

The Delmarva Beacon



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WBCCI
Region 2
Unit #026

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**"I hope everyone had a good time at the Maintenance Rally.
See you down the road. Have safe travels."**

President William Turner

Photo by Mary Simmons



On behalf of my family and my sister, I would like to thank all for the sympathy cards and all the prayers for our family in this time of the passing of our parents. We know they are in God's hands now, and they are not suffering any more. I was talking to Ruth Ann Smith the other night about her parents and my parents and how much they enjoyed their times as members of THE DELMARVA AIR-STREAM CLUB and how everybody is always there for support in these times!

We said when we were growing up and always heard thunder and was told that it was GOD bringing in the hay wagons, but now when we hear it, it will be our parents and all the other Airstreamers who have passed, moving their Airstreams.

I hope everyone had a good time at the Maintenance Rally. See you down the road. Have safe travels. Thank you all for your prayers.

Bill

Editor's Notes -

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The snowbirds are coming home. The Maintenance Rally is history. So it is May, and the camping season is upon us.

The cover photo this month is from a previous student, Mary Simmons, but of some time ago and not a photo student, though obviously she gets some good photos. She now spends considerable time involved with music, as she plays and sings, but has brothers who also play and sing. Mary keeps track of music offerings in the area and does a good job promoting the events on Facebook. She also has a pet sitting service. Likely this was shot in Kent County, MD while pet sitting. A beautiful sunrise with the beacon of light reflecting across the water. Thank you Mary.

The photo with the Anniversaries and Birthdays is a photo of a painting done by my late niece, Stacy Mitchell. Stacy was taken from us far too young with lymphoma, but left a legacy of some beautiful art work. She had a real talent. I thank her mother, my sister, Wanda for use of the photo.

There is coverage of the Maintenance Rally which includes some extra photos from the always impressive work of Karen Kushto. Thank you Karen.

Sadly there are two more obituaries. Jim Turner passed away shortly after his wife. There is an obituary page on Jim. We will do a memorial page for them together at a later time. Also, we lost Chuck Ungenbeuhler. All these were not still active in the unit, but had history of much participation in the Delmarva Unit.

A page of this edition has a call from 1st VP Art Potter seeking your input in the schedule for the next administration. Please read and follow.

I get newsletters from other units in Region 2. There are some good things happening out there, and Region 2nd VP Rich Short is happy to pass those things along. Those newsletters are full of information and every now and then I see something that needs sharing here. Jonathan's message last month is one of those things. It's well worth the read.

I have included the now available dates for the August Sansom Rally. Please read the info and give Roger an email as to your plans to attend. Details will follow shortly.

To cut the number of pages I have not run the Region 2 Rally Coupon as submission time runs out May 1st, the day you get this. I would think all persons interested have sent their reservation. If you need the coupon, it can found in the

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Glenn



Anniversaries

Bill & Abby Mannering *May 01*
David & Audrey Burt *May 28*

Birthdays

Kay Blunda *May 05*
Fay Cruchkey *May 06*
Laurie Pullman *May 12*
Clyde Warden *May 14*
George Spahn *May 15*
Maxine Ungerbuehler *May 16*
Bruce Purcell *May 20*
Malcolm Comstock *May 28*
Will Kushto *May 29*

Photo of a painting by Stacy Mitchell

SUNSHINE NEWS.

April 2019

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Since my last SUNSHINE report, Les and I, along with Polly Parks, arrived back in Wilmington in early April. Although we had a great time, and the weather was warm in Florida, there is definitely “no place like home”! We enjoyed being with our fellow members who “winter” in Florida, and it was such fun visiting with Charlie and Iva Lee Carter, who found their way back to our Travelers Rest Park!

The past few months have been especially sad for our Delmarva Unit as some of our members have passed away. Charles (Chuck) Ungerbuehler “left his family and friends on Wednesday, March 27, 2019”. He and his wife Maxine, were active members for many years. Many of you remember them from the Trap Pond Rallies when they visited on Sunday mornings for Maxine to deliver the Sunday Message. Further details of Chuck’s life were shared by Glenn Michael when he placed Chuck’s Obituary on our website.

The Turner and Potter families have surely had more than their share of sadness over the past two months. Elizabeth Turner, mother of Liz Potter and Bill Turner, passed away in early April. A few days later, Art Potter’s mother left this earth. And within weeks of Art’s mom passing, Liz and Bill’s dad, Jim Turner, passed on! Jim & Elizabeth Turner had been very busy Airstreamers, and Jim had been Unit President at one time.

Our prayers and thoughts are with these dear families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones! Difficult days, indeed!

On a brighter note, now that Spring has “officially” arrived, please take yourselves outside to enjoy the awesome beauty of God’s beautiful creation! -flowering trees and plants, birds singing, and warm, gentle breezes! That alone can “lift our spirits” and give us an “attitude of gratitude”!

See ya “down the road”!

Mary Ann Parks. (marybelle42@gmail.com) or 302 584 3215

Maintenance Rally 2019

**Delmarva
Mid-Atlantic
Keystone
Units/Clubs**



Members attending from Delmarva were - Carl Anderson and Jim Atkins, Malcolm & Sue Comstock, Andy & Katherine Dowell, Mike & Donna Field, Chuck & Maggie Helwig, Art & Liz Potter, Bob & Laurie Pullman & Bill Turner. Also attending for the meeting and dinner were Delmarva members, Glenn Michael and Clyde & Claire Connelly Warden.

We were pleased to have the attendance of Richard & Kathie Short, 2nd VP of Region 2.

The 2019 Joint Maintenance Rally was held April 26, 27, 28 at 4-H Fairgrounds in Centreville, MD. There were twenty rigs attending from the three Units/Clubs of Delmarva, Mid-Atlantic and Keystone representing 40 people from the three units.. Additionally there were three people attending for the Delmarva meeting and dinner, but not camping.

What started as a serious weather day with a tornado watch and eventually a tornado warning, later became a horrific rain. Saturday dawned as a beautiful day, though it was extremely windy which made maintenance somewhat more difficult. There were a number of issues submitted on the coupon form such as fixing a leaky window, replacing rivets, checking brakes, and when to replace tires.

Maintenance Rally 2019

Delmarva
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*Photos on this page courtesy of Karen Kushto.
Top left -campers lined up with flags flying in the
strong breeze of the weekend. Chuck gives directions
of checks on rigs that can be done. Will examines his hitch
that broke as he got to the site. Bad news for sure, but at least it
wasn't out on the highway.*

*Karen & Will, members of Keystone, but also Associates of Delmarva, work on breakfast.
President of MAU Jonathan poses from his cooking duties*

Members from Mid Atlantic were - Robert & Dee Bloom, Myron & Flora Brenner/Barrett, Anders & Beverly Gyllenhaal, Jonathan, Alex, Sebastian, & Penelope Jacobs, Ken & Carol Kemp, Members from Keystone were - Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald, Don & Phyllis Harrington, Jim & Janice Hicks, Will & Karen Kushto, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, & Sue Walton.





Maintenance Rally 2019



Clockwise from top left, Delmarva First VP tells how to find directions in the Bible. Guests Jim & Nancy stopped by to see what all this silver at the fairground was all about and received a typical Airstream friendly invite to dinner. Chefs Malcolm & Chuck are waiting to serve the delicious dinner. Art tells a story at the Friday dinner. Alex, the editor for MAU newsletter takes a shot for her publication work.

Included in the Rally fee, were two breakfasts and Saturday dinner. The breakfasts were prepared and served by MAU & Keystone, and was delicious fare of pancakes and sausage on Sat., and a continental breakfast on Sunday. Saturday dinner was prepared by the always excellent team of Chuck & Malcolm from Delmarva, consisting of oven BBQ chicken, salad, baked potato, some of Chuck's fantastic bread, and topped off with an ice cream covered brownie. All meals were scrumptious.

Maintenance Rally 2019



As is the usual practice, Delmarva had a business meeting at the Maintenance Rally.

The minutes will be in a future issue, but an important item of business was a name change and it was voted approval, to go from Delmarva WBCCI, Unit #026 to Delmarva Airstream Club, #026.



Maintenance Rally 2019



Photos top left - meeting always start with the pledge. Below that the Secretary calls roll. Pictures of the 1968 trailer proudly owned by Jim & Janice Hicks.

It's what happens to a pie container when it gets spotted by the friendly 'pie thief'! You know who you are!!!



James Turner

On April 18, 2019, James C. Turner went home to be with the Lord.



He was born on May 27, 1924 in Knowlton, PA to the late James H. and Hannah Leota Turner.

As a young man James worked as a groundskeeper for the DuPont Farms.

He honorably served our country during World War 2 in the 63rd Infantry Division from 1943 to 1946.

After the military he worked for Sun Oil as a Refinery Operator until his retirement.

Mr. Turner was a volunteer firefighter for Bethel Township and Ogden Fire Company.

He and his wife loved to travel in their Airstream Travel Trailer, and he was president of the DelMarVa Unit #026, Wally Byam Airstream Club in 1987.

James was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Turner.

Mr. Turner is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Potter and her husband Arthur; his son, William Turner; six grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral service and burial was by Rogers Funeral Home, Milford, DE and burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Aston, PA.





Charles M. Ungerbuehler, Jr.

*left his family and friends
on
Wednesday, March 27, 2019.*

He was born on October 5, 1937 in Wilmington, Delaware to Evelyn Sturgis and Charles Marsden Ungerbuehler, Sr.

Chuck graduated from William Penn High School in 1955, studied naval architecture and applied his studies in assisting his father in their boat building business.



He entered the Coast Guard in 1958, was stationed in New York and completed his service on an ice breaker. He was honorably discharged.

Chuck joined the DuPont Company, Engineering Department, where he was an industrial model builder. He retired after thirty years service as supervisor of the model shop. Immediately upon retirement, he joined Brice Builders where he (for years) was instrumental in the building of prestigious homes at the beach.

Following his retirement from Brice Builders, he joined the Lewes Historical Society where he was loved and respected in his work of restoration and maintenance.

Chuck was a carver of waterfowl and won First Place in Ward Brothers competition, in his class as well as First Place in New York state where his bird was also exhibited.



For years, he was a wedding photographer in Wilmington; and was also awarded for his nature photography by the Wilmington Camera Club and the DuPont Camera Club.

He is survived by his two sons, Trent Ungerbuehler and Shane Meeds Brice; two daughters, Carla and Patricia; and his wife of forty-four years, Maxine McWhorter Ungerbuehler who adored him.

For those who would like to honor Chuck, we suggest that a contribution be made to the Humane Society, Midway, Lewes/Rehoboth.



Special Message from Art Potter - Second Vice President

Okay lets talk 2020. Whaaat, is he nuts? We just started 2019!

Well my mental state is often in question, but I am trying to put together a schedule for next year. Therefore I'm taking suggestions and looking for volunteers.

I have been asked to consider returning to the Chestertown Tea Party which sounds like fun to me. Now as this event is new to me I am looking for someone to help set this up and host it. Traditionally this will be on Memorial Day weekend which is May 23-25 in 2020, anyone interested?

I am wide open for ideas for something to do in July, August and September. The summer picnic in July is always a good time or if there is a different idea let me know.

Now Liz and I will be on the road most of June and July attending the International rally and visiting friends out west, but I know you all can have a good time without us (maybe a better time? LOL.

So give me a call or text **302-236-8830** or email **artnlizpotter@gmail.com**

Art

Art Potter is currently 1st Vice President and as such is planning the activity schedule for 2019-2020. Please provide the input requested. It helps all for there to be ideas of what kinds of things members want. I have highlighted his contact information.

Message from another Unit President -

As I have said numerous times, the editors of the newsletters in Region 2 share copies of our newsletters frequently. They are all quite remarkable. Once in awhile though, something pops up that I feel others could benefit from reading. This message from Jonathon Jacobs, President of MAU is quite profound and worth the read. Used here with permission.

Happy 2019 MAU'ers!

While I am short on answers to many of life's questions, cumulative conversations in 2018 did offer some interesting perspectives of things around us. In listening to current news about the Federal Government shutdown, recent articles about activists swaying Congressional Representative / Senator actions, and news about other governments facing civil challenges, it leaves me wondering whether it ties to MAU's membership. Stick with me here . . . Technology advancement is a great thing. Our communication and information delivery evolved from verbal (grunts), to written (rock drawings/glyphs), to electronic (airway/copper/light).

Currently, we are able to instantly receive information in the palm of our hands from anywhere on the planet for free (minus the device's cost). This free instant access lets us bypass the media outlets (whom previously controlled the content) and go directly to information that we want to see/hear. This is good, right? Maybe. Granted, there were some down sides to when major media outlets controlled information and when organizations had control over their brand messaging (example: agenda based reporting/content), but this now seems like a small price compared to the freedom of open content via social media. Media outlets had incentive to weed-out divisive content, as they needed mass appeal; without the mass purchase of content, the organization would die. With social media now delivering information to people's palms, it is possible to bypass the filters, access only information that we want, and completely bypass the injection of more robust/diverse content. Put another way, delivery of 'news' via social media is actually enabling divisiveness, emboldening small groups to push focused / narrow agendas, and making it hard to separate science fact from science embellishment. Not helping in the divisive arena is that social media is using highly specific individual detail to target us with ads/'news' feeds in order to drive their revenue to pay for our 'free' information. The more the tailored information, the more we start seeing others around us as 'them' where agenda based reporting / content is more rampant than when we paid for the information; it is just more difficult to see it in that light.

Ok, lets thread the needles and bring this back to MAU. Fortunately, divisiveness is not the aspect of social media that is affecting MAU's membership, as the stronger force is the open nature of information. Technology is to the point where we do not need to rely on a club infrastructure for details on how to do things, as there is an app, video, or forum which directly replaces the value that people get from membership in the organization. As the information streams that embolden people to disrupt the way things were done, social media is lowering the value people are seeing from club membership.

I remain convinced that we face an uphill battle in terms of attracting members simply due to our affiliation with WBCCI. People are not seeing the value of joining a club as they can do it on their own for free. It is just a matter of staying alert and capturing people when they put down their devices long enough to notice that the device cannot offer the warmth of a real person. For attracting new members, I propose that we continue to do what we have always done while out and about: say 'Hi' to others around us. One thing that we may do to up our game is to increase our presence on the Internet through participation in the forums with simple personal contributions, sprinkle in the Unit's existence, and suggest that people watch our calendar for activities. Even with all the benefits of virtual living that social media offers, people still need a reason to venture.

Hope everybody has a Great 2019!

Jonathan Jacobs MAU

Special Notice on August Rally, 2019

It is not too early to advertise the information on the always popular and fun August Rally hosted by the Sansom family. In checking with Roger I received the following information -

“Wanted to confirm to you an Aug. 30 - Sep. 1st Rally date. I am still confirming the location but am comfortable committing to those dates. I also expect to be at a location where we can plan for early arrivals or extended stays.”

More information will be forthcoming as soon as possible, but it is important to put the dates on your calendar. Contact Roger if you know now that the dates are good for you.

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2018-2019 Calendar of Activities for Delmarva Unit #026

June 6-9 Annual Region 2 Rally, Biglerville, PA

June 22, 1 PM Annual Unit Picnic, 128 Rocky Meadow Lane, Dover, DE

Hosts- Kim & Raul Reyna-Galinda 302-678-2941

July 20 -27 Sixty-Second International Rally, Doswell, VA, Meadow View Park,

Register at wbcci.org

August 30 - September 1, Location to be determined

Hosts - Sansom Family, Roger, Celeste, Nate, and Livi 410-251-8574

October 4-5-6 - Delmarva Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD

Host - Outgoing President Bill Turner, 302-743-0467