informative tour of the grounds and era appropriate buildings that had been carefully brought to the grounds. We were then treated there to a lunch of jambalaya, salad, roll and sweet tea.

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LA State Capitol

Sauce! Back to the RV Park to relax and freshen up, then into town for dinner at Preservation I had made reservations for. Once inside we saw and then were asked to join Mona, Tim and fellow Caravaner John for dinner. A great meal and plenty of raucous conversation! That concluded our busy day.

Day 5: Up around 8:15 for leisurely breakfast and standard French press coffee followed by a 10:00 GAM. Driving separately, the gang went to the RipVanWinkle Gardens and Mansion for self-guided tour of the grounds and a tour of the Mansion via some rather stern docents! The Mansion and grounds were built by, and then named by the famous actor Joseph Jefferson whose long time role was playing RipVan-Winkle in the early 1900's for nearly 30 years! This area was



Following lunch we headed to the current and considerably extravagant State Capital built by the legendary (and still controversial) Governor Huey Long in the 1930s. Built in the Art Deco theme, it was purposefully built as the tallest State Capital at 450'. Cramped elevators took us up to the 27th floor observation deck followed by a guided tour of the beautiful rotunda area and both ornate 'Houses'. It was a sight to behold! Back on the bus and back to the RV Park to recuperate before heading to the famous Pat's Fisherman's Wharf for dinner seated as a group, but paying separately..... And what great seafood!

Day 4: Up for a leisurely breakfast, then ready the Globetrotter for an easy drive at 10:45 to the Isle of Iberia RV Park where we were set up and relaxing by 12:30. The afternoon had no scheduled activities, so Nancy and I headed to Avery Island to tour the Tabasco Factory and meander through the significant gift shop! Whilst in the gift shop we heard the announcement that this was the last day the gift shop was going to be open due to word of the Corona Virus becoming a news topic...... The self-guided tour was just OK, but following we accessed the beautiful Jungle Garden across the road. What a delightful leisurely driving tour of the significant Garden with plenty of places to stop, walk around and enjoy the sights and sounds including some gators, amazing live oak trees, bamboo, azaleas and camellias. Avery Island is actually considered a salt dome, from which the special salt was mined and added to vinegar and ground hot peppers to make 5 generations of Tobasco





RW Gardens Tabasco Factory

built on another local salt dome under a small lake which in 1980 catastrophically collapsed whilst being drilled for oil resulting in a vortex, flooding, mud slides and the swallowing a newly built house and 65 acres. The lake eventually increased 1000% in size. We drove back to the RV Park to relax then to a provided wine and cheese event at the Park's Big Pavilion. Nancy and I then went back into town to eat at a nice restaurant: Jane's Seafood and Chinese Restaurant!



Live Oak



Day 6: A big and busy day, once again! Rolling separately to our much anticipated Champagne's Cajun Swamp Tour, we arrived and after (typical with this vendor) loading into aluminum flat bottom boats with swivel seats, we toured connected Swamps (still water) and Bayous (moving water) for about two hours. We had a very knowledgeable guide using vernacular terms and expressions. A great morning! Off to St. John's Restaurant for once again an excellent provided meal! One of the fellow Caravaners at our table noted that this meal surpassed all meals he had on a previous 4 week Caravan! WoW!



Martin Accordian

Now to the Martin Accordion factory, where we packed into a cozy space and learned about the history of Cajun and Zydeco music from the daughter of Mr. Martin. This story was accompanied by music provided by Mr. Martin on the pedal steel guitar and his (Internationally renowned) grandson on accordion, with daughter either on bass guitar or for Cajun songs, keeping beat with a triangle. We sat in the front row and I actually recorded

a few songs on my Pixel phone: Wonderful! I had been anxiously awaiting hearing some traditional LA music and considering what our immediate future held, was certainly glad to have been graced by this performance. We then had the opportunity to see the accordion shop and listen to Mr. Martin explain some of the processes. As a fellow woodworker, I had to query him about a few things and was very impressed with the quality of their work with the tools and machines they were using. We drove back to the RV Park for another GAM and dinner in the Globetrotter. I was beginning to seemingly see issues with my Globetrotter's single 12V battery.....

Zydeco Cajun Music 7



Swamp

Day 6: Fortunately we had an empty a.m. Caravan schedule which provided me time to really check out my now 5 year old monster Trojan Battery and realized it was tired and done. I swapped it out for a new AGM battery from AutoZone several miles away and back to 12+ volts. Whew! I needed to be creative with holding this smaller one in place, and did so with some scrap firewood and using a battery operated circular saw from our neighbor! (It held all the way home!) We individually drove to the Konrico Rice Company Mill, which is the oldest continually operated ricer mill in the US. We viewed a video on the Mill's history followed by a brief tour of the Mill. Nancy and I scooped up bags of their famously tasty Pecan rice in their gift shop, along with a few other things. The pecan rice does not have pecans in it, but part of the tasty hulls of this type of rice. It does require storage in your freezer or fridge..... Back to the RV Park for laundry and tidying up the Globetrotter for an impromptu Open House from 2:00-4:00. It is always fun to see folks' reactions when entering my signifi-

cantly renovated 1968 Airstream! Nancy and I then hosted a GAM and had fun conversations with Caravaners we now knew a bit better. One couple has hosted the Kentucky Bourbon Caravan and was looking for recruits...... sounded like a fun possibility in the fall! The entire gang then met in the Big Pavilion for conversation and updates. We did celebrate several birthdays and anniversaries of participants, including Nancy's. By this point the Covid 19 pandemic was becoming a more serious concern across the country and our Leaders informed us at the meeting that the next week's activities had all been cancelled by the vendors, etc., short of an outside crawfish boil in two days after another set up at yet another RV Park. The next Park had no restrooms or showers (WTH?!), which is a bit problematic with the Globetrotter, and..... Nancy and I had eaten crawfish etouffee with several meals, and..... we had a long way home with questions now about gas availability, camping spots, traffic, etc. Other folks had the same travelling concerns, others were getting dinged by their kids to get home, some had underlying conditions, and some were a little less worried. It was indeed a disappointment to have the Caravan end with a fun week yet to go..... Folks asked about getting back together next year but were told there were over 100 folks on the waiting list already.

Interestingly, President Mona Heath recorded her sad video regarding the cancellation of the upcoming International Rally in CO while there in the RV Park..... I think my Globetrotter was in the background. At that point in conversations with the AC Leadership team, she was unable to share with our group the current status of AC events.

We decided to pack up and head north the following day on the 17th, St. Patrick's Day and Nancy's Birthday. After 3 loooong days

of driving with one stop in rural Alabama at a very nice Montgomery South Campground, followed by a night at brother Andy's, we arrived safely back home on March 19th. Refrigerated items into the house along with laundry and called it a day with Nancy heading back to her house south of Smyrna. The following day I did all the necessary Airstream end-of-road-trip tasks including washing the Globetrotter and tucking it back into its secure resting spot..... Away for who knows how long now! It had been a busy two weeks including the driving and we surely were sad about having the second week of the Caravan cancelled, but we arrived home safely and there can always be a trip in our future to SW LA for wonderful sights, sounds and food! Laissez les bon temps roulet!



Swamp Gator





Photos by Malcolm Comstock taken at the Rally in 2018.

Here is a link to a drone video of the site-

https://youtu.be/R-1QXoDCapk

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Hello!

I am excited to note we have 12 units planning to attend. It will be a fun and safe gathering!

Rally dates announced are Friday September 11 through Sunday September 13. However, we are all welcome to come early and camp longer. If you are able, plan to extend your stay by arriving on Thursday September 10! Andy and I are likely going to arrive on Thursday and hope to see many of you then as well.

Logistics and reminders:

- All sites are waterfront, water/electric and equally nice. Dump station available.
- No particular set arrival nor departure times.
- \$35/night fee is payable upon arrival. CASH and CHECK only. They do not accept credit cards for camping fees.
- There is a dock, small sandy beach, and a bathhouse with showers.
- Pets are welcome.
- Address: American Legion Post #16 at 126 Lorrie Quinn Drive, Crisfield, MD 21817. Phone: 410-968-2415.
- The Post kitchen is open 7 days a week, Friday at 4, and Saturday/ Sunday at 3. FYI, the Post bar will open Friday at 1 pm.

It will be great to hang out together outdoors in proximity and enjoy each other's company. We'll be bringing our kayaks. If there is interest, we may seek out a boat tour or outdoor seafood place to enjoy together.

Looking forward to seeing you! Please call or email with any questions. Katharine Dowell 410-212-2125

Delmarva Airstream Club #026

Installation Rally 2020

October 23, 24, 25 at 4-H Park, Centreville, MD

Come for the Rally and Camp, or Come to the Unit Business Meeting and Dinner on Saturday

Tentative Schedule

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Thursday 22nd early arrival after 12 o'clock. Activities and meals on your own. Extra night fee \$20, when you arrive.

Friday 23rd - arrive after 12 o'clock

5:00 - 5:30 "Happy Hour"

5:30 Dinner on your own

Saturday 24th - Explore the area

4:00 Unit Meeting, followed by Installation of Officers Ceremony

5:30 - 6:30 Installation Dinner, followed by new President Katharine Dowell presentation of Activity schedule for the next year Topped off with Dessert

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Installation Rally Coupon 2020

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Rally Fee \$50 for two nights, includes two breakfasts, and Sat. Dinner

Make Checks payable to - Delmarva Unit WBCCI

And mail by Oct. 15, 2020 to Malcolm Comstock

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AIRSTREAM INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2021



It's Time for Family – Fun – Music in Lebanon, Tennessee Registration is now OPEN for the

64th Annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee The Rally is set for July 17 to July 24, 2021

Join us in the beautiful city of Lebanon, Tennessee, located in Wilson County. Only 30 minutes east of Nashville with a ton of amazing things to do in the area. Here you will find friendly faces, historical places, endless shopping, diverse dining, distilleries, wineries, beautiful lakes, state parks, and outdoor adventure, just to name a few.

Rally fees are: \$265 per RV on-site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-out. \$125 per adult, \$40 for youth 13 to 17 and kids under 12 are free

Keep an eye out for more information Sign up today to reserve your spot by visiting airstreamclub.org/Lebanon.

> Hope to see you there! Andrew Selking International President

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64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★ ★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

REGISTRATION

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to <u>airstreamclub.org/Lebanon</u>, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

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It's Time to Renew your dues

Yes, it is time to renew you Airstream Club Membership by paying your dues. There is no longer a separate mailing, so consider this ad here as your official notice.

You can do it online and it is quick and easy. On line is the best way to go.

https://airstreamclub.org/

You must have made your dues payment by November 30, to be included in the listing in the Annual Directory.

Note - the dues have increased to \$75, a modest increase of \$5.

Well worth the investment. The local dues are \$12. So, instead of the \$82 you paid last year, it is now \$87.

Now would be a good time to GO ON LINE AND PAY YOUR DUES

2019 - 2020 Delmarva Airstream Club Schedule Art Potter - President

Although somewhat decimated, it's not over yet. Keep hopes up!

September 11 - 13 Crisfield, MD - American Legion 16

Hosts 1st VP Katharine Dowell & 2nd VP Andy Dowell

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October 23-25 Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD

Hosts - Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830

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