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ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE EDITOR BY THE 30TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION.

This issue is for May and June as our editor, Alex Jacobs, will be in Europe with Jonathan and Sebastian visiting family. Safe travels and enjoy.

It appears that Spring is here and that most, if not all, of our snowbirds have returned to their northern homes. Speaking of Spring now is a good time to remember our newsletter sponsor, **Colonial Airstream**, for service, parts and sales. Their sponsorship allows us to deliver our newsletter to you without undue strain on our budget and keep our dues moderate. Be sure and tell **Colonial Airstream** you are a member of the Mid-Atlantic Unit when you call or visit.

We returned home in mid March and skipped our trip to Texas to deal with ongoing health problems with my mother.

I understand the Maintenance Rally was a big success with 9 Mid-Atlantic Units attending. Thanks to Howard Lefkowitz and Phil Broomall for hosting this rally. We could not attend because we were in MA with my mother.

Next up is the Region 2 rally and the Bird Watching rally both of which should have good attendance and lots of fun things to do. I know Robert Blom

has worked hard to make the Bird Watching Rally interesting for everybody.

I have received a great idea for our bulletin board at Madison. It will announce this as our 51st year, a copy of our original charter from WBCCI and a picture of our oldest and youngest members, Jud Meyer and Sebastian Jacobs. Thanks to Phil Broomall.

One of the many great things about WBCCI and the Mid-Atlantic Unit is the volunteerism that our members extend to this organization. All of our elected officers, trustees, committee members and newsletter editor volunteered to do these jobs. Now I am thinking about this fall when we will have our annual meeting and elect a new slate. Yes, I know it is early, but not too early, to consider putting your name in the "hat" for one of these positions. Now is the time to get involved. I will retire as unit president, Richard Marquardt now 1st VP will move to President, Phil Broomall now 2nd VP will move to 1st VP so **I am looking for a volunteer to fill the open 2nd VP spot.**

Some of our trustees and committee members have served many years and may wish to "retire", so there is a potential need for more than one volunteer. Alex Jacobs our editor and Bob Clark our treasurer **DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT RETIRING!!!** It does not matter if you are a new member or and old member to be part of the team that leads this great unit. As we approach our 51st year all of our unit leaders have volunteered for the job and many have gone on to Region and International offices. Call me and let me know you want to be involved.

CAROL

DAYS OF CELEBRATION

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 10 Joan Broomall
- 15 Francis Posniewski

JUNE

- 5 Harold Knechtel
- 8 Bob Clark
- 10 Aline Entzian
- 16 Warner Hord
- 26 Gail Hord



ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- 5/9/53 Barbara & Francis Posniewski
- 5/23/54 Zoe & Ralph Forrester

JUNE

- 6/2 Karen & Phil Lea
- 6/7/62 Phil & Dianne Pons
- 6/11 Gladys & Donald Oaks
- 6/16/62 Jo & Karl Jugel
- 6/20 Ceilia & Keith Woodard
- 6/18 Arlene & Bill Draize
- 6/28/06 Alexandra & Jonathan Jacobs



2009 Caravan & Rally Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
5/21-5/25	Region 2 Rally Caravan Lockport, NY	Phil Broomall 240-285-7880
5/28-5/31	Delmarva Bird Watching Rally Cedar Creek Landing, Slaughter Beach, DE	Robert Blom 410-643-8550
6/26-7/5	WBCCI International Rally Madison, WI	Carol Baker 703-591-7799 cell: 703-508-8744
7/22	MAU Luncheon @ Dutch's Daughter Restaurant Frederick, MD	Lucille Darner 301-663-0585
8/17-8/19	Joint Rally with Keystone Unit @ Jersey Shores Airstream Haven, South Seaville, NJ	Richard Marquardt 804-241-4883
9/11-9/13	MAU Business Meeting Granite Hill Campground, Gettysburg, PA	Phil Broomall 240-285-7880
10/1-10/4	Joint Take Pride Rally with Tidewater Unit Chippokes Virginia State Park, Surry, VA	Richard Marquardt 804-241-4883
11/6-11/8	Fort Monroe Rally Hampton, VA—Fort Monroe, VA	Richard Marquardt 804-241-4883
12/6	Christmas luncheon @ Hellas Greek Restaurant Millersville, MD	Marianne Goller 301-855-4793

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR:

... **Charlie Frey** will be held on Saturday, **May 9**, at 3:00, with a reception at 2:00 preceding the service. It will be held at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, 15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD.

Stauffer Funeral Home of Frederick is handling arrangements; see their website: www.staufferfuneralhome.com

Notification will be in the Frederick Post and the Washington Post several days before the 9th.

In lieu of flowers, donations In Memory of Charlie Frey may be made to Homewood Foundation, PO Box 250, Williamsport, MD 21795.

Any questions, call Su Frey at 301-801-0420



MAINTENANCE RALLY

April 17 - 19

We gathered on Friday at the 301 rest stop and left for Harrington, DE before 10:00 am. Phil Wade (a local red neck/duck farmer/cigar smoking type) led the group through all kinds of back roads to the Fairgrounds site. We had 9 MAU rigs (14 members) at the Maintenance Rally. In attendance were: Phil & Joan Broomall, Howard & Zoe Lefkowitz, Robert & Dee Blom, Marcia & Michael Kelly, Carole & Phil Wade, Ralph & Zoe Forrester, Bert & Eva Shankman, Ernest & Aline Entzian and Robert & Bonnie Poynter.

Howard gave the first Seminar on Friday "Converting your RV to Digital TV". This will be repeated at the Region 2 Rally. If you would like a copy let him know and he will send you one. The next seminar on Saturday was how to find rain leaks on your rig. This included a live demo on a trailer and was quite impressive. This was the best method I have ever seen and will work on any RV that has a fan opening. The specialized equipment is installed in the RV and it effectively pressurizes the interior. The low pressure seeps out of the leaks which are found using a spray bottle of soapy water. You just look for the bubbles on the exterior. They make a detailed report listing the serious leaks. Parkview recommends that you do this every year and either fix the leaks yourself or have it done. This is quite a bit less costly than finding the leaks inside (moldy carpet, delaminated side walls, rotten floors, etc.) after significant damage has occurred. The last seminar was a Q&A on what to do after you de-winterize with lots of prizes for those who gave the correct answers.

There were two breakfasts and two dinners provided by Parkview. The entertainment Friday and Saturday nights was good and the food reasonable. It was good to see everyone again after the cold winter. We also had our MAU business meeting run by Phil Broomall.

On the repair front we checked and fixed several rigs. This included:

1. Replace hitch head with ball at the wrong height
2. Check tow vehicle and trailer height
3. Replace one dead battery which was in the process of killing the good one
4. Replace over temperature thermostat on hot water heater
5. Checked for gas leak causing the gas detector to actuate
6. Checked and recommended a CB installation
7. Found possible solution for Motor Home side-wall de-lamination problem
8. Installed add-on to Antenna to improve digital signal
9. Adjust safety chains and break-away switch wire
10. Turning off the heater bypass switch so the hot water heater would work.

Everyone agreed it was a fun Rally and with Parkview handling the food and lodging Phil and I could devote our full attention to maintenance and repairs.

Rather than ending the Rally on Sunday, with the customary hot dog feast, we decided to have Brunch at Peggy's restaurant. Now watch this closely: Two breakfast omelets, so large that we could barely get down half, became dinner that night. Now where else can you get breakfast and dinner for two for less than \$15. I was told that Steve's across the street was even better. Maybe next year?

Howard Lefkowitz

MAINTENANCE RALLY



From left: Bert & Eva Shankman, Phil & Joan Broomall, Carole & Phil Wade, Marcia & Michael Kelly, Robert (is taking this photo) & Dee Blom, Howard & Zoe Lefkowitz, Ralph & Zoe Forrester, Robert & Bonnie Poynter, and Ernest & Aline Entzian.

Phil & Carole Wade



Howard and Zoe Lefkowitz

Joint Rally — Keystone, Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic Units August 14-16, 2009

Jersey Shore Haven, 728 Dennisville Road, P.O. Box 99, South Seaville, NJ 08246

Nestled in the heart of the Jersey Cape and uniquely situated halfway between Atlantic City and Cape May, Jersey Shore Haven welcomes you to family camping at its finest. Here on a 38 acres campground, you find Jersey Shore Haven a quiet park located just minutes away from the pleasures of the most beautiful and safest bathing beaches along the Atlantic coast. Come days early and/or stay a week or more after the rally.

Camping reservations may be made with the park office. Phone 609-861-2293, be sure to tell them you are with the rally. Rally Camping fee...\$15.00/night 2 point hookup, pay cash or check only, at Park office upon arrival. Camping fee checks may be drawn to : Jersey Shore Haven.

Rally Facilities include:

Beautiful heated swimming pool, 2 point hookups - water and electric, Sanitary dump station, Central garbage depository, Washer/dryer, Clothes drying area, Clean rest rooms, Hot showers, Wi Fi, Screened pavilion

Nearby New Jersey towns include: Atlantic City, Ocean City, Strathmere, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Stone Harbor, The Wildwoods, and Cape May.

Area attractions just minutes away, in addition to the parks amenities are: Public Beaches, swimming in the Atlantic Ocean; concerts; boardwalks; Cape May Victorian Tours; numerous restaurants; Cape May County Zoo (excellent and free); Atlantic City Casinos; or just kick back and relax under the Jersey sun..

Any **questions** or if you need more information, please contact Bud Cattell (maybud2@aol.com or 484-363-1424) or Richard Marquardt (804-776-0711 or rjmarquardt77@yahoo.com). Looking forward to meeting you at the rally.

Jersey Shore Haven, South Seaville, N.J. combined rally WBCCI Keystone Pennsylvania Unit and Mid-Atlantic Unit, August 14, 15, 16, 2009.

Name _____ Membership # _____

Address _____ Unit Name _____

Number in party _____ Number under 12 years _____

Rally fee: \$15.00/person. Includes: Friday: old fashioned vegetable soup and doggy roast; Saturday breakfast and supper; and Sunday breakfast.

Type (trailer or coach) and length _____ Rally fee only, amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: *WBCCI Keystone Pennsylvania Unit*

Mail with above coupon to: Bud Cattell,
P.O. Box 543
Gilbertsville, PA 19525-0543

Deadline: August 1, 2009

ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION RALLY

September 11-13, 2009
Granite Hill Campground
Gettysburg, PA

NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Please join us for great weekend of fun and experience the history of Gettysburg.

Friday evening we will have a pot luck dinner (if you could let Joan know what you are bringing it would be appreciated). Saturday morning we will supply breakfast followed by our Annual Meeting and Installation of New Officers. Afternoon is on your own to visit the brand new Visitors Center, Battlefield, Eisenhower Farm, Cyclorama or downtown shops. Other option is just sit around and visit or enjoy campground. Saturday evening we will go out to dinner to a local restaurant. After dinner we will return for entertainment supplied by the campground. The weekend theme is God Bless America. Please bring your flags and display them!

Sunday morning we will supply a light breakfast. Church at Campground.

We hope you can plan to join us.

Phil and Joan Broomall – Hosts.

Name-----WBCCI #-----

Address-----

Trailer----- MH-----

We will bring -----to the Pot Luck

2 nights total \$100.00

Rally fee TBD

Checks payable to: Joan Broomall
 3881 Farmstead Drive
 Fayetteville, PA 17222

Please respond by **August 1, 2009**



Baby Update :) 8 months already and 21 pounds!

Sebastian Jacobs is wearing a helmet to correct his head shape (it does not bother him at all).

He's got 2 bottom teeth coming out, sits independently and will start crawling in no time.

*Alex Jacobs
Mom*

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