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William 'Bill' Turner

'm sitting in my room, nice and easy and warm, watching the weather channel give the temps outside. It is in the high 20s. with the wind it feels like 6 degrees outside.

Our annual Snowball Luncheon was Sat. the 19th, at the Comstocks. If you couldn't make it you missed some good soup and desserts. We had three choices of soup and they went quick. The weather was good until later that night. I hope everyone had a good time. If you left hungry, shame on you. All the food was delicious! We had a great turn out of Members, Associates, and Friends.

Florida members who are enjoying warm temperature and sunshine, don't forget the Valentine's Luncheon. Take a moment and get a hold of Mary Ann Parks for your reservation. And, send some warm weather north.

Everybody enjoy Valentines Day which is coming quickly. Make sure you get your flowers and candy for your mate.

Hope to see everybody at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon in March.

Pretty soon those of us who have our trailers in storage will be getting them out for the Maintenance Rally in April. I for one, am looking forward to getting ready. So, until later, I wish that everybody will have a good Valentine's Day.

Be safe on the roads as you travel and stay Warm!

Editor's Notes -

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It's now February! While that is only the second month of the calendar year, I already get the feeling that the year is whizzing along. And then the President William mentions the Maintenance Rally already. So, it does go fast.

The cover photo for this month popped up on Facebook one day not too long ago. It's from a student I had at KCHS who now lives on a beautiful farm property outside of Chestertown. She routinely walks her dogs in the morning and evening where she gets some great shots. Brenda Lyons snaps these photos I suspect with her phone. One thing that the cell phone has done is increase the number of photos we take simply by it being ever available. This photo said cold clear morning quite well. Thank you Brenda Lyons.

The photo with the snowball flowers was taken by Lois Saunders. Lois was not a student, but a co-worker. She raises some fantastic flowers and takes great photos of those flowers. I think I've used this photo before, but am too lazy, or frozen, to check. They are called snowball flowers though, so it seemed appropriate for this cold month. Thank you Lois.

The turnout was good for the Snowball Luncheon on a cold day in January. The soup was fantastic, but the additional sides and desserts were too. The article starts on page 5.

The Valentine's Day Lunch is the next thing. The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon is still a month off, but should be added to your calendar. The information in on page 8. Please call Chuck with your reservation information. He has to give the restaurant a head count so they can have the tables set up.

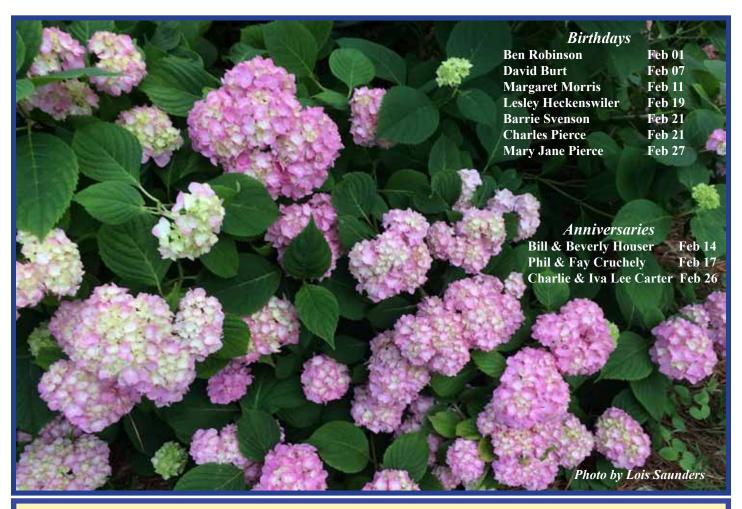
Page 11 again has the Coupon of the Region 2 Rally. Time to send the form and money in. Region Rallies are a good time.

Another important event that should be on your calendar is the Maintenance Rally in April. Not too early to be acting on this event, The Coupon is on page 10.

We just learned of the passing of Mildred Frosch. Mildred and her husband Al, were Charter Members of WBCCI Delmarva Unit #026, and Mildred was the last surviving member of the original 35 Charter Members when the unit was chartered in 1964. I felt her passing was significant enough to the unit to devote several pages to her. Additionally, she and her husband were members of the Wally Byam Caravan from Capetown, South Africa to Cairo, Egypt in 1959. What a unique experience that must have been at that time. Furthermore, due to harvesting schedules here, Mildred started the Caravan trip without her husband. For a month or more it was just

Mildred and her three daughters, ages 6, 10, 12. As a matter of fact Susan, the 6 year old, was the youngest person on the Caravan. There is a bit more information about the Capetown-Cairo Caravan in the Through the Window page. Additionally, there is a link to a YouTube video which was adapted from footage taken during the course of the Caravan.





SUNSHINE NEWS. February 2019

Mary Ann Parks, Chair 302.584.3215 <u>marybelle42@gmail.com</u>

Greetings from the "North Pole"! At least that is what it feels like to us! We are usually in Florida this time of the year, but we are still waiting for the "miracle" cure that will help Les's back be more comfortable! But, from the pictures I have seen from Florida, we would be sitting in our trailer trying to stay warm a good bit of the time! Nights have been in the upper 30's with daytime warming to the 50's! The extended time at home in Wilnington has been enjoyable with friends and family.

We hope to get down to our Florida "snowbird" home soon!

Frances Mason wrote that a "charter" member of the Delmarva Unit - Mildred Frosch, has passed away. Unfortunately we didn't learn of her passing until recently though it was in November of 2017.

Some of you may remember Mildred, and many enjoyable Airstream adventures with her and her husband. I know that her daughter and family would appreciate a card of sympathy. Her address-

Linda Frosch Apt. 108 #9 Shelter Cover Lane Hilton Head, NC 29928

I hope that all of you have stayed warm and well throughout these bitter, cold days! Some of our Delmarva folks are down in Florida waiting for the "warm" to set in!

Hope to see them at our "Delmarva South" Valentine Lunch, February 16 at 12:00 at Buffet City, Brooksville, FL. Call Mary Ann to reserve space!

Mary Ann Parks. 302 584-3215 marybelle42@gmail.com





WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY - - IT'S CLOSE TO HOME

The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County, Virginia, is rich in history and an adaptable event space. Located just minutes from Richmond and Fredericksburg, an easy drive from Hampton Roads/Virginia Beach and a straight shot from the D.C. area,

Thoroughbred racing legend Secretariat was born here in 1970. Three years later he blazed his way into Triple Crown history. Today his birthplace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Since then, The Meadow has transformed from a family farm to a multi-purpose venue that is home to the State Fair of Virginia and other notable events. The 331-acre property features a mixture of original structures and newly constructed facilities.

TO REGISTER, GO TO THE WBCCI WEBSITE

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Marcia and Cathy chat, (center), while John and Andrew (below), listen intently to the not-pictured Millie. Bottom - Mike and Bruce have a serious conversation.



n Saturday, January 19, twenty-one Members, Associates and Friends of WBCCI Delmarva Unit #026, met at the home of Past President Malcolm & Sue Comstock for the Annual Snowball Luncheon. Fortunately for travel there wasn't snow, although a week earlier snow was an issue. The Luncheon was obviously well scheduled.

There were three kinds of soup, and all were delicious though I only sampled the turley chili.

The tables were loaded with all manner of goodies geared to go along with soup.

Chuck brought his fabulous Foccacia bread, but also some Stollen, There was Jello, cheese of all kinds, veggies and plenty of all. Dessert was well presented too. Glenn's blueberry pie disappeared quickly.

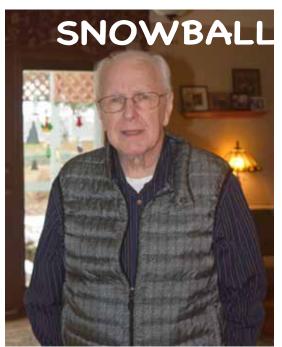
There was lots of conversation, and much of it about Airstream experiences. There is never a loss of stories about everything when the group gets together.

Members, Associates, and Friends, attending, in no particular order, were:
John Chromy & Millie Brown

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Malcolm & Sue Comstock
Mike & Donna Field
George & Peggy Spahn
Will & Karen Kushto
Bob & Laurie Pullman, Jr.
Chuck & Maggie Helwig
Cathy Pascoe
Andrew & Katherine Dowell
Art & Liz Potter
William Turner
Glenn Michael







New members Katherine and Cathy chat while Associate George enjoys the food.

Peggy preps her appetizer. Mike happened to be handy for a photo.

Maggie and Karen pay homage to Scruffy. He managed to win most of the crowd over, or so it seemed as even the non-cat people were opening the door to let him in or out at his desire.

A Thank You Note from the Hosts -

Thanks to all the Delmarva members who attended the Snowball Luncheon. Also, thanks for the delicious food that you shared with everyone. It was a very enjoyable time with good conversation and good food. Special thanks to everyone who helped, especially Laurie who brewed the coffee and did must of the cleanup. See you next year?!

Malcolm and Sue





Hosts Chuck & Maggie Helwig (302) 730-1206
Call for reservation by March 4

FOR OUR 'FLORIDA UNIT'



VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

> February 16, 12:30 PM Valentines Luncheon South, Buffet City, Brooksville, FL

> > Hosts Mary Ann & Les Parks
> > 302-584-3215

2018-2019 Calendar of Activities for Delmarva Unit #026

February 16 Valentines Lunch, South, Buffet City, Brooksville, FL

Hosts - Mary Ann & Les Parks 302-584-3215

March 9 - St. Pat's Luncheon, Sheridan's Irish Pub, Smyrna, DE

Hosts - Chuck & Maggie Helwig 302-270-7618

April 26-27-28 Annual Delmarva Maintenance Rally 4-H Park Centreville, MD

Hosts - Helwigs and Comstocks, 302-724-0654 302-270-7618

June 6-9 Annual Region 2 Rally, Biglerville, PA See Coupon on Page 10

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 (Date to be determined), Salisbury

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

Joint Maintenance Rally Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic Units

April 26 - April 28, 2019

4-H Park Centreville, MD

Rally Fee: \$75 Rally Fee covers:

- two nights camping with water and electric, Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday Night Dinner.
- Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc.
- Expert Advice and Assistance
- Dump station is available

Arrival after 10:00 am on Friday. Upon entering the Park several checks will be performed on your RV and tow vehicle: lights, hitch, safety chains, emergency brake cable, etc.

Friday night dinner on your own - list of local options will be provided when you arrive

***Thursday 25th arrival is allowed, after noon, with an additional fee of \$20.

Thursday dinner and Friday breakfast on your own.

Please join us and get your rig in "tip top" shape (and safe) for the coming camping season.

We look forward to joining with the Keystone and MAU Units!

Provide Information	n Below	
Name(s):	Unit #	
Address:		
E-mail Address:	Cell #	
Early Arrival Y N Airstream: (trailer or coach) Specific maintenance questions or topics you would li		
Make checks payable to: Delmarva Unit WBCCI Mail by April 19, 2019	Send to: Malcolm Comstock 570 Banning Road Camden Wyoming, DE 19934	
For questions and information contact Malcolm, o Hosts - Delmarva Malcolm Comstock, Host (30 Keystone Howard Mergelkamp, howardsan70@gm Mid-Atlantic Jonathon Jacobs, crossing_g	r your local Unit Host. 2) 724-0654, <u>malvermont63@yahoo.com</u> nail.com	



WBCCI REGION 2 RALLY

June 6th- 9th, 2019

South Mountain Fairgrounds

615 Narrows Rd., Biglerville, PA 17307

South Mt. Fairgrounds is in Adams County, PA., home of the historic Civil War Battlefield of Gettysburg, the South Mountain Fruit Belt, covered bridges and portions of the Appalachian Trail and the Underground Railroad. The Rally promises you two breakfasts, a catered dinner, two nights of entertainment and nightly ice cream socials. Morning activities will include a golf outing, seminars, and the Region 2 Business Meeting. Afternoons are free to explore the area...bicycling, hiking, kayaking and fishing are as close as the nearby Caledonia State Park. Take a tour of Gettysburg or one of several local wineries! Mark your calendars now!

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Handicap Parking?	(yes) Golf?	(yes) Volunteer?	(yes!)	
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Rally Fee (Ages 13 and Fee (Children 3-12)		\$30 x = \$,
Camping per night (W/B (May arrive on Wed		\$20 x = depart Mon. June 10 ^t		
Total Enclosed		\$	3	

RSVP by May 01, 2019. Make check (USD) payable to: Region 2 WBCCI Mail to: Will Kushto, Tres. 114 Flagstaff Rd., Phila., PA 19115-3410 Children and pets welcome!

Contact: Rune Moeller (443)286-3114 gpickr@icloud.com CMU #166/WBCCI



Mildred Bradley Frosch Mildred Bradley Frosch, 96, of Hilton Head Island passed away on November 29, 2017 at her home in Seabrook with her daughter Linda by her side. She was born in Hurlock, MD to the late Leland and Louise Bradley. She married Alfred W. Frosch who preceded her in death in 1994. She is survived by three daughters; Judith Burger (Ray) of Franktown, VA, Linda Frosch of Hilton Head, Susan Frosch of West Palm Beach, FL, three grandchildren: Ray III, Ashley, and Hunter, two great-grandchildren and one sister, Virginia Hall of Onancock, VA. She lived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland until moving to Hilton Head Island in 1996. She and her husband traveled extensively in her Airstream. She loved the beach, painting and her church. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Seabrook at a later date. Donations in her name may be made to the Seabrook Foundation, 300 Woodhaven Dr. Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Keith Funeral Home of Hilton Head is assisting the family. Funeral Home - Keith Funeral and Cremation Services - Hilton Head, 63 Arrow Rd. Hilton Head, SC 29928 (843) 715-4584

sent the usual Christmas card to Mildred Frosch. I received a letter from her daughter Linda saying that Mildred had died last year during the holidays. After a bad fall, she began to "slow down". Linda took her back to Virginia (they were from Machipongo - near the end of the Eastern Shore), to visit with family and friends. That is where she and Al lived when they became charter members of the Delmarva Unit. They had previously been members of the Mid-Atlantic Unit. She was the last remaining Delmarva Unit charter member. You will recall that their family went on the famed Capetown to Cairo Caravan with Wally Byam. Since Al was busy with the farm, Mildred and their three daughters took their Airstream to meet the caravan and went by boat to their destination, and Al joined them later.

Al and Mildred attended one of the rallies held at the Delaware State Fairground in Harrington. By then they had sold their trailer and were traveling in a B-Van. After Al's death, Mildred attended a few of the rallies but soon went to live in Hilton Head S.C. where her daughter Linda was located.

The Frosch's WBCCI number was 2345. When Mildred gave up her membership, Boots asked if we could have their numbers to keep them in Delmarva Unit. Mildred agreed and we both had to write letters to WBCCI headquarters in order to do so. When we stopped trailering, Clyde and Claire asked for the numbers and the process was repeated. (When Ralph Forrester, a member of Mid-Atlantic Unit, saw the num-

Frances Mason

bers on the Warden's trailer, he asked them what they were doing with the Frosch's numbers.) Claire heard from WBCCI Headquarters that those numbers will be retired and documented as original WBCCI numbers and in the caravan with Wallly.

We send our sympathy to Linda and the other daughters and to Mildred's other family and friends. She was a great lady, and a good friend with a lot of determination and "courage". Imagine taking a trailer and 3 young children to Africa on her own!





Cape Town to Cairo Caravan with Wally Byam

Mildred Frosch

It started with Al seeing an adventure program on TV. It was an Airstream Caravan driving to Central America and in 1959 there was going to be a caravan to Africa, the Holy Lands, and Europe. We had to have a 4-wheel drive truck to enter the Sudan. We purchased an International Harvester and had a hitch put on. We carried extra tires, axles, batteries, etc. We did all this in about four months. Then we also did all the Visas and shots and outfitting us and the trailer.

Al drove us to New York where we boarded a freighter and headed to Capetown. I was not yet 40 with three little girls (ages 6, 10, and 12), and had little experience in driving the truck and pulling the trailer (we had bought both about a week before we left.) Al had to stay home to finish summer farming and he flew over in August.

We went up the east coast of Africa, stopping for the night here and there including a couple of places as fun days. The African roads were not too bad, though some were too narrow for the trailers. Then it was on to dirt roads in Belgian Congo.

To my surprise we drove on the left side of the road. That plus mountains and rain made the first few days nerve racking. I soon learned to shift up or down or put the truck in extra low. Living on the Eastern Shore, I had no practice on curving mountain roads.

The girls were good and were a big help. Linda, 10, helped hitch up. Al taught her how to light the furnace, refrigerator, and water heater (you needed a match in those days.) When I had to stop on an incline she would jump out and chock the wheels. Judi helped inside as she liked to cook and she helped clean up. Susan just made friends. All the other Airstreamers were great to me and the girls.

So, we headed to Cairo. We saw the diamond mines, a lot of native villages, and National Game Parks. We didn't miss much. We had good leaders who knew what we should see.

The roads were terrible and some places really had no roads at all. We did 6-7 miles a day – such ruts. We had to use planks or branches to get over holes, broke a lot of axles. Everyone pitched in and fixed them.

At Sudan, we opted to go by rail and not take a chance on the desert. Some took the desert route and it was a nightmare. The rest of us loaded the trucks and trailers on flat cars for transport until we got to the Nile River, then put them on barges and sailed up the river. Finally we reached Cairo with all the wonderful pyramids, the temple, the burial grounds. It was wonderful. We parked in a circle at the front of the Giza pyramid.

By Mildred Frosch with transcription by Frances Mason Reprinted from the WBCCI Unit #026 50th Anniversary Program, September 27, 2014.

A Memory from the 50th Anniversary

This article was written by Frances Mason for the 50th Anniversary of the Unit in 2014. It is reprinted here as written as a reminder of the significance of this adventurous couple.

We could say that Al and Mildred Frosch were pioneers of Delmarva Unit as well as charter members. When Al heard that an Airstream caravan from Capetown to Cairo was scheduled for 1959 and decided to go, the first thing they had to do was to buy an Airstream trailer. Dick Rice had a trailer dealership in Seaford and agreed to order an Airstream for The Froschs. That was the beginning of many adventures for this courageous family.

We will be hearing more about the beginning of Delmarva Unit as well as the travels of the Froschs as we approach the 50th anniversary celebration, but we want to introduce them now as charter members of our unit.

Al and Mildred attended a Parkview Buddy Rally at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington in the early 90s. That is where Boots and I first met them. Delmarva Unit members went as a group to a restaurant for dinner before the rally officially started, and each couple was asked to introduce themselves and tell a little about their Airstream adventures. It all went as expected until Mildred spoke and began to tell us about their Capetown to Cairo trip which was only the beginning of many exciting trips for them. During their traveling years, the Froschs also went on caravans to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, China, the British Isles and several times to Mexico. They certainly exemplified the word 'caravan' in WBCCI.

By the time we met them, Al was having trouble with his knees and they were traveling in a B-Van that was easier to handle. We enjoyed getting to know Al, and were saddened by his death in 1994. They lived on a farm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Mildred kept the B-Van for a few years and occasionally joined our unit for activities. She eventually sold the farm and moved to Hilton Head, SC, where she is near her daughter and is still active in the community where she lives.

Frances Mason

History of WBCCI #2345 and Al & Mildred Frosch



ildred and Al Frosch were Charter members of Unit #026. They, and 34 singles or couples, were original members of Delmarva Unit when it was Chartered by WBCCI, at Skillman, NJ, July 1964. As members their WBCCI number was #2345.

As is detailed in another article in this edition, Frances Mason states that she and her late husband got the number 2345 when Al and Mildred Frosch gave up their Airstream. When Boots passed away and then Frances could no longer travel, Clyde and Claire Warden asked to get the number and the request was granted.

Claire informs that the now famous number 2345 has now been placed as a part of The Heritage Numbers. This means that the number will be retired when Clyde and Claire give it up.

"Our numbers are part of the Heritage.

The following is from The October 2017 issue of the *Blue Beret*.

"The approved motion created a new category of membership numbers called Heritage Numbers, which are WBCCI membership numbers that were used on Airstreams that participated in historically significant events, such as famous caravans. The approved motion also converted 83 membership numbers to Heritage Numbers and these numbers will no longer be reassigned to members after the current assignees do not renew their membership.

The 83 Currently Approved Heritage Numbers In case you are wondering if you are currently assigned a Heritage Number, they are: 2, 35, 50, 81, 83, 87, 100, 115, 120, 163, 165, 310, 329, 342, 360, 503, 598, 606, 608, 616, 627, 692, 747, 751, 767, 975, 985, 1042, 1166, 1199, 1242, 1309, 1408, 1506, 1604, 1954, 1986, 2058, 2186, 2194, 2198, 2201, 2209, 2279, 2345, 2359, 2374, 2375, 2380, 2397, 2400, 2420, 2421, 2474, 2476, 2925, 3238, 3317, 3560, 3690, 3912, 4032, 4091, 4255, 4936, 5232, 5289, 5618, 5980, 6065, 6082, 6472, 6524, 6705, 6730, 6768, 6781, 7170, 7305, 7505, 7667, 8511, 86"

Capetown to Cairo Caravan - 1959

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In the obituary article by Frances, and Mildred's article written for the 50th Anniversary, the Wally Byam Caravan in 1959 from Capetown, South Africa to Cairo, Egypt is mentioned numerous times. It was an adventure of a lifetime and a major caravan for Wally and the 106 men, women, and children. Mildred says that she and the three daughters, Judith 12, Linda 10, and Susan 6. Susan was the youngest child on the Caravan.

Mildred's explanation of the trip is worth the read, page 13.

It was an adventure worth mentioning here and remembering for WBCCI Delmarva Unit #026 because the Frosch family was on that famous trip and later they became Charter Members of Unit #026. Mildred was the last of the 35 Charter Members of the Unit #026.

You can see parts of the actual Caravan by watching a movie that was made during the trip and later narrated by José Ferrer. The movie details the hardships of the trip as well as the experiences and the never before, or since, opportunities. There were some days they only made 6 miles. There was the opportunity to meet dignitaries and a tribal chief.

In the movie it mentions the fact that they were due in Cairo by Christmas, but didn't make it until February.

We had the movie of the trip for viewing at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. If you're interested in taking another look try this link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVtA0dyAQBY