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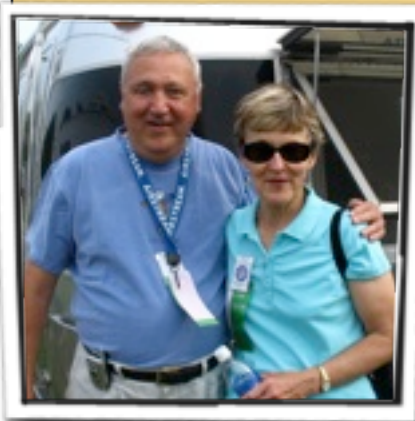
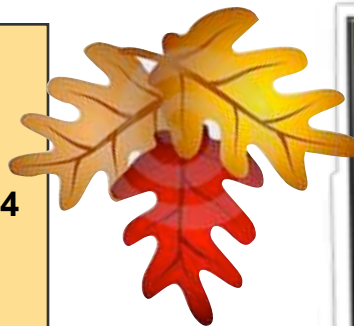


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Thanks !

Les & Mary Ann

President's Letter



### Greetings, Delmarva Unit,

During six years of editing the President's letters I never realized that I would one day be writing my own (yes, it is my own). I would like to thank those Past Presidents for their encouragement. I would especially like to thank Barry and Lesley Heckenswiler our National President and First Lady for joining us to swear in myself, Mary Ann Parks, Malcolm Comstock, Frank Blunda, Bobbie Smith, Bonnie Purcell, Bruce Purcell, Bill Gerfin, Iva Lee Carter and Don Smith as your elected officers for 2011-2012. Thank you Lesley, for the gift of a lanyard you gave me, which you had personally made.

The Installation Rally has always been one of my favorite rallies. Les and Mary Ann did a marvelous transformation of the Hall with many Fall decorations including scarecrows. Malcolm and Chuck surpassed themselves with this year's feast of prime rib, chicken, twice baked potatoes, broccoli, green salad and Cheesecake Factory cheesecake with berry sauce. Everyone's contribution to the Friday night's pot luck dinner was greatly appreciated. I hope everyone will consider joining us for all of the activities which have been planned for this year. If you were not at the Rally there is a copy of the itinerary for you to keep included in this newsletter. Our first rally at Trap Pond has always been a lot of fun. I encourage you to join us and ignore the rumors that it is too cold. **Continued on page 2...**



**November Birthday's**

- Gary Behler 5
- Lisa Ashman 16
- Helen McAneny 16
- Neil Lindeman 20
- Frank Laughlin 25
- Zoe Lefkowitz 28



**Carter's Corner**

Guest Writer: **Frances Mason**

**# 2345 Still on the Road in Delmarva**

In 1993 at the Parkview Rally at the Delaware State Fairground in Harrington, charter members of Delmarva Unit that we had never met arrived in a B-Van. They were a delightful couple and we enjoyed getting to know them. Our unit members went as a group to a local restaurant for dinner and since there were some there who didn't know each other, we asked each couple to introduce themselves and tell a little about themselves and their Airstream adventures. It was the usual - until Mildred Frosch stood up and introduced herself and Al and began to tell us about their adventures with Wally Byam on his caravan from Capetown to Cario. Because Al was busy with harvest time on their farm, Mildred and their 3 young daughters started the trip without him. The Airstreams were loaded on a ship to Africa where Mildred drove their International Travelall, towing their Airstream trailer until Al arrived three months later. It had to be the greatest adventure of their lifetime including muddy roads and meeting native tribes and a king. Mildred said that joining Mid Atlantic and Delmarva Units surely changed their lives. They also traveled to China, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and maybe more.

By the way, their WBCCI numbers were 2345. When Al was having knee problems and difficulty hooking up the trailer, they purchased the B-Van. They lived on the lower shore of the Delmarva Peninsula in Machipongo, Virginia, and after Al died in 1994, Mildred traveled alone in the B-Van for a time. When she began to talk about selling the B-Van, Boots asked if she would mind if we asked for the numbers when she gave them up. As they say, the rest is history. We love having the numbers, reminding us of the Frosch's and the exciting adventures they had. 2345 have been numbers of Delmarva Unit members since its formation in 1964 - and before - because the Frosch's were members of Mid-Atlantic Unit before Delmarva Unit was formed. The Frosch's were Charter Members of Delmarva Unit.



**Happy Anniversary  
November 25th  
to Bob & Helen  
McAneny**



**President's Letter Conti.....**

There is usually a warm fire going. Bruce and Bonnie are great hosts with good information about activities in the area. Friday 11/11/11 is Veteran's Day so we urge you to fly your flag to honor our special veterans. Faye and Phil would like to remind you to call them to reserve your place at the Christmas Luncheon in Smyrna by November 27<sup>th</sup>. Information about the September Caravan to Sugar Creek will be in the next Beacon.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful Unit which has become a second family to Malcolm and I. We are so blessed that we have such caring, loving persons to have fun, fellowship and adventure with while sharing the road.

Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings. Sue and Malcolm

# October Installation Rally

Guest Authors: John Chromy & Millie Brown

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Even though we were having showers off and on, many people took advantage of the early arrival on Thursday for additional time of fellowship. Talking and eating are our favorite activities.

Friday was the official start of the rally, with more units arriving. Boots Mason and others assisted in parking the trailers. This day again brought some showers with intermitting sunny skies. Five of the ladies went to the Quilt Shop in Centreville, had lunch in town and did other shopping. Lots of visiting was done by those who stayed in camp.

A social hour with snacks was held before dinner. Dinner being a potluck with the main entree of chicken chili and corn bread prepared by our resident chefs, Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock. As usual, a large variety of tasty foods with many interesting desserts. Pots of coffee. A fun time of wrapped "Joke" gifts followed. One of the best of these was a pair of Airstream boxer shorts chosen by Frances Mason which, with encouragement, she modeled. Lots of laughs and fun. Later, Clyde Warden showed two "Top Gear" English DVD comedies on campers and camping foibles, many of which we could relate to and laugh at.

Saturday was a beautiful sunny day with mild temperatures. Breakfast included sausage, french toast, juice and coffee. A Unit meeting was called to order. Nominations and voting of officers for the following year. A very elegant presentation of next year's rally schedule was distributed. As the day progressed, some of the ladies worked on a project organized by Margaret Morris making paper flowers for centerpieces for use at the International in Sadalia, MO 2012. A class on "Ten Minute Table Runner" was presented by Mary Ann Parks. Others went off in different directions.

Dinner was set for 5:30 and again our chefs out did themselves. Roast beef, baked chicken breasts and legs, twice baked potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad and home made bread. Dessert was New York cheese cake with fruit topping. No one went away hungry. Installation of our new officers was presided over by International President, Barry Heckenswiler and First Lady, Lesley. Sue Comstock is our new President, with Mary Ann Parks as 1st Vice President. **Continued on page 4...**



**Chuck receives his book from Claire. Bruce leads the Sunday Worship Music.**



**Barry and First Lady Lesley with the new Delmarva Officers.**

**Rally Conti. from page 3...**

Sunday morning was another beautiful day and we were eating again. Everyone enjoyed Nelia's scrumptious home made cinnamon buns, supplemented with some pastries from the Amish bakery, sausages, juice and coffee. We were reminded that all dinner leftovers would be served at lunch time.

Church services were led by Frances Mason assisted by Bruce Purcell on guitar. A message on "Thankfulness" gave us a lot to think about. Offering was to be presented to the Food Bank of Harrington. Most departed the services to prepare their trailers for travel, returning to eat again and help in cleaning up the facilities. A good time was had by all.

Those attending were: International President Barry Heckenswiler and First Lady, Lesley; Unit President Les Parks and First Lady, Mary Ann; Chuck & Maggie Helwig; Malcolm & Sue Comstock; Frank Blunda; John Chromy & Millie Brown; Phil & Fay Cruchley; Bill Gerfin & Ruth McEneny; Assoc. Will Kushto; Boots & Frances Mason; Carl & Margaret Morris; Bruce & Bonnie Purcell; Stan & Nelia Sholette; Don & Bobbi Smith; Clyde & Claire Warden with Neil & Connie Lindemann joining us for dinner on Saturday evening. Malcolm & Sue's daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren stopped to say "hello" and joined us for a late dinner.

**Many thanks to Les and Mary Ann for organizing a great rally.**

**DeMarVa President Sue.  
International President Barry.**



**The "Buffet" Line...**



*November 11th Veterans Day  
Thanks Demarva Veterans*



**Front Row: L-R**  
 Don Smith  
 Stan Solette  
 Carl Morris

**Back Row: L-R**  
 Frank Blunda  
 Boots Mason  
 Will Kusko

**Saturday  
December 3rd**

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



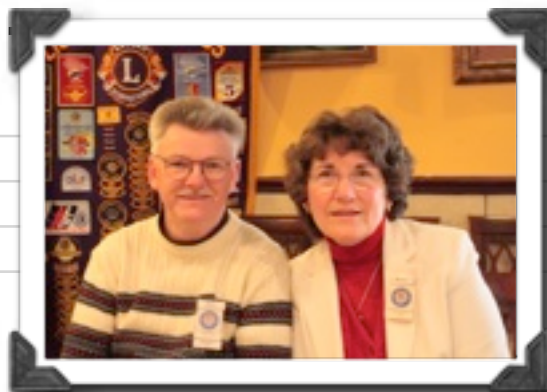
*Merry Christmas everyone!*

**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**

**Note: November 27th  
is the deadline to call Phil & Fay**



**November 10-13, 2011**

*Trap Pond State Park  
Rally*

**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.

Plan to bring a dish or dessert for the Saturday soup supper. Friday evening out at a Church Supper or Resteraunt.

The rally fee is \$10 per family (Rally fee covers meat for pot luck and two breakfasts.) Pay at the Rally.....

**Bruce Purcell (302-424-3374)  
961 Canterbury Rd.  
Milford, DE 19963.**

**Note from B & B**

Each person please bring a "White Elephant" gift, wrapped for exchange on Saturday.

( Find it around your house, do not purchase.)



**Camping spots are still available: call the Park !**

## Minutes of Delmarva Business Meeting: October 15th, 2011

**INSTALLATION RALLY...** 4H Park Centreville, MD... October 15, 2011

The meeting of the Delmarva Unit WBCCI was called to order by President Les Parks at 9:34 AM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Les Parks welcomed International President and First Lady, Barry and Lesley Heckenswiler, to our Rally.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President: Les Parks, 1st VP: Sue Comstock, 2nd VP: Mary Ann Parks, Treasurer: Frank Blunda, Recording Secretary: Bobbie Smith, Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Parks, Past President: Chuck Helwig, Trustees: Phil Cruchley, Bruce Purcell, Don Smith, Iva Lee Carter-absent

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** The reading of the minutes from the Maintenance Rally (April 29, 2011) were read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Frank Blunda reported the total value of the unit as of this date to be \$4,282.09. As there were some questions concerning some of the figures on the report, Frank will review the figures today and present his report at the next meeting this weekend.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Caravan Chairman,** Clyde Warden reported that we had two successful caravans led by Phil Cruchley and Malcolm Comstock.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** Clyde Warden reported that nothing changed at International and he will hand out books to the new people being installed.

**Legislation:** Boots Mason - no report.

**Ethics and Grievances:** John Chromy - no report.

**Historian:** Claire Connelly thanked those who sent her pictures of Unit luncheons. She requested if anyone has additional pictures they be forwarded to her.

Claire gave Chuck Helwig his Unit Book and President Les Parks thanked Claire for her hard work on the History Books.

**Sunshine:** Bobbie Smith reported that she continues to send cards to members as needed. She also requested that we advise her when we hear of someone who may need some "sunshine". It was reported that Bob McAneny is not doing well and a card will be sent to him.

**Membership:** Roger Sansom-absent

**Publicity & Publications:** Malcolm Comstock reported that we are down to ten copies of the Beacon that go out by US mail. Malcolm requested Frank Blunda's assistance to review the list of people that still need to receive the Beacon.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Clyde Warden reported that there has been a change of officers at the 4H Park. As soon as conveniently possible, he will speak with the new person about up-grading the dump station at the park.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

International President Barry Heckenswiler stated there was nothing to report on the status of the Constitution. The WBCCI Directory will be changed this year to a magazine format at a savings of \$11,000 - \$14,000. If members do not like the magazine format they should report displeasure to their Unit Presidents who will, in turn, advise International officers. A motion was approved that any lifetime member who purchases a Thor product may remain in the club.

President Les Parks advised that his invoice in the amount of \$36.35 for fried chicken purchased for the picnic held at the International Rally in DuQuoin was rejected by Treasurer Frank Blunda as it was not a unit function. After much discussion, Clyde Warden made a motion that the Unit reimburse Les for the cost of the chicken and succeeding presidents be reimbursed for expenditures at International up to \$50.00.

Motion unanimously approved. **Continued on the next page....**

**Minutes Continued from page 6...**

Sue Comstock presented the Unit Schedule for 2011-2012. (copy attached)  
It was noted that it is imperative that anyone interested in attending the Swiss Festival National Rally September 22-30, 2012 make their reservations as soon as possible as space is limited. Clyde will find campgrounds for people to meet to caravan to Region 2 and the Swiss Festival.

Frank Blunda moved to accept the Unit Schedule as presented. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

**SLATE OF OFFICERS:**

Chuck Helwig presented the 2011-2012 Slate of Officers for the Delmarva Unit as follows:

President: Sue Comstock, 1st VP: Mary Ann Parks, 2nd VP: Malcolm Comstock,  
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Purcell, Corresponding Secretary: Malcolm Comstock  
Treasurer: Frank Blunda, Trustees: Iva Lee Carter, Don Smith, Bill Gerfin, Bruce Purcell

**The Slate of Officers was accepted as presented and unanimously approved.**

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Smith  
Recording Secretary  
October 15, 2011*

**Attachments:**

- 2011 Installation Rally Agenda
- Unit Schedule 2011-2012
- C: Sue Comstock
- Mary Ann Parks
- Malcolm Comstock
- Frank Blunda



**Frances leads Sunday Worship service.  
Mary Ann teaches the 10 minute place mat.  
Les leads his last meeting as President.**

# Delmarva Unit Schedule 2011 - 2012



## Trap Pond State Park Rally **November 10th to the 13th. 2011**

Trap Pond Park: Laurel, DE  
Hosted by: Bruce & Bonnie Purcell  
Contact Numbers...  
Bruce and Bonnie: (H) 302-424-3374  
Trap Pond: (302) 875-5153 - 33587 Bald  
Cypress Dr, Laurel, DE



## Christmass Luncheon

**Saturday December 3rd. 2011**  
Trevi Restaurant, Smyrna, DE (12:00)  
Hosted by: Phil & Fay Cruchley  
Contact Numbers...  
Phil & Fay: (H) 302-834-4045  
Trevi: (302) 353-1523



## Snowball Pot Luck Lunch

**Saturday January 21st. 2012 (11:30)**

President Sue's House  
Hosted by: Sue (and First Mate)  
570 Banning Rd. Camden, DE  
Contact Numbers...  
Sue: (C) 302-359-2309  
(C) 302-724-0654



## Valentine's Day Luncheon

**Saturday February 18th 2012 (11:30)**

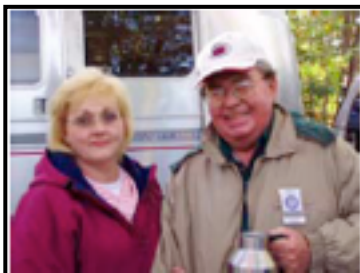
Trevi Restaurant, Smyrna, DE  
Hosted by: Tom & Connie Littel  
Contact Numbers...  
Tom & Connie: (H) 302-633-4559  
Trevi: (302)-353-1523



## The Flamingo Fling

**February 2012. Date TBA**

Travelers Rest, Dade City, Florida  
Hosted by: Frank Laughlin & Judy Moore  
Contact Number...  
Frank: (C) 302-545-2260



## St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

**Friday March 16th 2012 (11:30)**

Michael's Restaurant, Newark, DE  
Hosted by: John Chromy & Millie Brown.  
Contact Numbers:  
John: (H) 302-994-7412  
Michael's: 302-368-4230



## Maintenance Rally

**April 26th to the 29th, 2012**

4-H Park Centreville, MD

Hosted by: Clyde & Claire Connelly- Warden

Contact Numbers...

Clyde: (H) 410-708-3450

(C) 410-708-0558



## Region 2 Rally

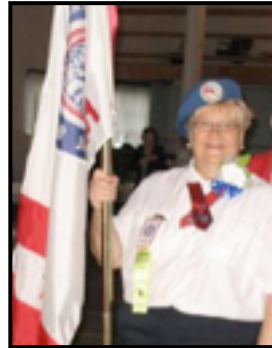
**May 30, 2012 - June 3.** (Not Memorial Day!)

Herkimer Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY

Hosted by Region 2 Officers

Contacts: President Sue: (C) 302-359-2309

(Unit caravan leader TBA)



Alternate Contact Region 2

President Kathy:

**kagen2@verizon.net**

## 55th International Rally

**June 27th to July 4th 2012**

Unit Caravan to International: Date & Leader TBA



## August - Summer Rally

(Salisbury, MD Area)

Hosted by:

The Sansom Family



Dates TBD

Contact Numbers...

(H)443-235-6465

(C) 410-251-8574

## Unit Caravan to Swiss Festival National Rally

**September 22nd -30th, 2012**



Departure date, leader and details TBA.

Contact Numbers...

JoAnn Cubbison: (C) 740-607-4233

e-mail: [jocubbison@yahoo.com](mailto:jocubbison@yahoo.com)

Sue: 302-359-2309

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**October 25th-28, 2012**

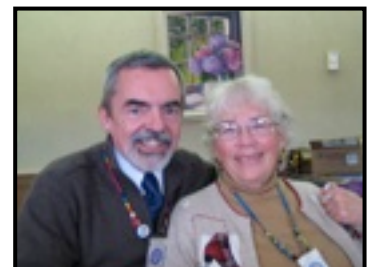
4-H Park Centreville, MD

Hosted by: President Sue & First Mate

Contact Numbers...

Sue: (C) 302-359-2309

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November 11th: Thank a Veteran

