

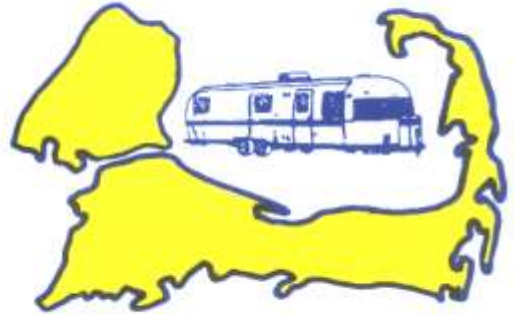
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Cape Cod Mass. Unit



President Cecile Lemaire & 1st Mate, Past Region 1 President, Raynold

As I compose this newsletter and note the calendar date, I remember the Presidents Day honorees and all that they did for our country and at the same time wish our current president the very best in handling a very difficult job. Lets remember too, our sweethearts and their precious hearts during heart month.

I'll tell you quickly that Ray continues to mend. He grows stronger everyday and we hope

that he will be home by the time you read this message.

I want to commend the Walbridges for the super-duper Jan-Feb Capers. It is always good but I found this one great. I especially liked Rich's review of what it is like to join a unit and to become active.

We see and do the various jobs, not only to learn the ropes but to perform interesting quests to find rally sites, do the planning for a rally, and enjoy the affair while working with wonderful folks along every step of the way. We all learn by doing and Rich's advice to step up is good advice. The newsletter also keeps our rally schedule and upcoming season happenings front and center.

I do hope that some of the spots at the Region I Rally he advertised

for help will have been filled. Volunteering is appreciated and is what makes this club work. The Region I Flyer is spectacular also. Who could resist picking a team and becoming a "Fantastic Fan" for a day. Let's play ball. Also, we congratulate members that have attained longevity in the WBCCI and have received recognition with a star for each 5 years. Wear them proudly.

Some homework you might consider; study carefully the Region I Newsletter from January 2009. Region President, Franklin Sanders wrote a very complete and informative summary of Region I news as well as Mid-winter IBT committee reports and new business. Much of the WBCCI business is conducted twice a year; once at the Mid-winter IBT usually located somewhere in the south during January and at the International Rally always during the end of June through July 4th.

Our individual Unit Business Meeting rallies are held each May and September. At these business

Cape Cod Unit Directory By Dottie Walbridge #3371

All of the CCMU membership should have received the 2009 Unit Directory by now. Please contact us if you have not and we will get one right out to you. As

you peruse your copy, please check out the information there; if there is erroneous information regarding your phone numbers, addresses, etc., please contact us and we'll be sure to send out updates and changes, etc.

We would like to have your updated

photos in the next Unit Directory, so please send us your photos and we'll replace that old one or the Airstream photo which more than likely does not resemble you.

Thanks to everyone who contributed photos to the directory.

Member Happenings

We are extremely pleased that **Eileen Bartram #281** is doing well at home in Connecticut following surgery. Eileen & Dick are weighing their future plans regarding treatment and/or reconstruction surgery. We miss you at TR and look forward to your quick recovery, etc.

We visited with **Larry & Pat Lamontagne #9705** and **John Fuller #318** at the Florida State Rally. It was nice to see these folks. We road down (about 90 miles for the day with **John & Rose Tavares #5981** who are staying at TR for a couple of months.

Incidentally, we noted NINE stars on **John Fuller's Airstream trailer**--45+ years in the Club!

We haven't seen much of **Pete & Ann Huke #3571** who have been staying at their other winter residence in Polk City, FL. We did run into them while taking in the "Cruise-in" in downtown Dade City with **Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler #29072**. The Cruise-in was a good opportunity to check out some antique 50s & 60s cars. Lots of great memories.

We had an opportunity to chat with **Bard Fuller #5406** who, with his wife **Kathy** were headed to Mexico for a week's vacation. We hope you brought some bottled water!

Joe Donahue #5482 wrote to me about his wife, **Jo** and her experience with heart failure, etc. Jo had a stent installed and should be A-OK in short order. Joe also sent me some photos of the snow on his trailer in their yard in Scituate,

Al & Joan Beardsley #14444 are just back from a FMCA (motorhome club) rally in Brooksville, FL. Al caught a virus over there and dropped out of sight for a week or so while Joan continues to recover from surgery and shingles. I think Al is looking for some sympathy! Eh?

Both Dottie and I, recently joined **Facebook** which is an Internet site where you can select friends you know in various facets of your lives.

We have lots of contacts who are WBCCI members, high school friends, old neighbors when I was a kid, as well as people I just met through **Facebook**.

I also created a group called "**WBCCI**" that you can join for free and see who is who and continue relationships and network with others you can get to know. Another group, "**See more, do more, live more in your Airstream**" is also very popular.

For the folks with Internet capabilities, this is a fast growing phenomenon that you might want to take part in.

Try out Facebook at: www.facebook.com



The Meandering to Madison #R-275 is alive and well.

Due to some miscommunications, notices appear in the Blue Beret and at the WBCCI.org website that say it is cancelled.

It is NOT cancelled and we are accepting applications for this excellent 12-day journey across central USA to the 52nd International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin.

The campsites are excellent, the stopovers give you ample opportunity to check out the points of interest and the **friendships you'll make along the way will last forever! Try a caravan, you'll be glad you did.**

See the flyer/coupon online at: <http://www.capecodmassunit.org/flyers.html>

For more information, call Trevor Lake at 781-837-2539.

If you would like to join the
Cape Cod Mass. Unit:

Call: Larry Lamontagne at:
413-245-9941

Or write to:

Larry-Pat@eckon.net
108 Sandy Beach Road
Holland, MA 01521

The Valentines Day Luncheon

By Joe Donahue & Trevor Lake

This activity is one of the worst ones to plan because it falls in the middle of the winter in the North. Travel to and from the Fireside Grille is usually difficult and tedious with snow and ice, etc.

This year, just 6 members enjoyed the typical camaraderie and dinner at the Fireside Grille in Middleboro, MA.

We understand that Trevor tended to unwind a bit and kept everyone laughing and focused on his comical antics.

Thanks go out to Joe & Jo Donahue for setting this activity up; you did such a good job this year.

Tom & Alice Hyslop also made their way over from Plymouth to enjoy the pleasant surroundings and good food.

The West Coast Luncheon

By Rich Walbridge #3371

The West Coast Region One Luncheon was held on February 10th with 33 members and friends.

Even though many of the attendees live near each other while wintering in **Florida, we don't always get to socialize** on a regular basis. This luncheon fits the bill and works well with that in mind.

Thanks very much to Dan Dureiko and Bob Butler for setting up this Region One activity.

It was good to see out-of-towners like immediate Past Region One President & 1st Lady, Bob & Harriett Thompson. Also Region One 1st VP, Russ Melocik & his wife Cynthia and Past Unit President and former 1st Lady, Mel & Sandra Silverstein. We were pleased to see Dave Penniman and his friend Pauli from the White Mountain Unit along with Charter Oak and New England Unit members.

Get well cards for Betty Clark and Raynold Lemaire were circulated and signed by the guests.

Dan Dureiko, Region One 2nd VP announced that there would be a Region One Happy Hour at the function facility in their resort, Campers Holiday in Brooksville, FL on March 12th at 3-5pm. A flyer will be posted within these Capers and at Busch Hall in TR.

This author also spoke briefly about the Region One Rally in Essex Junction, VT.

The Golden Corral worked out well and we ended up utilizing a large corner of the dining hall for about 2-3 hours.

See a few photos posted elsewhere in these Capers.

The Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous

If you are not going to Wisconsin, then go to the **Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous over June 18-21** at the Scusset Beach SP in Sagamore, MA at the Cape Cod Canal.

If you have the time and the get up and go, **this is one activity you don't want to miss.**

This is such a great spot located right at the canal; bring your bikes, grilles, fishing rods and bathing suits and get ready to enjoy one great weekend of dry camping with 30 other Airstreams.

Be aware! If you intend on swimming at Scusset Beach watch out for the ice cubes in the water! Brrrr!

Don't delay, do it today or you're out.

Remember to arrive "Full & Empty". Full of fresh water and no gray or black water. See the flyer in these Capers or online.

President's Message
(Cont'd from Page 1)

meetings, (usually on Saturday morning (about 1 hour long), is where our membership discusses not only our local business but also anything that may pertain to the Region or International level. At the May meetings, international level officers are voted upon and in September the unit officers are **voted upon. The CCMU installs its** officers later that day, usually at a dinner party.

Although I have not received any input about CCMU participating in the parade at the International Rally in Madison, WI, this will be a topic for discussion at our May Business Meeting. I will entertain ideas before then.

Thanks to the Region One Officers that helped set up the East Coast Luncheon in Palm Bay and West Coast Luncheon in Brooksville, FL.

Also thanks very much to Joe Donahue for organizing the Valentines Day Luncheon held in Middleboro, MA.

It has come to my attention that an additional Region One activity, a **Happy Hour, ("March Madness")** is going to take place on March 12th between 3PM & 5PM at the **Camper's Holiday Resort** in Brooksville, FL. If you are interested in more info on this, please contact Dan Dureiko at: 860-917-2345. Any member is invited to attend this activity.

The Region One Caravan, Meandering to Madison has openings. Trevor & Gale Lake are

running this caravan over 12 days to the International Rally. The stops along the way as well as the timing of the stops are well thought out which will give the caravanner ample time to see part of America and not feel rushed. Members can contact Trevor or Gale at home: 781-837-2539.

As the newsletter goes to print, we want to send out our thoughts and prayers to Josephine Donahue who had some serious heart surgery last week. We wish her well with a swift recovery.

Thanks to everyone who continue to be concerned with **Ray's condition. Our Airstream** friends are such an inspiration.

Enjoy the winter wherever you are in safety and-good-health.

Cecile Lemaire, President

"Take Me Out To The Ball Game"
Region One Rally--Aug. 5-9, '09

Things are shaping up for our Region One Rally:

- The contract with Champlain Valley Exposition is signed and locked in.
- The contract for the "Lunch on the Lake" cruise is signed and locked in.
- Travel information is being gathered and we'll have our very own "Welcome Center" as you register.
- Seminars are coming together and we'll have varied subjects being brought to you by some very well-read and experienced Airstreamers. You'll have lots of opportunity to take something home with you besides memories of a great time.
- Many Vintage Airstreams are expected and will have super parking adjacent to restrooms & showers.
- A Vintage Airstream Open House is planned. (We will open this activity to the public on Saturday).
- A field trip caravan to GSM Vehicles in Plattsburgh, NY is planned. Those interested will take part in touring a shop that specializes in rebuilding Airstream trailers.
- A seminar on interior modifications is also planned.
- A flea market is planned for Saturday with preliminary plans for the possibility of some vendors to set up shop during our rally. (Thanks to

Dave Peirce from the White Mountain NH Unit, we are all but locked in for Fantastic Vent Corp. installing and repairing their "Fantastic Fans" in our Airstreams).

(Contacting them led us to other vendors who might elect to set up shop as well; there will be more on this as time progresses.)

- Gale Lake & Dottie Walbridge are cooking up a hands-on activity for anyone interested in learning some crafts via a seminar we learned about here at Travelers Rest Resort.
- Our "Fantastic Fan Day" is Saturday where we'll dress up our Airstreams and ourselves in national, collegiate, or sports theme decor. You could be lucky enough to win 1 of 3 prizes for being such an outstanding "Fantastic Fan".
- Our rally plaques have been ordered and are due in any day now.
- The basic layout of the Rally Program is all set up. Dottie has that well under control. Although the schedule is not set in stone; we are progressing with that too.

Trevor Lake, our man in charge of all the money tells me that although he has received some rally returns, we would like to have more apply early so that money can be used for deposits, etc.

The Cape Cod Mass Unit wants to ensure all WBCCI members that if they apply for attendance to the Region One Rally 2009, and they have to withdraw 2 weeks or more before the rally start date,

they will receive a full refund. For those members that cannot attend without notice or within 2 weeks will be refunded about 80% of their application fee. (This is due to deposits for the Lunch on the Lake Cruise and other funds we are responsible to make in advance which are included in the rally fee.) We also guarantee your refund will be made within 30 days of the rally end date. There is no fear in losing your money if you cannot attend on short notice.

More questions? Call Rich at 781-254-6399 or write to: Region1Rally09@gmail.com



The West Coast Luncheon
Photos 2/10/09

Region 1st VP Russ Melocik "making a point"



Ted & Lois Price enjoying a funny moment.



Russ & Fran Stearns attacking the serving line at the Golden Corral in Brooksville, FL.



John & Rose Tavares taking part in the festivities of the West Coast Luncheon.



Claire Bradley & Billie Allen are happy to be among the more than thirty that came to the annual luncheon.

Charter Oak members, Kathy & Rich Kushman add to the camaraderie of our fellow Region One members.



Dave Penniman from the White Mountain NH Unit & friend, Pauli enjoying a luncheon with Region One friends.



New England Unit members, Jean & Ray Bratton sharing fun times with everyone!



Charter Oak 1st VP, Jerry Ingallinera shares a laugh with Russ Stearns.

Harriett & Bob Thompson, Vera & Gus Sbrogna, Lee & Claire Bradley and Dick & Billie Allen sharing Airstream memories.



Cape Cod Mass Unit 2009 Activity Schedule

- March 17
3:30pm **St. Patrick's Day Afternoon Social**
1151 Applegrove Rd. Melbourne, FL
Hosted by: John & Norma O'Neill - 321-951-3352
& Theda McGrath - 321-727-8206
- May 15-17 **Spring Business Meeting Rally (Mardi Gras Theme)**
Holiday Acres Campground, N. Scituate, RI
Hosted by: Raynold & Cecile Lemaire - 860-376-4678
Larry & Pat Lamontagne - 413-245-9941
- June 11-23 **Meandering to Madison Region One Caravan**
Caravan Leaders: Trevor & Gale Lake - 781-837-2539
- June 18-21 **Scusset Beach Rendezvous**, Scusset Beach, MA
Hosted by: Mark & Marie Lupien - 978-443-5221
- June 27 to
July 4 **"Be The Best You Can Be"** - 52nd International Rally,
Madison, Wisconsin
Hosted by: Jerry & Joan Larson-Int'l Pres. & First Lady
For Info call: Cecile Lemaire - 860-376-4678
- July 24-26 **Rendezvous at Cabela's, East Hartford, CT**
Hosted by: Charter Oak CT Unit
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera - 860-289-9149
- Aug.
TBA Caravan to Region 1 Rally, Essex Junction, VT
Rendezvous at VT Welcome Center on I-91
- Aug. 5-9 **"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"**
Region 1 Rally, Champlain Valley Exposition
Essex Junction, VT
Hosted by: Cape Cod Mass Unit
Chairpersons: Rich & Dottie Walbridge-781-254-6399
- Sept. 11-13 **Fall Business Meeting/Rally (Ethnic Theme)**
Invitational Rally to Charter Oak CT Unit
Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford CT
Hosted by: Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler 860-642-6406
- Oct. 9-12 **Columbus Weekend Rally (Harvest Theme)**
Coastal Acres Camping Court
Provincetown, MA
Hosted by: Ron Chateaufneuf & Kevin McKenna
Co-hosts: Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler
Co-hosts: Rich & Dottie Walbridge
- Nov. 15 **Holiday Party**
Location: TBD
Hosted by: Russ & Fran Stearns - 603-497-8213

Don't Forget:**St. Patrick's Day Afternoon Social in Melbourne, Florida**

The Spring Business Meeting Rally-Mardi Gras in Rhode Island
The Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous on the Cape Cod Canal
The Meandering to Madison Region One Caravan
The 52nd International Rally in Wisconsin

Rendezvous at Cabela's in Hartford, CT**The "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" Region One Rally in Essex Jct. VT**

The Fall Business Meeting Rally in Eastford, CT
The Columbus Day Weekend Rally in Provincetown, MA

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