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A Few Words From Gary.....

January is almost history.....time to make plans for the rest of the year! Jim and Katherine were great hosts and leaders at Grayton Beach Jan 17-19. Weather was cool but pleasant. Jim had a fire going - started by Katherine - and the food at site 45 was excellent. In attendance were the Anderson's, Coleman's, Hurst's, Martina, Vicky and Allen, Weilhammer's and the Worthington's. Lamar and Amy Waymire, who were camped at Henderson Park with friends and relatives, visited the group on Saturday. Good time enjoyed by all.

Eleven units are currently scheduled for the week-end Rally, Feb 14-16, at St. George Island. There will be a Board meeting Friday evening and a short general membership meeting during social hour on Saturday.

There are a number of units leaving Sunday AM for Alumaflamingo in Sarasota and hopefully warmer weather. Alumaflamingo is packed with many diverse activities so it is shaping up to be a great event.

Get ready for March and the Rally at GA Veterans followed by the Unit Caravan, scheduled for March 23-29. This Caravan is a great opportunity to see areas of Georgia that you may have driven through but never really stopped to see. In addition to leading our Caravan, Jim and Pat are also hosting the rally. They need a co-host! Hosting does not have to be work, work, work and early hours. Eat out, hot dogs on the fire, pot luck....think of something different. Big Bend members are very easy to please as long as there is time to visit with each other.

April Rally will be at Reed Bingham on April 25 - 27. Those caravanning to the Region 3 Rally will leave Sunday morning the 27th, with one night in route to Lake Hartwell and two nights at Lake Hartwell. Arrival at Region 3 Rally will be Wed April 30.

Even if all these activities do not match your schedule make sure you get out and enjoy your Airstream - it is going to be a great Spring.

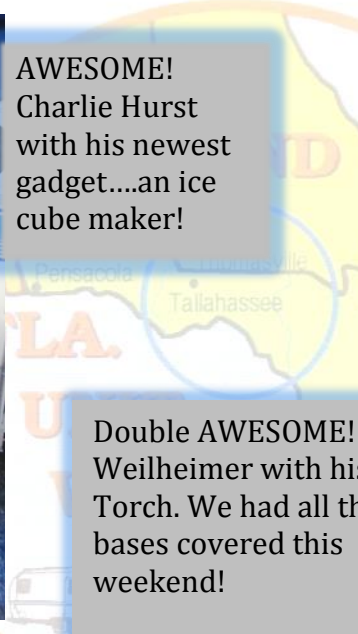
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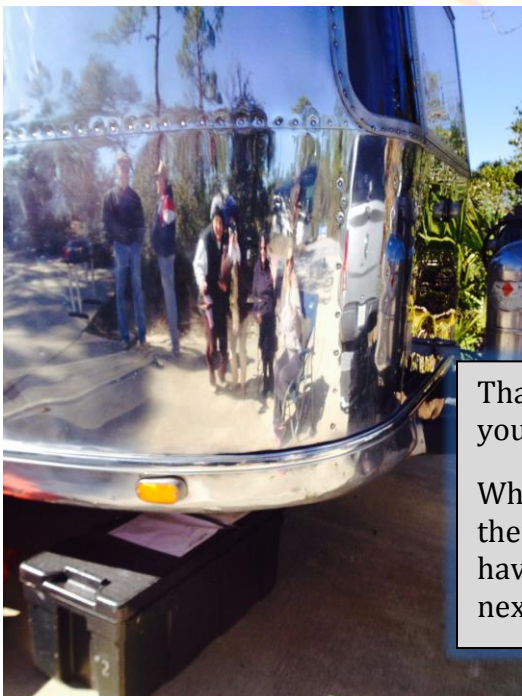
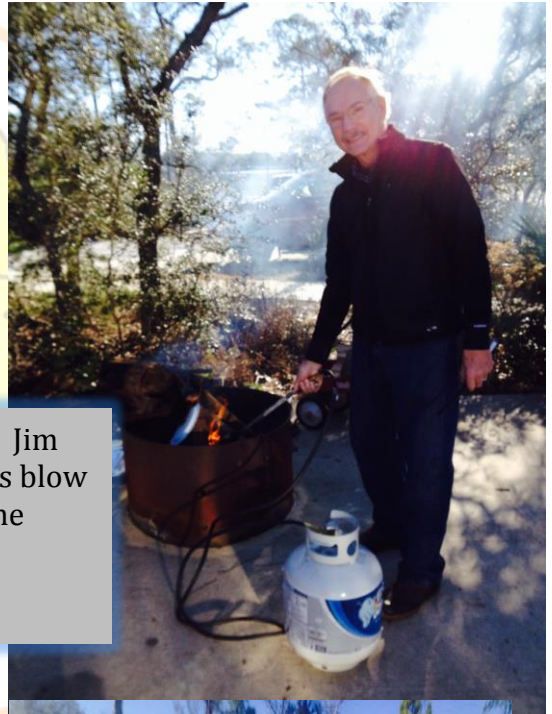
Grayton Beach No- rally Rally



AWESOME!
Charlie Hurst
with his newest
gadget...an ice
cube maker!



Double AWESOME! Jim
Weilheimer with his blow
Torch. We had all the
bases covered this
weekend!



Thanks Jim W. for keeping
your trailer so buff!

Who needs mirrors in
their trailer when they
have Weilhammer parked
next to them?



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Great campsite. Lots of room for people, grills, food and conversation!



AAAHHH! And then there is the beach...the most beautiful in the world!

Everyone should have their membership Directory by this time. Please note the following changes and additions:

Correction:

Wally & Carol Welch
Correct zip: 32566-2918

Additions:

Craig & Monica Brinkley #1241
10792 NW Brinkley Lane
Bristol, FL 32321
(850) 643-9257
cbrink@fairpoint.net

Bill & Hilda King #20966
2016 Laurel St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 251-0708
Billking1105@aol.com

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New Member **Vicki Hooks** brought these to Saturday morning breakfast. Instant hit! Great rally recipe.

Cream Cheese Crescent Rolls

2 cans Crescent Rolls
3 8 oz. Cream Cheese
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp Vanilla

Beat cream cheese, egg & sugar

Spray 9 x 13 pan

Layer 1 can of crescent rolls on bottom

Spread Cream mixture on top

Layer 2nd can of crescent rolls on top

Make sure crescent rolls on top are joined smooth

Mix 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tsp Cinnamon

Sprinkle sugar cinnamon over top

Bake 350 * 30 minutes

Refrigerate overnight to let the cream cheese mixture set up.

The cream cheese crescents will be approximately 1 inch thick.

Options:

Use 4 cans of crescent rolls. Use same cream cheese mixture - split the recipe into two parts.

Use 2 pans. 2 cans of rolls and ½ of the recipe per pan.

Also: for breakfast, lightly spread a sugar free fruit topping on bottom layer, then spread the cream cheese mixture.

PS.....If I had been at the top of my game I would have a photo of the rolls inserted here. Use your imagination.

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Upcoming Events.....



February Rally

February 14-16, 2014

Julian B. Bruce St. George Island State Park

1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL.

For reservations call 800-326-3521 or go online
at www.floridastateparks.org

Confirm your participation with one of the rally hosts, Martina Pelley, Katherine Kamiya or Jim Weilhammer so they can plan food appropriately.

Friday, February 14th

4:30 p.m. EST Happy Hour at the Interpretive Activity Center, a short walk down a path near the end of the campground (look for a small sign). **Bring the beverage of your choice and a small bite to share.**

6:00 p.m. EST Soup and Salad Bar at the Interpretive Activity Center. **Bring beverages and set ups (including bowls and plates).**

Saturday, February 15th

8:00 a.m. EST Early Bird Breakfast at site number 39. We are starting early to give members an option to participate in the "Coffee in the Park," program of ranger led talks on Saturday morning. Check with the ranger station at check in for the week's topic and exact starting time. Coffee will be served with breakfast. **Bring your set-ups and chairs.**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. EST "Coffee in the Park" at the Interpretive Activity Center. **Bring a small bite to share with other campers.**

3:30 p.m. EST Happy Hour at the Interpretive Activity Center. **Bring your beverage of choice and a small bite to share.**

5:30 p.m. EST Dinner at the Blue Parrot Café, 68 West Gorrie Drive, St. George Island, FL. Based on the weather we can dine inside or outside. The full menu will be available to us to dine on our own. To preview the menu go to www.blueparrotcafe.net.

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 a.m. EST Continental Breakfast at the Interpretive Activity Center. Coffee will be provided. **Bring your set ups.**

Pick up a free copy of the Coastline newspaper to check for any special events on the island or in Apalachicola.

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2014 Unit Caravan

March 23 - 29

Following the Georgia Antebellum Trail—Macon to Athens,

Hosted by Pat & Jim Hentz (850)385-3538

Pat and I invite you to join us. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

We will spend two days at Macon, two days at Milledgeville, and two days at Madison. Pat has collected pamphlets and brochures highlighting all the exciting things to see and do in each of these locations.

March 23 -At the conclusion of the Big Bend Rally at Georgia Veterans State Park we will travel to Arrowhead Park at Lake Tobesofkee Recreation Area. Lake Tobesofkee has two campgrounds so be sure and reserve a site in Arrowhead Park for 2 nights, March 23 & 24. (478) 474-8770. They have 58 campsites, 17 sites with water, electricity, and sewer at a cost of \$25/nite, and water and electricity only is \$22/night.

Macon has several antebellum homes most notably are the Hay House and the Cannonball House. Macon is proud to call itself home of Little Richard, Otis Redding, and the Allman Brothers. The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is located in Macon.

March 25 - Move to Milledgeville, the first capitol of Georgia. We will be camping at Little River Park, just outside of Milledgeville. . The manager has agreed to my making the reservations on behalf of the participants at a reduced rate of \$20. So far the Duncans', Andersons', Waymires. and Palmers' have signed on. I will make the reservations on February 15. **Please let Pat or I know as soon as possible if you intend to join in on the caravan.**

A "must do" is the trolley ride and guided tour that takes in the Old Capitol (1807), St Stephen's Episcopal Church (1841), Lockerly Hall (1839), and the Stetson-Sanford House (1825). The cost is \$10 per person and a private tour can be arranged for us if we have at least 14 desiring to take the tour. The Old Governor's Mansion (1839) is another "must see".



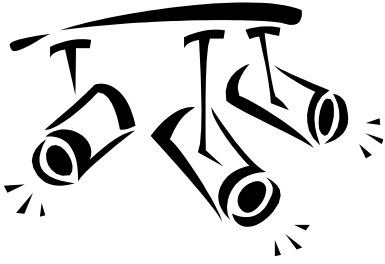
March 27 - Move to Madison, GA to the Country Boys RV Park. You will need to make your reservations by calling (706) 342-1799. Please call Ed or Cynthia as soon as possible. If you are a veteran they will knock off \$5 for the first night. \$30 a night for 30 amp and \$35 for 50 amp per night.

Three historic homes can be visited for the price of \$10; Heritage Hall, Rogers House, and Rose Cottage. An "absolutely must do" is dinner Thursday night at a fabulous country buffet in an old turn of the century mansion; Blue Willow Inn in Social Circle, Ga. The caravan officially ends Saturday morning. Pat and I may proceed to Helen, Ga.

At the February/March rally I will distribute to those who have signed on a packet outlining all the things to see and do in the 3 towns.

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Spotlight on:

**Lamar Waymire and his vintage
Airstream "The Palace".**

Contributed by Amy Waymire

Lamar always said that when he bought a camper it would be an Airstream. He pointed them out on the interstate and would remind me that one day he was going to buy one, I would smile and agree always thinking, sure you are. So in April of 2003 when he announced he was going to Ebro to buy an Airstream with his \$150.00 cash money I just smiled and said OK sounds good to me. Several hours later he returned with his 1957 Flying Cloud. It caused quite a stir in our community, everyone came to see it and I am sure they all laughed all the way home, after all that is what I did all afternoon. Later that night I did some internet research and saw the potential this "Silver Palace" had..... and so the work began.

The camper had been flooded in 1994 so Lamar removed as much of the inside as possible and cleaned and cleaned and

then cleaned some more. We worked all summer painting, replacing wood, replacing plexiglass with glass in the windows, checking wiring, replacing plumbing, the list goes on and on.



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We were able to salvage the basic cabinets but had to replace the doors, the shower is also original. We also kept the original California Coral counter tops, since they matched the upper cabinet doors. We also kept the original stove, sink, and refrigerator.



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Somewhere in the middle of all of this work I suggested that we go to Stone Mountain for Labor Day. We continued to work hard, called in the community for help and persevered. There were times when I was sure that we wouldn't be making our Labor Day trip. On August 8, 2003, we made our first trip in our refurbished Airstream, to Komoki Mounds State Park in Blakely, GA. We wanted to make sure there were no problems prior to our first big trip. We made the Stone Mountain trip, fell in love with camping and have been traveling ever since.



During the refurbishing process Lamar started researching WBCCI and he wanted the numbers that had originally been on the trailer. The numbers 7837 were available so we joined WBCCI as At Large members. Charlie Hurst sent us a letter asking us to join the Big Bend unit, Bill Worthington, then President of the Big Bend chapter of WBCCI, called and talked to us about joining this unit and invited us to a rally at Cotton Hill. We traveled to Cotton Hill, met some of the Big Bend Airstreamers (the Hursts and Dawes) and were hooked. We officially joined in the Big Bend unit in November of 2004 at the installation rally in Thomasville, GA.



While in Thomasville we met Mac McCauslin and found that he had the membership directories since the early seventies. He sent us the names of the previous owners of #7837. I sent letters to similar names in the Ohio area and were able to find the children of the second owners. They sent some pictures and shared the fondest memories of spending 6 weeks in the Canadian Rockies.

In May of 2009 we purchased a 2005 Safari, but we still pull out "The Palace" at least once a year.

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