



FTCAC Pirate FYI's November, 2018

Installation Rally

The FTCAC Fall rally was held at the Okeechobee KOA November 1 - 5. There was a large turnout with 23 rigs and 44 people. New members in attendance were **Bob and Caroline Barnes, Barbara Colson, Matt and Jan Healy, Ron and Liana Mezza, Gerry and Roxanne Peebles, and Greg and Marcy Ruhl**. Others in attendance were **Eric & Susan Arens, Joe and Tammy Dinneen, Fred and Kathy Dulas, Chuck and Jeanna Gorsuch, John and Jackie Groeneveld, Blair and Sallie LittleJohn, Jon and Barbara Liversedge, Richard and Elizabeth Martin, Charlie and Peggy Matthews, Gene and Sandy Poast, Jill Ricketts and Lois Martens, Joe and Sue Smedley, Robert and Lea Stanton, Jack and Joan Starr, Allen Strickland and Lu Crews, Sue Wendt, and Dick and Kit Wheatley**. The rally began with a welcome happy hour at the KOA Shanty, followed by a potluck dinner between the campsites of rally hosts **Gorsuch and Arens**.



New members. Seated: Dick and Kit Wheatley. Standing, from left: Gerry and Roxanne Peebles, Matt and Jan Healy, Ron and Liana Mezza, Greg Ruhl, Barbara Colson, Bob and Caroline Barnes, Tammy and Joe Dinneen.



On Friday attendees had "Ghosts in the Swamp" for breakfast, hosted by the **Stantons**, and BBQ for dinner. Saturday's activities began with the Executive Board meeting followed by the General Membership Meeting and the installation of new officers; **Joe Smedley**, President; **Chuck Gorsuch**, Vice President; **Sue Wendt**, Secretary, and **Blair LittleJohn**, Treasurer. **Sandy Poast** conducted the installation. After the meeting

there was a delicious seafood buffet at Lightsey's and door prizes. The evening happy hour included a special visit from "Rita."

The Club offers special thanks to **Susan and Eric Arens** and **Jeanna and Chuck Gorsuch** for the time, talent and effort they invested in making the rally a fun event. While it does take some effort and time, hosting a rally is a good way to get to know people and to help the club. It is not difficult and hosts do not have to do it the same way as someone else has done.

We need future rally hosts!

Chuck Gorsuch seems pleased with his Door Prize!



Due\$ New\$ (from our Treasurer)

Bills for 2019 dues for International members were sent in the mail. They included an envelope addressed to WBCCI in Jackson Center if you want to pay by check. If you do so, please remember to make any needed corrections on the top sheet from WBCCI and return it. An easier way is to pay by credit card online at WBCCI.org.

The deadline for payment is November 30. Please note: NO REMINDERS OR PAST DUE NOTICES WILL BE SENT. If your dues are received after November 30, you will not be listed in the International Club Directory.

The bills for affiliate dues have been mailed and should be returned to Blair in the enclosed envelope.

New Members

We welcome new members **Charles and Leslie Boyle** from Port Charlotte, and **Kendall and Melanie Felder** from Oviedo. We hope to see them at our next activity.

The Music Lovers Caravan

Daria Tansey sent the following from their latest adventure:

The 1965 Bob Dylan album of the same name inspired the Highway 61 Revisited Caravan. The route we traveled was almost always Route 61 and went from northern Minnesota to southern Louisiana, going along the Mississippi River through Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Leaders Mary and Ingo Werk describe the caravan as primarily for lovers of modern American music but including a few non-musical attractions, and always camping as close to the Mississippi River as possible. Our group consisted of 21 Airstreams – mostly trailers (some vintage), one Base Camp and one Interstate. We had 42 Airstreamers, several dogs and at least one cat, and we came from all over the US and Canada.

We started the trip by visiting Duluth, MN, where Bob Dylan was born. We also visited the Armory Building where Dylan was inspired by a Buddy Holly concert to become a musician. We went on to visit Hibbing, MN to see where Dylan lived and the high school where he graduated (it is one of the most beautiful high schools I have ever seen). Next stop was to Minneapolis to see Dylan murals and to visit the Paisley Place, where Prince lived and died (and where his ashes reside). Paisley Place was quite astounding with its recording studios



Giant Red Wing boot in Red Wing, MN

and sound stage and filming venue. We were not able to take photos because cameras and phones were not allowed.

We then headed through Red Wing, MN, home of the famous Red Wing Shoe and Red Wing Pottery and then to Davenport, IA where we had chances to visit the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, the Iowa 80 Trucking Museum and the John Deere headquarters and manufacturing facilities. Next stop was Hannibal, MO where we had a chance to see where Samuel Clemens was born and to see the homes and buildings of the friends and neighbors that inspired his Tom Sawyer adventures.

We had an unexpected adventure in Hannibal when the truck of one of our caravaners (which was parked) was struck by a tour bus, causing the entire town's rescue department to turn out.

On to Memphis where we had five days to soak in much of what the town had to offer, including the glorious music on Beale Street. We spent a day at Graceland, enjoying the Elvis Presley displays and touring his beautiful, welcoming home. We toured Sun Record Company where we learned that Elvis took 3 years doing various jobs to earn the \$7.00 he needed to have a demo recorded. We heard a bootleg recording of the Million Dollar Quartet (Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash). We also visited Stax Museum of Soul Music where many of the famous soul artists recorded such as Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin.

Next stop was Tunica, MS where we spent an afternoon being wowed by the displays and sounds at the Gateway to the Blues Museum (including hearing about Robert Johnson who is reputed to have inspired all other guitar players coming after him. He is said to have sold his soul to the devil to learn how to play the guitar.). The next day we were wowed again by the displays and sounds of the Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, and also had a chance to have lunch at Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club. There was also an opportunity to visit the Grammy museum in Cleveland, MS.

Next stop was Vicksburg, MS where we had the opportunity to visit the Coca Cola Museum where the first coke was bottled. Some folks also drove to Indianola to visit the BB King Museum.

On to the last but not the least stop, New Orleans. We were only there three days, but I think the caravan had a total of about seven days worth of beignets and French coffee at the Café du Monde. We camped in the heart of the French Quarter and walked to many of the clubs and restaurants in the area. We also took a steamboat jazz cruise along the Mississippi (before boarding, we were treated to a song by the steamboat's steam-driven calliope). Our final banquet was a wonderful culmination of our trip and included live music as we ate and had the extra surprise of a wedding that paraded with a Dixieland band past the open window of our banquet room, twice.



This caravan was just a delight of great food, great music, great friends and great leaders. No matter your taste in music, you will find a lot to love about the Highway 61 Revisited Caravan.

Here is my favorite caravan photo. **Alden Tansey** at the Delta Blues Museum In Clarksdale, MS

Member Transfer

We've learned that **Leslie Martin** has moved to Michigan to be nearer to family and has transferred her membership to a Michigan Unit. We wish her well!

Alumalina Rally

Mike and Alicia Rafter, Joe and Sue Smedley and Dick and Kit Wheatley joined the 223 rigs at the annual Alumalina Rally, held this year in Marion, NC. Alicia has served as registrar for several years as this Air Forums rally has grown from a few rigs to a couple hundred rigs in several venues. Three evening



meals and two breakfasts were included in the modest



rally fee. Along with seminars on everything Airstream, there was plenty of friendship, fun, food and fellowship.

Tidbits

From **Morris and Norma Foreman** we heard: "Time has gone by so fast since June 2017 when we sold our home and bought and moved into a Villa in On Top Of The World at Ocala. It is a great place and all outside maintenance is done by employees of the Association. There are many activities and clubs to enjoy. We have such good memories of our Airstream days with the FTCAC but happy to know our Trailer is owned and used by a great couple and they got to keep our number 1700. We spent a couple weeks this summer in a time share at Long Boat Key where Morris caught a "huge" fish. We replaced our Airstream with a golf cart that we thoroughly enjoy. May you all continue your travels and enjoy life. Morris is going on a deep sea fishing day in December and hopefully will catch a fish big enough to eat."



We received the following from **Carol Wallen**. “Need to let you know that I will not be joining WBCCI this year. It is with regret but I need to be able to concentrate on my family. I am strained to do justice to them and me as well. If I can receive the newsletter via email then might be able to attend something close by or at least know of your activities. I am one who doesn’t want to give up. I have wonderful memories of good times in our Airstream traveling with Buzz Wallen and miss him so much as well as all our friends. Life brings about changes that we must accept. Love to those who traveled with us thru the years. Carol Wallen 6254”

Remember to save **pop tops** from aluminum cans to be donated at each International Rally.

Recycle Opportunity As the holiday season approaches, please save Christmas cards for **Sallie LittleJohn**. Also, she’d like to have any greeting cards, not just Christmas ones. She makes tiny, nesting, novelty gift boxes from them.

The editor wishes to thank **Susan Taylor-Arens, Norma Foreman, Rob Stanton, Daria Tansey** and **Carol Wallen** for their contributions to this issue.



Rally-goers appear to be in a festive mood in Okeechobee.

