

The Delmarva Beacon

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Region 2 Unit #026

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Photo by Doug West

"I would like to thank everyone in the Unit #026 for all your support this year. Please support our new President and officers for the year 2019/2020."

President William Turner

This year has gone by so fast it seems like just YESTERDAY I was sworn in as President of the Unit. On another note, did anybody attend the RV show in Hershey, PA? I did and saw all the new Airstreams for sale. They were nice, very nice! Had a good day checking out all the RVs from Airstreams to 5thwheels and motor homes. But, I'll stick with what I have now!

I will be doing my normal lighthouse climbing this month at the Outer Banks, and taking a tour of the wild ponies that roam around.

The first day of fall is here and that means camping at Trap Pond and the smell of a nice fire. I can't wait for that!

Don't forget that our Installation Rally date has been changed. I HOPE to see you all there. There is a coupon in the *Beacon*. Sign up early so we know about food.



**President
Bill**

I would like to thank everyone in the Unit #026 for all your support this year. Please support our new President and officers for the year 2019/2020. Also welcome our new members and make them feel at home!

Next year the Region 2 Rally is in Canada, then the International Rally is in Loveland, CO. HOPE to see you there!

Safe travels to all and thank you all, Bill

Editor's Notes -

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In the same thought as Mary Ann, I am feeling the time passing so much faster than when I was a youngster. Here it is October again and the summer will be gone, though the warm weather lingers as I write these notes.

For better or worse, and many times it is worse, Facebook is a constant source for photos of 'beacons of light' and a prime place to find some nice photos for the cover. Many times the photos come from students that I have been fortunate to have had as students in a photography class, or another art class. However, the photographer this month is not a student of mine, but he is married to one. Doug West is married to a girl I taught in pottery a few years back and she was an exceptional student and is a fine friend. Doug snapped this photo one recent morning of the Jarrett Creek in Quaker Neck. The lighting was soft with unique color. It just fit the criteria and was current. A big thank you to Doug for sharing and for taking the time to take the shot.

The photo behind the Anniversary page comes from the many photos that Delmarva member Dan McDougall has taken and shared. His photo skills are really quite good and he is willing to share. Thank you goes to Dan.

Speaking of skills, Dan is also a talented musician playing the bass in orchestras. Just one of the many members with talents. Another member with talent is Mike Kelly and there is a bit of coverage of his recent performance in this issue.

Donna and Mike have submitted a few photos of the Southwest Caravan which they are still on at this time. I am expecting more, along with some information, for a future issue.

An important Rally is coming up in October. It is the Installation Rally. The continuation of the unit is carried on by the people willing to step up and serve as officers. And really, an office generally is not that big a deal as there is continual support from the fine members we have. Attendance at the Rally is a good thing for helping these volunteers. There is a coupon with the details in this issue, plus some photos from the event of last year.

In 'Through the Window' I have made mention of the articles in the *Blue Beret* on the Wally Byam Caravan of 1959 which ran from Capetown to Cairo. Yes, the Caravan was from South Africa to Egypt. One of our charter members was on that Caravan with her husband and three daughters so it is poignant to Delmarva. If you haven't read the series, dig out your past issues of *Blue Beret* and catch up. There is more coming. Or, you can go to that new Airstream website and read the issues of *Blue Beret* there.





Birthdays

Jim Atkins Oct 04

Phil Wade Oct 06

William Turner Oct 14

Mike Field Oct 15

Mary Lee DeLuca Oct 19

Les Parks Oct 19

Mary Jane Svenson Oct 19

Cris Berg Oct 20

Anniversaries

John & Lisa Ashman Oct 02

Carl & Margaret Morris Oct 08

Photo by Dan McDougall

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

Why is it that when we were children, “time” passed so slowly, and we thought that summer would never end! Now however, the days and months “fly” past, and here we are in October already! But it did seem that summer’s heat lasted throughout the month of September! We are all ready for some cool, crisp autumn days, I am sure.

Les and I have had a much better summer than last year. We did get to our beach campground near Milton, even though we really never got to the “official” beach! The days were way too hot for us to get on the sand, but we did some thrift shopping, exploring the area with friends, reading and relaxing.

Some of our Unit members have been facing challenges over the past month -

- Our condolences go out to Millie Brown on the death of her sister. It is especially difficult to lose a “sibling”!
- John Chromy spent time in the hospital receiving a “pacemaker” to stabilize his heart rhythm. After a few days in rehab, John is home and feeling much better.

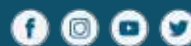
-Fay Cruchley ended up requiring surgery to repair her broken arm. She is now the “proud owner” of a “plate and two screws” in her upper arm.

-Charles & Iva Lee Carter called to tell me they now have a beautiful “new to them” 2016 Airstream with “push button everything”! There is a “learning curve” to figure out which button does which job! As Charles is now more comfortable driving, they are planning on their own “mini” caravan to Waco Texas and then on to Travelers Rest in Florida for the winter season. Iva Lee said she wants to assure everyone that they haven’t totally “lost their minds” with a new Chocolate Cocker Spaniel puppy and a “new to them” Airstream at the same time! I told her to just “have fun”! By the way, the Airstream they sold will be used in an “Air B&B” park! Very cool!

Think that is all the News that’s “fit to print” as they say! Hope we will be enjoying some “typical” fall weather, and beautiful autumn foliage during this month! Please take good care of yourselves and each other!

Mary Ann Parks, Sunshine Chair

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With the New Name, Comes a Fantastic New Website

Check out the new website!!!

<https://airstreamclub.org/>

*Editor Note - I put this notice in last month, and decided to use it again as it is important!
The new website is really nice and I am saying again, you should visit the site to see how nice it is.*

Further, Delmarva now has a site and there is more information and a link further in this newsletter.

Delmarva Unit Officers 2018 - 2019

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The scenic Pocomoke River offered us a beautiful site for this year's August Delmarva Airstream Rally. "Shad Landing" is located within 15,000 wooded acres of the Pocomoke State Forest in the south-western section of Worcester County, Maryland.

The beautiful weekend offered a great opportunity for many to take advantage of the abundant hiking trails, fishing, biking and bird watching in the park. Member outings included dinner at the Blue Dog Cafe in Snow Hill, the Pocomoke Elks Lodge, a tour of downtown Onancock Virginia and a shopping excursion to "America's Coolest Small Town" in Berlin Md.

Saturday evening provided us with another tasty "pot-luck" dinner which was enjoyed by all, ending with a very special Kozlowski chocolate covered Boston Creme cake shared around an evening campfire.

Attendees included Roger and Celeste Sansom, Charlie Michels & Nancy Eldred. past (and planning to re-up) members David and Tina Mudge and new members Eddie & Debbie Kozlowski. The Pocomoke River State Park proved to offer all some cool shade and a great time.

The Sansom Rally

August 30 - September 2



Shad Landing / Pocomoke River State Park

Photos and article courtesy of Roger Sansom



Top photo - L-R: David Mudge, Celeste Sansom, Tina Mudge, Roger Sansom, Eddie & Debbie Kozlowski, Nancy /Eldred, Charlie Michels. Above left Eddie, Celeste, and Charlie enjoy breakfast. Right Charlie shows his photos of his classic trailer. It's a beauty!



Southwest Caravan



As reported in the last issue of *The Delmarva Beacon*, Past President Donna and Mike are traveling on the Southwest Caravan. They sent some photos of the start in Albuquerque, NM and are due back to the same spot on October 8. After a Kansas City run to visit their son they will return to the Delmarva area in time for the Installation Rally. In the meantime, they send some photos and perhaps a story will follow. The schedule on a Caravan is full as much is planned. Wishes for continued fun and adventure on the Southwest Caravan.



A Delmarva Member in Solo Concert ***Mike Kelly Performance***

**Friday, Sept. 13, 1st Presbyterian Church
Milford, DE**

With a delightful program of traditional music, some from the 50s and 60s, Mike Kelly presented a wonderful evening of entertainment on saxophone and clarinet to a respectable crowd of Airstreamers and others.

Delmarva is fortunate to so have much talent, and to have Mike present this concert!



Installation 2018



An important part of any organization is the involvement of the members in the running of said organization. To that end, the Installation Rally for electing new officers and installing them is our next Rally event. The slate of many is ready for presentation and voting at the Installation Rally scheduled for October 18-20 in Centreville, MD. The coupon is on the next page of this issue. Send it to Malcolm, along with a check made out to **Delmarva Unit WBCCI**, to book your spot for this Rally.

The Rally includes two breakfasts and a fabulous dinner, plus time to relax, tour the area and just enjoy the company of fellow Airstreamers. These are scenes from the Installation Rally of last year.



WBCCI Delmarva Unit #026

Installation Rally 2019

October 18, 19, 20 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

Thursday 17th early arrival after 12 o'clock. Activities and meals on your own.
Extra night fee \$20, when you arrive.

Friday 18th - arrive after 12 o'clock

5:00 - 5:30 "Happy Hour", bring your own drink

5:30 Dinner on your own, or get together and go to the
American Legion in Centreville, or other venue of your choosing

Saturday 19th - Explore the area

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

5:30 - 6:30 Installtion Dinner, followed by President Art Potter
presentation of Activity schedule for the next year
And Dessert

Installation Rally Coupon 2019

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____

Camping: Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Not Camping, but coming for dinner ___

Friday Night: Dinner On your own ___ Interested in American Legion ___

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

Make Checks payable to - Delmarva Unit WBCCI
And mail by Oct. 10, 2019 to Malcolm Comstock
570 Banning Road
Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934

Malcolm contact info - **malvermont63@yahoo.com 302-724-0654**

NEW MEMBER

The members of Unit #026 Welcome New Member

Deirdre Matthews

26170 Porter Mill Road

Hebron, MD 21830

matthewsdeirdre@aol.com

Sport 529172 2014 16'

We hope to see you at Rallies or Events Soon!

IT'S OFFICIAL - THERE IS A NEW WEBSITE FOR DELMARVA AIRSTREAM CLUB #026

*Malcolm Comstock has been working
on the new website.*

I think it is really nice and well done.

Check it out!

<https://delmarva.airstreamclub.net/>

2018-2019 Calendar of Activities for Delmarva Unit #026

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

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

**The new Activity Schedule will be presented for approval at the meeting
to be held at the Installation Rally.**

Be there to vote.



63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ June 20-27, 2020 ★ Loveland, CO ★

REGISTRATION

LOVELAND2020 Logo, apparel & accessories
 are available EXCLUSIVELY on Lands' End

RALLY FEES - \$265 for an RV On-Site with 20 amp electric, water and pump outs; \$130 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 bring your government/state issue placard and supporting documentation with you to the Rally.

REGISTRATIONS - Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registered prior to the start of the rally will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of \$2,000 in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

STAGING AREA - In an attempt to keep the **flock** moving, you will receive a rally arrival date towards the end of March 2020. If you can't make it by that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you **fly in** from 8:00am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Refund requests emailed by April 25, 2020 will be assessed \$50.00 fee. Refund request after April 26, 2020 will be assessed 50% fee. NO refunds after June 6, 2020. ***If you might have to cancel after that day please consider obtaining travel insurance.***

PAYPAL FUNDS TO: rally@wbcci.org

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WBCCI "US Funds Only"

RALLY PARKING: Passes will be sent in Spring 2020

MAIL TO: WBCCI P.O. Box 612 Jackson Center OH 45334

FOR REGISTRARS ONLY: Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____

Payment Type: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Card ☐ PayPal **Amt Paid: \$** _____ **Check #:** _____

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63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY

JUNE 20-27, 2020 ★ LOVELAND, CO

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Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State/Province:** _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ **Phone (m):** _____ **Phone (h):** _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Ye
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$130.00	\$	Vintage	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	Kiddo Village	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
					Emergency Medical Responder	
		GRAND TOTAL:		\$	WBAC BIG RED NUMBER	#

Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____ **Registration Source:** ☐ Mail ☐ Online ☐ Rally

Payment Type: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Card ☐ PayPal **Amt Paid: \$** _____ **Check #:** _____

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Joe Peplinski, WBCCI #6768 WBCCI Historian, history@wbcci.org

There is an article on the 1959-60 African Caravan, in several parts, running through issues of 2019 of the *Blue Beret*. Part 1 is in the May issue, Part 2 - is in June 2019, Part 3 - is in August 2019, Part 4 is in September, with a note that it is "to be continued next month". I see too, that there was a program on the Caravan offered at International.

Joe Peplinski has done what I think is an excellent job chronicling the event, and what a trip it had to be. You can read the articles from the *Blue Beret*, or go to the website and download the issues.

One of our founding members was a part of that trip, namely Mildred and Al Frosch and their three young girls, with the youngest being just six years old. Mildred started the trip a month before her husband, who stayed on the Delmarva shore to get in the crops. Al then joined her and the daughters a month into the Caravan.

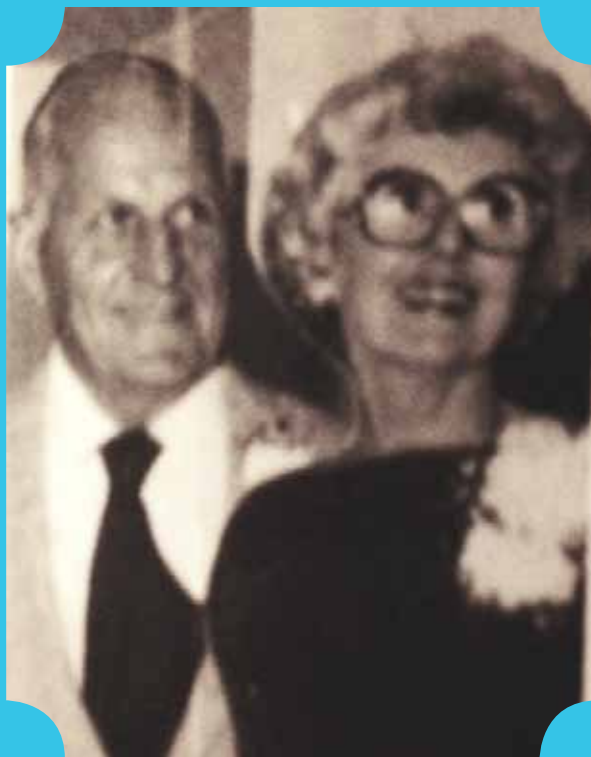
A brief history of the trip, including comments from Mildred, can be found in the obituary that we published in the February 2019 issue of *The Delmarva Beacon* as well as the program from our 50th Anniversary celebration.

What an interesting experience that trip must have been for all, but I am sure there are a lot of memories for the daughters too.

Quoting Mildred in her recollections -

"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."

For more information on the trip you can go to Joe Peplinski's articles in the *Blue Beret*, or Mildred Frosch's comments in *The Delmarva Beacon*, February 2019. There is also a YouTube of the documentary, filmed while the Caravan was in progress, that runs about 45 minutes with commentary by Jose Ferrer. Go to YouTube and search *Capetown to Cairo Airstream Caravan 1959*. You will get a selection of links. The unedited one will get you to the film. It's worth the search.



As a special note, the red membership number held by Al & Mildred Frosch was #2345 and was their identifier on the African Caravan. It was later transferred to Delmarva members, Boots & Frances Mason. It is now held by Delmarva members Clyde and Claire Warden and will be retired as a Heritage number when they are no longer using it.

News from Other Places