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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: Sammy Stockstill

Hello Big Benders!

The Mexico Beach rally was very well-attended, with two new couples and visits from Bruce and Sandy Anderson as well as Gary and RoseMarie Anderson. The weather couldn't have been any nicer! I would like to thank our hosts, Nicole and Jeff Cole, Monica and Craig Brinkley, and Jason Friedrich for keeping the group well-fed.

As you probably know, the Installation Rally will take place on November 12, with the installation of our 50th Big Bend President, RoseMarie Anderson. The rally will take place at the home of Lamar and Amy Waymire, and I wanted to personally thank them again for all the time and effort that they have given to hosting this event.

Many times, at the onset of the rally, we discover that someone has an issue or a question regarding maintenance or repair of their rig. This was also true in Mexico Beach. Some time ago, Gary Anderson and I were talking about this very thing, and that was the inspiration for this upcoming tech rally. This will be an information-sharing session, and we should have a wealth of knowledge with a lot of our senior club members in attendance. We always look forward to seeing you all!

I wanted to also thank David Conrad for accepting the nomination for 2nd Vice President. Thanks as well to our new trustee nominees, Dolores Jones and Randy Shropshire!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for your support this past year. It sure went by quickly! Best wishes to RoseMarie for a fantastic year!

God bless you all and keep streamin!!
Sammy





Reminder for all members new and old, when you make a reservation for a specific rally, register online at the WBCCI site, OR let the Host and Chris Stockstill know you are coming. List your site number, if known.
stockcm1@gmail.com

2022 Rally Schedule

Date	Location	Where	Notes/Hosts	Earliest date to make reservations
November 11-13 Installation Rally	“Tech” rally at the Waymires’ house	Chipley, FL	Amy and Lamar Waymire	Please email Amy and Lamar to let them know if you plan to attend. thewaymires@yahoo.com
December 3 Christmas Party	Alice’s on Bayview	Panama City, FL	11:00 A.M. Central time	See note below

Subject to change based on park availability, health, and weather conditions. We must be proactive and make our reservations early. Changes and cancellations can be made later. It is easier to cancel a reservation than it is to get into a full park. Also, if you have a reservation and decide to cancel, please notify club members, or email Chris and she will email club members so that we can offer it to our own folks before releasing the site to the general public. Thank you!

Christmas Brunch at Alices on BAYVIEW @11:00am Standard Central Time. Dec 3, 2022

1000 Bayview Ave,
Panama City, FL.
(By the St. Andrews Marina)

Historic St. Andrews is a beautiful walking community on the Bay with multiple restaurants, shopping, and art venues. Start Saturday morning with Oaks by the Bay Market held 9am-1pm. Walk across the street to Alices on Bayview, choose your meal after seated with a wide variety of breakfast or lunch items. Check out the BRUNCH menu at Alicesatbayview.com. After Brunch join us around the corner at Little Village for coffee or drinks, music, and dessert in a casual atmosphere on the Lake.

For those who want to come for the weekend there are campgrounds on the beach or Hotels in Panama City.

Please notify Chris or register online at our club site at airstreamclub.org by **Nov 15**.





Please join us for the 2022 Big Bend Christmas Brunch!



**Please register with Chris
or on line at airstreamclub.org – Big Bend Rallies**



Christmas Giving Project 2022:

Give a dollar - Plant a Longleaf Pine Tree



The Florida State Park System has been important to all Airstreamers who desire to unplug and enjoy nature. Helping to re-forest Florida with Longleaf Pine is one way we can give back to the Parks that have given us wonderful, lasting memories with our Airstreams.

Longleaf pine forests are essential for native wildlife and for protecting *the Real Florida*. The Florida State Parks Foundation plants a Longleaf Pine for every \$1 donated to the project. Every tree counts!

Plant a Pine is focused on Longleaf Pine which are native to the Southeast and now cover an estimated 3% of their original habitat. They have long been prized for their commercial use in building houses, ships, and railroads and their resin is used for making turpentine. Mature longleaf ecosystems support more than 30 endangered and threatened species, including red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and indigo snakes. Regular burning to restore their natural rhythms enables longleaf pine to become rich, stable ecosystems. Longleaf pines are fire-adapted and dependent on burning which stabilizes and enriches the soil.

Envelopes will be available for cash or check donations at both the Installation Rally and the Christmas Party. All monies collected will be held by our Treasurer Jan Pfaff and after Dec 3 a check will be sent to the Florida State Parks Foundation from the Big Bend Airstream Club. If unable to attend either activity, think about sending a check to Jan before Dec 3. All checks should be made out to Big Bend Airstream Club. A minimum donation of \$15 is suggested.

Jan Pfaff
5423 NW 168th Street
Alachua, FL 32615



2023 Rallies... (Events highlighted in green are available for reservations very soon!)

Spring It!

February 17 - 19

Otter Springs Campground
Trenton, Florida
352-463-0800

Experience 636 acres of natural Florida at Otter Springs Park Campground. Otter Springs is a second magnitude natural spring with an average temperature of 73 degrees and a flow of 10 million gallons of sparkling pure water daily. The spring creates a large clear pool and stream which flows into the nearby Suwannee River. Rent or bring your kayaks and canoe, swim in the heated pool or walk the nature trails.

Apalachicola Crawl

March 16 – 19

Downtown Apalachicola, Florida
The Forgotten Coast

Save the date for this long-awaited Rally at Historic Apalachicola. We will be Dry camping near Battery Park under the Bridge where the Apalachicola Seafood Festival is held. There will be a limit of 30 sites, watch for the registration window coming soon. Regarding golf cart rentals: If you are planning to rent a golf cart during the Apalachicola Crawl, you may want to go ahead and reserve, due to the time of year we will be going. It is possible that they will run out.

Gulf Coast Custom Carts
owner, Bill Cummings
850-324-6201

Mardi Gras After Party

April 21 - 23

Meaher State Park
5200 Battleship Pkwy
Spanish Fort, Alabama
Alapark.com
251-626-5529

Beautiful setting on North Mobile Bay. See the bridge lights at night. Close to fresh seafood and incredible civil war history. Registration open right now. This is a state park which fills up fast.

Join us on the Delta Explorer river boat for a cruise with a historian to Old Mobile or simply cruise the Bay. Enjoy evening music at Blakeley Park.

Island Time

May 10 - 14

[Jekyll Island RV Park](http://JekyllIslandRVPark.com)
1197 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA
912-635-3021

Influential members of the Gilded Age used Jekyll Island as their playground. We can enjoy the results of their work by touring the beautiful Hotel and the mansions they left behind. Combine the colorful history of the island with the beautiful grounds, Georgia Sea Turtle Center, restaurants, beaches, and miles of biking and walking and it will be an amazing 4-day Rally! Bring your bikes/walking shoes for a beautiful time on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia.

Jekyll Island State campground requires a group registration submitted by one person.

To register, contact RoseMarie between Nov 1, 2022 & March 1, 2023. Gary.rosemarie@gmail.com. Registration during this window guarantees a 10% discount and placement with the Airstream group. Once registered with RoseMarie, members can call the Campground **after April 1** to pay for their sites. There is no limit to number attending. More details & reminders about registration will follow. Individual calls made to the campground to book a site will NOT include the discount or being placed with the group.



Beach Party!

Sept 15 - 17

[Port St. Joe RV Resort](#)

153 Red Fish St
Port St. Joe, FL
800-761-2857

Pack the flip flops and your bathing suit, we're gonna have a beach party! There are 77 sites at this brand-new campground, full facilities, close to St. Joe beach or Cape San Blas for scalloping, boating, or beach walking.

Reservation window is open now. Request Big Bend Airstream Club or RoseMarie Anderson. Club price is \$70/night, which is our discounted price.

Go North!

Oct 13-15

[Lake Pines RV Park & Campground](#)

6404 Garrett Road
Columbus, GA
706-561-9675

This campground offers something different! Owned by Airstreamers, there are several older Airstreams in various stages of refurbishing to be added to the list of rentals. The Owners will give us a personal tour of their grand plan. Columbus GA itself has a wealth of shops, breweries, and sightseeing for your weekend activities.

Reservations are open at this time. This is the jump off Rally for the Big Bend Club Caravan. Monica & Craig have a week of fun lined up in Alabama. Don't miss it! Register with Monica.

Lazin on the River

Nov 10 - 12

[Suwanee River Rendezvous Resort](#)

828 N.E. Primrose Rd
Mayo, Florida
386-294-2510

The Suwanee River Rendezvous is a 40-acre campground that has much to offer campers including canoe and kayak rental, Chicken Poo Bingo, Pigeon Classic Race, Karaoke & Trivia, restaurant on the grounds, and numerous beautiful Springs in the surrounding area. It is also home to Convict Spring, a natural freshwater spring that feeds the Suwanee River.

Make your reservation for [Upper Rendezvous](#), (also known as the RV Resort) which has FHU 50-amp sites for larger campers which include cable and WI-FI. The [Lower Rendezvous](#) includes primitive tent sites, water and electric only sites, and FHU 30-amp sites for campers less than 25' in length.

Reservations will open Nov 10, 2022. Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts.





2023 Rally Schedule *(It's almost time to reserve events in green!)*

Date 2023	Campground	Where	Notes	Earliest Date to make reservation
Pre-Canopener Dec 25-Jan 4 Canopener Jan 5 - 8	Topsail Preserve	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Can Opening No Host Can Opener No Host	January 25, 2022 (for reservations beginning on December 25) Feb 5, 2022
February 17-19	Otter Springs	Trenton, FL	352-463-0800 Good Sam's, 15% for vets \$26/night,	Feb 17, 2022 Available Now... mention that you are with the Big Bend Airstream Group
March 17-19	Apalachicola Club Rally Apalachicola Crawl	Apalachicola, FL Under the bridge	Volunteers will be needed to help with all areas	Registration window for our club TBA
March 29 – April 2	Region 3 Rally Silver on the Sands, Take #2	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina	877-510-1413	Register on the WBCCI site after January, 2023
April 21-23	Meaher S.P. Mardi Gras After Party	Spanish Fort, AL	Alapark.com 251-626-5529	April 21, 2022 Don't delay..., this park fills up quickly!
May 10-14 (Wed - Sunday)	Jekyll Island RV Island Time	1197 Riverview Dr Jekyll Island, GA	10% discount for our club members	To register, contact RoseMarie between Nov 1, 2022 & March 1, 2023. Gary.rosemarie@gmail.com .
June 23 - 30	2023 International Rally	Rock Springs, WY	Register on the WBCCI site	Make Reservation Online, available now
July	No Rally			
August, date up to Host	Area Lunch, will be explained soon	Tallahassee Panama City Alachua		None needed
September 15-18	Port St. Joe RV Resort Beach Party	Port St, Joe, FL	800-761-2857 Ask for Miles or Michell	Reservation window is open now. Request Big Bend Airstream Club
October 13-15	Lake Pines RV Park and Campground Go North!	Columbus, GA	Tour of vintage Airstreams for our Club	Reservations are open at this time 706-561-9675
November 10-12	Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort Lazin on the River	Mayo, FL	386-294-2510	Reservations will open Nov 10, 2022 Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts



El Governor Rally October 7-9, 2022 Mexico Beach, Florida

Those who attended: Monica and Craig Brinkley, Amy and Lamar Waymire, Brenda Ward, Lindsay and Randy Shropshire, Jason Friedrich, Katie and Shawn Montague, Brian and Barbara Robinson, Nicole and Jeff Cole, Martina Pelley, Amber and Daniel Brock, Chad and Dolores Jones, Melanie French, Chris and Sammy Stockstill, Vickie and Philip Everitte, Bill and Stephanie Connally, and day visitors: Bruce and Sandy Anderson, and Gary and RoseMarie Anderson.

Thursday

Some people arrived on Thursday. The sunset didn't disappoint!



Friday



Bruce and Sandy Anderson stopped by for a visit!



Breakfast prep



Getting tech advice





Saturday..



Gary and RoseMarie Anderson stopped by for a visit, fresh off a months-long caravan!



Breakfast!



Yum!



Rock painting with Nicole... that was fun!



Wonder what they're up to now?




As usual, we all ate well!





For my Airstream friends, what great times we had together, traveling down the road. Take care, Bob



Fans made by Pat Hentz were distributed and enjoyed by all! Thanks, Pat!



1968 Ambassador Renovation Project:

If you were at the El Governor rally, you may have gotten to see this beauty up close! For those of you weren't there, here is an article and pictures, written and photographed by the owner, (and new Big Bend member) Bill Connally. Thanks, Bill!

1968 Airstream Ambassador Renovation

A wild hair to the Finished Product named "ONO"

I have never camped in my life but for some reason always wanted an Airstream. Being a golf professional by trade and wanting to start playing in tournaments again, I decided an Airstream might be the way to make traveling and tournament golf fun again. I have renovated many boats over the years for offshore as well as inshore fishing. Renovating boats became a hobby and complimented my passion for saltwater fishing. I started looking at Airstreams and realized there were several things I liked about them and several things I would change. I loved the aluminum finish and all the windows but was not a fan of the design of some of them on the inside. I thought the inside in the older ones was too dark and the inside of the new ones to sterile with the aluminum finish on the walls. Renovating boats made me realize the importance of a good electrical system and wiring diagram. The heat in Florida and South Georgia made insulation and cooling a priority. These are just a few of the reasons I decided to do a frame off restoration of a 1968 Ambassador in a nautical theme to compliment my love for the ocean and desire for an Airstream. I named my Airstream "Ono" the Hawaiian name for Wahoo my favorite fish to catch.



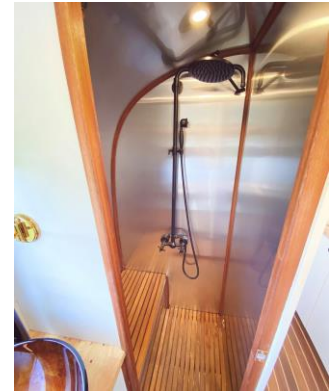


After acquiring a 1968 Ambassador that had been sitting in a friend's yard for over 10 years, I moved it to a warehouse in Thomasville, Georgia. Over the next three months, I stripped it to the bare walls and subfloor, removed all wiring and insulation, and removed and polished all window frames. Once this was complete, I took it to Silverliner in Birmingham, Alabama and turned the vision I had in my head to a finished product. My vision would blend the nautical theme and my favorite material, copper, throughout the design. Over the next 14 months, Gavin Trinoskey, President of Silverliner, and myself would formalize a complete design blueprint and detailed parts and work order for the following:

- Electrical, plumbing and propane system
- Furniture, cabinets, fixtures and storage maximizing use of space
- LED lighting both inside and outside
- TV and Sound System
- Interior subfloor and finished flooring
- Spray insulation on all walls
- Sandblast entire frame
- Weld in new metal pieces for the frame where needed
- Epoxy paint the frame
- New Axels, tires and wheels
- Water seal all seams throughout the trailer
- Replace any panels where old equipment left holes.
- Polish exterior to mirror finish
- Modern Appliances



With the help of Silverliner, I was able to build a new Airstream around a vintage 1968 Ambassador. In doing so, we retained the classic styling and mirror finish of the 60's with a much-improved interior that is superior in many ways to the modern models.



My first two adventures in camping and Airstreaming have been unique and wonderful experiences. I look forward to many more adventures in the future as well as modifications of my existing Airstream and possibly a future renovation of a 34' Airstream Excella.

Bill Connally





Registering on the WBCCI site:

Scott has added more dates to the web site, so you can now register for the Christmas party, Canopener, Otter Springs, and Meaher State Park. Several other events are listed that will be open for reservations soon. If anyone needs to cancel their current reservations for any of the upcoming rallies, or if anyone really wants to attend one, and is unable to secure a reservation, please email me at stockcm1@gmail.com and I will try to contact those of our folks who are looking for a site.

PLEASE be sure the hosts of any rally that you are attending know that you'll be there! No one wants to run out of food! It's always great to have big rallies, just be sure that you have registered on the WBCCI site (which Scott will be demonstrating at the upcoming tech rally) or that you have contacted the hosts or Chris directly. Many thanks!!

Tech/Installation Rally at the Waymires':

Anyone who is attending the Tech Rally at the Waymires' should contact Amy and Lamar Waymire directly at thewaymires@yahoo.com (or you can call 850-638-4744) if you haven't already done so. Our hosts would like to know how many people are attending so they can plan accordingly.

At this time, the following people have contacted Amy and Lamar:

- Lamar and Amy Waymire
- Martina Pelley
- Jason Friedrich
- Chad and Dolores Jones
- Craig and Monica Brinkley
- Jay and Elna Thompson
- Sammy and Chris Stockstill
- Brenda Ward
- Pat and Laurie Jones
- Lane and Pat Watkins
- Daniel and Amber Brock
- Scott and Jan Pfaff
- Shawn and Katie Montague
- Winston and Carol Montague
- Bill and Frankie Worthington
- Philip and Lisa Gentry

Daytime visitors who are not camping:

- TJ and Karon Beyer
- Gary and RoseMarie Anderson
- Randy and Lindsay Shropshire



Tech/Installation Rally Itinerary:

The itinerary for this rally was sent out to the club last week, and it is also published below. At this time, the tech presentations are loosely scheduled

INSTALLATION RALLY

November 10-13, 2022

Waymire Home
1467A Old Bonifay Road
Chipley, FL

Thursday, November 10 Happy Hour starts when you get here, we will have an open grill for dinner.

Friday, November 11 5:00 PM Soup and cornbread

Saturday, November 12 8:00 AM Breakfast Pastries, Muffins and Coffee

11:30 AM Installation Luncheon

12:30 PM Installation Ceremony

1:30 PM Get your Tech on!!! Someone will answer all the techy questions you have. Demonstrations included.

5:00 PM Happy Hour – bring your favorite drink and heavy snacks (no dinner meal)

This will be a dry camping/boon docking rally. There is no charge for camping however, we will still collect a \$7.50 per person rally fee. Arrive with your fresh tank full and gray/black tanks empty. Parking will be around the edge of our yard on grass, generators are welcome.

We have a fun busy weekend planned, we have ordered no rain and cooler weather. Chipley is a small town but still has lots to offer. If you have time, you should check out Falling Waters State Park, Old Railroad Depot, antique stores and shops and for the adventurous you can drive approximately 10 miles south on Hwy. 77 to see The Possum Monument. Of course, you are welcome to hang around and share your summer travels and your plans for next year.



Welcome to our new members in the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club

- Bill and Stephanie Connally of Thomasville, Georgia
- Daniel and Amber Brock from Santa Rosa Beach, Florida



Stephanie and Bill Connally



Daniel and Amber Brock

The Big Bend Florida Airstream Club welcomes each of you to our club! Hope to see everyone at one of the upcoming rallies!

Miscellaneous...

- Next February's rally in Otter Springs and Meaher State Park are both open for reservations for next year. Be sure you mention that you are with the Big Bend Airstream group when making reservations.
- Port St. Joe (September 2023) and Lake Pines RV Resort (October 2023) are also open for reservations. Please see the 2023 Rally Schedule for more details.
- See the **highlighted** note earlier in this newsletter regarding reservations for Jekyll Island!
- **Sweet Home Alabama Unit Caravan**
October 15 – 22, 2023
Registration Open

The Sweet Home Alabama Unit Caravan registration is now open to members of the Big Bend Airstream Club! The caravan will be limited to the first 10 units to register. At this time, there are a few spots remaining. If you are interested, please contact Monica Brinkley **THIS WEEK** at the following email address:

sweetashoneyliberty@gmail.com

Photo Credits for this newsletter:

Jason Friedrich, Chris and Sammy Stockstill, Amy Waymire.



(The "vintage" newsletter below is from January 2008.)



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Boy, Life has been a whirlwind since the last newsletter. Kathy and I spent Thanksgiving at Disney World's Ft. Wilderness Campground. After returning to Tallahassee we started December 1st with the open house at the new home of Bill and Anniedia Daws. Then we headed to the Elks Club for the annual Christmas party. The following Wednesday several of us went to the Swamp Gravy at Colquit, GA.

We just got back from the Veterans Memorial Rally in Cordele, GA. It was rainy, cold, and generally miserable weather, however, we had a good time.

The following were at the January rally:

Walter Culley, Donald and Sandy Wood, John Thompson, Dick and Judy Martiny, Chip and Mary Adams, Jim and Sheila Skipper, John, Gayle and Chris Duncan, Jim and Bonnie Lewis, Frank and Joan Anderson, Charlie and Annette Hurst, Larry and Carol Strong, Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya, Ken and Nancy David, Gordan and Connie Howell.

Happy Streaming,

Walter



Let's continue to work together.

Big Bend Florida Unit, WBCCI

Unit Business Meeting—January 19, 2008

The Business Meeting of the Big Bend Florida Unit, WBCCI, was called to order by President Walter Culley. Voting members present were:

Walter Culley, John, Gayle and Chris Duncan, Donald & Sandy Wood, Jim & Sheila Skipper, Jim Weilhammer & Katherine Kamiya, Chip & Mary Adams, Larry & Carol Strong, John Thompson, Ken & Nancy Davis, and Charlie & Annette Hurst.

Board Members Present: Walter Culley, John Duncan, Sheila Skipper, Jim Weilhammer, Charlie Hurst.

The Board voted to adopt the 1 man-1 member policy and procedure as per WBCCI.

The Board voted to have a caravan to Florida State Rally from Tallahassee to Suwannee River Valley, Old Town, Florida to Sarasota, Florida. The Board voted to have a caravan from Hardridge Creek BLM to Region 3 Rally.

A motion was made by John Duncan and seconded by Charlie Hurst to add a 3rd Vice President to the Big Bend Florida Unit Bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sheila Skipper and seconded by Charlie Hurst to change the notification "by first class mail" in the Unit Constitution (which includes, but is not limited to email, Newsletter, U.S. mail). Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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Rallies and Hosts for 2008

December 1st 2007: Christmas Dinner, Tallahassee Elks Club:

January 18th through January 21st Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park (MLKing Holiday weekend)

Hosts: Don & Sandy Wood; Chip and Mary Adams

February 15nd through 17th; Suwannee River Hideaway, Old Town, FL

Hosts: John and Gayle Duncan; Sheila and Jim Skipper

February 20th through February 25th, Florida State Rally, Sarasota, FL

Host Unit Cookout: Walter Culley; Larry and Carol Strong

March 14th through 16th; Rocky Bayou State Park, Niceville, FL

Hosts: Lamar & Amy Waymire; John and Gayle Duncan

April 18th through 20th Hardridge Creek BLM, Alabama (Near Ft. Gaines, GA)

Hosts: Charlie & Annette Hurst; Bill & Frankie Worthington

May 16th through 18th Eagles Roost, Lake Park, GA.

Hosts: Ken and Nancy Davis; Joan Augustin; Joanie Downie (Buddy Rally)

June 28th through July 4th; WBCCI International Rally, Bozeman, Montana

Big Bend Hosts: Surprise

August 8th through August 10th, Torreya State Park, Chattahoochee, FL

Hosts: Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya; Walter and Kathy Culley

September 12th through 14th; A Place to Be, Bainbridge, GA.

Hosts: Peter and Fumiyo Smith; Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya

October 10th through 12th; Carrabelle Palms RV Park, Carrabelle, FL

Hosts: Winston and Carol Montague; John and Judy White

November 14th through 16th; Sugar Mill Plantation, Thomasville, GA

Hosts: Anniedia & Bill Daws; Jay and Elna Thompson



January Birthdays

John Thompson	06
Carol Montague	07
Joanie Downie	10
Sheila Skipper	12
Rachel McClain	16
Martha Hendley	23
Bill Worthington	29



January Anniversaries

Bill and Ursula Moore 07

Prayer List

L. B. Dollar family



Seven Layer Salad
Joanie Downie

- 1/2 head lettuce or enough to cover bottom of pan
 - 2 cups celery, chopped
 - 1 cup green or sweet onions, cut up
 - 1 large green and/or red sweet pepper
 - 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen green peas
 - 2 cups mayonnaise
 - 3 Tablespoons sugar
 - 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1 (3 oz.) jar bacon bits or fried bacon
- Layer first 5 ingredients in glass dish about 9" X 12". Cover with mayonnaise. Sprinkle sugar over mayonnaise. Top with cheese and bacon. Refrigerate at least 12 hours.



Let's Go On A Caravan

By: Carol and Larry Strong



Appearing near the back of the Blue Beret, are listings of all future caravans. As you read through each caravan description, you will find the leader's name and telephone number. If you see a caravan that interests you, call the leader immediately! I say this because caravans fill up quickly. Our new caravan American Adventure Mountain Heritage, is already full and now has a standby list. Ours, as well as others, are almost filled before they appear in the Blue Beret.

Another great way to find out more about the caravans available is to go to the caravan website, www.wbccicaravans.org. This is a great website and is updated frequently. Along with the same information that appears in our monthly magazine, you will also find photos of the leaders, as well as planned itineraries and maps.

After finding out the status of the caravan, fill out the National Caravan Application form that appears in the Blue Beret. This is found after the descriptions of each caravan. Mail this along with the appropriate deposit to the leader.

Now, you have made your first step in joining the fun, fellowship and adventure that awaits you! Til next month....



Historian's Message

Chris Duncan

December, 1977 Newsletter: We enjoyed two of the prettiest December days at Steinhatchee you could ask for, even in Florida. Twenty-six families were present including four new applicants for membership in the Big Bend Unit. Most of us made two trips to "Roy's" and enjoyed the fine seafood fare.

It has been suggested that a rally once each month is too often. It was put before the members present at Steinhatchee and they elected by a considerable majority to continue as in the past except for January, 1979, which will be cancelled.

Our own Roger Madison was honored on November 20th at the dedication of the H. R. Madison Agriculture Lab at Cairo High School. All of his teaching career has been spent working to train young men in the Future Farmers of America and Young Farmers organizations. It was a beautiful ceremony with many of his associates and former pupils testifying as to what a great influence Roger Madison had in shaping their lives. Roger and Marguerite are certainly to be congratulated.



Big Bend Florida Unit Business Meeting

December 1, 2007

The Business Meeting of the Big Bend Florida Unit, WBCCI, was called to order by President Walter Culley at 5:30 PM.

Members present: Walter Culley, John Duncan, Mac Palmer, Sheila Skipper, Elna Thompson, Charlie Hurst, Judy White, Carol Montague, Jim Weilhammer, Anneida Daws.

Treasurer Report: Report given by Carol Montague. Balance on hand is \$2,681.37.

New Business:

Walter Culley made the motion to refund the Christmas dinner fee for L. B. Dollar. Seconded by Sheila Skipper. Motion approved.

Sheila Skipper moved to sell the bingo machine for \$75. Seconded by Charlie Hurst. Motion approved.

A motion to change the constitution to include a 3rd Vice President was made by John Duncan and seconded by Elna Thompson. Motion approved.

Discussion:

National does not require past president to be a member of the Board. Big Bend Florida needs to change the constitution to reflect the same.

Big Bend Florida will send alternate of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents if President cannot attend required meetings.

Charlie Hurst made a motion to set aside \$200 for expenses to any International meeting. John Duncan seconded. Motion approved.

Help is needed to construct the backdrop for the Florida State Rally. Elna Thompson is the chairperson for this task, however, due to shoulder surgery she will be the brains not the brawn behind this task.

John Duncan moved that a percentage vote is to represent the Big Bend Florida Unit at any vote roll calls. Sheila Skipper seconded. Motion approved. Jay Thompson will get the formula for the vote.

A motion by Charlie Hurst was made to donate \$25 for each of four hospices in the area. Seconded by Sheila Skipper.

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Hurst. Seconded by John Duncan.

Submitted by: Judy White, Recording Secretary



CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 1, 2007



Having A Great Time at the January Rally





February 15-17, 2008 Rally

Suwannee River Hideaway Campground

1218 SE Hwy. 346

Old Town, Florida

Phone: 352-542-7800

Friday: 6:00 PM

Dinner at the Lighthouse Restaurant

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice

Lunch: Hot Dogs and chips

Saturday: 6:30 PM

Chili with crackers, cheese and sour cream

Sunday 9:00 AM

Breakfast: Sweet rolls, etc. Coffee, juice

9:30 AM Worship Service

Hosts: John, Gayle, and Chris Duncan (850-638-4908) and Jim and Sheila Skipper (850-877-1729). Please call them and let them know you are attending. You will need to call the campground and make your reservations.



Fellowship at the January Rally

Keep Streamin'!!!