



# *The DelMarVa Ray of Light*

*DelMarVa  
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*Photo by Glenn Michael*

I was thinking today of some familiar phrases that apply to our situation these days. The most common one I suppose is “keep smiling”, our British cousin would say we must “keep a stiff upper lip” can you think of any others?

Liz and I are trying to do our part along the lines of limiting going out to town. So today for the first time in 2 weeks I had to do the shopping, you know it is close to impossible to only go to one store! I had to go to three different grocery stores to fill a short list, no I did not see any toilet paper by the way. Oh did you see where the governor of Florida ruled that WWE shows are “essential business”, really!! Gosh and to think I feel guilty going to Lowes to buy mulch.

I must say that it sure was a different Easter Sunday that just passed. One of our neighbors had a good idea and passed around a list (wrapped in plastic of course) of 4 hymns to sing at sunrise from our own porch. It was encouraging to do it and I could really belt it out as we are far enough away from our neighbors that they were spared ear damage from my off key noise. But it was “a joyful noise unto the LORD”.

Later we watched the webcast of our home church in Delaware as they held a parking lot Service, each family came and stayed in their cars and could listen on their car radios or on their phones. Pastor told them if you felt like raising your hands and waving to turn on your wipers and if you wanted to say an amen just tap your horn. I thought it was a very creative way to get together without getting together.

I wish I was a little better at creative thinking and could come up with some good ideas like that. Speaking of good ideas I just read the Fingerlake’s monthly letter and would like to try some of those “zoom” meeting ideas. So as soon as I figure out [read, ask a grandson] how to set up a zoom meeting I will let you know through Glenn when we can test it out.

We do need to hold some kind of meeting before June so I can vote your wishes regarding the International Officers for 2021 and any charter proposals that are put forward. So “keep smiling” as we soldier on.

TTFN Art Potter

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*President Art Potter & First Mate Liz, who also serves as Corresponding Secretary*

## Editor's Notes -

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Well I said last month that with no news to report, or coming events to promote, that I would not be doing a newsletter until things turned around and we could function at least somewhat normally again. Little did I know about the determination of Past President Donna Field. She and Mike were doing some walking in the neighborhood to beat the quarantine blues I guess, and in the process met neighbors they didn't know they had. Something good comes from the quarantine! She then decided we needed some of the same thing in the Airstream Club to which they have become closely attached. So, as editor I got a call. Yes, I liked the idea, so here I am working on a newsletter when I didn't think I would be, and happy to do it.

PP Donna also shared the idea with PP Mary Ann Parks and she too thought it a good idea. The two of them made a decision to write up something, and their articles, which arrived in my email in very short time, are in this newsletter. I called Malcolm Comstock as he is usually willing to try something new, and he too agreed.

Now, the plan is to have, you, the other Members/Associates/Friends contribute to the newsletter what you are filling your quarantine time with during this unusual event.

So, while we are all denied getting together to talk and socialize, we can still get together somewhat virtually during the period when we can't get together physically.

Send some comments of what you're doing with this quarantine time. Photos, in jpg form, are nice too. Use the email above. We may need enough to do one issue, and this quarantine may be long enough that we wind up doing several issues in this format. Either way, your submissions will get used. There may even be a ZOOM contact, but details need to be worked out so stay tuned on that one.

Meanwhile there is some regular news and thus reason for an issue. The Birthday and Anniversary notices continue, and with those I have used a photo from a friend and fellow retired faculty member from Gunston, William Robinson. Will lives on a beautiful piece of property near Rock Hall and continues to use his new camera with wonderful results, and is willing to share those results. Thank you Will.

In this issue there is a Memorial page for the loss of Tom Littel. Tom served the Unit as President several times, and was a fine gentleman. Also, there are quarantine pages from PP Donna Field, Sunshine Chair and PP Mary Ann Parks, and PP Malcolm Comstock. Yours truly also did a Quarantine page. There is a note from International President Mona Heath, and some other items. Enjoy!



***On the Cover - for the cover of this issue I took a photo of my Airstream with the light on inside and the door open just a crack. The idea is to illustrate that though the country has effectively been shut down and there's no gathering, thereby eliminating Airstream people getting together either in/with the Airstream vehicle or in a restaurant or campground, and yes even our International Rally was cancelled, there is still a 'little Ray' of Hope. As Airstreamers, we will keep the light on in the rig. Eventually we will be able to go again, doors wide open, and enjoy the company of other Airstreamers. Take note too that I have altered the title of this newsletter to more adequately reflect the situation. So while this isn't a full scale Beacon, it is still a little Ray of continuance in this dark time.***



*Birthdays*

*Connie Lindeman*      *May 03*  
*Kay Blunda*            *May 05*  
*Joanne Lamborn*      *May 12*  
*Laurie Pullman*        *May 12*  
*Clyde Warden*         *May 14*  
*George Spahn*         *May 15*  
*Maxine Ungerbuehler* *May 16*  
*Bruce Purcell*         *May 20*  
*Odetta Bennett*        *May 27*  
*Malcolm Comstock*    *May 28*  
*Will Kushto*            *May 29*

*Anniversaries*

*Bill & Abby Mannering*      *May 01*  
*Gary & Betsy Behler*        *May 18*  
*David & Audrey Burt*        *May 28*

*Photo by William Robinson*

*In the rush to return to normal,  
use this time to consider  
which parts of normal  
are worth rushing back to.*

*Dave Hollis*



# Hidden Blessings of Quarantine

Glenn Michael

**Pandemic Quarantine** - who knew. Actually though I am of the generation known as 'baby boomers', I can say that I've not seen anything quite like this condition we now face. I would suspect that it could be likened somewhat to the war years where there was rationing and going dark at night for the good of the many. But my seven decades have experienced nothing quite like what we are going through now. Yes, in my early youth, our family didn't go far either, and it's only by much hard work and some luck that I am able to enjoy the Airstream life and I am grateful for it. It doesn't take a quarantine to appreciate what I am fortunate enough to have.

However, as a single person, this quarantine gets old fast. But given that I have heart disease and COPD, along with being in the old category, I have taken the warnings seriously and stayed in. I do walk a bit, but come in contact with no one except for online or phone. I have been out exactly four times since March 11. Twice to get milk at the market, and once to take my trash to the transfer site. I live in the country and haul my own rather than use a service, And all three of those runs were a half hour or less, portal to portal. Sunday a week ago I went in town to pick up a dinner from a restaurant as I want to help them stay afloat, but I didn't even get out of the car. It was delicious Veal Marsala from Luisa's to give them a plug. With all the hyped up warnings, I decided that even taking the in person risk for groceries wasn't totally necessary, as a couple of markets deliver. One of those markets is a locally owned market, Bayside Foods in nearby Rock Hall. I would also like to help that local business. So, knowing that they were offering delivery, I called and got the directions for use. As directed I then sent an order via email. The owner, an ex-student, called me for the card information and then delivered my order. It was wonderful way to get the groceries. When I got the order in and put away, I looked at the bill which was attached to a print out of my email order. Written across the bottom of the order was the note pictured below. There have been blessings and rewards to teaching all those years in this wonderful small community.

I've been able to try some new recipes such as Boston Cream Cupcakes and Polish filled cookies called Kolaczki, also pictured below.

All of your class of '73 KCHS Art Students  
(there's 3 of us that work here)  
Say Hi!





## ***THOUGHTS AND LITTLE “SNIPPETS” TO LIFT OUR SPIRITS***

*Les & Mary Ann Parks*

**D**uring this time of Covid 19, masks, gloves, and “social distancing”, we decided to share with you some of the creative, and perhaps even “out of the box” things we are doing to provide meaningful, productive activities for ourselves while we pass away the long, long days of our “stay at home” orders. But of course, “meaningful” is “in the eye of the beholder”! Are you ready???

Walking through the neighborhood waving at others from 6 feet away, meeting some who have lived on our street for five years, whom we have never met! Washing our dusty windows and baseboards for the “company” whom we don’t know just “when “ if ever, will arrive!

Gather gardening books and plan your luscious vegetable garden.

Bake bread and cookies for your “comfort food” stock! Then put your exercise video on and “Walk Away the Pounds”!

Reorganize your Sewing Room-only if you have one! And, for added enjoyment, you can count your thread spools, unwind them, and wind them back up again! Order them by color, shade, size, brand, etc. and while you are at it, you can color coordinate your thread spool with your bobbins-and they sell little “thingies” to attach your thread spool to bobbin! Added enjoyment for you!

All those loose coins you have been collecting can be put in wrappers! If you don’t have wrappers, you can make “an appointment” at the bank to pick some up!

You can complete the Census “online” while we are waiting for the “ALL CLEAR” sign to re enter society!

I hope I have provided some “light hearted” moments for you as you move through this challenging time in our history. We can either choose to fight and resent this time of being sequestered in our homes, or we can “embrace” it! God has given us a chance to experience many Blessings throughout this time, I know we can all make a long list of them if we “open our thankful “ hearts!

May each of you be safe, be well, and be “thankful”!

*Mary Ann Parks*

# These Days of Social Distancing

Mike & Donna Field

Having never thought that the time might come that we would be told to stay home, Mike and I have found a few positives in our current situation.

We have lived in a small community of about 30 houses for the past 19 years. We like to walk. Before being told to stay home we thought it was boring to walk around our neighborhood on a daily basis, but not now. We're all in the same boat, bored and hoping to say "hi, how are you today" to someone, anyone. Everyone is excited to stop and talk to neighbors that we've never had the time to talk to before.

We were so desperate to get out of the house one morning that we went for a walk during gale warnings. When we got out of our driveway, a STRONG gust hit. I thought it was going to blow me down. Fortunately I managed to stay on my feet. Did that make us think we should turn around? No! We continued on, laughing because we were the only people silly (or dumb) enough to go out when gale warnings were up. Not only that, we went out again that afternoon and still didn't see a single neighbor. Where was their sense of adventure?

The next day, some of our new friends let us know that they'd seen us out in the wind the day before. Do they all think we're nuts?

In all seriousness, please take care of yourselves and stay safe!

Donna Field



Ya' know that old trees just grow stronger  
And old rivers grow wilder every day  
Old people just grow lonesome  
Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello"

John Prine

Malcolm and Sue in here. What have we been doing? We've been saying "Hello in There" to a lot of people on our cell and computer. Catching up on several years of Spring cleaning. Reading and napping! Walking! Staying out of stores and avoiding people. Doing yard work.... Appreciating the therapeutic value of baking bread and making homemade soup.

Trying to make sense of where we are now, where we're going.

So, hello in there.... to our Airstream friends. We are reliving the memories. Missing all of you, hoping we get together sooner, rather than later.

Love you all! Take care and be safe.

That's the way that the world goes 'round  
You're up one day, the next you're down  
It's half an inch of water and you think you're gonna drown  
That's the world goes round.

John Prine

Also, developing an appreciation for our generations Mark Twain; John Prine.  
Check out his song Paradise, true story.....



***NEW MEMBER***  
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*Welcome to Delmarva Airstream Club # 026.  
Hope to get to see you at an event in the near future.*

***2019 - 2020 Delmarva Airstream Club Schedule***  
***Art Potter - President***

**Although somewhat decimated, it's not over yet. Keep hopes up!**

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| <b>July 18</b>          | <b>Annual Unit Picnic</b><br>Still tentatively on schedule, but may change venue.                                                                      |
| <b>August/September</b> | <b>Locations and Dates TBD</b><br>President Art Potter is looking for volunteers to step up and plan and host a Rally for one or both of these months. |
| <b>October 23-25</b>    | <b>Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD</b><br>Hosts - Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830                                                      |

# *In Memoriam*



**Frances Mason** remembers Tom Littell was president of the Delmarva Unit three times. When George Bennett became ill during his presidency, Vice President Tom took over the responsibility for the rest of the year and with the help from Odetta (George's wife) had a successful and enjoyable year. Then Tom continued as president for the next year. Tom was president again in 1999-2000.

Tom enjoyed singing and was always willing to lead the songs at the worship services and at fun times at the rallies. We didn't know until reading his obituary that he sang with the Wilmington Opera Society, at Three Little Bakers as well as other professional venues.

We also learned from the obituary that he was in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a Delaware State Policeman for 20 years and then worked with Wilmington Trust.

Tom was always a gentleman, ready to lend a helping hand. Our Delmarva Unit members were fortunate to have had Tom and Connie as members and friends.

**Odetta Bennet** "will always remember Tom being willing to help during the year when George would have been president." Words she used to describe him were: "a gentleman, had a sense of humor, was gracious and kind, was respected. "

**Glenn Michael** - Tom served as president for the full term of '93-'94 term after completing the unexpired term of George Bennett who died while in office. Tom then served as president again for the '99-'00 term.

# Message from International President Mona Heath



*“Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see if you can find out what’s over the next hill, and the next one after that”*

*- Wally Byam*

**A**s the world is forcing us to live in a way we are not used to, let us all remember we are in this together. A lot has changed over the last two weeks, with the COVID-19 pandemic bringing into focus the undeniable priorities of safety, health and love of family & friends.

Together, the International Board of Trustees (IBT) has continued working diligently, and creatively, on your behalf to ensure that necessary Club business can be conducted as required by our Constitution & By-Laws. We have a slate of International Officers, along with members of the Nominating Committee, to elect along with key Constitutional Amendments to be voted upon by the delegates from each of our Local Clubs / Units.

Yesterday, March 31, 2020, the IBT voted unanimously to adopt an Emergency Resolution declaring a proclamation of emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The 2020 Emergency Resolution, in addition to waiving the requirement for in-person attendance or participation at an International Rally or IBT meeting in lieu of conducting those meetings electronically, also provides for the establishment of an electronic means for the delegate voting process to take place.

With the approval of the 2020 Emergency Resolution and, as outlined in the 2020 Elections FAQ, the following meetings (time tbd) will be held electronically:

- June 24, 2020 2019/2020 Executive Committee Meeting & IBT Seminar/Meeting  
\*Announcement of Delegates voting for 2020/2021 International Officers, Nominating Committee and on Constitutional Amendments
- June 26, 2020 2020/2021 International Officer Installation:  
Executive Committee Only  
- by Immediate Past President Barry Bell
- June 27, 2020 2020/2021 Executive Committee Meeting & IBT Seminar/Meeting

The 2020 Emergency Resolution will be in effect for a period of six (6) months, effective April 1, 2020, and can be found, along with the Elections FAQ; Election Candidates; and Constitutional Amendments 1, 2 & 3; at [airstreamclub.org/elections](http://airstreamclub.org/elections). More details, including election information and voting processes, will be published in the May 2020 Blue Beret.

I would like to offer my very sincere appreciation to Lori Plummer - Corporate Manager, Eric McHenry - International Third VP, Marc Nijdam - Information Technology Standing Committee Chair, Joanne Miller - Parliamentarian and Tom Smithson - Constitution & By-Laws Standing Committee Chair for your unbelievably creative work bringing this body of work to fruition. I would also like to thank Andy, Tye, Eric, Barry, Vickie, Jim P., Lori, Joanne, Tom, Per, Rich, John, Karen, Bob, Jim J., Don, Mike, Bill, Sharon, Patti and Cecelia for the incredibly productive Zoom video, and phone, conference call yesterday.

To each and every one of our members, please be safe and stay healthy.

Mona Heath, International President  
BRN #152

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**Jim Cooper to WBCCI - Wally Byam Airstream Club “Group” posted this on Facebook**

April 15 at 10:47 AM

Loveland 2020

International at the Ranch

Canceled as you know, but I thought you would be interested to know that the Ranch facilities are being used to create a 1000 bed hospital. It will have partitioned spaces for patients and nurse work stations. The space we would have used is not idle in this time of need. A similar hospital is being constructed in the Denver Convention Center.

Colorado has flattened the curve and we all hope neither of these facilities will ever see a patient.

Take care all, and stay healthy2