



October 2011



# Delmarva Beacon



**Hello Delmarva Friends,**



It is hard to believe that my term as President of the WBCCI Delmarva Unit is coming to a close. What a wonderful year this has been, thanks to ALL of your support, cooperation and willingness to accept the positions and responsibilities asked of you. To name just a few of the

many special events and times that fill my thoughts are:

- . Bruce and Bonnie Purcell's imaginative and fun games at the Trap Pond Rally in November.
- . Fay and Phil Cruchley's very special Christmas Luncheon at the Trevi Restaurant complete with extra thoughtful Holiday gifts from Fay for all of us.
- . The Helwigs and the Comstocks hosted an enjoyable Snowball Lunch, with the added treat of "real snow"!
- . Judy Moore and Frank Laughlin hosted a fantastic Flamingo Fling for the 'snowbirds' from our Unit. Judy prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner and the most creative "Florida" cake-complete with palm trees and Flamingoes adorning the top of the cake.
- . Valentine's Day would not be complete without the special Luncheon arranged for by Tom and Connie Littel.
- . St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a wonderful Luncheon hosted by John Chromy and Millie Brown.
- . April's Maintenance Rally, hosted by Clyde Warden and Claire Connelly not only prepared our rigs to travel safely, but also left the 4 H Park ready for Spring visitors.
- . Thank you, Phil and Fay Cruchley, for safely leading our Unit members to the Region 2 Rally in Gettysburg, only to be led into a tornado shelter after we arrived!
- . Appreciation to Malcolm and Sue Comstock for leading some of our Unit members to the WBCCI International Rally in DuQuoin, IL. complete with a stay at the "scenic, serene, picturesque" Enon Beach Campground in Springfield, OH. Our "every evening visit" to the "Best Ice Cream Parlor this side of the Mississippi River" high-lighted our trip to DuQuoin. *President's letter continued on page 7...*

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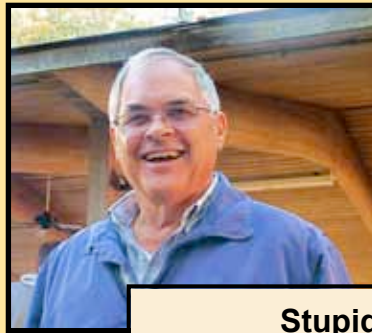
"Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather is one of those things that give value to survival."

- C. S. Lewis

# WELCOME BACK !

FORMER MEMBERS WHO REJOINED

2435 Ken & Pat Heath  
2436 David & Tina Mudge  
2216 Georgiana Fennemore



## Carter's Corner...



### Stupid Tourist Questions

There's no such thing as a stupid question. Right? Not if you ask the National Park rangers who compiled this list of actual questions asked by park visitors.

**At Grand Canyon National Park:**

- "Was this man-made?"
- "Is there an elevator to the bottom?"
- "Do you light it up at night?"
- "Is the mule train air-conditioned?"
- "Where are the faces of the presidents?"

**At Carlsbad Caverns National Park:**

- "How much of the cave is underground?"
- "So whats in the unexplored part of the cave?"
- "Does it ever rain in here?"
- "So what is this, just a hole in the ground?"
- "How many ping pong balls would it take to fill it up?"

**At Everglades National Park:**

- "Are the alligators real?"
- "Are the baby alligators for sale?"
- "When does the two o'clock bus leave?"

**At Yosemite National Park:**

- "What time of year do you turn on Yosemite Falls?"
- "What happened to the other half of Half Dome?"

**At Alaska's Denali National Park:**

- "What time do you feed the bears?"
- "How often do you mow the tundra?"

**At Mesa Verde National Park:**

- "Did people build this, or did Indians?"
- "Do you know of any undiscovered ruins?"
- "Why did they build the ruins so close to the road?"

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Roger Broseus & Betty Nortdon 6  
Carl & Margaret Morris 8  
Don & Bobbie Smith 10



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Ungerbuehler 5  
Phil Wade 6  
John Ashman 8  
Linda Casto 18  
Mary Lee Deluca 19  
Mary Ann Parks 19  
Dottie Pierce 22



### Editor's Note:

Read, if you haven't already, President Barry Heckenswiler's column in the October Blue Beret. ( President's Corner page 2)

He does an excellant job explaining what it means, or should mean, to belong to this club.

# SUMMERS END RALLY AT HOMESTEAD CAMPGROUND

September 16-18, 2011

By: Frances Mason

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Delmarva Unit members began arriving at Homestead Campground near Milton (?) Delaware, Friday afternoon. By dinnertime all were present and accounted for and the decision was made to caravan to nearby Bayleaf Restaurant for dinner. Saturday morning Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock prepared us a hardy breakfast to get us through a hard day of touring (by car) the town of Lewes, Delaware. Our tour guide rode with Carl Morris and using his CB gave us the history of Lewes and directed us to many lovely homes and interesting sights.

Our tour guide, Connie, was a classmate of Mary Ann Parks. What a nice surprise for both of them. After lunch some of the group went to the local quilt shop and others went to Dover Air Force Base Museum.

Back at the campground we had a delicious meal of Margaret Morris' pulled pork and secret recipe cole slaw, accompanied by special foods and desserts brought by other members. After dinner we celebrated Frank Blunda's birthday. Frank's daughter and her husband were in the area for Bike Weekend and drove up to have dinner and celebrate with us.

To the delight of everyone, Sunday morning's special treat were Nelia Sholette's cinnamon rolls. In the open pavilion on a cool, rainy Sunday morning a hot cup of coffee and a warm delicious cinnamon roll were the perfect combination. Many of us attended the worship service held at the campground. They had planned to discontinue the worship service, but after hearing that we had inquired about it, decided to continue another Sunday for us. We met other folks from the campground, including the minister and his family, and were given a warm welcome and a thoughtful message.

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Breakfast on Saturday



Pulled pork pot luck supper on Saturday.

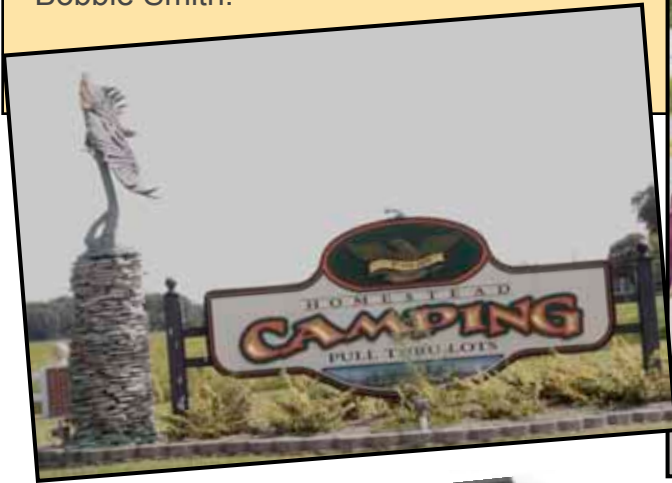


**Summer Rally continued....**

All too soon, it was time to say goodbye and to begin to look forward to the next rally. We are all very grateful to Carl and Margaret Morris for hosting this rally. In spite of Margaret's recent knee surgery, (with Carl's capable assistance) everything got done and everyone had a delightful time.

Attending the rally were: Carl and Margaret Morris, Frank and Kay Blunda, John Chromy and Millie Brown, Malcolm and Sue Comstock, Phil and Fay Cruchley, Bill Gerfin and Ruth McEnaney, Chuck and Maggie Helwig, Frank Laughlin and Judy Moore, Neil and Connie Lindeman, Boots and Frances Mason, Les and Mary Ann Parks, Stan and Nelia Sholette and Don and Bobbie Smith.

**Sunday morning breakfast**



**Frank's Birthday cake.  
(With daughter and  
Son-in-law).**



**Sign-ups for  
Saturday trips.**

**Feeding frenzy around Nelia's  
excellent Sticky buns**



# Delmarva Installation Rally 2011

Thursday October 13 to Sunday October 16  
4-H Park Centreville, Maryland



Support our new President Sue Comstock

### Details and Tentative Schedule:

Rally camping is Friday and Saturday night....**Thursday is optional.** The only fee for this rally is a \$20 per night camping fee (Water and electric). The food budget will come out of the club treasury, as voted by members at the Maintenance Rally business meeting.

**Friday:** Pot luck supper....Bring a dish to share. Meat will be provided.

**Saturday:** Pancake and sausage breakfast.

Installation ceremony and dinner. Dinner Menu: **Prime rib, oven barbecued chicken, twice baked potatoes, salad and dessert.**

**Sunday:** Continental breakfast

Lunch – left overs

**NOTE: 1. Please bring a wrapped “Joke Gift” to be given away as a door prize. It cannot be purchased and must come from the attic, garage, basement etc.**

**2. Bring sewing machines and fabric for “TEN MINUTE TABLE RUNNER”. Fabric required: 10-12” of Theme print, width of fabric (wof), and 18” of a coordinating print for back and borders, width of fabric (wof).**



*Hosted by:  
Les & Mary Ann*

## Installation Rally Coupon

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Days Attending: Thursday Friday Saturday Length of Unit: Trailer \_\_\_ MH \_\_\_\_\_

Number in party: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: Nights Camping X \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: Les Parks

To facilitate parking please try to arrive: **After 1 pm on Thursday October 13, and after 10 am on Friday, October 14.**

**Mail to:**

**Les Parks  
2219 Inwood Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810**

*Merry Christmas everyone!*

**Yes, I said Christmas!** It will be here quicker than a wink, so it's time for Phil and I to give you all the information we can on this year's (2011) Christmas Luncheon.

The Luncheon will be held again at the Trevi Ristorante, in Smyrna, DE. Phone Number is 302-653-6800. We suggest you arrive there by 12:00 noon for all the "Hello's and How Are You." The waitress' will start taking orders around 1:00 pm, give or take a few minutes. We will once again order off the menu and will be responsible for our own bill amount.

Please call me or Phil no later than **November 27** with your decision to attend or not. We must turn in the attendees count on November 28. This will give every one about eight weeks from the time the October beacon comes out until November 27. After the 27th, we will not be able to take anymore names. **Fay and Phil's Home Number 302-834-4045**  
**Phil's Cell Number - 302-229-9895**

We're sure you will have a good time and an excellent lunch. We'll anxiously await your call. **Delmarva Unit Members, Fay and Phil Cruchley**



**Hosted by:  
Phil & Fay  
( Wilson and the Catfish)**



**Saturday  
December 3rd**



*Trap Pond State Park  
Rally*

**November 10-13, 2011**

**Hosted by: Bruce & Bonnie**

Call the reservation number 1-877-9897-2757 for Trap Pond and ask for a site in Loops A or B (or near the pavilion)...You can also reserve a site online..We will go out to eat on Friday night at a local restaurant or church. ( This order may be reversed if a church supper or restaurant is more convenient for Saturday night.)

Plan to bring a dish or dessert for the Saturday/ Friday evening potluck stonessoup meal.

The rally fee is \$10 per family due by Nov. 7 (Rally fee covers meat for pot luck and two breakfasts.) Send the rally fee to us or pay at the Installation rally.

Send to:

**Bruce Purcell  
961 Canterbury Rd.  
Milford, DE 19963.**

**(302-424-3374)**



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- . Roger and Celeste, Nate and Olivia Sansom hosted the August Rally at the Wicomico Farm and Home Show, Salisbury, MD which provided great fun entertainment, including a pig, cattle, and goat show, tractor pull, and great food.
- . September's Rally hosted by Margaret and Carl Morris featured a wonderful tour of Historic Lewes, visit to the Air Transport Museum, Dover, and a yummy pulled pork and coleslaw dinner "by Margaret".

Throughout all of these activities and meetings, MaryAnn and I have enjoyed relaxing with our Delmarva friends, and getting to know all of you much better. Our Rallies would not be complete without our delicious Sunday morning Sticky Buns baked "especially for us" by a very dear member, Neilia Sholette! Thank you so much Neilia. They are so yummy! We ALL appreciate our very special Worship services conducted by our "Unit Chaplain" Frances Mason, whose words and thoughts help to center our hearts spiritually. Our own multi-talented "Unit Photographer", Clair Connelly, missed no opportunity to pictorially record all of our special Unit activities. Finally, we all look forward to receiving our monthly newsletter The Beacon, produced and published by Malcolm and Sue Comstock. It is filled with club activities, special dates, memorable articles and pictures that keep us current on our Unit activities. Thank you SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORT AND DEDICATION to the Delmarva Unit.

We look forward to being together at the Installation Rally in October to welcome and install "President Sue Comstock". Please join us for a scrumptious Prime Rib/BBQ Chicken Dinner prepared by our Master Chefs, Chuck and Maggie Helwig, and Malcolm and Sue Comstock.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Installation Rally – 4H Park Centreville, MD, October 13 – October 16
- Trap Pond Rally – Trap Pond State Park, DE, November 10 – November 13 hosted by Bruce, Bonnie and Liesl Purcell
- Christmas Luncheon hosted by Fay and Phil Cruchley – Dec 3 at Trevi Restaurant, Smyrna, DE

Thanks to Claire, take a look at these APP's for iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad:

- Passport America (Free)
- Woodall's RV & Camping Copilot (Free)

Again, thank you for allowing me to lead the Delmarva Unit this past year, and we look forward to being with all of you as we support our incoming President, Sue Comstock.

May God bless you, and "we will see you down the road"

President Les and First Lady Mary Ann

## **Madeline Lynch**

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Word has been received that a former Delmarva Unit member and more recently a friend of Delmarva Unit has died. Madeline Lynch from Selbyville, DE died Tuesday, Aug. 30. Madeline and her late husband, Fulton, were Delmarva Unit members since 1969. During the time that Tall Pines Campground was owned by Delmarva Unit members they enjoyed spending time there. Madeline continued as a dues paying member for many years even after selling the Airstream. More recently she became a Friend of Delmarva Unit and has enjoyed receiving the Beacon. In recent years she has lost most of her eyesight and a neighbor would come to read the newsletter to her. She was over 90 years old and died after being in the hospital for a few days. Our sympathy to Madeline's family and friends.

*Written by: Frances Mason*



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