

The Delmarva Beacon



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Region 2
Unit #026

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President William Turner

Photo by Robin VanSant

Greetings Delmarva Unit #026.
I am writing this to you from Doswell, VA, at the 62nd International Rally. We had a total of four Delmarva units on site. One was in the Vintage group and three were together outside of the pavilion, which was real close, so we didn't have to walk far for anything.

The Potters, Fields and I took a tour of the grounds where Secretariat started as a young horse, and finished after winning the Triple Crown in 1973. There was a lot of history about the family of the owners and the horses.

They had a lot of things to do here, such as seminars, maintenance tips, etc. There was also a Ladies Tea which Donna and Liz attended. We had entertainment every night. Those of you on FB can go on the site and see a lot of pictures and see a lot of different events that were held at the Rally.

I was honored to carry our Unit flag for the presentation and to represent our unit at the Delegates meeting, where they voted on next year's officers of WBCCI.

Also you can now sign up for the 63rd International Rally, which is being held in Loveland, CO. Three units from Delmarva are signed up already! Let's see if we can get a few more going next year and have a bigger group in Colorado! And, a caravan to go west.

HOPE EVERYONE IS STAYING COOL! We have had our ACs running nonstop since we arrived at the Rally with no problems. It cooled off Wednesday with a rain storm.

Don't forget the Rally hosted by the Sansom family. See the dates in this newsletter. Don't forget the dates for the Installation Rally have been changed!!

HOPE to see you at the next Rally, or somewhere down the road.

Bill

The site for FB is [airstreamclub2019Doswell rally](https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamClub2019DoswellRally/) -enjoy the ride

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Editor's Notes -

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August and that means the International Rally is finished for another year. The weather is hot, and generally expected to be, at least in Delmarva. From all reports the International WBCCI Rally was great as always. Thanks for the pictures which were supplied by Liz Potter, Donna Field, Mike Field and Bill Turner. With so much to show, I used four pages to cover the event.

The cover photo is from a student of a few years back. Enough years that she has a son at my Alma mater though she doesn't look old enough for that. Robin VanSant happened to glance out her door in Kent County, Maryland and saw this sunset. It is beautiful, and she was gracious to allow me to use it. Thank you Robin.

And this month is for the Robins, as the flower shot was done by Robin Spencer Leager, also from the KCHS days, and she was gracious to allow the use. Thank you Robin Spencer Leager.

There is more new information on the Sansom Rally, and some information on Shad Landing State Park. Make sure you contact Roger to let him know you will be coming either to camp, or to join in the pot luck.

Our traveling troubadour, Dan McDougall, is at it again. He takes some wonderful trips in his Airstream, but he documents these trips with interesting and humorous reports. Now he has a drone so he gets some shots from a new perspective.

I have given some space to the new President of Region 2, Richard Short. Congratulations to Rich! Also, I have included a shot of our new WBCCI President, Mona Heath. Congratulations to Mona! Thanks to Liz Porter for the photos.

Finally, on the last page you will find not only our rapidly shrinking year activities schedule, but another notice from First VP Art Potter. Give it a read.



Birthdays

John Douthwaite ***Aug 04***
Shin Knutson ***Aug 08***
Audrey Burt ***Aug 10***
Chuck Helwig ***Aug 10***
Daniel McDougall ***Aug 17***
Beverly Houser ***Aug 19***
Iva Lee Carter ***Aug 23***

Anniversaries

Bruce & Bonnie Purcell ***Aug 03***
Will & Karen Kushto ***Aug 12***
Phi & Karen Wade ***Aug 28***

Photo by Robin Spencer Leager

SUNSHINE NEWS Mary Ann Parks, Chair 302.584.3215 marybelle42@gmail.com August, 2019

It is hard to believe that the Summer is more than half over! But, hopefully we are “past” the incredibly HOT temperatures we have suffered recently! Hope all of you enjoyed July 4th celebrations and summer picnics with family and friends, in spite of the hot weather!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Charles and Mary Jane Pierce, as Charles is facing some health issues recently. I have not gotten an update on Charles, but hope he is doing well.

Past President Carl Anderson is facing various health challenges, as most of us are! Carl’s new mantra “Old age ain’t for sissies”! I know many will agree with that!

And, our Past First Mate, Mike Field, had “successful” gallbladder surgery a few weeks ago! He made a “miraculous” recovery, and is enjoying WBCCI International, and planning to go on the Southwest Caravan! Way to go, Mike!!!

Claire Connelly Warden asked that we let everyone know how much she appreciated all the prayers, cards, calls, and well-wishes for her recovery from serious surgery earlier this Summer! She is feeling stronger and better each day! “Hooray for Claire”!

Les and I are enjoying summer activities much more than we did last year, and are spending time at our “beach house on wheels” and “a road trip” to New England to visit family. We look forward to seeing our Delmarva friends again, soon!

Continue to enjoy the sounds, flowers, soft breezes, and “ice cream treats” of Summer!

Mary Ann



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WBCCI Officers 2018 - 2019

- President.....Mona Heath
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- Treasurer.....
- Past President.....Berry Bell

WBCCI International Rally Doswell, VA 2019

Article by Donna Field and Liz Potter



President Bill Turner, 1st Vice President Art and wife Liz Potter and Mike & Donna Field caravanned to the International Rally in Doswell, VA. We arrived about 3 pm to a temperature of about 100 degrees! The parking staff was efficient and we were soon in our parking spots. The first order of business was to get our air conditioners running. Did I mention that it was hot?

The Opening Ceremony was Saturday night. President Bill Turner carried the Delmarva flag. For the first time WBCCI had two European representatives carrying flags. On Sunday Airstream English Springer Spaniel Henry Potter won third place for best looking pet. Antsy McClean provided hilarious entertainment Sunday evening. Monday we went on the Secretariat Birthplace Tour. It was interesting and also sad to learn that so much of the property had to be sold due to the taxes levied when the original owner of the property died. Entertainment that evening was provided by The Virginians Men's Barbershop Chorus.

Tuesday arrived with much cooler temperatures and rain. Tuesday night's entertainment was provided by Edgar Cruz, Guitarist Extraordinaire. Wednesday was welcomed with beautiful and cooler weather. Entertainment that night was provided by the WBCCI Band and Chorus.

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Thursday was quite special as it was time for the Ladies' Tea with MEN serving the women. The 2020 International Rally Registration opened to lots of activity. Excellent entertainment was provided by The Rivoli Review. Friday there was a very well attended flea market. In the evening we had Installation of International Officers, Flag Retirement and Closing Ceremony.

During the week there were many varied seminars. Art and Henry Potter volunteered to drive the golf cart shuttles during the week. Several people remarked on Henry's special welcome to the shuttle. That's all folks!

Drone shots by Streaming Airheads. Rear of Airstreams of Delmarva rigs is from Donna Field.

Donna Field & Liz Potter





Clockwise, top left: Liz and Donna actually touch Secretariat, well actually a photo of him. Henry is a 3rd Place Winner, Art not so much. It's a dog's world as Art is on his knees for the competition, while Henry just takes it all in. Henry is even more welcomed on the shuttle than Art. Lazy Harry slides off the bed in the Airstream. Other than that, he is a good traveler. Henry makes friends with everyone. It really is a dog's world. And in this case, that dog is Henry the 8th.



The photos in this article are from Donna Field, Mike Field, Liz Potter, and William Turner, and a few drone shots by Streaming Airheads, sent to me along with the others. They were taken on phones and passed from one to the other, and different people used different people's phones to take the photos. As the editor I am grateful for the photos, regardless of how, who, or why, and I suspect I am better off not knowing. Know only that the photos were taken by attendees at the Rally and a good showing of a good time it is!



Donna and Liz are ready for the tea. They spend some time in the shade prior to heading to the Tea. The Tea was served by the men.



There were many photos of the 654 Airstreams of all kinds at the Rally. This view, taken by Donna Field, shows the sea of silver in the facility at Doswell, VA.

While the number of attendees falls short of the thousands in the 80s when Liz's parents attended the International, it is still an increase over other recent years. The iconic Airstream continues the appeal.

The Sansom Rally Dates are
August 30 - September 2nd
Location is -
Shad Landing / Pocomoke River State Park
<https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>

Shad Landing Area 3461 Worcester Highway Snow Hill MD 21863

Remember, this is a holiday weekend, we will have a short window of availability, your site should likely be reserved now!

*The host/Sansom site is in loop B,
feel free to reserve any site/loop that is available.
<https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>*

See you soon! Roger & Celeste

**If you are unable to attend the Rally,
ALL are welcome to our
Saturday Happy Hour 5-6 pm &
6 pm Pot-Luck dinner in Loop B.
Roger**

Check-in at Shad Landing/Pocomoke River State Park is Friday anytime after 3 PM.

Friday dinner will be on your own.

After Saturday activities we will look forward to gathering for an evening Pot-Luck dinner.

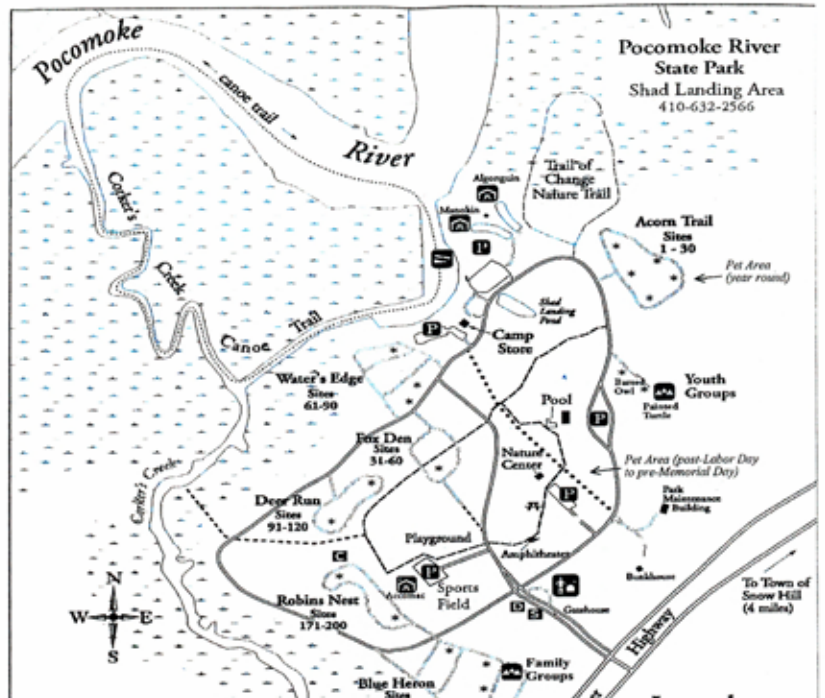
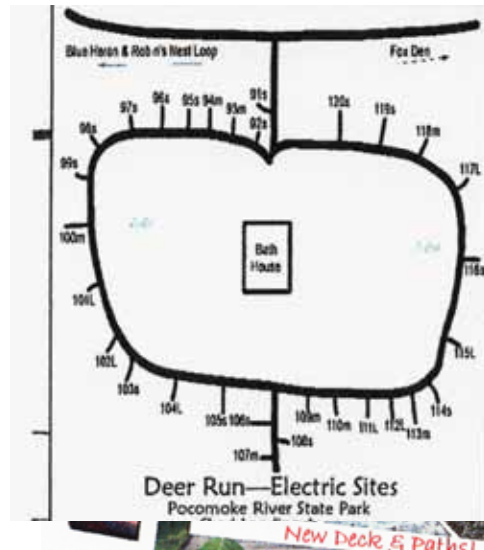
Please confirm attendance via call/text or email to Roger with your loop & site number.

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NOTE:

This info is from a brochure and would not post clearly, but through a series of scans, I was able to get it somewhat readable and is provided to give some idea of what you can do, and the layout of the campground showing Deer Run which Roger says is also known as Loop B



Recreational Activities

Camping: All campsites are equipped with a picnic table and a fire ring. A site is limited to six people and all camping equipment and vehicles must fit on camping the pad. Pocomoke River State Park, Shad Landing Area (172 sites) is open all year long. *New! Remodeled bath houses in Blue Heron and Deer Run.* Milburn Landing Area (30 sites) is open April through mid-December. Electric sites available at both locations.

Youth Group Camping: Youth group campsites are available at both Shad Landing and Milburn Landing areas of Pocomoke River State Park. Advance reservations are required for all youth groups. Individual groups with a Maryland Youth Group Pass camp for free.

Mini-Cabins: 1-room cabins sleep four and 2-room cabins sleep five. No linens are provided. Cooking must take place outside of the cabin. Picnic tables and fire rings are provided. Tents are prohibited on cabin sites. Screen rooms may be placed on the picnic table pads. Shad Landing's 8 mini-cabins with ac/heat are located in Robin's Nest camping loop. Milburn Landing has four 1-room and *new two 2-room mini-cabins*, with ac/heat or heat/ceiling fans.

Pavilions: Five pavilions, with grills and picnic tables, are available for rent by advance reservation. Reservation fees cover the rental of the pavilions; not the surrounding area which is occupied on a first-come first-served basis. The pavilions hold between 50-180 people, depending upon the specific pavilion. The pavilion area is available from 8:00 AM until sunset.

Picnic Areas: Picnic areas are available at both Shad Landing and Milburn Landing. Standing grills and tables are available on a first come first serve basis.

Swimming Pool & Splash Zone: *New! Eagles Landing Splash Zone for children 8 and under!* The pool area at Shad Landing is open weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day, and open daily except Tuesdays mid-June to mid-August. The 25-meter pool ranges in depth from 3-11 feet. An adult must accompany all children 12 and under. Pool use service charge is required.

Concessions: Open weekends April - November and daily May -September at Shad Landing. Deli, snacks, souvenirs, camping supplies, groceries, boat rentals, marine gasoline, and firewood are available.

Boating: Launching ramps are open to the public at Shad Landing and Milburn Landing. Canoe, kayak, and boat rentals are available at Shad Landing's *new rental facility.* Canoes and kayaks can be rented as weather permits. Long-term boat slips, with electric and water hookup, are also available at Shad Landing. There are boat slips available to campers (for a fee) on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fishing: A Maryland Tidal Sport Fishing License is required to fish the Pocomoke River and nearby creeks. A "Fish for Fun" pond is located across from the marina parking lot at Shad Landing, and requires a freshwater license. The pond is part of Maryland's "Put and Take" trout program.

Pets: Pets must be leashed at all times on public lands. Pets are permitted in designated areas at specific times—see map inside. Pets are welcome on the undeveloped areas of the state forest and at Milburn Landing all year.

Access: Many areas of Pocomoke River State Park are accessible. Please contact the office for more information.

Nature Center: The Nature Center at Pocomoke River State Park is a must see. The facility houses interactive exhibits and tanks containing **reptiles, amphibians and fish** native to the Pocomoke River area. The Nature center is open weekends in May and September and Thursday - Tuesday from Memorial Day through Labor Day . Be sure to complete the Nature Center scavenger hunt, you will be surprised at what you learn.

Hunting: Hunting is available on the surrounding state forest and wildlife management areas. Maps and regulations can be found at the registration office or online at www.DNR.Maryland.gov.

Pocomoke State Forest: The Forest consists of 15,000 acres in the Pocomoke River Watershed adjacent to Pocomoke River State Park. Much of the Forest borders the river, protecting the Cypress Swamps and designated Wildland Areas. In Pocomoke State Forest visitors can enjoy fishing, flat water canoeing, hiking trails, hunting, horseback riding, and mountain biking. For more forest information, call 410-632-3732.

Dan McDougall Is On The Road Again

A year ago our much traveled bass playing member Dan took a trip across the good ole USA. He's at it once again. His trips are interesting and he chronicles his adventures well. So, I will include some of his exploits in the newsletter. He frequently says that if you're interested in his reports sign onto the blog, and that can be reached here - <https://tabadabadoo.com/author/tabadabadoo/>

I have excerpted portions and photos from his blog just to give a sense of the trip. Again, for the whole story go to the blog site.



Day 1 We're Off

580 miles
\$42.08: Richmond KOA (Richmond, IN)
Got in late last night from the Weird Al concert, but wanted to get an early start. All that pre-packing paid off, and I hit the road around 8:30 am.

If you've read past years' blog posts, you know my feelings on the "major" interstates in PA and West Virginia. There has been some meager improvement since then, in the form of some newly-cemented sections, but overall, the roads are still throwbacks to the Model-A era. Patched everywhere, two narrow lanes, overpriced & under-parking-lotted service plazas with expensive gas.

So, I powered through five states today: DE, PA, WV, OH, and IN. 580-something miles today. But I wanted to get ahead of the remnants of hurricane Barry before he heads North.

In doing so, I didn't leave many options for an overnight stay. I tried my new Harvest Host subscription, but the one I wanted was only open in the Fall (went to voicemail). The state parks laughed at me (it was Saturday at 4 pm, after all). KOAs are nice, but pricey, and my last resort. The ones on I-70 thru Ohio were really pricey (\$90!), but I saw one just over the Indiana border that looked promising. But first, I called the Richmond Walmart, and they DO allow overnight parking, In fact, I started there, but soon realized that at 91 degrees, I wanted an electric hookup for the A/C.

The 4 pm cut-off for app reservations had passed, but Richmond Indiana's KOA picked up the phone at 7:30 PM, were as friendly as could be, and said "come on over" (their office closes at 8 pm). \$42 later, I'm in a scenic water/electric (no sewer) site for \$42. And they have a pool!

Day 2 – Big!

604 miles

\$29: Clinton State Park

On the road by 6 am this morning for a long day of driving. But how could I not stop in Casey, Illinois to visit their Big Things in a Small Town?

They're big things.

In a small town.

Some are Guinness-certified as "The World's Largest".

Others are just Big.

A big pencil.



All the places of interest are beautifully landscaped. The grass is so perfect it doesn't quite seem real. Flowers in bloom. Swept clean. The Sunday morning stillness in the air. All exhibits have some sort of bible verse(s) attached to them, related to the item. Most sites are within walking distance, so it was the perfect Sunday morning jaunt. Those of you who are longtime blog readers, may see a pattern of "big and biggest" photos from past visits to: the world's largest Dilly Bar, a giant prairie dog, dinosaurs, another rocking chair claiming to be the largest, the "largest pistachio in the world", etc. You get the idea. And those were just the ones off the top of my head. Since I was already off the beaten track, rather than re-join I-70's fast-paced race West, I took Route 40. It runs parallel to I-70 for a long time, and takes you back in time. Through real towns. With real hardware stores and diners. Shiny grain silos. Classic cars on their way to a community show. And I was quite literally going back in time, since the time zone soon changed back one hour.



Kansas City snapped me back to reality. I-70 was been closed in two places on this trip.

This was the second, riddled with detours. Ok, fine. But then I experienced these three things within 5 miles:

1. Thanks to the detour, you merge onto one highway, only to have one mile to cross 4 lanes of traffic to get in the left lane (the only lane going to I-70). Y'know those drivers who, when you're ahead of them and signal a lane change to their lane, accelerate? That's no fun when you're towing a trailer, and need to cross 4 lanes. No fun. Most KC drivers were like that.
2. After I made the swap to the left lane, another driver who couldn't manage to compromise enough change lanes, stopped. Yes, stopped. In the fast lane (the lane I was in, that went to I-70). Stopped.
3. Before all this happened, I saw brake-lights ahead of me, slowed to crawl, and tried to avoid hitting a crazy-eyed man weaving, on foot, through the speeding lanes of traffic, almost daring to be run over.

Day 4 - Luck

55 miles

\$23/night: Pawnee Campground (Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest)

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity

Another very early start (is this really only day 4?) to attempt the impossible: Pawnee Campground near Ward, CO. When I got off the main commuter route, it was a quiet (and cold!) drive up the mountain on Coal Creek Canyon Road.

After consulting brother Tim, I decided to start at the far point (Pawnee). If I was turned away, I had a few other options: Kelly Dahl and Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Both equally unlikely to get in without a reservation. All were around 10,000ft elevation, so would stay relatively cool, compared to Denver.

I got to the gate at Pawnee, and asked about sites. *sigh* I was told it was highly unlikely. Highly.

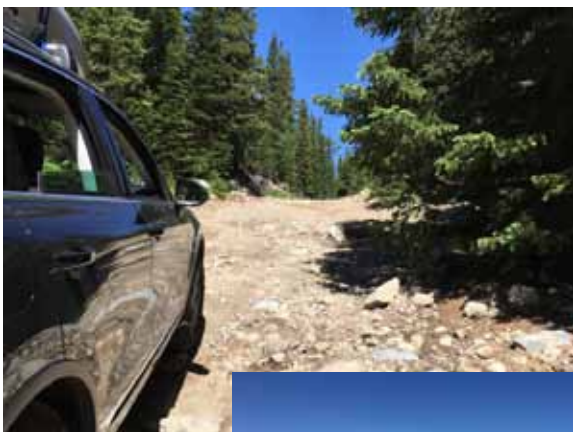
"Can I go in and try?"

"I guess" shaking their head, wearily. It's a busy time of year, and they look tired of cheerful hopeful people like me.

But I had bigger plans for today: Left Hand Reservoir looked like something I should try.

It's just 1.25 miles off the main road. The map makes it look like an easy paved road with a parking lot at the end.

It's not. And the road just opened a few days ago.



News of 2nd VP -Richard Short



Richard Short gets his badge as Region 2 President and stands for recognition. A deserved honor for a man who works hard for WBCCI. Congratulations Rich.



and of new WBCCI President Mona Heath



Mona Heath takes the office of President of WBCCI, the first woman to hold the office.

Congratulations Mona!

Both photos courtesy of Donna Field.

Message from Art Potter - First V.P. - Soon to be President

Well it's me again, old crazy man 2020! Charlie Carter (my current hero) has agreed to work with Jody Dietz (Keystone) on a rally at the Chestertown Tea Party which will be Memorial Day weekend May 23-25, thanks Charlie.

Now the Region 2 Rally will be the same weekend in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, giving all a choice of two great events, one near and one far. I have a tentative host for a summer picnic, June or July, and the Christmas party Dec 7th 2019?

Any ideas out there for a community project? So put on the old thinking caps, be brave and speak out with any ideas. I am open to anything, well maybe not a figure 8 race with our rigs....lol

NOTICE -

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE ADJUST YOUR CALENDARS

THE INSTALLATION RALLY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO

OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 2019

STILL AT THE 4-H PARK IN CENTREVILLE, MD

It is NOT Oct. 4, 5, 6

2018-2019 Calendar of Activities for Delmarva Unit #026

August 30 - September 2 - Shad Landing/Pocomoke State Park, Snow Hill. MD

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

NEW DATE -PLEASE NOTE

October 18, 19, 20 - Delmarva Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD

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