



MONTEREY BAY CALIFORNIA UNIT REGION XII

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.



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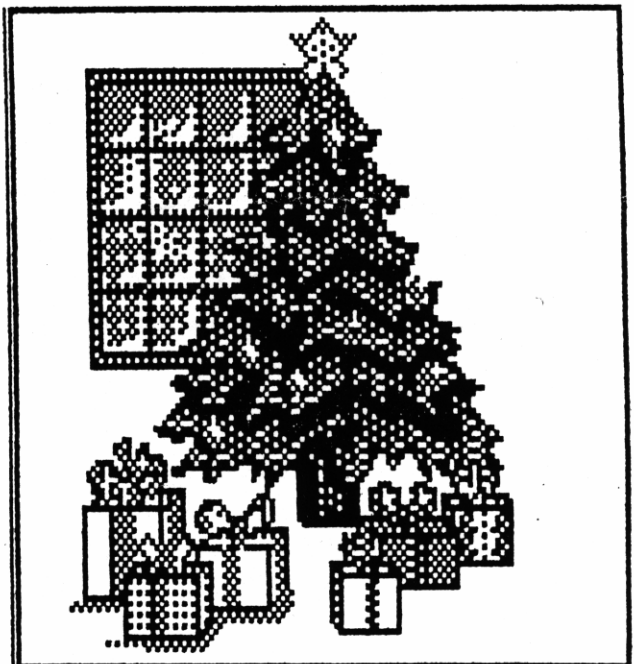
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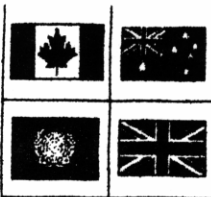
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Friends, Airstreamers, countrymen,
lend me your ears....
If you have tears, prepare to shed them
now....
For I have neither wit, nor words, nor
worth,
Action, nor utterance, nor the power of
speech
To stir men's blood: I only speak right
on."*

Julius Caesar, act III

And so I say to you one and all:
MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!





INSTALLATION RALLY EUROPEAN HOLIDAY WEEKEND

What a weekend it was! Hosts Bev and Ken Harris, Molly and Mack McKnight, and Lucille Conners covered themselves with glory while producing gastronomic delights.

We arrived at Betabel on Thursday in time for Happy Hour /dinner ...what a wonderful combination of good company and good food. We simply could not consume all that was provided, which meant that there was lunch for all the following day.

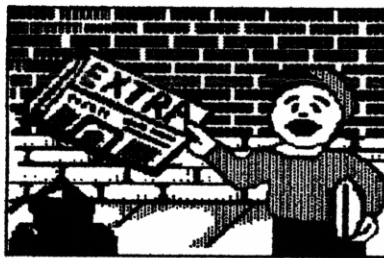
But first came the "light breakfast!" I understand that I really missed something delicious on toast while I enjoyed a leisurely early morning. Ah well, I was really saving up for dinner...I had heard persistent rumors about Chateaubriand.

The cooks were in the kitchen, the afternoon was relaxing, all was right with the world. Happy Hour again found us with libations in hand, hors d'oeuvres on the table, without a care. There was that niggling little bit about identifying the numerous flags displayed on the tables...I, for one, recognized very few. However, in due time the chateaubriand did indeed make its appearance, accompanied by baked potatoes with cheese, corn soufflee, green beans, salad, rolls and wine. A veritable feast. But there was more to come as Bev produced a glorious ice cream and grand marnier concoction. I was so impressed I asked for the recipe and plan to serve it during the holidays. Well, there we were, fat and happy, when the subject of the flags

came up again. I decided to make this a learning experience and listened with amazement as one person after another named the various flags. Harry Meyers won the award by a score of about two to one. He says he learns them by watching sports events. Congratulations, Harry! After some very interesting travel stories, we toddled off to bed to rest after our exertions.

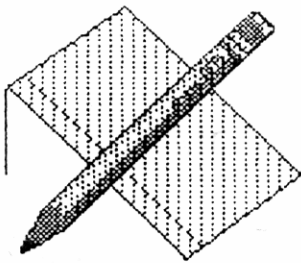
Breakfast and lunch appeared again on Saturday....magic! A whole weekend without cooking. We all did our own thing, attended the general meeting, and prepared ourselves for the catered dinner that was to come. Didn't everyone look nice? The tables were dressed for a banquet, as were the caterers. Ken Eckley got out of his sick bed and graciously appeared to conduct the Installation. Ev and Faye Messinger, in their usual inimitable manner, had kind words for all and gifts for many. It was a beautiful dinner and a beautiful Installation ceremony.

The day of departure always comes too soon, but we were sent on our various ways after a most satisfying breakfast of croissants, fruit and eggs. It was a weekend to remember.



NEXT RALLIES:

Lake San Antonio:	Dec. 2-5
Los Banos:	Jan. 13-16
Hobo Rally	Feb. 7-13
King City	Feb. 24-27
Los Banos	Mar. 16-20
Pinnacles	April 14-17



LIBRARY

The library is greatly depleted since we weeded out the books that had been going back and forth endlessly. It would be appreciated if each person donated at least one book. Please do not bring back a book taken from our library originally! (It has probably been read already by those who are interested.) Bring something that you have read and enjoyed....someone else is sure to enjoy it, also.

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Weston	Dec. 6
Dorothy Donald	Dec. 7
Ev Messinger	Dec. 9
Dick Salesses	Dec. 9
Nina Hadden	Dec. 19
Bev Harris	Dec. 22
Dave Paxton	Dec. 25

A bumper crop....happy birthday to you all!

INTRODUCING

The name Bollinger and the name Campbell, as in the city of, are practically synonymous. Bollinger Road was named for the family. **RUTH MARGARET BOLLINGER BROWN** was born in the city of Campbell. Her father, Moses Jacup Bollinger, was a farmer. Mabel Herman Brown, Ruth's mother, was a housewife. Ruth was the sister of Bertha and Byron Bollinger.

Ruth attended Campbell Elementary School, where she was most interested in English and History. Her interest in these subjects persisted through her years at Campbell High School, now the Campbell Community Center. At the tender age of fourteen, Ruth worked in the cannery. She says this was "the only paying job I ever had."

(But not the only job, I'm sure!)

After high school, Ruth went on to San Jose State, where she majored in her old interest, English. She went on to earn a degree as Librarian and Teacher.

Ruth's favorite sport was tennis. She went on to become a member of the Campbell Country Woman's Club, the Campbell Garden Club, and the O.L.M.A. I

know for a fact that at least the first two are still meeting (at the church where Old Orchard School leases the premises.)

Ruth met her husband of sixty years, Lloyd, in her freshman year at Campbell High School. It obviously was just meant to be. Together, they have lived in Campbell, San Francisco, Sacraments, and San Mateo. Ruth and Lloyd are the very proud parents of Donald and Bruce, and the happy grandparents of Jeff, Kathy, and Andy(Don's children), and Chad and Kerry(Bruce's children).

Ruth and Lloyd are world travelers.They have traveled to every continect and above the Arctic Circle. They have cruised the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Mississippi, the Amazon, the Columbia River, the San Juan Islands, the St. Lawrence River, and the Panama Canal.

Are there any other places?

When asked about favorite things. Ruth stated that she enjoys reading, especially mystery stories. Her favorite rally locale is the Swiss Rifle Club, because it is neat and clean and our trailers have the place to themselves. She just likes everything about it.

It's nice to know you, Ruth.



Confucius Say....

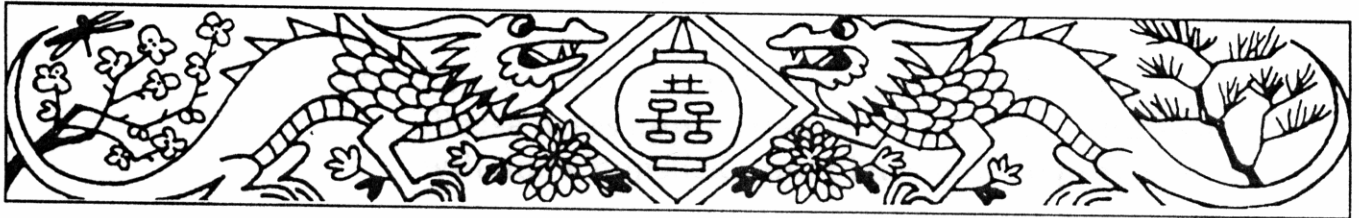
ON KNOWLEDGE

There may well be those who can do without knowledge, but I for my part am certainly not one of them. To hear much, pick out what is good and follow it, to see much and take due note of it (as I do) is the lower of the two kinds of knowledge. I for my part am not one of those who have innate knowledge (which is the higher sort), I am simply one of those who love the past and who are diligent in investigating it. Even when walking in a party of no more than three, I can always be certain of learning from those I am with. There will be good qualities that I can select for imitation and bad ones that will teach me what requires correction in myself.



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THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER
A Chinese New Year Celebration
January 13 - 16

WHERE: Merced County Fairgrounds, Los Banos, CA. Enter Los Banos on Hwy 152 (Pacheco Blvd.) Go north on 4th St until it dead-ends at Fairgrounds.

FACILITIES: Clubhouse, water, limited electricity, dump

HOSTS: Weston, Gorman, Salesses, Neaves

FEES: Parking \$15.00 per night. Rally fee \$10.00 per person.

THURSDAY: Arrive early and relax.
5:00 Happy Hour. You may bring snacks.
6:00 Soup, Chinese Chicken Salad, other oriental delicacies, wine, dessert, and dinnerware provided.

FRIDAY: 8:00 Coffee, toast and conversation
10:00 Games, puzzles, etc., in clubhouse. There's always the trip to Toscano's ...how about a new rig?
5:00 Happy Hour. Light snacks
6:00 Dinner at the Woolgrowers, price to be determined. Please indicate your interest on the reservation slip and return promptly.



SATURDAY: 8:00 Coffee, toast and continued conversation.
 9:00 Board Meeting.
 10:00 General Meeting
 11:00 Preparation for New Year celebration
 1:00 Continue preparations.....work on dragon,etc.
 5:30 Happy Hour
 6:30 Chinese New Year Dinner and Celebration.
 Please dress appropriately. (A bathrobe and sash will do.) Chopsticks and plates will be provided.

SUNDAY: 8:00 Breakfast in the clubhouse.



Reservations to : Bill/Dannie Weston
 620 Twin Lanes
 Soquel, CA 95073 (408) 426-2271

Name: _____ **Trailer #** _____

#of Persons _____ **Arrive: Thurs** ___ **Fri** ___ **Sat** ___

Woolgrowers Friday night _____ **#Persons** _____



HISTORY

Is it true that in the beginning Airstreams looked like the above?

Russ Comrie kindly loaned me the history of the Monterey Bay Unit, WBCCI, which I find most interesting. Charter members must forgive me if I pass along some bits and pieces which some of us haven't heard.

In November, 1971, a letter from Russ to Wayne Walker, President-Region 12, stated:

....since it is most difficult to impart or maintain enthusiasm for a unnamed organization we have taken "Monterey Bay Unit" as a name.

It is hoped that with the information now furnished you'll be able to go ahead with the required action to secure for us a provisional charter.

Russ continued to correspond with the WBCCI, and later in November he wrote a letter to "Dear Fellow Airstreamers" in which he said:

There is no doubt in the minds of the officers of this club that it is off the ground and a going organization. We have an outstanding group of people that have joined to make it so and we are looking forward to working with you all.

On November 27, 1971, Wayne Walker wrote to Russ:

I am forwarding the Provisional Charter for your new Unit by mail. My sincere congratulations upon the completion of this important step for the Monterey Bay California Unit toward becoming the newest addition to the big Wally Byam Caravan Club International family.

That was the beginning. Russ Comrie was the first President. I would like to reiterate his words to those charter members in 1971:

Dear Fellow Airstreamers:

There is no doubt in the minds of the officers of this club that it is off the ground and a going organization. We have an outstanding group of people that have joined to make it so and we are looking forward to working with you all.

We heartily agree.

INTRODUCING

We know each other, but we don't really know each other. Do we have common backgrounds, common interests, common goals? Have our paths crossed somewhere without our knowledge? Could we even be related somewhere back there? In the attempt to answer some of these questions, we will try to include one or more biographies in each Newsletter. In order to make this possible, please return your information form to Dannie as soon as possible.

It seems appropriate at this time to let you know a little more about your new president, **BILL WESTON**. I do

know a little about this gentleman!

William B. Weston, Jr. was born in San Jose, the third child and only son of William Bunker Weston and Juliette Perrin Weston. He has two older sisters, Nancy and Juliette. He also had eight female cousins and one male cousin. What a fate! Bill's father was a pear grower in Santa Clara and the family lived on the Peraleda Ranch. Bill went to M.R. Trace Grammar School and Herbert Hoover Junior High in San Jose. He says that he enjoyed Erector sets, trains, and steam engines when he was a little guy. He also drove a caterpillar tractor before he went to junior high....he had to stand on the track in order to pull on the starting rope! He started working on the Ranch in the summers while still very young, and loved to ride on the drag behind the tractor. (We have a picture of this.) He also rode horseback at this stage, but never became a great enthusiast.

Bill started high school at Bellarmine, but transferred to the Thacher School in Ojai, CA for the remainder of his high school years.

There he was introduced to hiking and camping, which became life-long



hobbies. (He now considers Airstreaming to be a hobby. My idea of camping!)

After graduation from Thacher, Bill enrolled at Claremont Men's College in Claremont, CA. There he majored in Business Administration and economics. He met his bride to be in 1947 and went on a Grand Tour to

Europe in the summer of 1950. Bill graduated from CMC and was married to Dannie Beyette in June, 1951. What an achievement!

The draft reared its ugly head in September, 1951, and Bill was sent to Fort Ord for sixteen weeks of basic training. This was followed immediately by five months of OCS at Fort Riley, Kansas. His bride lived with Bill's parents at the Ranch (Wonderful, actually. We got to know each other.) Finally, in September, 1952, Bill was posted to Fort Lee, VA, and married life could begin. He remained at Fort Lee until March 1, 1954 in the Quartermaster Replacement Training Command. He says today that he spent two years, five months, and two days in the army. But a great thing happened at Fort Lee. On November 21, 1953, William (Will) Bunker Weston III was born.....just yesterday, it seems, but we have just celebrated his fortieth birthday!

Bill was happy to get back to California and his job as Manager of the Peraleda Ranch. The summers were very busy as he sent great loads of pears out on trucks at the end of each day. Will was joined by his sisters Perrin and Bonnie in 1955 and 1958. It was a wonderful place to raise children and each worked on the Ranch in the summers as they grew older. But the Valley of Hearts Delight became Silicon Valley and fruit growing gradually came to an end. The vast orchards are gone. Bill presided over the sale of the Ranch and looked elsewhere for a place to live.

In 1979, Bill and Dannie moved to Soquel, Santa Cruz County. Bill finds himself very busy taking care of the new property, being an active Rotarian, and going on rallies.