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President's Corner

**Doswell, Virginia
July 20-27, 2019**



Your rally committee is preparing a great rally for you and we are eager for your arrival. The International Rally is just a few months away. I am writing this article to provide additional information to make your visit more enjoyable.

Location On the grounds of Meadow Event Park, which is 25 miles north of Richmond, Virginia. It is just 2 miles off of Interstate 95. Earlier it was known as "The Meadow" a horse park for thoroughbred racehorses. It was at this site that Secretariat was born in 1970. You will be parking your Airstream in a horse park where Secretariat was born, raised and trained.

When The official rally will begin on July 20 and end on July 27. General parking will be on July 16-19.

Entertainment We have planned for five evenings of entertainment from opening day until Thursday evening. Performers will include a bluegrass group, Antsy McClain, The Virginians (a Barbershop Chorus), Edgar Cruz (a versatile solo guitarist) and The Rivoli Review. All entertainment will occur during the rally.

Optional Dining Many of our Regions have made arrangements for their breakfasts/luncheons and other groups have made arrangements for their functions at the Rally. Make sure you sign up for the activities of your choice.

Buildings The Farm Bureau Center is the main building we will be using during the rally. It is a 63,354 square feet exhibition hall that will be divided in half by a moveable wall. Basically one half will be for entertainment and large seminars. Vendors, vendor seminars and club functions will use the other half. There is also

a concession area. Other buildings that we will occupy are the Mansion, the Meadow Pavilion, the Bold Ruler house, the Dominion Conservation Classroom, the First Bank and Trust Pavilion and the Duck Unlimited Pavilions.

Activities Again this year we will be offering many interesting presentations on a wide variety of topics. This will include technical and non-technical Airstream subjects. Other presentations will include digital technology, hobbies, caravans and other club related activities. To learn more about what will be available in Doswell, please check out the Doswell website at: Doswell.wbcci.net (62nd WBCCI International Rally). Also we have a Facebook page that includes additional interesting information regarding our Rally. You will be able to find our Facebook page at "Airstream Club 2019 Doswell Rally".

Why Should I Come?

- To learn more about the care and feeding of your Airstream
- To learn what is being incorporated into new Airstreams
- To learn more about your Club
- To learn more about Caravans
- To gather with old friends
- To make new friends
- To enjoy the entertainment
- To have a good time

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Mona Heath

International President Nominee



ABOUT MONA J HEATH, #152

I am a ten-year member of the WBCCI, and have previously held leadership positions at the International, Region and Unit levels. It was an honor to serve in those roles and I am humbled to be a nominee for International President.

- New full-timer, Member of Oregon Unit #090, Region 10
- Serial Airstream owner: Love my sixth Airstream, a 2019 Globetrotter Copenhagen 27' named "Globby"
- Founding member of Moving WBCCI Forward <https://www.facebook.com/movingWBCCIforward/>

THE LAST THREE YEARS

What a delightful whirlwind of travel, new friends, learning and adapting while developing collaborative, mutually respectful relationships with the Executive Committee (EC), the International Board of Trustees and our Membership. Immediately upon my installation as International 3rd Vice President, I:

- Developed and began working towards a fluid set of goals which support a member-focused business plan (outlined below);
- Embraced the role as International Long Range Planning Standing Committee (LRPC) Chair, the body of work developed by its Charter members and the opportunities for improvement as contained in the Strategic Planning Document;
- Made it a priority to plan for the future, leave no Club member behind as we move forward, and continue to learn from the past.

I HAVE & WILL CONTINUE TO COMMIT TO OUR MEMBERS to preserve the WBCCI unimpaired for future generations of Airstream owners and Club members with strategic and fact-based planning, while respecting our rich heritage.

Create an Inclusive Environment, at all levels, where club practices and policies serve to unite members, where all members are treated with respect, all views valued and all voices heard.

- Focus on the core: We camp and we caravan;
- Encourage a broader scope of National & Special Event rallies to include non-Club events (Urban Air, Alumalina, Alumapalooza, etc.);
- Introduce Unit/Region short caravans, and caravans that incorporate rallies into their route, allowing members who can't participate fully to meet-up along the way.

Develop a Membership Growth and Profitability Strategy Independent of Industry Trends through the creation of a Brand messaging platform, which attracts non-club owners of new and used Airstreams.

- Establish an International Marketing Standing Committee;
- Imbed compelling, consistent and engaging voice throughout our print, digital and social media platform;
- Reinvent our Publications with content, layout and advertising that incorporate relevant voices from within and outside the Club (e.g. Vintage Trailer Supply, blogs, etc.).

Promote the Improvement of our Club Vision Utilizing the LRPC 2017 Survey Results and, in turn, improve Membership recruiting and retention.

Improve Electronic Media by investing in a new Club database and website platform which is adaptable, easy to navigate, engaging to current and future Club members and delivers revenue through a digital marketing platform.

Align with Airstream, Inc. to maximize the power of the Airstream brand, which in turn will align our actions with the lifestyle of the new Airstream owner while remaining relevant to existing members.

- Embrace a seamless relationship between our members and Airstream, Inc.; its dealer network and Marketing;
- Support Airstream digital initiatives and product launches simultaneously;
- Commit to a shared Sustainability platform for Airstream owners and the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC).

"We honor our history and our legacy, it's who we are. The Wally Byam Airstream Club exemplifies the Airstream lifestyle, and with that, the possibilities are indeed endless"

- Mona Heath, Candidate - 2020 International President, WBAC

"We have to honor our history and our legacy, but we're in a unique position. Airstream is a conduit to a lifestyle, and with that, the possibilities are endless."

- Bob Wheeler, President, Airstream Inc.

Andrew Selking

International 1st Vice President Nominee



Personal

Born March 9, 1959 in Decatur, IN
 Married to Barb (Wharton) for 40 years
 One child, Mark, married June 16, 2012 to Lauren (Zimmer)
 One grandson, Andrew Mark Selking III (aka Tripp), born May 10, 2016
 One granddaughter, Annabelle Jeanne, born October 18, 2018
 Began Airstreaming as a child with my Grandparents, Walter and Louise Mueller
 My first Airstream was my Grandparent's 1959 that we restored

Unit Member of North Texas Unit since 2004, WBCCI #6062

WBCCI	2007-2010	VP of Maintenance at the North Texas Airstream Community
	2008	Caravan Leader for WBCCI
	2005-2009	Membership Chairman of North Texas Unit
	2006-2007	3 rd VP of North Texas Unit
	2007-2008	2 nd VP of North Texas Unit
	2008-2009	1 st VP of North Texas Unit
	2009-2010	President of North Texas Unit
	2011	Membership Chairman of North Texas Unit
	2012-2013	2 nd VP of Region Nine
	2013-2014	1 st VP of Region Nine
	2014-2016	President of Region Nine
	2017-2018	International 3 rd Vice President
	2018-2019	International 2 nd Vice President

Occupation

2016 Retired after 30 years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 2011-2015 Associate Physical Plant Director at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
 1986-2010 Auto Shop/Plant Services Supervisor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
 1979-1986 Auto Mechanic at Paul's Garage, Fort Worth, TX
 1977-1978 Auto Mechanic at Yeoman's Service Station, Fort Wayne, IN
 1975-1977 Service Attendant at Leo's Service Station, Hoagland, IN

Interests Researching my family ancestry
 RVing through as much of the country as I can
 Reading about history and current events
 Working on my MacBook

Barb and I have tried to attend as many of the Unit Rallies as we are able since joining NTU in 2004. We have hosted and co-hosted numerous rallies throughout the years. We have attended 10 Region Rallies, 11 International Rallies, and led a unit caravan to Bozeman. We were block party hosts in Gillette. We hosted the Midwinter IBT in 2015 and hosted Region Nine Rally in 2015 and 2016. We love meeting new people and making new friends from all over the country.

Tye Mott

International 2nd Vice President Nominee



Personal

Born June 14, 1963 in Brookville, FL
 I first began camping as a child with my parents, and have continued all my life.
 My first of 4 Airstreams was purchased in 2006

Unit

I have been a member of the Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit since 2008, WBCCI #7719

WBCCI

2008	Joined the WBCCI community
2009	Organized and hosted the special event rally for Cape Cod Unit Columbus Day / Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally
2010-2011	Cape Cod Unit first vice president
2011-2012	Cape Cod Unit president
2012-2014	Region 1 second vice president
2014-2016	Region 1 first vice president
2016-2018	Region 1 president
2018-2019	3rd International Vice President

Occupation

2009-present	Purchased and now owner/operator of Chamberland Vinyl Repair, a car/boat/RV interior detailing and restoration service
1995-2008	Sales and service at Chamberland Vinyl Repair
1993-1995	Pollard Windows, sales and office manager
1988-1993	Stereo Advantage, mange of sales, service and tech. support
1984-1988	United States Army, Specialist (E) 4 Rank

Interests

Restoration of vintage trailers and cars
 Camping throughout the US and Canada
 Landscaping and gardening
 Woodworking, old house repairs and community volunteer
 Pet owner, and helping out on my best friend's farm when possible

I have attended as many of the Unit and Region 1 Rallies as I have been able to since joining CCMU in 2008. I have participated and/or hosted 9 Region Rallies, I have attended and worked at 4 International Rallies as a Region officer, 1 International Rally as 3rd International VP. I enjoy going to Rallies and other WBCCI functions to welcome and meet new members, meeting old friends, and lend a helping hand where needed.

Eric McHenry

International 3rd Vice President Nominee



Background:

My wife LaVerne and I joined WBCCI in June of 2010 soon after the purchase of our first Airstream (25FB Flying Cloud). We've spent eight active years within the club, participating and leading within our Unit, Region and the International level. We love the club and are committed to contribution to its success. For Eric, this has included:

- Region 12 2nd VP (currently)
- Past President, Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (GBAAC)
- Webmaster, Region 12 and GBAAC
- Past member, WBCCI Electronic Communications Committee

Professional Experience:

- Currently Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of the Information Technology Department for the City of Santa Rosa, CA. Oversees development of public-facing digital services, plus all computer services, website, desktop support and media services for the 1,400 City employees.
- Vice President and General Manager of an HP/Agilent business unit with worldwide annual revenue in excess of \$350M. Included management of a worldwide finance, HR, sales, marketing, research & development (R&D) and manufacturing team.
- Over 25 years with Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies holding various R&D positions, project management and marketing management positions. This time included two years within HP's Foreign Service Employee program leading R&D and product development teams.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology/MIT (1980)
- Executive mini-MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Business (1991)

Board Experience:

- Past Board President, United Way of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties.
- Past Board President, The Children's Village of Sonoma County.
- Current Board President, KRCB NorthBay Public Radio and TV.
- Current Board Member, Redwood Empire Food Bank.

Personal:

- Born in Seattle, Washington, 1958 and married to LaVerne McHenry in 1982.
- Reside in Santa Rosa, CA (about 1 hour north of San Francisco).
- I am an avid outdoorsman, enjoying camping, motorcycling, kayaking, hiking, hunting and fishing with LaVerne, and also to her sometimes chagrin, am an active ham radio operator (AA6EM).

Vickie Courtney

International Recording Secretary Nominee



Personal:

Married to husband Jim, 18 years
1 Daughter, 2 Step Daughters, 5 Grandchildren
Full Time RV'er for 4 ½ years before acquiring home base at North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro

WBCCI Experience:

Member 2006
Present member of the North Texas Unit
Associate member of Texas Highland Lakes Unit
Traveled on 10 national caravans
With Jim led caravan to IBT/Hobo rallies in Blythe, CA 2013
Attended 9 International Rallies and volunteered to work at each. I have worked registration, caravan committee, office receptionist, liaison office, VP secretary
Attended many national, special events and region rallies
Visited every Airstream Park in the US and have enjoyed every one of them
National Caravan Leader; Jim and I planned, scouted and led "Where Da Heck is Chokoloskee?" Caravan in 2013

Work History:

Office Manager, Payroll Manager, Personnel Manager
Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable Manager
Assistant to the Vice President
Project Manager for companywide major software upgrade
Business Owner operated and managed every aspect of my company

Volunteer Work:

Board of Directors for the Children's Home of Northern KY for 10 years, Board President for two of those years
Board Secretary for North Texas Airstream Community, with ongoing volunteer work there
Top fundraiser for the MS150 Society, a MS Society benefit
Developed and chaired a Veteran's recognition dinner program at NTAC serving over 100 people
Co-chaired with Jim a fundraiser dinner at NTAC with over 80 people attending

I have the skills and qualifications to effectively serve as International Recording Secretary for WBCCI. I am willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. I have Jim's full support.

James Polk

International Treasurer Nominee



Carolyn Beardshear

International Nominating Committee



WBCCI Experience:

Member, 2006
Central Coast California Unit 1st VP, 2008
Central Coast California Unit President, 2009
Co-founder, Moving WBCCI Forward, 2012
Region 12 Web Editor/Master, 2012- 2013
Unit Delegate International 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Co-host, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, 2008-13
Co-Host Region 12 Cali Rally 2015, 2016, 2018
Leader/Facilitator WBCCI Region Officers Forum, 2013-present
Co-founder Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club, 2014
Treasurer, Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club, 2014-2016
2nd VP Region 12, 2013-15
1st VP Region 12, 2015-17
President Region 12, 2017-2019

Work History:

1973-2000 Chevron Corporation, San Francisco, CA
2000-2015 Consultant and Owner of Asphalt and Energy Services
1997-2018 Business Co-Owner Polk Associates, LLC

Education:

1968-1973 University of Washington, BSME
Licensed Professional Engineer, Washington and
California Accredited Senior Appraiser, American
Society of Appraisers Past Chairman, Seattle
Chapter American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Former Director, The Asphalt Institute
Director, Murphy Automobile Museum

Personal:

Born in Medford, Oregon
Married to Lynda, 26 years
Reside in Ojai, California

Interests:

Airstream traveling and lifestyle
Serial Airstream Owner
1954 Airstream Restorer
Aircraft & Automobiles

As Hedda Smithson says: "If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it." Airstreaming changed my life after I became a widow and was searching for a "new normal." I joined WBCCI immediately after buying a 1968 Caravan on eBay in 2008. "Oh, geez, what have I done? I need help." Ten minutes after I called the president of the Central Indiana Unit of WBCCI – what's WBCCI?? – Barry and Karen Bell were standing in my kitchen. Turns out we were neighbors, so joining WBCCI was not a choice, but it has been a blessing. Airstreaming and this club have changed my life and I will never be able to repay the hospitality and camaraderie I have enjoyed with fellow Airstreamers. But I am trying.

My skill set is teaching, foreign languages, and self-taught technology. My priorities are other-oriented, and my goals are generally product-driven, so when I was asked to become a member of the Electronic Communications Committee I agreed. It has been a good fit. In my role of unit website support I have "met" hundreds of members across the country. I've gained insight into the concerns and dynamics of many units and regions and worked with the ECC to move the club's technology use forward. When I joined the ECC the club was stuck in the 19th Century, technologically. Now the ECC is serving leaders who are themselves on the leading edge of technology and moving the club in that direction. That technology use has, in part, helped propel the club from a shrinking entity to a rapidly-expanding society of passionate members. Assisting in this transition has been enormously gratifying and I am proud to be part of it.

I have been deeply involved in communications for International Rallies for 5 years – Huron, Farmington, Lewisburg, Escanaba, and now Salem. At Salem I have been the coordinator for presentations, round tables (a new format) and vendor seminars. I've also been on the International Rally Communication Teams, a texting administrator, maintained the websites, and helped with audio-visual requirements. Obviously, I'd much rather be part of the crew than part of the audience, so I enjoy working in a support role.

I've co-led two caravans and participated in others. I was trustee, "first mate" and webmaster for Central Indiana Unit before moving West and am now webmaster for Colorado Airstream Club, Region 11, and several units that do not have webmasters.

My partner Mike and I have two memberships, in the Oregon and Colorado Airstream Clubs, and three Airstreams between us. One newer, two vintage, and we are members of the Vintage Airstream Club as well. When I'm not working for the ECC I'm taking photographs, gardening, cooking, or fly fishing.

Though I've not been a unit or region officer I have been in close contact with them as they try to accomplish their technology and membership goals. As a result I feel like I have a good overview of the club's challenges at all levels and the direction in which our President and VPs are taking the club. By serving on the Nominating Committee I feel that I can use my contacts and experience within the club to find qualified and passionate members to fill leadership positions. I would be honored to be part of that process and if elected would be willing to serve.

Debbie Hammer

International Nominating Committee



Unit: Metropolitan New York Airstream Club (072)

Education:

BA Political Science CCNY, Master of Library Science Rutgers University,
Paralegal Certificate, Nassau Community College

Work Experience:

Queens Library, NYC – increasing responsible positions culminating as
Manager of the Social Sciences Division of the Library's Main
Reference Center

AFCSME – Local 1321 Vice President representing Librarians while at
Queens Library

Nassau County Bar Association - Head of Membership and Data Base
Administrator of voluntary county Bar Association

WBCCI Experience:

Bought 2006 25' Airstream Classic 50th Anniversary Edition in 2007 and
became member of Metropolitan New York Airstream Unit at first rally
attended.

Attended International Rallies in Madison, DuQuoin, Huron, Farmington,
Lewisburg, Escanaba and Salem.

Hosted Unit Rallies

Attended Region Rallies for Regions 1, 3 and 7 as well as many Region 2
Rallies

Hosted dim sum lunches in NYC Chinatown for the NYC Basecamp Rally,
2015, 2017

MetropolitanNY 1st VP 2016-2017

MetropolitanNY President 2017-2019

With husband Mark Hammer, Region 2 President, have organized and
hosted Region 2 Rallies in 2017 (NY Finger Lakes) and 2018 (Ulster
County Fairgrounds – highest attendance in recent memory).

Lifetime Membership Committee 2017-2018

Led "The Revolutionary War in the Hudson River Valley" caravan in 2012

Currently leading the "New York (State) State of Mind Caravan"

Personal:

Born, raised and still living in New York. Married to Mark (Region 2
President) for 42 years; one son, Josh and daughter-in-law Jin; dog, Buffy,
named after a famous vampire slayer.

Did You Know?

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. has eight additional
doing business as names?

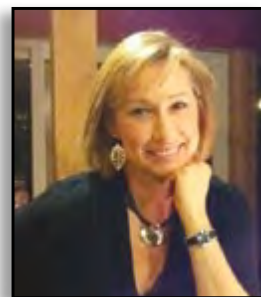
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- The Airstream Club International

Wally Byam Caravan Club, Inc. was
originally registered in the state of Ohio
as a 501(c)7 on June 21, 1957. In
December of 1963, an amendment was
filed to change the entity name to Wally
Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.
(WBCCI)



The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

Gina Eggers, #3732



April, the month we all dream of if we live in a winter climate and our Airstream is hibernating. It means planning to fill her up with pantry staples, spices and food. We all know that pre-planning at home (if you're not full-timing) can be helpful to make meal preparation a snap. But if you're full-timing, or have a full time job as I do, sometimes we are leaving right after a work day and I've no time to prep a weeks-worth of meals. Since we camp from April to October, keeping pantry staples and spices is an important key to food preparation. I'll add fresh fruits and vegetables, some salmon and chicken in the freezer, and we can be on the road. Here are some of my tips to create

delicious and interesting meals on the road, while keeping the weight and breakage down. Darn those potholes!

Spices & Herbs: I keep my most used spices close at hand in magnetized stainless steel containers on my range hood. They stay there on the worst of roads and don't take up cupboard space. I got mine at BB & Beyond

for \$1.99 each. For additional spices I bring tiny unbreakable containers (not glass jars) or purchase in ½ oz. sizes at a spice store. They take up little space, but give you multiple options for meals. You can turn chicken or fish into Mexican night tacos, chicken curry, Italian breaded chicken, chicken paprika or lemon pepper fish. Spice and seasonings are the number one ingredient needed for creative meals. I don't have to repack spices each time we travel, and I almost always have what I need. I have a list that I can give you if you'd like, just ask! Or come to the International Rally and I'll discuss it.

Pantry Staples: In addition to the standard flour & sugar (brown and white), I have these items that stay in the trailer during the season: rice, pasta, panko bread crumbs, cornmeal, oats and instant oatmeal, yeast (for cinnamon rolls or bread making), honey, maple syrup, peanut butter, lentils (there are a thousand things you can do with lentils), boxed crushed tomatoes, boxed garbanzo beans, boxed black beans and boxed soup. I stay away from cans and jars. Both too heavy and jars can break. Cans for olive oil and vegetable or other oils are better than glass so I bring those. And cider vinegar and one other flavor, like fig or raspberry. Why bring large bottles of salad dressing and use precious fridge space when you can mix olive oil and vinegar and make your own? Throw in some garlic, or herbs, parmesan cheese, etc. and you have an almost instant dressing for vegetables and salads. Baking powder, baking soda, cornstarch and chocolate chips. Nuts (usually walnuts, pecans and cashews....Cashew Chicken!) Nuts for snacking and cookies and salads. Seeds (usually pumpkin and sunflower), and in my spice cupboard are poppy seeds and sesame seeds. Now you have the makings of many meals without having to find a store in the middle of a National Park.



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How We Got Clubbed

Our Journey to the Airstream Club

Marc Nijdam, #7569

Paola and I had been eyeing Airstreams going by pretty much from the day we moved to the United States. You don't get to see something that classy rolling down the road without getting all whimsical and "what if" about it.

It wasn't until we'd been in the US for almost 15 years that we found living in sticks and bricks to be something we'd had enough of, and could do without. Living in San Francisco helped make that decision a lot easier with its skyrocketing rents, cost of ownership, and living.

Even though we could afford to live with more, we started paring back our belongings so we could focus on what mattered most to us. That includes travel, friends, family, and new experiences.

We managed to get ourselves scaled down so we could fit into a 700 square foot one bedroom apartment, and it was at that point we said, why not take this on the road instead?

We could finally get to see the rest of this great country that had been host to us for almost 20 years, we'd get to spend some quality time with our aging pup Cody, and with some work and life adjustments, we'd be able to manage our expenses to the point where we could travel full-time.

We looked at, rented, and walked through a decent number of different trailers, vans, and motor homes, but we'd seen an Airstream at one point, and there was really no avoiding how



Marc, Paola & Cody

much we liked the look and interior design.

We got our 25FB International Serenity around Thanksgiving in 2017. The dealer offered a free shakedown weekend at a resort that valiantly tried to sell brand newbies a membership to something we didn't even understand. Thankfully we turned that down and instead went on some weekend camping trips around Northern California and moved into our rig in May 2018, circling the Bay Area while I worked on changing up my job enough to be able to work remotely full-time.

We vividly recall being in the Olema Campground while I was still commuting to and from San Francisco and seeing an Airstream pull in. Then another, and a third, and a few more.

They all pulled into one of the camping circles and shortly after that people started wandering by our trailer, curiously looking to see who we were and if we'd parked in the wrong spot.

We got to talking to a few of the folks that had been stalking around our rig and laughed at the coincidence of an Airstream rally taking place right next to us.

They explained, to our wonder, that there was such a thing as a club for Airstreams, what a rally was, how they work, and that we were welcome to come and hang out without any commitments.

During a fun-filled long weekend, the ever gracious hosts Eric and LaVerne McHenry and the Greater

Bay Area Unit included us in activities, shared knowledge, food, happy hours, and regaled us with Shakespeare over campfires.



Marc Nijdam

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We found out that the club is really called WBCCI, learned about Big Red Numbers, and thankfully had some help figuring out the signup process for club membership. We'd never hear of units, regions, international, and all the associated clubs and activities before and navigating the site to find out where we would fit in and how to get there was an exercise in frustration, filling out paper forms and sending checks. We would have probably given up if it weren't for the rally folks being right there to help us out.

At the end of a fun-filled weekend, we watched our new Airstream friends roll out of the campground, with promises to hook up with them again on the way to the 2018 Region 12 rally in Las Vegas.

We left the Bay Area in September of 2018 and made our way down California's high desert, learning how to live and work on the road, while experiencing our surroundings. A few months later we hooked up with a small number of rigs that were following Eric and LaVerne as they drove across Death Valley to a Region 12 rally. I got to install our Big Red Numbers in the middle of the desert while the group cheered me on, verbally "assisting" with a beverage in hand.

The Region 12 rally was a well run, enjoyable event at a much larger scale than we were used to, and by the time we were done, we were somewhat overwhelmed and a lot more knowledgeable in what the club does, and what its challenges are.

I came away committed to helping make the club easier to find, join, and explore for newcomers like we were just a year ago. The way we explain the club to family and friends that ask is that (1) we're members of the Airstream Club, and (2) our Big Red Number doesn't only look cool, but, just like an Airstream trailer, is a conversation piece with people on the road, and an invitation to join a family of welcoming, adventurous fellow Airstreamers. We wear it with pride.

We look forward to seeing and meeting many more Big Red Numbers down the road!

Marc, Paola and Cody

BRN 7569

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Estancia, New Mexico Punkin Chunkin Rally

Marshall Hall, #12121

Every October, Estancia, a small town in central NM, is home to the Estancia Punkin Chunkin Festival. Punkins, I mean pumpkins, fly for thousands of feet propelled by various ingenious devices including giant slingshots, medieval trebuchets and 100 foot long compressed air cannons. Along with the flying pumpkins, there is an old fashioned parade, carnival, food and craft booths. When Punkin Chunkin comes around, the sleepy town transforms with thousands of visitors.

Estancia is also the location of numerous films including Convoy, Wild Hogs and the soon to be released Netflix series Messiah. Nearby attractions include Manzano State Park, 4th of July Campground and the Salinas Pueblo National Monument.

Camping for this year's rally was at yours truly's property on 40 acres with a 360 view of the Manzano Mountains to the west, Sangre de Cristo mountains to the north, San Francisco Mountains to the south and a vast expanse of



Punkin Chunkin

open land and sky. A telescope was set up to view the dark night sky.

On Friday the group had dinner at a local restaurant. After the pumpkins had all landed,

there was a virtual feast at a potluck dinner not to mention Sunday morning breakfast. There were six trailers, half long time caravaners and half new members.



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We're About to Have a New Look: WBCCI Website Upgrade Project

Eric McHenry (Region 12 2nd VP, International 3rd VP candidate)



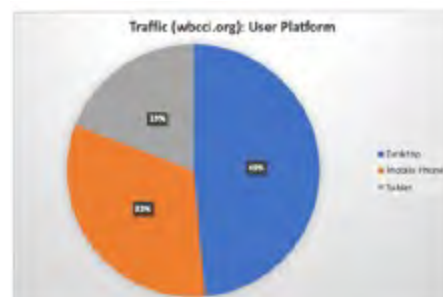
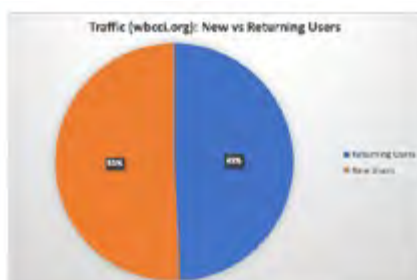
Great news: at the January International Board of Trustees meeting in Robertsdale, AL, a project was approved to design and launch a new website, replacing the current wbcci.org. After discussion with the Executive Committee and Region Officers, the project goals were identified to include:

- Significantly improve the user experience with a new, modern design.
- Implement a design that allows easy use across smartphones, tablets and desktops.
- American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and support for visual impairments.
- Begin work to implement a consolidated calendar for all WBCCI events, including the ability for easy self-service updates by Regions and Clubs (Units).
- Implement modern, easy to implement brand-consistent templates for Region and Club (Unit) sites.
- Lay the groundwork for a second project that will replace the aging membership management database used by our corporate offices, plus develop a self-service member-portal.



Current Website Usage Trends:

During development the team took a close look at users accessing our current wbcci.org. What we found was that approximately 50% of visitors to wbcci.org were new, versus returning users. In addition, we found that while 49% of our website visitors used a desktop computer, an equal amount used mobile platforms (e.g. smartphones and tablets). This data underscores the website goals of presenting information both for current and potential members, plus a design that is optimized for our traveling members.



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We're About to Have a New Look:

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Project Oversight and Schedule:

Eric McHenry (Region 12 2nd VP) was assigned to lead the project, working closely with Lori Plummer (WBCCI Corporate Manager), Mona Heath (International 1st VP), Marc Nijdam (Member at Large) and a six-person Steering Committee comprised of Region Officers plus Andy Selking (International 2nd VP).

The project development schedule is aggressive, with the following milestones:



More information will be posted as the development proceeds. For questions or comments, please reach out to Eric at eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net

In Memoriam

The officers and members of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. express their sympathy to the families and friends of these departed members.

Burger, Dale (172-MO).....#1795

Fuller, John (167-CT).....#318

Region Past President

Kelley, Frank (037-ME).....#1939

Martin, Carol (053-FL).....#29178

Poague, Robert (112-WA).....#3280

Polzin, Dennis (112-WA).....#2927

Did You Know?

In an effort to make it easier for potential members to find us, we are in the process of transitioning our websites (URLs) from wbcci.net to airstreamclub.net.

69% of the Regions, clubs/Units, and Intra Clubs that have been contacted are completed. The others are in process or scheduled to be contacted with only one declining the transition to airstreamclub.net.

URL change is completely optional and is for the sole benefit of our current and future members; nor does it change your official club name.

Thank you to Damon Beals, Carolyn Beardshear and Bob Manak for volunteering your time to assist the webmasters in this transition.

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Virgil and Grace Golden (Heritage Number 692)

We have previously discussed a few of the pioneering WBCCI members that have had their WBCCI numbers converted to Heritage Numbers. This month we'll discuss another couple whose WBCCI number has been so recognized, #692 Virgil and Grace Golden of Salem, OR. Before their retirements, Virgil was a funeral director and Grace was a registered nurse. According to their son Tom, Virgil and Grace were a quiet couple who would be surprised at this attention.

The Golden's had traveling in their blood, beginning with local trips in a pop-up tent camper in the 1930s and evolving into Airstream Caravans with Wally Byam and the WBCCI in the 1950s and 1960s. Virgil was fond of saying "You only die once, and I'm not going to sit home and wait for it." After three Airstream Caravans to Canada, the Golden's really got adventurous and signed up for the 1959-60 African Caravan. They were one of seven couples that participated on both groundbreaking caravans that have been recognized for Heritage Number status: the **1959-60 Africa – Holy Land Caravan** (a.k.a. Cape Town to Cairo), and the **1963-64 Around the World Caravan** (see sidebar). In total, this pioneering couple participated on eight important early caravans:

- 9 – Western Canada Summer 1956
- 13 – Eastern Canada Summer 1957
- 18 – Western Canada Summer 1958
- 20 – Africa-Holy Land 1959-60
- 24 – Europe Summer 1960
- 29 – Mexico Winter 1962



Virgil and Rig in Africa

- Highroaders Caravan to Panama 1963
- 35 – Around the World 1963-64

For the **1959-60 African Caravan**, the Golden's purchased a 4x4 International Travelall to pull their 1957 22' Airstream Caravanner, and brought along their 19-year-old son Lee, to help them drive. The Golden's



The Golden's Rig Near Khartoum, Sudan



Grace at Customs in the Belgian Congo

arrived in Cape Town, South Africa on July 11, 1959 to become part of the 106 people and 41 Airstreams (plus 3 support trucks) to assemble for the African Caravan. On July 17, 1959 they departed Cape Town bound for Cairo, Egypt and their African Caravan was officially under way.



Virgil, Grace and Rig at the Equator in Uganda, Africa

This caravan was hard on people, Airstreams, and trucks. Rigs had to be pulled thru the mud by hand. Roads were repaired by the caravanners. Tires went flat and axles, springs, and other parts broke on trucks and Airstreams. The Golden's Airstream even had to be bolted back down to the frame using custom U-bolts that were fabricated in Africa. Such repairs were very common, possibly explaining why not many African Caravan Airstreams are known to still exist today. To make the trip even more challenging, Virgil, Grace and Lee were frequently sick during the caravan. These types of hardships caused some caravanners to drop out along the way, but the Goldens were hardy and persevered to meet Pygmies and the giant Watusi tribe and see all the wildlife and natural beauty that Africa had to offer. For maximum adventure, the Goldens were one of only seven caravan families to tow their Airstream across the Nubian Desert in Sudan (accompanied by the three support trucks and one other caravan tow vehicle without its trailer), rather than ship around it on railcars with the main body of the caravan. Despite everyone constantly getting stuck in the sand and breaking parts on their trucks and trailers, they made it 580 miles across the Nubian Desert sand in 9 days. The Goldens were then one of 29 Airstreams out of the original 41 to camp below the Pyramids in Giza, Egypt. They arrived in Cairo on February 6, 1960, a full two months later than originally planned.

This completed the "Cape Town to Cairo" portion of the "Africa – Holy Land" Caravan, but the Goldens were not done! They were among the 20 Airstreams and 3 support trucks to ship from Alexandria, Egypt to Beirut, Lebanon to begin the "Holy Land" portion of the caravan thru Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, to rendezvous with the 1960 European Caravan in Trieste, Italy on April 27, 1960. During this generally forgotten portion of the "Africa – Holy Land" Caravan, the

Goldens visited the biblical towns of Damascus and Jerusalem in Syria, camped among the Roman Ruins in Jerash, Jordan (a feat that would be repeated four years later during the Around the World Caravan) and crossed from Asia to Europe

by ferry across the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, Turkey.

The Goldens continued with the 1960 European Caravan for a while before breaking away to explore Europe at a quicker pace on their own. They visited Austria, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Holland before shipping home on July 15, 1960. In total, the Goldens were on African, Asian, and European soil for just over one continuous year for this grand adventure!

Fast forward a few years. For the upcoming **1963-64 Around the World Caravan**, the Goldens custom ordered a 1963 24' Tradewind Airstream and received it in October, 1962. This Airstream was equipped with optional tandem axles and "scare lights" on all four sides. These and other custom features were meant to deal with the challenging conditions they would face going around the world.

As a "shake down" trip for their new Airstream, the Goldens participated on the first caravan of Airstream trailers to drive all the way to Panama: the January-April, 1963 **Highroaders Caravan to Panama**. While some



The Goldens Get a Tow in Thailand during the ATWC

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caravanners on the 1951 and 1958 Central American Caravans had reached Panama by plane after driving to Managua, Nicaragua, none had made it all the way to Panama pulling their Airstreams until this informal 1963 caravan. The Highroaders Caravan was a group of 28 Airstreams and 56 people, all WBCCI members, that made this trip while neither being sponsored by Airstream, nor WBCCI. Their name came from the fact that they would take the "high road", reaching 11,000 feet, through Central America on their way to Panama. The roads on this caravan were rough – a good simulation of the primitive roads they would encounter going around the world.

Getting back to the **1963-64 Around the World Caravan (ATWC)**, the Golden family arrived in Singapore on October 16, 1963, and their Airstream and new 4x4 International Travelall arrived a few days later. On October 24, 1963 they departed Singapore to begin this epic overland journey as part of a caravan of



At the India Gate in New Delhi



On the Road in Iran

and traveling on the Khyber Pass road to Afghanistan while hoping no one would shoot at them. They were amply rewarded. They saw Angkor Wat in Cambodia, the Taj Mahal in India, the Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow; they rode elephants and camels; they met Maharajahs and Ambassadors; and they entertained locals in their Airstreams. The Golden family continued with the ATWC almost to its end, shipping home from Holland on September 14, 1964. This time they were only on Asian and European soil for about 11 months.

Their first destination upon arrival in the USA was Jackson Center for a few days of trailer repairs, though this Airstream had fared much better than their African trailer (which was ready for the scrap heap at the end of that caravan). The Golden family continued to use their ATWC Airstream for the remainder of their trailering days. Eventually, it was sold and its whereabouts were lost to time.



Virgil and Grace after the ATWC

The Airstream travel bug goes far deeper in the Golden family than just Virgil and Grace. Besides their son Lee accompanying them on the African Caravan, son Tom and wife Ethelwyne purchased an Airstream in 1995 and joined WBCCI being assigned membership number 16921 (notice Tom's parents "692" embedded in their number!). Tom and Ethelwyne participated on a historic Airstream caravan of their own, Airstream Company Caravan 255A – **50th Anniversary Caravan to Central America and Panama** in 2001, seeing some of the same sights Virgil and Grace had seen on their trip to Panama in 1963!

A few years ago, Tom and Ethelwyne decided to try to find Virgil and Grace's ATWC Airstream and buy it back. This multi-year hunt finally came to fruition just a few weeks before the 2018 International Rally in their home town of Salem, OR. After re-purchase, Tom gave the trailer a good cleaning and brought it "as found" to be part of the ATWC Airstream display at the International Rally.



Tom and Ethelwyne with the ATWC Trailer in Salem
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Caravanning Tech Tips - Part 1

CARAVANNING. We have gone back into the archives and have updated a lengthy article about **caravanning**. Some of this article is in first person – as it was written. It will take several issues to get all of this to you.

Article outline: Rest stops, electrical, tires and wheels, hitches and tow bars, batteries and chargers, surge guards, autotransformers, brakes, furnaces and water heaters, refrigerators, air conditioners, water systems, sewer systems, hinges, bearings and steps, generators.

Please note: We have an index to related articles that you can find if you go to “wbcci.org”, then to “about wbcci”, then to “maint. info.” If you have a specific area that you would like help finding, we are available at techhelp@wbcci.org. If you have additional questions, please remember that we are always available at techhelp@wbcci.org. Happy trails to you. See you, **safely**, down the road.

The purpose of this document is to help you be prepared with spare parts, special tools and knowledge to minimize any unhappy experiences the next time you use your Airstream. Even if you are a klutz and have no ability to do any repairs you can usually find several helpers who will be happy to assist you. However, you are responsible for having the spare parts and supplies that are necessary for your Airstream.

Rest Stops

When on the road most of us stop every two or three hours to stretch our legs. We should take this opportunity to check a few things on the Airstream and tow (or towed) vehicle. This should become a routine safety check at every rest stop.

1. A quick look at each tire to see if any have low air pressure. Do not forget the inside tire on dual axels. I like to give these a kick to be sure they still have good pressure. Truckers use a tire iron and listen for the sound. If you think you have a low tire, use your tire pressure gauge that spans the pressures on your vehicle and check. If you don't have a 12V tire pump, someone in the caravan will have one.

2. Check the wheel hubs temperature to see if any of them are hotter than normal. Be careful because they could be extremely hot if you have a defective wheel bearing or a dragging brake shoe. Before touching the

hub get close enough to feel the radiated heat (use the back of your hand). Excessive heat on any tire hub means you have a serious problem that must be fixed before you can continue your journey.

3. Inspect the hitch, coupling and A-frame for any loose bolts.

4. Check the main electrical and breakaway cable connections.

5. Check the lug nut torque on your wheels if you have gone 200 miles since the last check.

Electrical

Three out of five problems are usually due to electrical connections or component failures. **Check the connections first.** After about 15 years, my first motor home was getting more and more difficult to start after the engine was warmed up and then turned off at a rest stop. I checked the chassis grounding strap. You guessed it - corrosion, rust and a loose

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mounting bolt. Cleaned, scraped the area, replaced the worn terminal, installed new lock washers and it started like new, hot or cold. Remember, our Airstreams are in water, rain, dirt, corrosive atmosphere and regularly get a good shake up. They often sit for months at a time, which only exacerbates the corrosion problem. Only a protected and physically strong joint can survive the rigors our Airstreams are subjected too. The only environment that is more severe is a boat operating in salt water. Nautical supply stores will carry the best hardware, the best fixtures, the best batteries, the best chargers and the best lubricants. If you cannot find the right switch that can handle large current loads, check the local nautical supply store (or go online). Probably the finest lubricant you can purchase for protecting electrical connections, in your Airstream and tow vehicle, is Silicon Dielectric. Nautical supply stores and quality auto supply stores, all carry this excellent product. This grease-type lubricant is useable on all electrical joints. It waterproofs the joint and ensures good electrical contact. Put a thin coating over all your battery terminals, tighten the connections, cover them with a terminal protection spray and they will never corrode. In fact, coat all your high current junction points with Silicon Dielectric.

One of the most important connections is to your **trailer brake magnet coils**. The proper way to do this is as follows:

1. Strip the wire ends (using a proper wire-stripping device for the wire size).
2. Clean the ends and trim to proper length for a butt crimp connector.
3. Put a drop of Silicon Dielectric in each end.
4. Before crimping, slip a piece of shrinkable tubing over one of the wires.
5. Crimp the connector using the proper size tool.
6. Using a heat gun or hair dryer apply heat to the tubing so it shrinks around the connector and makes a waterproof connection. Proper connections require wire strippers and crimping tools that are sized for both the wire and connector size you are using. These are inexpensive and mandatory for a good connection.

When changing a terminal, use the same procedure as above; strip the proper length of wire, add a spot of Silicon Dielectric, properly crimp and shrink tubing to waterproof the connection (if not part of the connector). Purchase a supply of different terminal types, butt connectors and shrink tubing. RVs use multi-strand wire for all connections including 120V AC plugs. The connections must be flexible to withstand the RV vibration environment. Single strand solid wire is fine for your home or any environment that will not be subject to shock and vibration, but not for your RV. Harbor freight has a good selection for this stuff including a

two-speed heat gun for \$10. If the connection is rusted or corroded, then change it. This will become one of your most valuable repair tools. Let us review:

Wire Connection Needs

- Tube of Silicon Dielectric. Depending on the size of the Silicon Dielectric tube, this should cost about \$25 and provide enough material for many repairs.
- Box of different size and type terminals and butt connectors (hooks two wires together)
- Wire stripper/crimping tool to handle several popular wire sizes
- Various size heat-shrink tubing
- Heat gun, (a hair dryer in a pinch) or the careful application of matches
- Several sizes of stranded copper wire (14 GA and 12 GA are most popular)

Using wire nut connections for your electric brakes can be a recipe for disaster unless you regularly check them. As a minimum they should have both rubber locking covers and be wrapped with friction tape.

About 4 years ago, I went out to hook up my Airstream shore power cable to get everything charged up and ready for my weekend rally. There was no 110V AC in the rig. OK at the house wall socket, OK at the extension output, OK at the wire box into the motor home, but no voltage at the input to the electric panel. I decided to check the connections inside the main RV power input box. This is where the 30A input line is connected to the inside electric lines. I turned a wire nut to see if it was tight. It would just turn and not get tight. All three input lines had the wrong size wire nuts. They were one size too big. I changed to the proper size and taped the entire connection with electrical tape and the problem was solved. This was part of the unit's manufacture and it took seven years of operation before the problem showed up. Wire nuts are fine in your home, but all the shaking, vibration and corrosion make them high failure rate items.

Grounds, grounds, grounds! Look at the ground connections. Most wiring failures are due to poor ground connections. Rusted, corroded or just loose grounds are always a problem. This is particularly true for RV appliances that are mounted with the electronics exposed to the outside elements. Always check your 12-volt ground lead to any appliance or light first. If the terminal is corroded, put on a new one. Clean and scrape the area, including any paint, to ensure a good ground and add a toothed washer. Use a wire brush and a scotch brite pad to clean the area. For larger areas with heavy rust a small file or wire brush may be needed. If the self-

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tapping screw you removed from the terminal cannot be tightened, then throw it away. Put in the next larger self-tapping screw and add a little dab of Silicon Dielectric before you tighten it. If this does not work, drill a new hole for the ground and clean the paint away. Just be careful you do not drill into anything important. If it is a screw-and-nut combination, be sure there is a lock washer. The proper procedure is a toothed washer between the connector and the ground on the screw head side and a lock washer under the nut. If the connector is under the nut, then a toothed washer in contact with the ground area followed by the connector then a regular washer, lock washer and the nut. A connection without the proper washers is a future problem. Much of the 110V AC wiring in the coach will use wire nuts or screw type clamps. They should either have a special rubber cover that locks the nut on so that it will not vibrate loose or be wrapped with electrical friction tape (I prefer both). Running lights that do not work are usually caused by corroded sockets, which should be cleaned and then spread with our famous silicon stuff.

I recently ran into the best butt connectors I have ever seen. They are available from NAPA and provide both a crimp and a solder connection. There is a low temperature solder inside the connector. After the crimp, you apply heat to the metal and the solder flows and gives you an unbeatable connection. The entire terminal is then covered with heat shrinkable tubing, so the heat gun provides the final weatherproofing. They are expensive, at about \$1 each, but will work quite well for electric brake connections. You cannot beat a solder joint that is in an area where it will be subject to severe vibration and is properly done. If you overheat a joint, some of the solder can be drawn up the wire strands (wicking). This effectively turns your wire into a solid conductor and defeats the purpose for using stranded wire. The heat shrinkable tubing provides protection and some mechanical rigidity to the connection while still minimizing the effects of vibration.

After corrosion, the second usual failure mode is the breakage of the wires where they enter the connector. For the best reliability, you should provide mechanical support for your connections and wire bundles with wire ties and/or clamps.

Happy trails to you. See you, safely, down the road.

To be continued next month.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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Tom and Ethelwyne have since entrusted this historic trailer to a friend for restoration back to its ATWC glory, with the goal to preserve and restore every original piece possible rather than replace and update. We can hope to see the finished product at select WBCCI events in the future. It will be a fitting tribute to #692 Virgil and Grace Golden, a couple of truly pioneering WBCCI members!

Seven Amazing Couples

Both the 1959-60 **African Caravan** and the 1963-64 **Around the World Caravan** (ATWC) have been recognized by having the WBCCI numbers of their participants converted to Heritage Numbers. These were the two longest, most expensive, and most challenging caravans ever offered. It is amazing that seven couples participated on both of these groundbreaking adventures:

- #598 – Joe & Lydia (Toots) Bos, Marshalltown, IA
- #627 – Guy & Louise Hawks, Louisville, KY
- #692 – Virgil & Grace Golden, Salem, OR
- #747 – Darrel & Janis Diamond, La Mesa, CA
- #2201 – Elmer & Ida Benham, Coquille, OR
- #2279/329 – Val & Mary Sutcliffe:
 - Africa: WBCCI #2279, Boulder, CO
 - ATWC: WBCCI #329, Okmulgee, OK
- #2421 – John & Ruth Edgar, Ramona, CA

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Doswell, Virginia

Lew Brodsky #2585



It's April 2019, so there are only three months to go until Virginia plays host to the 62nd International Rally of the Wally Byam Airstream Club! This is the fourth in a series of six Blue Beret articles about Virginia places of interest to visit before, during or after attending the Doswell, VA, Rally.

In the previous Blue Beret articles, we've described points of interest for day trips within about 35 miles of Doswell and major attractions for extended sightseeing that lie to the west and southeast of the rally site. This month, we will examine some significant places to the north and east, with a focus on Virginia's "Northern Neck," the large peninsula between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers. There is tag line associated with this area - visitors are encouraged to "Experience the Road Less Traveled." Here you will not find large population areas or busy major tourist attractions. The towns and waterways in a northeasterly direction from Doswell are decidedly calm, sleepy and rural, but you will find there a few unique gems worth your time. Each is listed on the chart which accompanies this article.

First, let's ignore most of what lies to the north in this article because we'll be covering how best to visit Metropolitan Washington, D.C., in Article #6 (to be printed in the June 2019 Blue Beret). But we've included in this month's article one northerly destination that we think is well worth



USMC Museum Interior

a day trip from Doswell: the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Just drive 55 miles north on I-95 and it's hard to miss, because the building is an architectural marvel spectacularly visible from the travel lanes of the highway. Its angled spire juts skyward in an abstract reminder of the famous

photo showing the flag raising on Iwo Jima in February 1945. Located just a stone's throw east of I-95, off Exit 150, it has a large, free parking area, big enough for tow vehicles with trailer attached. Admission is free. Once inside, visitors are treated to videos and interactive displays which explain the history of the U.S. Marine Corps. You can wander for hours through areas with life-size dioramas of famous battles, complete with sound effects, uniformed mannequins, and simulated climates. Vintage planes, helicopters, tanks, and armored vehicles are featured inside. Volunteer docents are retired Marine veterans. Also, don't miss the movie "We, the Marines," (there is an admission fee), shown in the new, Medal

of Honor Theater - a giant screen audio-surround sound experience (think "IMAX"). There is a cafeteria and restaurant on the premises and, for Airstreamers who have military I.D.s (Active, Guard, Reserve or Retired), a commissary and Base Exchange are located on the adjacent Quantico Marine Corps Base.

The glorious military history of the Marine Corps is exciting to absorb, and the film, "We the Marines," will get your heart pumping, but if you prefer to spend time in a more tranquil, rural setting, Virginia's Northern Neck may be just the place. Head northeast and east from Doswell and cross the Rappahannock River onto the Neck. You can camp at one of two Virginia State Parks: Westmoreland, along the south bank of the Potomac River, is a large recreational park with wooded sites. Further east, along the Rappahannock, is the smaller and more remote, Belle Isle State Park. Either park may be used as a base from which to tour points of interest in the Northern Neck, such as:



Stratford Hall

Stratford Hall is near the town of Montross in Westmoreland County. A plantation of the 18th & 19th Centuries, Stratford is the ancestral home of the

Lee family of Virginia. It was the boyhood home of two signers of the Declaration of Independence: Francis Lightfoot Lee and Richard Henry Lee. In its brick mansion, called the "Great House," Confederate General Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 to Anne Hill Carter and Light Horse Harry Lee (Washington's heroic Revolutionary War cavalry commander). The house has period furnishings and costumed docents to guide you through it while explaining the history of the Lee family. You can walk the gardens, grounds, and visit the outbuildings. There is also a museum with artifacts in the site's modern Visitor Center and a good restaurant on the premises.

Nearby is the birthplace of Virginia's most famous historical figure. George Washington Birthplace National Monument lies along the Potomac, about 10 miles west of Stratford Hall. Operated by the National Park Service, this is the colonial tobacco plantation where America's foremost founding father and first president was born in 1732. The original house



George Washington Birthplace Memorial

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62nd Wally Byam Airstream Club INTERNATIONAL RALLY July 20-27, 2019 🐾 Doswell, Virginia

REGISTRATION

Rally Fees – \$265.00 for an RV On-Site with 30amp electric, water and pump outs; \$110.00 for each Adult (18+); \$40.00 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under). There will be two (2) other camping options: #1 – **Solar Area** (no generators permitted) and #2 – **Generator Area** where usage will be allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All options include water and pump outs. Lifetime Member Discount \$20.00 (limit 1 per registration).

Handicapped Parking – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members with a doctor-approved state/government issued permit on file with the Corporate Manager of WBCCI prior to arriving at the rally site.

Pre-Registrations – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registering for the rally will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of **\$2,000.00** in awards. The award may be redeemed at any *Airstream Dealership* or at the *Jackson Center Service Facility* for parts and service.

Staging Area – We will make every attempt to park you on your assigned parking date. Members may park from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Members arriving after 8 p.m. may stay in the Staging Area with no services.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests emailed to rally@wbcci.org by May 25, 2019 will receive a refund less a \$50.00 administrative fee. Refund requests received on or after May 26, 2019 are subject to a 50% penalty. **NO** refunds after July 6, 2019.

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RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$
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Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Solar Camping Discount	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ -50.00	\$
Generator Camping Discount	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ -50.00	\$
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$- 20.00	\$
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If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the chair by email.

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was lost to fire in 1779, but a replica "Memorial House" was built on the site in the 1930s, near the original home's foundation. Today, the Park Service maintains the property as a working colonial plantation. There is a good Visitor Center with introductory film and museum.

Elsewhere on the Northern Neck are two unique historical sites worth a look. Close to Belle Isle State Park, Historic Christ Church and Museum in Lancaster County was a gift to the community by Robert "King" Carter, the wealthiest Virginia planter of the 18th Century. The church is an architectural masterpiece and National Historic Landmark. It stands today in superb condition and is virtually unchanged since 1735. It features



Christ Church Pulpit

uniquely shaped soaring walls, beautiful brick work, and molded brick doorways. The interior has vaulted ceilings, large windows, a walnut altarpiece and colonial Virginia's only surviving high-back box pews. It also has one of only two triple-decker pulpits to survive from the period; community announcements were made from the bottom tier, gospels read from the middle tier, and sermons delivered from the top. In a separate building there is an introductory film and spacious museum.

About 33 miles away in Warsaw, VA, is a colonial era building that is most definitely NOT in superb condition.

Menokin, built in 1769, will remain in ruins. But this is purposeful. It was the home of Declaration signer Francis Lightfoot Lee (see Stratford Hall, above). But after more than two centuries, the brick house, which sits on 500 acres of property, was abandoned. It deteriorated, was vandalized and has partially collapsed. Recently, in what has been labeled "the most engaging preservation project in America," a foundation has undertaken a very unconventional approach to preserving the historic ruins, not by rebuilding the house, but by replacing missing portions of the crumbling walls with huge glass walls. This is a work in progress. As explained by one of the Menokin Foundation's consulting advisory architects: "If you were to reconstruct the house, you'd cover up some of the most interesting parts. With glass, we can actually see how an 18th-century building comes together." Contact the Foundation for a tour of this one-of-a-kind project.



Menokin

In the May issue of the Blue Beret, we will take a look at more places to go, things to do, and wonders to behold in the great Commonwealth of Virginia.



Virginia Points of Interest Driving EAST & NORTHEAST from The Meadow Event Park	# miles from Doswell (Est. driving time)	Website	GPS Coordinates
National Museum of the Marine Corps 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway (U.S. 1) Triangle, VA 22172 877-653-1775 Admission is free, ample free parking Fee for "GIANT SCREEN" film: "We, the Marines"	55.8 (north) (52 min.) via I-95 north to Exit 150	Find their website on Google.	38.54331N -77.33891W
Stratford Hall (built in the late 1730s) Ancestral home of the Lee family of Virginia & birthplace of Robert E. Lee 483 Great House Road Stratford, VA 22558 804-493-8038	56.8 (northeast) (62 min.) via U.S. 301 & SR 3	www.stratfordhall.org	38.14616N -76.84721W Entry gate
Washington's Birthplace National Monument (U.S. Park Service) 1732 Popes Creek Road Colonial Beach, VA 22443 800-224-1732, ext. 227	50.9 (northeast) (55 min.) via U.S. 301 & SR 3	www.nps.gov/gewa/index.htm	38.18388N -76.92018W
Historic Christ Church & Museum 420 Christ Church Road Weems, VA 22576 804-438-6855	75.2 (east) (85 min.) via SR 30, 33, 14 & 3	www.christchurch1735.org	37.68027N -76.42343W Parking area
Menokin (1769) Preservation Project Ruins of Francis Lightfoot Lee's home 4037 Menokin Road Warsaw, VA 22572 804-333-1776 Call for tour appointment	48.7 (east) (57 min.) via SR 30 & U.S. 360	www.menokin.org	38.00674N -76.79823W
Westmoreland State Park (camping) 145 Cliff Road Montross, VA 22520 804-493-8821 W/E sites, Dump station	53.8 (northeast) (54 min.) via U.S. 301 & SR 3	www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/	37.23524N -76.63939W Entrance to parking areas
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Rally Tours in Doswell, Virginia

Ann Newman #3388

Have you been reading Lew Brodsky's articles on points of interest near Doswell? If so, you know the most difficult part of my job has been to narrow down the places for tours! **Bus Tours** are being offered through the Caroline County Tourism office and include transportation, admission to the attractions and professional guides. Look for the registration form in this Blue Beret.

In order to help you see more of Virginia's attractions, we have also planned **Group Driving Tours** and **DIY Tours**. For information and registration for these, check online at <https://doswell.wbcci.net> under the tab Things To Do. This is also the best place to find up to date information on tour availability and new tours. Registration will be available during the rally for some tours. If a tour fills up, additional tours may be added, so keep checking!

Registration begins on April 1 and ends June 15.

FYI - Unfortunately for us, Metro is renovating several stations this summer. The stations closest to us south of National Airport will all be closed.

Doswell Bus Tours

Courtesy of Caroline County Department of Tourism



Tour 1 Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy, Arlington Cemetery, "Windshield" Tour only of D.C. Monuments and Capital Area

Monday, July 22, 8:30 to 6:00

The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM)'s annex at Washington Dulles International Airport in the Chantilly area of Fairfax County, Virginia. It has over 760,000 square feet for up close access to the world's most important aviation treasures - including the Space Shuttle Discovery, the Enola Gay aircraft and the MQF Airstream Trailer. With a blend of gently sloped walkways, viewing areas, conveniently located elevators, food court and well-versed guides, the Udvar-Hazy offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Have you ever touched a wheel of an actual space shuttle?

From the Udvar-Hazy, the tour continues to Arlington National Cemetery. Here your choices include a leisurely stroll through the sacred grounds or boarding a narrated open-air tram. Either way, viewing historical markers from this nation's wars and conflicts to the final resting place of the Kennedys, this emotional tour will be most elevated by an opportunity to witness one of the most sacred customs of the United States Military at

the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The ceremonial Changing of the Guard that occurs every 30 minutes since 1937, this Tomb has been guarded 365 days a year, every minute of every day.

As the luxury motor coach departs Arlington, VA, a "**windshield**" tour of the Capital Building, the Washington Mall, the Lincoln and Jefferson Monuments will provide the end to a very patriotic day.

Book your seats early, as this Tour is **certain** to sell-out. If it does, a potential second tour may be offered on Thursday, July 25.

Ticket Price \$43



Tour 2 The Battle of Chancellorsville & the Mortal Wounding of Gen. Stonewall Jackson

Monday, July 22, 8:30 to 5:30

Join us for a narrated tour of the Chancellorsville Visitor Center and Battlefield. A historian from the National Park will board the bus for a very in-depth and interesting tour - including the story of the mortal wounding of General Stonewall Jackson. Then ride to downtown historic Fredericksburg for **lunch on your own**. Back on the bus, the tour will continue to the Jackson Shrine to see the original house and other structures present at the time of Jackson's passing. The tour then heads south to the Town of Bowling Green to the Sidney E. King Arts Center which houses the original murals commissioned by the National Park Service for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Battlefields. A reception and wine tasting featuring local Sassafra Winery will end your day.

Ticket Price \$41 all-inclusive of fees, admissions, guide & wine reception



Tour 3 Escape of the Assassins?

Tuesday, July 23, 9:00 to 5:30

So much has been written and rewritten about one of the most tragic episodes in our Civil War history - the assassination of President Lincoln at Ford's Theater in Washington D.C. This tour will lay the groundwork for those that conspired to kidnap; for those that thought they could escape; for those that were killed, and certainly for those that were hung.

The Surratt House (Museum) is located in Clinton (formally Surrattsville), MD. The house named for Mary Surratt, has remained in remarkable condition since the events of 1865 - with many of the original artifacts

Rally Tours in Doswell, Virginia

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associated with John Wilkes Booth and his co-conspirator David Harold. Our tour will travel to Clinton, MD, to retrace the escape route of the assassins as they rode through the countryside, to the Potomac River, into King George, VA, across the Rappahannock River, into Port Royal - to the actual house where he sought refuge - then south to the Garrett Farm in Caroline County. The Town of Bowling Green in Caroline County plays a major part in the capture and killing of the conspirators. History will tell us that Booth died at the Garrett Farm, however - many still believe he escaped from the burning barn.

Our narrated tour will provide insight to the route and choices made. Although nothing of the Garrett Farm site has survived the building of U.S. Route 301 and the acquisition of the property by the U.S. Army for Fort A.P. Hill—you will have an opportunity to understand the detail of one of the darkest moments in our history.

Not a better way to end this day than a wine tasting reception, in the town of Bowling Green, at the Sidney E. King Museum and Caroline Historical Society. Our local Sassafra Winery will be on hand to serve, providing an “acquisition” opportunity as well.

Stay tuned for more information on a potential lunch (on your own) to enjoy a renowned eatery where only the locals have eaten for generations - Capt. Billy's! Ever “picked a crab”???

Ticket Price \$50 all-inclusive of fees, admissions, guide & wine reception.



Tour 4 Assassin Trail in Caroline County Plus the Story of the Lovings

Wednesday, July 24, 12:30 to 5:00

This half day, very special narrated bus tour follows the Caroline County flight and escape path of John Wilkes Booth as he traveled to his death. You will tour the town of Port Royal, a colonial village located on the banks of the Rappahannock River and experience the Booth saga from the house where he sought refuge to artifacts he left behind. From there we travel south to the town of Bowling Green for the Sidney E. King Arts Center housing the original battlefield murals commissioned by the National Park Service-Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Military Park. As an added bonus, you will see firsthand the historic buildings from jail to courtroom that forever changed the laws of interracial marriage in the United States. By the unanimous vote of the U.S. Supreme Court - *The Loving v. Virginia*, on June 12, 1967, Caroline County native born Mildred Jeter and Richard Loving's marriage was no longer punishable by jail. A reception featuring our local Sassafra Winery will end your day.

Ticket Price \$37 all-inclusive of fees, admissions, guide & wine reception.

The registration form for these Bus Tours is available in this Blue Beret and online at doswell.wbcci.net under the tab Things to Do.

Hotel in Doswell

Quality Inn & Suites
23500 Welcome Way Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
Phone: 804-448-3750

Rally rates are \$65 for a King or 2 Queens, \$5 extra person.
Reservations must be made by Monday, June 17.

Identify yourself as Airstream WBCCI when making reservations to receive these rates.



Please provide the following information to secure your reservation for the tour(s) indicated

Tour Reservation Deadline June 1, 2019

All credit cards processed on June 15, 2019

No refunds after June 15. Tickets are transferable.

Tour #1 Air & Space Museum, Arlington Cemetery Monday July 22 8:30 to 6:00 # tickets _____ X \$43 = total _____
Drive by Lincoln Memorial/Capital

Tour #2 The Battle of Chancellorsville Monday July 22 9:00 to 5:30 # tickets _____ X \$41 = total _____
Mortal Wounding of Gen. Stonewall Jackson

Tour #3 Surratt Museum, King George Co. Tuesday, July 23 8:30 to 5:30 # tickets _____ X \$50 = total _____
Port Royal, Bowling Green

Tour #4 Assassin Trail in Caroline County Wednesday, July 24 12:30 to 5:00 # tickets _____ X \$37 = total _____
Plus The Lovings' Story

TOTAL FOR ALL _____

Names

Preferred Name(s) on tag(s)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail

Method of Payment: _____ Check* _____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ Discover TOTAL: \$ _____

*Checks are accepted and should be made payable to: Caroline County Tourism

Card number

Exp. Date (MM/YY)

Security Code

Signature

Date

Credit Card Billing Zip Code

You have several choices regarding your reservation:

Call 804-633-3490

Caroline County Visitor Center, we will take your reservation over the phone

Fax 804-633-2489

This completed form for your reservation

Mail Form to

Caroline Department of Economic Development & Tourism

23724 Rogers Clark Blvd

Ruther Glen, VA 22546

E-MAIL form to

rubyc@co.caroline.va.us. **Do not include Credit Card info in the e-mail, we will call!!**

For additional information: Kathy Beard, Tourism Manager, 804-633-4074, or email kbeard@co.caroline.va.us

Antsy McClain



Antsy McClain brings his unique blend of music and “humor with heart” to the stage, combining his original songs with a hilarious slide show, including Antsy’s own life observations, social commentary and imaginary sponsors from his home town trailer park of Pine View Heights. As a master storyteller with the likes of PBS, NPR and TEDTalks under his belt, Antsy includes humorous and serious songs in his shows. Songs such as “One Less Trailer Here in Pine View Heights,” “My Baby Whistles When She Walks,” and “The Junk Drawer of Your Heart,” are keenly humorous observations about love and loss, while his more serious songs, like “Field Trip,” “I’m Everyone,” or “Falling in Love in America,” are more akin to personal journal entries written in the act of living. It’s this tightrope walk between humor and heart that makes Antsy McClain a true original.

Antsy McClain’s newest album (his 15th), “Under the Light of a Quarter Moon,” was started as a collaboration with his friend Pete Huttlinger, who died before the album’s completion. Dedicated to Pete, and including a wonderful cast of players, the album has been called Antsy’s deepest and most sincere

to date. Rich storytelling and masterful musicianship has made “Quarter Moon” an instant fan favorite. Hear samples and purchase the album [HERE](#).

Antsy McClain is one of those rare performers who can have you laughing hysterically and shedding a tear – often within the same song. In the last few years, McClain has been playing a lot of solo acoustic shows, but still plays with his band, The Trailer Park Troubadours, who bring their masterful touch to his live shows. Whether alone with his guitar, or with a group of other musicians, Antsy McClain creates an unforgettable night of music, theater and storytelling. Others have called him “a national treasure” (Modesto Bee), and “a creative force whose roots lie in songwriters like John Prine, Kris Kristofferson and Guy Clark” (Houston Chronicle), and “a happier, funnier Bob Dylan.” (his Uncle Fred). Whoever you think his influences might be, you will likely think of him as a friend after attending one of his concerts, due to his casual, approachable presentation and the relatable nature of his songs.

JULY 21

The Virginians

Originally organized in the fall of 1945, the Virginians Mens Barbershop Chorus started with 24 members. In 1952 they had grown to 40 members. That year they were chartered into the Barbershop Harmony Society, that is headquartered in Nashville.

This group draws members primarily from the city of Richmond area. Some come from as far away as Charlottesville, Fredericksburg and Williamsburg. They usually sing using barbershop styles of music. Other acapella styles also creep into their repertoire.



These guys are all over YouTube and you can easily look them up. They will bring a true love of music and comradery with them. Their act includes vintage barbershop standards, patriotic as well as popular tunes and lots of fun and gusto. Many quartets will break out of the group and do their specific numbers.

This should be a great opportunity to witness some unique performances with lots of style and energy. They have been doing this a long time, so you know that they will give us a great show. This kind of act will be a first for an International rally. Be sure and show up on the evening of July 22 for a memorable performance.

JULY 22

Edgar Cruz



Each year Edgar Cruz performs more than 200 concerts and has played throughout America, Europe and South America. He has been a headliner at the prestigious Chet Atkins Guitar Festival every July in Nashville since 1995 and is a strong icon at major festivals in Oklahoma. Those who have witnessed Cruz's performance immediately become entranced at the precision, speed and complexity with which his fingers strike the strings of his guitar to create a symphony of sound unusual to just one instrument. Cruz offers an incredible live repertoire of the greatest hits of the guitar, such as "Malagueña," "Classical Gas," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "In the Mood," "Dueling Banjos," "Hotel California," a classical medley, Latin favorites, originals and medleys on the fly. Audience interaction, participation, clapping, singing, dancing, snapping, "olé" and "yee-haws" are all encouraged. Seventeen CDs and two DVDs are currently available. Country, Western, Beatles, Inspirational, Celtic and Broadway are just a few more in the works.

Edgar has been named the Oklahoma's Top Performing Artist and/or Acoustic Guitarist for more than 15 years by the Oklahoma Gazette. He has received numerous civic acknowledgments for his contributions to various charitable events. He also performs a wide variety of bookings including concerts, festivals, weddings,

receptions, banquets, schools, churches, conventions, fiestas, memorials or any special occasion.

Edgar holds a bachelor's of music degree in guitar performance from Oklahoma City University. He was recently added to the Hispanic exhibit at The Oklahoma History Center and was also honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award from Oklahoma City University in 2010. His YouTube video of "Bohemian Rhapsody" has more than 14,000,000 hits worldwide.

JULY 23

The Rivoli Review

The husband and wife duo of Ron and Kay Rivoli will be our final entertainers, as we are closing out the International Rally in Doswell, Virginia on the 25th of July.

They have an award winning show that celebrates God, family and country. They hope you will laugh, cry and stand with Pride at their creative line up of music.

Ron and Kay have performed all across the United States and Canada. They have performed at many WBCCI events as well as other RV groups. They have many original comedic acts that are associated closely to our nomadic traveling life.

They will be parked on site during our rally, so if you see a motorhome that is an S.O.B. (some other brand) on the grounds at the Meadow Event center, say Hi. Be sure you don't miss this couple when they perform. Remember, they are not just musicians, they are entertainers.



JULY 25

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers to proctor/assist speakers at Doswell in July. Interested persons would help direct people to the correct venues, greet the presenter and notify AV team if any issue with the room or equipment, and help distribute evaluation forms.

Interested persons can email me at:

Doswellpresentations@wbcci.net

Victoria Magnacca

Member Services

Judy Shelley, #5932, Chair

Looking for an opportunity to get involved at the International Rally at Doswell, VA? Member Services is looking for volunteers. Member Services includes a help desk and is a great way to meet fellow Airstreamers. Please contact Judy Shelley at 501-352-7204 or email at Judyfshelley@gmail.com to volunteer. Shifts can be 2 hours to 1/2 day and will be set up around your schedule. Thanks!

Quilting Experience

Carol White, #3855, Chair

Quilters, plan to take part in the Quilting Experience in Doswell! There will be several days during the International Rally you can work on your own projects, learn new techniques from others and/or make charity quilts. If you want to give a demo, let me know.

The quilting area is in Bold Ruler House. It is lockable, so you can leave items there, air-conditioned and has an ADA-compliant ramp for access.

If you wish to make charity quilts, bring your supplies. Please let me know if you wish to participate in this project. Contact me by email: gwhite@midwest.net or call 618-319-0524.

Remember to bring your items for the Hobby Show, too.



MAIL AND PACKAGES IN DOSWELL

All mail and packages for members attending the International Rally should be addressed as follows:

Incoming Mail

Meadow Event Park

Attn: Your Name, WBCCI # _____

PO Box 130

Doswell, VA 23047-0130

Incoming Packages (UPS/Fed Ex/Other Shipments)

Meadow Event Park

Attn: Your Name, WBCCI # _____

13111 Dawn Blvd.

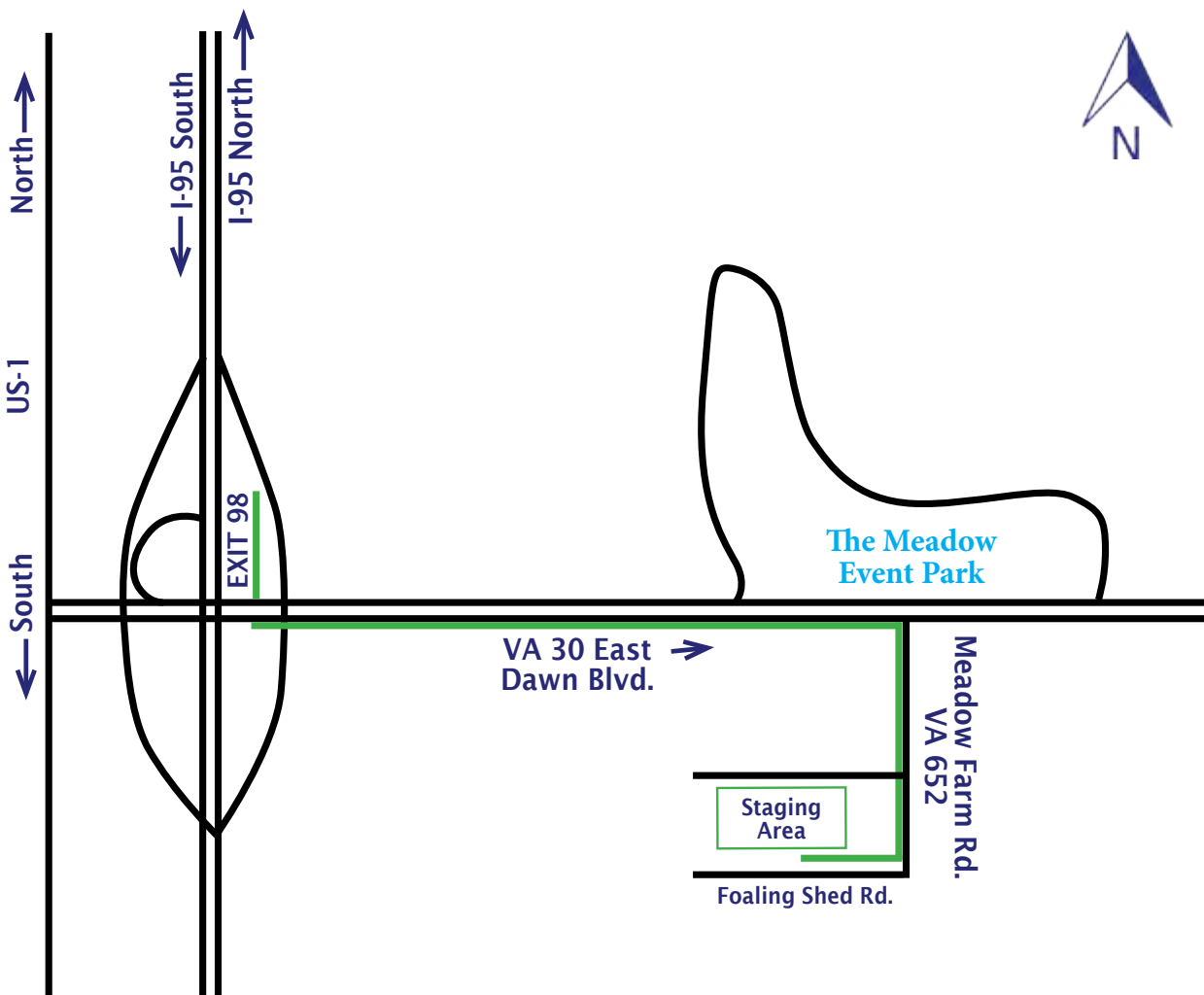
Doswell, VA 23047-2012

Available until July 26 at noon. Items will be returned to sender unless change of address is filed.

For the preliminary schedule, tours, vendors and the most up-to-date information, go to
<https://doswell.wbcci.net>

International Rally

Doswell, Virginia – 2019



Directions to the Doswell VA International Rally Arrival area.

I-95 North and South take VA exit 98 on to VA State Rte 30 east (Dawn Blvd)
Take for 2 miles, then take the right on to VA-652 (Meadow Farm Rd)
Take the second right hand turn which is Horsemans Alley, Gate #6.
Welcome to the reception center, on the right (Lot D).

Pet Show

Lilli Hamnqvist #285

Traveling pets (and owners too), are you ready for the great annual International Rally Pet Show? This fun filled event will take place in:

Doswell, VA on Sunday, July 21

Check-in time is 2:30 PM sharp

Show starts at 3:00 PM and will be held in the Farm Bureau Building

This year we made some changes in the 4 categories: Combined Tricks and Obedience into one "Best Trick" and added a new exciting category "Best Look-a-Like." Best Looking, Best Costume and Best in Show remains the same.

The judging will be done by members from the local Great Dane Club.

We are also looking forward to seeing the audience participate in voting for the ever popular "People's Choice Award."

All Pets from the show will be invited to be part of the Parade as THE TAIL END entry.

All types of pets are welcome, but must be pre-registered and traveling with its owner in the Airstream.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Pet Show registration table or email me and I will send you the form. Drop completed form at the Copy Center or leave at registration table. Registration closes at 10 AM on the day of the show.

Mark your calendars, work on your pet's costume (and maybe yours), tricks and look and get ready to showcase your pet.

Can you help the day of the show? Need more information? Contact: Lilli Hamnqvist #285 lilli@hamnqvist.org



Charity for Doswell

John Frerking #227

Airstreamers are known for leaving a campsite better than they found it... and the same goes for leaving a community better off after we leave a Rally (Remember Lewisburg, West Virginia? – They still remember us!) At Doswell, we will have an opportunity to impact the plight of the homeless.



HOME AGAIN (greater Richmond area) is the charity that has been selected because it confronts homelessness on several layers. This organization operates three

homeless shelters for families and single women. These households, through case management, are connected to appropriate services to move them from homelessness to safe, affordable permanent housing as quickly as possible. They also operate a Veterans Transitional Home program for those facing a housing crisis. Home Again provides a long term rental subsidy and case management services to eligible families who meet the HUD definition of homeless and disability categories. Volunteers join in the effort to end homelessness and realize that by changing the lives of those in need one enriches the lives of future generations as well. Over 600 volunteers dedicate hours of service as front desk assistants and after school tutors.

If you wish to assist in enriching the lives of those in three shelters, you may bring the items listed below with you to Doswell. We will have an area in which to deposit the items that will be presented in the name of the Wally Byam Airstream Club!

NEEDED ITEMS FOR HOME AGAIN SHELTERS

NEW towels and washcloths	NEW twin size bed sheets
NEW twin size blankets	NEW standard size pillows
NEW and gently used furniture	Men's adjustable belts
School and craft supplies	Household cleaning supplies
Kitchen and cooking supplies	

THANK YOU!

Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

John and Nancy Becker and Margaret Van de Ree invite you to “come explore Kentucky in the fall”! They are the leaders of the Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond caravan and want you to join them in September and October as they meander through the beautiful Kentucky countryside while enjoying Kentucky hospitality. With only six stops on this month-long caravan, there will be lots of time to explore, learn and relax!

The caravan will start in Bowling Green, KY on September 15, 2019, with a visit to the National Corvette Museum (www.corvettemuseum.org) and a possible tour of the Corvette assembly factory. Also in the area the caravan will visit the Lost River Cave and take the boat tour of the seven-mile river cave that Ripley’s Believe It or Not describes as the “shortest, deepest river in the world”.

Moving on to the next stop Bardstown, the caravan will stop at Abraham Lincoln’s National Birthplace Historical Park at Sinking Spring. On the way too will be the Kentucky Railway Museum (www.kyrail.org) where they are restoring the Louisville & Nashville #152 – one of the last steam engines.



In Bardstown for five nights, the action really picks up! Bardstown has the nickname of the “Bourbon Capital of the World” rightfully so as it has been the site of distillers since 1776! Occurring at that time is the weeklong Bourbon Festival (www.kybourbonfestival.com) that is dedicated to celebrating the history and art of distilling bourbon whiskey. Along with several distillery tours, the caravan plans

to attend a special festival event called “Bottled in Bond Fire” - a casual evening that includes history, Kentucky cuisine, bonfires and music at a local historic house. Other plans for Bardstown include a dinner train, a visit to a cooperage and a very special donut breakfast. Time will fly by in Bardstown!

Next stop: Shepherdsville. Plans for this stop include a coach ride into Louisville to explore the Urban Bourbon trail on foot along with several interesting museums and shops nearby. There is a tour of Jim Beam and Four Roses and a tour of Old Forester. A walking tour of Churchill Downs and a visit to the Kentucky Derby Museum (www.derbymuseum.org) are planned followed by a day at the races with lunch on Millionaires Row – in the past it was considered the most exclusive



and expensive seating section at the Kentucky Derby! The weekend will find caravanners at Vine Grove Bluegrass Festival and a lunch cruise on the Belle of Louisville – a steam boat that was featured in the 1988 science fiction novel *Wetware* by Rudy Rucker! A free day is included at this stop to explore Louisville and the surrounding areas!



Moving on to Lexington, there are more horse experiences as the caravan will stay at the Kentucky Horse Park and visit the museum there (www.kyhorsepark.com). The Kentucky Horse Park’s mission is to celebrate the history of the human relationship with the horse. Time at Lexington will include a day at the thoroughbred horse racing facility Keeneland Racecourse (www.keeneland.com), Mary Todd Lincoln’s family home (www.mtlhouse.org), a Toyota factory tour, a visit to a retired race horse park (www.oldfriendsequine.org), lunch at Equus Run Vineyard and time at a few more distilleries!



Next stop on the caravan is in Berea and the focus changes from handcrafted Bourbon to handcrafted goods. This stop includes a show at the Spotlight Playhouse (www.thespotlightplayhouse.com); a day at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill complete with history museum (www.shakervillageky.org) and a free day to explore the artisan village of Berea.

Last stop is in Frankfort. More distillery tours at Wild Turkey, Four Roses and a visit to the Rebecca Ruth Candy Factory (www.rebeccaruth.com) for a tour and museum stop. As Nancy says, “Who can drink Bourbon without sampling the original Bourbon Balls to go with it?” Distilleries of interest that are also included are: Buffalo Trace Distillery (www.Buffalotracedistillery.com), Woodford Reserve Distillery (www.woodfordreserve.com) and Three Boys Farm Distillery (www.threeboysfarmdistillery.com).

The Autumn season in Kentucky is bound to be beautiful with trees changing color and cool air. The caravan leaders have tried to provide something for everyone to enjoy in this month-long caravan and, of course, there will be a fun, final banquet.

Contact John and Nancy Becker or Margaret Van de Ree at kbbcaravan@gmail.com for more information.

Meet the Caravan Leaders

"John and Nancy Becker met Margaret Van de Ree at the International Rally in Lewisburg, WV. John was president of the Piedmont NC unit, and Margaret was president of the Carolinas unit. Margaret bought some of Nancy's silver jewelry, and John fell in love with Margaret's dog Lady!

"John and Nancy have led two Unit caravans, and John is now Region 3 Caravan Chairman and Margaret is now Region 3 Secretary. We did our first national caravan in 2017 (Southwest Adventure) and much to our delight guess who was also there?? Margaret and Lady? As first time National Caravanners we all had a blast and knew that there would be more caravans in our future.

"In 2018, we three did our own mini caravan to the Pacific Northwest to the International Rally in Salem (1 dog, 2 trucks, 2 Airstreams, 3 people, 7 National Monuments, 13 National Parks, 87 days, 9996.2 miles)

"We've done the leader training more than three times, have scouted the trip, and look forward to leading a group of enthusiastic wanderers like ourselves."



Pets and Paws Rally

**Provincetown, Massachusetts
April 12 - 14, 2019**

RJ Dominic

This National Pet and Paws Rally hosted by the Cape Cod and New England Airstream Clubs coincides with National Pet Month. This Rally has been running for seven consecutive years and is a very popular rally. You do not need to own a pet to attend as this is in celebration of everyone's past and present pets. We have homemade and store-bought treats for the pets. You can spend a couple hours at the local dog park as well as being able to walk on the local beaches. This Rally is held at the Coastal Acres Campground in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and is a short 10 minute walk into the heart of town. Provincetown is a beautiful coastal town at the end of Cape Cod with great food and stores to shop at. On Saturday evening, we all go to a local seafood restaurant and enjoy local fresh seafood. Please visit the Cape Cod Massachusetts Website for a Rally flyer.

Texas Vintage Airstream Round-up Rally

**Mineola, Texas
May 2 - 5, 2019**

Grady Ferry

Texas Highland Lakes Unit is sponsoring its 11th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally at Mineola Civic Center & RV Park in Mineola, TX, 80 miles east of Dallas, north of I-20. Full hook-ups are available.

Membership in WBCCI or VAC is not required - the only requirement is that attendees have some type of an Airstream product - any year of manufacture. The Rally includes seminars, camp fires, door prizes, entertainment and an Airstream open house.

The rally fee is \$100 (\$80 for 4 catered meals + \$20 for rally activities) per person with children under age 15 free. Parking is \$27 per night. Pre-shrunk, adult sized rally logo shirts may be ordered in advance at an additional cost.

Let's head down to Texas for good food, good times, and good Texas hospitality for the 11th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally.

Rally registration form and information may be found at the THLU website: thlu.org or contact Jean Beebe at: tj-beebe@hotmail.com or 512-745-4201. Registration form & fees due prior to April 18, 2019.

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally

**Athens, Alabama
October 1 - 6, 2019**

Russ Pry

Rally in Athens, AL for the 53rd Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Early parking for the volunteers is available on September 30. The Airstream rally starts on October 1 with welcome dinner. Free tours available to area tourist destinations October 2-3, and additional paid tours are available. A free concert opens the convention on October 3. The \$55/person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee, and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. Competitions include playing instruments, singing and dancing. Craft and food concessions found throughout campus. Exclusive WBAC parking includes 20 AMP power, water and one (1) pump out for \$25/night located within 3/10th mile of the main venue. Parking reservations requires four (4) night minimum. Rally attendees are also welcome to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15. Visit Region6.airstreamclub.net for Airstream Rally updates. Visit www.tvotfc.org for convention information and schedule updates. All rally attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Jam sessions planned at the WBAC campsite and/or the Domino room at Athens - Limestone County Visitors Center.



Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival Rally

**Ketchum, Idaho
October 15 - 20, 2019**



Bob Caldwell

Over 40 of the best musical groups from around the world - 200 performers in all - take the stages daily in the several venues at the Sun Valley Ski Resort, nestled in the heart of the Sawtooth Mountains, during the peak of autumn colors. Sun shining through the golden aspen leaves makes for spectacular scenery.

Although the festival officially begins on Wednesday, October 16, our rally begins one day earlier, on October 15. We will have Social Hour Tuesday, October 15, at 4:00 PM and give you time to enjoy the area earlier in the day.

RV Parking (dry camping only) is available beginning on Sunday, October 13 for those who want to enjoy other activities in the area including the Trailing of the Sheep Festival. RVs must be self-contained; however, free use of luxurious bath and shower facilities at the lodge (a 3-minute walk) is included. Generators are permitted 7 AM to 10 PM. Weather is highly variable at this time of year and freezing nights are possible.

From Orlando, New Orleans, St. Louis, Sacramento and places in between, musicians arrive in Sun Valley ready to make musical memories. There's vintage jazz, big band jazz, swing, zydeco, blues, cabaret and more music played and sung by soloists, duets, small combos and big bands. The Midiri Brothers, Yve Evans, Bob Draga, Cornet Chop Suey, Carolyn Martin Swing Band, Bruce Innes Trio, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Gator Nation, and Tom Hook are coming, to name a few of the groups at this year's festival. Paris Washboard was a big hit last year and we hope they return this year. The festival is organized into 1-hour sets with time between to move to a different venue for the next. You can choose to spend most of your time in one venue and see most of the groups, or follow your favorite from place to place. See the Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival website <https://www.sunvalleyjazz.com/>.

In addition, there are silent movies and dueling pianos. You can take dance lessons and learn the Lindy Hop, the Charleston and the Fox Trot.

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with Folklorama

Region 7
National Event Rally
50th Anniversary
of Folklorama
August 7-14, 2019

Town & Country Campground
Winnipeg, MB.



Region 7
WBCCI

Come on up to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and experience "Around the World with Folklorama" the only WBCCI National Event Rally being held in Canada in 2019. Folklorama is the world's largest and longest-running multicultural festival of its kind and in 2019 is celebrating its **50th Anniversary**. What an exciting event that runs for two full weeks with 20-plus pavilions open the 1st week and a second set of pavilions in week 2. The rally will span the last half of the 1st week and the first half of the 2nd week, enabling you to visit any of the pavilions.

Tour the world's most architecturally progressive building - the Canadian Museum of Human Rights (CMHR) that opened in September of 2014. Your guided tour will take you on a journey of inspiration unlike anything you've experienced before. From the moment you enter through its massive stone roots, to the time you emerge in its light-filled Tower of Hope, you will be moved by the power of human rights. Canada's newest national museum rises from the Prairie earth in Winnipeg at The Forks, where the Red and Assiniboine rivers meet on Treaty One land at a doorstep of the historical location of Métis occupation and Louis Riel's provisional government, the Museum sits on land that has been a meeting place for over six thousand years. The only museum in the world solely devoted to human rights awareness and education, it stands as a beacon for visitors from around the globe. Multi-sensory exhibits explore human rights concepts with an international scope, but through a uniquely Canadian lens. An amazing encounter with human rights awaits families, tourists and scholars alike. **NEWS FLASH - Jan 4, 2019 - The Canadian Museum for Human Rights extends popular Nelson Mandela exhibit.** The decision was made after an overwhelming positive response from visitors, the museum said. The "Mandela: Struggle

for Freedom" exhibit opened in early June and shows Mandela's struggle against racial segregation and repression in South Africa. Folklorama rally participants will be able to see this amazing exhibit. See detailed info on the Region 7 website.

The collections in the Manitoba Museum reflect the heritage of Manitoba. The interpretive galleries are Earth History, Arctic/Sub-Arctic, Boreal Forest, Nonsuch, Hudson's Bay Company, Parklands/Mixed Woods, Grasslands and Urban. Together these explore the history and environment of the province from its northern Arctic coast to its southern prairie grasslands. In particular the museum is famed for its Urban Gallery, which recreates a Winnipeg street scene in the 1920s. Come aboard The Nonsuch one of the Museum's most iconic artifacts – both as a touchstone experience for Museum visitors and as a symbol of the creation of the iconic Hudson's Bay Company.

Your rally fee includes: seven (7) nights of full hookup parking at Town & Country Campground, with 30 or 50 amp electric, a welcome dinner, two (2) nights of Folklorama VIP Tour, amazing experience at Celebrations Dinner Theatre, guided tour of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights (CMHR), guided tour of the Manitoba Museum, three breakfasts, one lunch, five dinners and technical seminars. In the April issue of the Blue Beret will be more details on the rally events. See coupon in the back of the Blue Beret. On-Line Registration in Canadian or US Funds is now available at region7.wbcci.net. For information, contact Don Thomson at 1-701-265-8662 or email at dont4304@wbcci.net.

Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival Rally

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There's free Jazz in the Square, and special ticket events including a Kickoff Party Tuesday night, and an Afterglow Dinner Sunday evening. (Requires additional ticket.) Priority Seating continues again this year, with a special pass. For \$100 per person, you can be assured of the best seats for each set (open to others after the first 10 minutes).

A fee of \$165 per person plus tax covers your general admission badge, a program, use of River Run facilities, and rally administrative expenses. The Rally Fee of \$10.00 per person plus tax includes appetizers at the Tuesday rally social hour. A \$40 fee covers the week's dry camping at River Run Ski Lodge parking lot. Parking will open on October 13 for those wishing to attend the final events of the Trailing of the Sheep.

This year's rally takes place a few days after the Trailing of the Sheep Festival, so it's easy to attend both events. For further information, see www.trailingofthesheep.org

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Sun Valley Jazz and Music festival. Those with a volunteer position confirmed by the Volunteer Coordinator and contributing 12 hours to the festival receive their festival pass and parking free as a "thank you." Those who wish to volunteer are urged to register early to ensure their volunteer position.

Other Camping Choices

For those who prefer hookups or need them for cold-weather camping, two campgrounds are available in the area. Because of high RV camping demand for the Trailing of the Sheep and the Jazz and Music Festival, those wishing to camp off site are encouraged to make reservations early. The trailing of the Sheep Festival is a highly rated destination event that's easy to combine with the Sun Valley Jazz Festival and has events throughout the local area. It runs Wednesday, October 9 through Sunday, October 13 this year. The Sheep Parade is on Sunday, October 13 at Noon.


Please watch for more information on the Region 10 website.

For further rally information contact one of your rally co-hosts:

Bob and Darlene Caldwell: airstream267@gmail.com 780-964-5444

or Tom and Marilyn Usselman usselman@hotmail.com

or Bill and Marti Upton w.mupton@yahoo.com



Starry night; chillin' on a warm evening in Central Florida - submitted by Mike Fleisch, #6513

REGION 1

J. Rick Cipot, Contributing Editor
<http://region1.wbcci.net>

Welcome all and welcome to the month of April. Or should I say, welcome to Mud Season as it is known in New England. I must admit that I am very surprised that Airstream has yet to introduce custom mud flaps for our travel trailers. I have made the suggestion a few times but have yet to hear a reply. At this point I am pretty sure everyone in Jackson Center has placed my email address in their spam filters.

By this time I do know of 30 Airstreams already de-winterized and ready to travel, heading out to Provincetown, MA for Pets & Paws National Event Rally. As you know, I rarely promote an event in my Region One column to be fair to all of the wonderful clubs in our region and for good reason. There are plenty of opportunities to promote a club's rallies here in the Blue Beret and all of the other avenues available to each club. However, I am extremely pleased to announce that Pets & Paws is now a National Event Rally. This year will be the ninth consecutive year this rally has been co-hosted by Cape Cod Airstream Club with New England Airstream Club. The original authors of the event, Sandi Gould and Tye Mott, are still active in supporting this event with Jared and Heather Lawler from NEAC and RJ Dominic from CCAC as your 2019 hosts. It's all about our four pawed friends who are encouraged to join in on all activities. Happy hours and onsite meals revolve around the "other" family members. Yes imagine sharing homemade dog treats at Happy Hour! One of the many great aspects of this rally is that the attendees, yes those with feet and paws, donate goods, monetary support and volunteer at the local dog park. How wonderful is it that WBAC members are giving back to the community of Provincetown? A big thank you to both Clubs for their generosity and support to the Pet Community, the shelter and the public dog park.

Six years ago Region One put an exploratory committee together to investigate options for our Region One Rally held yearly as per our charter. What we were seeing was a shift of membership in our region units which would have made it extremely difficult for each unit in rotation to put on a full region rally each year. The committee returned with a very workable solution of alternating years with one year a full rally and the next, a "Gathering." 2019 is the year for a gathering to be held Loudon, New Hampshire, at the NH Motor Speedway on May 2-5. Yes, we will be camping on the infield of a NASCAR race track. There are limited planned meals, our annual business meeting with a few seminars and local attractions. If you wish to make a presentation or demonstration of a hobby or other function that the membership may be interested in, please contact Per Hamnqvist, Region One President. Several members have shown an interest in racing on the track with their trucks with Airstream in tow. Unfortunately our insurance

would not cover such an activity, but you can sign up to actually drive a NASCAR on the track with an experienced instructor by your side. Please check out the Rally sheet on the web and join in on the fun.

Till next time, keep the adventure going and as always, keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
Region2.Airstreamclub.net

Region 2 snowbirds are making their way home in time for the rally season kick off. On April 26, a maintenance rally, held jointly by the Keystone, DelMarVa and Mid-Atlantic Units in Centerville, Maryland, begins and, at the same time and not far away, the Washington DC Unit's season opener takes place in Clarksburg, Maryland. By the end of May, pretty well every Region 2 Unit will have come together to unbutton their rigs.

Notably, there are milestone Unit anniversaries this year. Ontario Canada was granted its Charter at the IBT meeting in January, 1964. They're cooking up a party for their fall rally – more on that in a later issue. Keystone will mark its 55th Anniversary in June. The following is excerpted from their February newsletter:

"Keystone Blast from the Past"

Did you know that we are about to celebrate our 55th anniversary? Chartered in June, 1964 at the 7th International rally in Princeton, NJ, the unit was a spin-off from the Pennsylvania Unit, and first led by Col. Robert F. Watson. At the time there were more than 75 rigs in the unit. Later, Penn-Lehigh and Central Penn became spin-offs from Keystone. If we've counted right, there have been 47 great Keystone Presidents, many caravans and countless campouts and luncheons thoroughly enjoyed by all."

On a sadder note, we learned in early February that Kathy Forsythe, member of the Penn Lehigh Unit and Past Region 2 President (2012 & 2013), died after a lengthy illness. Among other things, we will remember Kathy for her playfulness and for being the only Region 2 President in memory who presided over meetings adorned with a tiara. Why? Because she could!

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
<http://region3.wbccci.net>

Region 3 is taking to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina for its **Rally in the Blue Ridge** from April 24-28. The rally site is at the Tom Johnson Camping Center Rally Park, Marion, NC. Site fees are \$32.00 each day for the Rally and for each day before and after the Rally! There are 300 sites, 200 are three-point hookups and 100 are electric and water. Sites cannot be reserved so those wanting to camp together need to arrive together.

According to President John Leake, a great rally is planned. It includes local Blue Grass music, a National Park Service presentation on the history of the Blue Ridge Parkway, crafts fair, round table discussions about leadership training/information sharing, flea market, raffles, four seminars and activities that include hiking, biking, paddling, walking, breweries, distilleries, great food, fun, door prizes and the best fellowship to be found anywhere!

Rally fee is \$75 per rig (\$40 single occupant), Friday/Saturday arrival \$60 (\$35 single).

Please go to the WBCCI Region 3 Rally site (<http://region3.wbccci.net/>) click on Region 3 Rally in the Blue Ridge and fill in the registration form. No money is required ahead of the Rally! If your plans change and you cannot attend, we'll miss you, you'll miss a great rally, but no refunds will be needed! If you would rather not use the internet to register, there is a printable form on that site or in the Blue Beret that you can mail to Alice Rafter, 1864 Indian Road W., West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Rally registration needs to get to Registrar by April 10, so please register as soon as possible.

See you in North Carolina!

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
<http://region4.wbccci.net>

The camping/rally season is approaching and excitement is in the air. With that, the trailers and RVs are awaiting their annual maintenance for the upcoming season. There are several maintenance rallies planned throughout the region. One will be in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan on June 6-9, 2019. Contact Karen Fisher for more information at 248-672-0353.

Our first event is the Region 4 Rally along the Lake Erie shores. Join us for the 43rd WBAC Region 4 Rally at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds, which is located near Oak Harbor, Ohio and the small towns of Oak Harbor, Port Clinton and Fremont, Ohio. You'll enjoy 5 days in the Lake Erie sunshine, May 15-19 2019, with 30/50A power, water (shared), dump station and clear/wooded lots with your evenings in a modern banquet-style facility or in the covered outdoor pavilion. Local attractions include Lake Erie charters, ferries to Put-In-Bay (site of the Commodore Perry's Monument) and other islands, lighthouses and wineries. There will be nice door prizes, food and entertainment. This year will be the BEST! Visit www.shoresandislands.com for local information and contact Don and Marian Hetzler with questions at pophetzler@hotmail.com.

Follow our Region 4 activities on Facebook at Region4WBAC, on the WBAC website, www.wbccci.org and for additional Region 4 information you can go directly to our region website at <http://region4.wbccci.net>. You will find our calendar of activities including caravans and more at any of these sites. Plan now to attend fun rallies and caravans along with the 62nd Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Doswell, Virginia.

Register now for interesting rallies to show your support and your willingness to assist your rally hosts. Everyone is welcome.

So much to do, and so little time...

REGION 5

Bob Whitesell, Contributing Editor
region5.airstreamclub.net

Hello all members of Region 5 and hope you are surviving these brutal winter months. We saw -25F on our thermometer here in Chicago a couple weeks ago. But enough of that and on to the good stuff. The Region 5 Rally dates have changed and I have decided on a location. The 2019 Region 5 Rally will start on Wednesday, September 4, and complete on Sunday, September 8. The Rally will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds located near Amboy Illinois. The facility will suit our needs nicely with ample rig parking with electric and water available. There is also a pump out at the fairgrounds. We will have exclusive use of a large building with a meeting/dining room and a commercial kitchen. There is also an outside deck for our use and a location to have a campfire. There are many attractions in the area and I am working on an agenda. Some of the things to see in the area include: the boyhood home of Ronald Reagan, historic John Deere sites in Grand Detour and Moline, an awesome railroad museum in Amboy and another in Union, a very nice historic museum in Dixon and many other local attractions. I am also looking into

taking a day trip to Chicago and do the architectural boat tour and lunch. So please mark your calendar, I promise we will have a great time. I will provide a sign up voucher with pricing in the near future.

Keep well and see you all soon.

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
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Mark your calendars now for the Region 6 Rally planned for October 10-14, 2019 at Muscle Shoals, AL. Music lovers will enjoy the area for its history and contributions to the music industry. More details to come.

The Alabama Airstream Club is holding its Alabama State Rally, April 25-28, 2019 at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley, AL.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will hold its Warm Up in Hot Springs Rally at J&J RV Park in Hot Springs, AR on April 25-28, and enjoy a day of thoroughbred horse racing at Oaklawn Park, and other local attractions. For the second year, the Arkansas Razorback Airstreamers will hold their Buddies, Bikes & Brew Pubs Rally, May 16-19, 2019 at the Downtown Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock. They will dine at Restaurant 42 at the Clinton Library, visit three local breweries in a pub crawl, and ride the 16-mile trail along the Arkansas River ending at the Capital Hotel Bar & Grill, complete with valet parking for bicycles.

All three Tennessee units - East Tennessee Airstream Club, Music City Airstream Club and West Tennessee Airstream Club - will hold their Tennessee State Rally, April 25-28, 2019 at the TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN. Jim Johnson, Region 6 first vice-president and member of the Music City Airstream Club and Cumberland Trail Association, will talk about the history of the Cumberland Trail, and lead the group on a private hike at Head of Sequatchie. During the rally, the movie "Secretariat" will be shown, highlighting Triple Crown racehorse winner Secretariat, who was born on the farm where the 62nd International Rally will take place in Doswell, VA, this summer.

East Tennessee Airstream Club, in addition to the state rally in April, will hold its Moonbow Show-Biz Rally, May 16-19, 2019 at Kentucky Splash Waterpark and Cumberland Falls State Park in Williamsburg, KY. There will be a presentation on how to professionally photograph a moonbow at night and a private tour of Cumberland Falls to catch the famous "moonbow" and photograph it. There will also be a train ride to the Blue Heron Mine Community to explore an abandoned mine community and to listen to recorded stories from the former residents.

The Louisiana Airstream Club will hold its Lincoln Park Days Rally, April 4-7, 2019 in Ruston, LA, followed by Spring Fling Rally, May 2-5, 2019 at La Pay E Bas Campground in Eunice, LA.

The Mississippi Airstream Club will hold its Spring/Joint Rally, May 16-19, 2019 at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville, MS.

The Music City Tennessee Airstream Club will attend the Tennessee State Rally April 25-28, 2019 at TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN. They have a Buddy Rally planned for May 16-19, 2019 at Dale Hollow in Byrdstown, TN.

Pensacola Florida Airstream Unit will hold its April Showers Bring May Flowers Rally, April 11-14, 2019. Campers are asked to bring a plant to the rally to perk up their camp. The unit holds its rallies at Mystic Springs in McDavid, FL.

The West Tennessee Airstream Club members will attend the Tennessee State Rally April 25-28, 2019 at TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN. Club members will hold a May Rally on May 10-12, 2019 at John Kyle State Park in Sardis, MS.

REGION 7

Don Thomson, Contributing Editor
<http://region7.wbccci.net>

Good Morning Region 7 Airstreamers and all. We have not had any folks step up and take any of our hard water off our hands. It just keeps getting deeper. We have more snow than we have in many years. It is still all right, so be assured it will all be gone in time for Folkorama. Also you all will have lots of time to travel from the International at Doswell to Winnipeg. Just think, no Rocky Mountains on the trip. The registrations are rolling in so dust off or renew your passport and get yours in soon. The Winnipeg metro area acts very similar in Canada as Chicago does for the US. Most everything traveling from east or west Canada travels thru Winnipeg. This adventure will get you very close to the geographical center of North America in North Dakota. The Folkorama adventure will just begin to cover the 30 or more important sites that Winnipeg has to offer. The history of this area is much newer than other parts of North America. Names such as Hudson Bay Co, fur trappers and Red River Ox Carts come to mind. It is most exciting to learn of the fantastic work being done by many on the club electronic communications project. Get yourself online and see what these folks are doing for us. Thanks and Be Safe.

REGION 8

Beth McCall, Contributing Editor
<http://region8.wbcci.net>

Many of you may not know that these articles are written a month and a half to two months prior to publication. This sometimes makes it very difficult to write something that makes sense and doesn't make you ask the question "WHAT?" This especially was confusing when we had to write an article for the August Blue Beret prior to our experience in West Virginia during the International Rally. The phrase "it was a great rally, with great weather, and no major problems" wasn't quite right, considering we had a flood and no power for part of the time. I thought of that when I saw all the flooding in California. How many of them were prepared? I am currently writing this at the end of February, and we are expecting yet another snow storm! We are in winter weather preparation yet again around the house - bringing in firewood, doing a bread and milk run to the store, making sure that we have our prescriptions up to date, etc.

Now that got me to thinking about West Virginia again. Were you prepared to be without water and electricity for several days? If not, now is the time to think about what you need in your rig to survive an emergency situation. For several years, I taught a preparedness class at International. I am hoping that those people who attended put the information they received into practice and passed the information on to others. Much of what I taught was not only for being prepared in your Airstream, but also in your homes or wherever you may be. If you attended that seminar and took notes, or got a handout, find that information and review it. My hubby and I review our home preparedness and our rig preparedness every spring. Growing up in tornado alley, we have been taught preparedness and self-reliance since we were old enough to understand what was going on. (Of course, since we have grown up in this atmosphere, you will more than likely see us standing outside watching the clouds, instead of hunkered in a basement.) I encourage you to take a few minutes this month to pretend that you are without power or water or both and see what you need to add to your rig.

The Region 8 Rally will be in the Capital of Kansas, Topeka, from April 29 to May 3, right at the beginning of tornado season. OK Region 8 members, let's see how prepared you are going to be.

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor
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Howdy! Spring has arrived and we are on the move in our Airstreams. Winter Texans and Snowbirds are preparing for trips back home or beginning new road adventures for 2019. As you get back on the road, I hope you will check to see what you might do along the way. If you have been away from home for an extended period of time, you might prefer to head directly and quickly home. Or you might prefer not to rush it, and to enjoy a few side trips to visit friends or explore places you have always wanted to see. Whatever your preference is, take the time to check the schedule of events in the Blue Beret for each Region and Unit. You just might find something you'd like to do as you resume your travels.

There just happens to be two events you might want to attend in Texas. Come join us for the 11th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally, May 2-5, 2019, at the Mineola Civic Center & RV Park, in Mineola, Texas. The Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club is sponsoring this rally and would love to have you attend. All you need to do is contact the unit to register. The rally includes seminars, panel discussions, campfires, door prizes, entertainment, meals, and an Airstream open house.

Consider joining us at the 50th Region 9 Rally, Cowboy Up, in the Cowboy Capital of Texas, Bandera, at the Skyline Ranch RV Park, May 6-11, 2019. President Bill Kindle and First Lady Dorma have planned and organized this fun event. How about grilling your own steaks at the 11th Street Bar & Grill Steak Night while enjoying the local entertainment? You might want to visit one of the several area attractions: the Frontier Times Museum, the Bandera Natural History Museum, the Bandera Music History Hall of Fame, the Flying L Hill Country Resort, local restaurants, or the many western wear shops for that pair of boots you've always wanted. During the Rally there will also be seminars, craft sessions, breakfasts, dinners, door prizes, entertainment, flea market, ice cream, and more. So, pack up your Airstream and stop by one or both of these great Texas events for good food, good times, good friendships and great Texas hospitality. If you have never celebrated Texas Style, you are in for a real treat! Simply contact the Region 9 Treasurer, David Thompson to register.

This month the spotlight shines on the North Texas Unit! The unit was established in 1970. They have one remaining Charter Member couple, William & Martha Bellomy, who hope to help the unit celebrate its 50th Anniversary next year. Many of the unit members are amateur radio operators, and three members will soon be qualified as examiners. Several past and present International Officers have made North Texas Unit their home unit, which is a great asset for them. The unit currently has

approximately 130 members. Thank you to Unit President Mike Mack for providing this information.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: In 2000-2002, the first female Region 9 President was Sue Collins. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: Before Region 9 was one of the current twelve (12) Regions, how many Regions were there? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, continue to travel safely!

REGION 10

Carol Ortiz, Contributing Editor
<http://region10.wbcci.net>

"April showers bring May flowers," so the song goes. Therefore, if it is raining where you are, be ready for lots of flowers in May. In the meantime, I hope you are getting your rigs ready for another season of camping. We call April the "Break Out" season here in Region 10!

The British Columbia Airstream Club has a "Break Out Rally" planned for April 12-14. It is being hosted by Ralph & Lalani Vanderheide and held at Fort Langley, home of a fur trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company.

April 25-28 is the "Break Out Rally" of the Idaho Airstream Club. They will be at the Mountain View RV Park in Baker City, OR. Larry & Gail Conn are the hosts with Tom & Marilyn as co-hosts. As I am sure you all know, Baker City, OR is the birthplace of Wally Byam where the local museum has a display of our club's namesake.

Both the Alberta/Saskatchewan and the Montana Airstream Clubs don't usually "break out" until May. So, we will see what they are up to next month.

Casey's Riverside RV Resort in Westfir, OR is the site of the "April Foolish Rally" hosted by our Region 10 President and Mate, Terri Warren & Hal Hendrix and Mike & Mel Simrell of the Oregon Airstream Club. The dates are: April 5-7. It promises to be filled with "folly, fun and foolish merriment."

The Washington Unit is planning a Spring Rally April 5 & 6 at American Sunset RV Park in Westport, WA. This is a favorite place to roam the beach and have some seafood.

Finally, the BC Club will cross the border, April 25-28 and stay at the North Whidbey RV Resort to observe "Holland Happenings," which takes place in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. It's fun to watch a small town parade, eat festival food and shop the arts and crafts.

And last, but not least, here is an invitation to a special fund raising event sponsored by the Washington Unit on June 1 at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor. We hope to provide funds for training of a service dog and training of a veteran suffering from PTSD through a local charity. Please stay tuned for the unfolding of specific details in next month's article. You all are invited to come.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
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The Colorado Airstream Club is having a Rocky Mountain Oyster luncheon in Severance, Colorado on April 13. The luncheon is being held at Bruce's, adjacent to the Washing Machine Museum. Severance is located southeast of Fort Collins, Colorado. This is an, only in Colorado event. Members should contact the Colorado Airstream Club for more information and to reserve a place at the table.

The Wasatch Airstream Club is having the only Region 11 Rally on April 25-28. The campsite is the Zion River RV Resort, Zion National Park, Virgin, Utah. South central and southeastern Utah should be on every Airstream Club member's bucket list. Rallies fill rapidly, but note where the rallies are being held and mark that location as a place to camp when traveling through Region 11.

The Arizona Unit is having a Rally in that Great Circle area on May 16-19 at the Wawep Marina RV Park. The marina is located on the shores of Lake Powell just on the southern edge of south central Utah. The reserved campsites at the RV park are sold out but the good news is that the Lone Rock National Recreation area is only one mile north. There is almost unlimited camping here on this one mile long beach. It is a dry camping area with bathroom and pump out facilities. The Arizona Unit welcomes members who may be in the area. Contact the unit through the Arizona Airstream Club Website.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
<http://region12.wbcci.net>

Hello Airstreamers in California and Nevada. As you read this article, Cecelia and I are in Virginia finishing the 3rd year of the Civil War Caravan. We will leave our truck and trailer on the East Coast and fly home in May. Next, we will fire up our BVAN and attend the LTAC rally at Nevada Beach in South Lake Tahoe.

Currently, we are making plans for the Region 12 Rally at the Bakersfield RV Resort from October 9-13. "Bakersfield, there's more than you've heard" will be the theme. We understand that no one thinks of Bakersfield as a vacation destination. However, there are many reasons why it was selected. The Resort has over 150 full hookup sites. A full-time restaurant operates in the middle of the complex. Access, just off Highway 99, is easy from both Southern and Northern California. Even the Nevadans can get there without too much trouble. Also, a pool, gym and clubhouse are adequate for our needs.

Over 8 years ago, the former San Joaquin Unit put on a great rally at this site. The Lake Tahoe Airstream Club is already planning activities for this event. Buck Owens' Crystal Palace dinner and dance hall, world class museums, ice cream factory tour, catered dinners and breakfasts along with a Region 12 business meeting are on the agenda. We also hope to offer a tour of the animal shelter that is our charity for this fall. Bingo, line dancing, games and local entertainment will round out the activities. Location, location, location is the hallmark of this RV park. Costco, Walmart, auto and RV repair facilities, good restaurants and Camping World are in close proximity.

Since there will be no Cali-Rally this year, Bakersfield will be our only opportunity to get together in 2019. There will be a Cali-Rally in 2020 as well as the R12 sponsored Rose Parade Rally, which is already over half full in February.

As I close this article, I would like to congratulate the San Diego club for stepping up and sponsoring the 2020 R12 Rally. When the contract is negotiated and signed for the RV Park, I will let you know the location. The coupon for the 2019 rally should be ready and on the R12 website by March 1. Safe travels and I will see you down the road.

Did You Know?

62 units have requested and been approved to add Airstream to their name. All but one have also changed from unit to club.

Google tells us that a club is an association or organization dedicated to a particular interest or activity.

EUROPE

Ian Jamieson, Contributing Editor
<http://europe.wbcci.net>

Winter hibernation is over and members are taking to the roads and getting their plans to go to the 2019 rallies organised. As the interest in European Airstreaming continues to grow in North America, attendees at our rallies now include three couples from units in Florida and California! To help members from across the pond to tour in Europe, our body of knowledge and experience is building up. WBCCI Europe is giving sound advice to those who are interested.

Arrangements are being made to create fantastic programmes for the rallies. Participation in the exciting Norwegian caravan tour is increasing. With a rendezvous point in northern Germany at a member's courtesy parking, it will travel into Denmark and cross over to Sweden using the famous 8 km (5 mile) Øresund Bridge before looping around to Oslo and the fjords of south west Norway for two weeks.

There are seven rallies planned for this year and, at the time of writing, three are either fully booked or nearing full capacity. The opportunity to attend a rally has been spread across the continent making it possible for more of us to meet other members, attend a rally and publicise the club to other Airstreamers and the general public. Newspapers, magazines and TV companies are being contacted to report on our activities which will include hot air balloon flights, city centre parades, a flag ceremony in a peace garden and fjord boat trips. Anyone not yet registered for a rally should be acting now. Look at the rallies page on the website, contact the rally leader and follow the instructions for the individual rallies.



BelRepayre Rally in South France - submitted by Ian Jamieson #24514

From the Vice President of Sales



Lenny Razo

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH! It is now April as I write this article, yet if you went outside, you'd think it was still February! I am hoping April quickly warms and Ohio thaws so that we all can enjoy the weather soon!

Airstream has been very busy since my last update in March. The new plant is now taking shape. Steel beams have started going up over the last 30 days. The last few months I have promised photos of the progress, and finally this month I am including a couple of pictures from the new plant site. You can see the foundation lines outlining the building, with the office and heritage center towards the top. The block structures that are going up are restrooms, breakrooms and water check booths. In the picture you will see steel being put in place for one of the outer walls of the new facility. I will continue to update you over the coming months as we make progress.

In mid-March, Airstream attended the RVX Show in Salt Lake City, UT. This show now takes place instead of the RVIA Show that used to be in Louisville, KY. RVX is designed to showcase product lineup to dealers. While at RVX Airstream, received an award for Innovation for the Airstream Smart Application on our 2019 Classic.

Airstream also introduced a new Globetrotter floorplan, a 23FB, at the RVX show. We are excited to continue the expansion of this very popular designer line. The addition of this shorter, lighter weight floorplan is available with a queen bed or twin beds. The new Globetrotter 23FB will begin shipping to dealers this month.

April is typically one of our largest months of retail activity throughout the entire year. We finished a strong show season with attendance at these shows being flat to a little ahead of last year. Our sales were in line with last year as well. We are excited to get the spring and summer selling months in full gear.

Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know this month marks my first full year with Airstream. I cannot express to all of you how grateful my family and I are to be a part of such a great team here in Jackson Center. On behalf of my spouse and my two boys, thank you for a great year and we look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming years. I also look forward to seeing many of you in May at Alumapalooza here in Jackson Center.

On behalf of over 1,000 hard working families in Jackson Center, OH, thank you for your business and passion for our products. It means the world to each of us here at Airstream!

Happy Airstreaming -





Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings! This article is a continuation from the March Blue Beret on adjusting the main door.

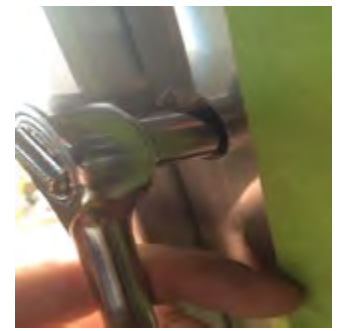
Tightening the door hinge bolts



Before 2015 the door hinges were installed using a 1/4 20 bolt with a star nut on the back side. In 2015 we started using a steel bracket that had the nut attached to it. This would allow you to use a phillips screwdriver to tighten the bolts if they were to come loose. Before this the star nut had the tendency to turn as you tried to tighten the bolt from the outside which meant you have to remove the interior trim to gain access to the star nut. Below I will show pictures of the door hinge bolts and how to gain this access.

The first thing is to take off the trim molding covering the hinge bolts. It is self adhesive so it can be pulled off. This will give you access to tighten the two bolts. Like I stated earlier, if it just continues to turn freely and not tighten up, then you have the star nut on the back side that you must gain access to.

Remove the interior door trim on the hinge side of the door. Mark the location of the bolts in the hinge.



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Then take a one inch hole saw and drill through the interior aluminum skin to gain access to the star nuts. Take a 7/16 deep well socket to hold the star nuts while someone turns the bolt with a phillips screwdriver. Many technicians will add a second nut after tightening in hopes of the combination not loosening in the future. If you wish, you can do that as well. Then reinstall your interior door trim and replace the trim that covers the exterior portion of the bolts and you are finished.

I would love to hear from you and if you have a suggestion or topic you would like to see covered in a future article, or have a question just drop me a line at rmarch@airstream.com.

Have a great month!



International Rally

Jul 20-27

2019 International Rally, Doswell, Virginia

National / Special Event Rallies

Apr 4-7	Airstreams on Mainstreet in Havana, FL
Apr 12-14	Pets & Paws Rally, Provincetown, MA
May 2-5	Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally, Mineola, TX
Jun 6-9	NYC Base Camp Rally, Jersey City, NJ
Aug 4-10	Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
Aug 7-14	Around the World with Folklorama, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Sep 9-15	Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Sep 21-29	Swiss Festival Rally, Sugar Creek, OH
Oct 1-6	Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
Oct 2-6	Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 4-8	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM
Oct 11-14	Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT
Oct 15-20	Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Ketchum, ID
Oct 24-27	Texas Country Air Rally, Brownwood, TX
Dec 28- Jan 1, 2020	Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA



National Caravans

Mar 26-Apr 11	N-48-E	STANDBY ONLY Cajun Country - Leaders: Schwarz/Gardner Ph. 630-561-1703			
Apr 2-May 9	N-48-C	American Civil War - Part III, War in Virginia - Leaders: Spillman/Racavich Ph. 225-405-4057	Jul 10 - Aug 31	N-48-N	STANDBY ONLY Viking Trail - Leaders: Leggatt email: ps67.fcas@gmail.com
Apr 10-May 20	N-48-A	American Revolution - Southern Campaign - Leaders: Jones Ph. 703-780-6597	Aug 18-Oct 8	N-48-F	STANDBY ONLY Southwest Adventure - Leaders: Anderson/ Montague Ph. 850-896-0567
Apr 25-May 15	N-48-G	Springtime in Kentucky - Leaders: Weisenberger Ph. 859-653-5519	Sep 7-21	N-48-P	STANDBY ONLY Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights - East - Leaders: DeLeeuw Ph. 517-250-5060
May 21-Jun 14	N-48-K	STANDBY ONLY Taste of the Blue Ridge - Leaders: Combs Ph. 336-558-5532	Sep 15-Oct 12	N-48-R	Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond - Leaders: Van de Ree, Ph. 704-728-6040
May 22-Jun 15	N-48-J	STANDBY ONLY Springtime in the Rockies - Leaders: Heist/ Hewins Ph. 402-304-1843	Sep 26- est Oct 27	N-48-S	STANDBY ONLY Sho-Me the Ozarks - Leaders: Garrett/ George/Janesko Ph. 417-293-2487
Jun 21-Jul 10	N-48-M	STANDBY ONLY Canadian Rocky Mountain - Leaders: Collinson Ph. 416-232-2882	Oct 8-Nov 9	N-48-O	Southeast Coast - Leaders: Bacon Ph. 423-775-4237
Jul 10-Aug 19	N-48-L	Nor' by Nor'East - Leaders: Lake Ph. 781-837-2539			

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REGION 1 Activities



Region 1 Website: <http://region1.wbcci.net>

Apr 12-14 Pets & Paws Rally, Provincetown, MA
May 2-5 Region 1 Gathering, Loudon, NH
Jun 6-9 NYC Base Camp Rally, Jersey City, NJ
Oct 11-14 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

May 17-19 Spring RV Maintenance Rally, Waters Edge CG, 271 Leonard Bridge Rd, Lebanon, CT, Bard Fuller 860-302-1365, email: bardfuller@hotmail.com

New England Airstream Club - <http://newengland.wbcci.net>

May 17-19 Chillyman XIII Rally, Salisbury Beach Reservation, 1 Beach Rd, Salisbury, MA, Garvin Louie 603-828-1834, email: iclimb_2@yahoo.com
May 24-27 Memorial Day Rally, Travelers Woods CG, 152 River St, Bernardston, MA, Tovah Raphaelson Bleakney, email: tovahrhoda@gmail.com

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - <http://nemountaineers.wbcci.net>

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

Apr 28 Opening Luncheon 11:30 AM, Normandin Rest., 130 Boulevard Saint-Joseph, Drummondville, QC, Michel Bedard/Chantal Le Blanc 450-443-0041/514-704-3745, email: michel.bdard3@sympatico.ca

REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

Jun 6-9 Region 2 Rally, Biglerville, PA

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit - al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net

Apr 13 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Evolution Grille, 1186 Butler Rd (Rt 356), Freeport, PA, Dale Rossitto 724-727-3257, email: rossitto@comcast.net

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

Delaware Valley New Jersey Unit - <http://dvnju.wbcci.net>

Delmarva Unit - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net

Apr 13 Spring Luncheon 1 PM, Gibby's Diner, 10040 Duansburg Rd (Rt 7), Delanson, NY, Art/Camille Crandall 518-875-7061, email: cammie@aol.com

May 10-12 Shakedown Rally, Arrowhead Marina & RV Park, 2 Van Bruen Ln, Glenville, NY, John/Wendy Vettovali 518-848-8023, email: wendymv1@yahoo.com
May 30-Jun 2 Whittle Buddy Rally, Lake George RV Park, 74 St Rt 149, Lake George, NY, Geoff/Sue Whittle 518-783-1606, email: whittle06@gmail.com

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

Apr 26-28 Joint Maintenance Rally w/Delmarva & Mid-Atlantic Units, Queen Ann's 4-H Park, Centreville, MD, Howard Mergelkamp 267-733-3565, email: howardsan70@gmail.com

May 3-5 Eastern PA Airstream Opener Joint Rally w/Central PA & Penn-Lehigh Units, Lum's Pond SP, Bear, DE, Rick Pitts 610-793-9262, email: r_pitts@verizon.net

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net
May 9-12 Hither Hills Rally, Hither Hills SP, Kerry Aspinall, email: ker32@gmail.com

Mid-Atlantic Unit - mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

May - Oct: Social hour every Saturday 7 PM at Jersey Shore Haven, Pavilion, 728 Dennisville Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net

New York Finger Lakes Unit - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net

May 18 Welcome Back Luncheon Noon, Parkers Rest., Seneca Falls, NY, Jim & KC Gillio 585-752-6030, email: jkgillio@hotmail.com

May 30-Jun 1 Ithaca Rally "When You Find It, You'll Love It", Pine Creek CG, 28 Rockwell Rd, Newfield, NY (near Ithaca), Chris & Mary Beth Martini Lyons, 607-280-8522, email: cplyons@hotmail.com

Ontario Canada Unit - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

Penn-Lehigh Unit - penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net

May 3-5 Eastern PA Joint Opening Rally, Lum's Pond SP, Bear, DE, Jim Ridolfi 570-280-6673, email: aston10@verizon.net

Pennsylvania Unit - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net

Washington DC Unit - <http://wdcu.wbcci.net>

Watching New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

May 3-6 Unbutton Your Rig Rally - Spring Mardi Gras Style, triple Brook Camping Resort, 58 Honey Run Rd, Blairstown, NJ, Linda Ward 862-377-9484, email: airstreaminglinda@earthlink.net

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: <http://region3.wbcci.net>

Apr 4-7 Airstreams on Mainstreet, Havanna, FL
Apr 24-28 Region 3 Rally, Marion, NC
Aug 4-10 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - <http://bigbendflorida.wbcci.net>

May 17-19 Rally, Rocky Bayou SP, Niceville, FL, Craig Brinkley 850-447-1457, email: cbrink@fairpoint.net

Carolinas Airstream Club - <http://carolinasncc.wbcci.net>

Apr 4-10 Spring Rally, New Bern KOA, 1565 "B" St, New Bern, NC, CG reservations 252-638-2556, email: 0021@wbcci.net

May 16-19 Rally, Raleigh Oaks RV Resort, 527 US Hwy 701 S, Four Oaks, NC, resort reservations 919-934-3181, email: 0021@wbcci.net

Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - <http://coastalgeorgia.wbcci.net>

May 2-5 Rally, Skidaway Island SP, Savannah, GA, Barry Fuller 229-269-7770, email: barfull7@aol.com

Florida Airstream Club - <http://floridaunit027.wbcci.net>

Mar 28-Apr 1 Bluegrass Volunteer Rally, Fort Christmas Park, 1300 N Fort Christmas Rd, Christmas, FL (limited electric and water, no sewer), Steve Kane 407-267-2293, email: stevekaneproductions@gmail.com

May 16-19 Hanna Park Rally, Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Dr, Jacksonville, FL, Ron & Chris Allen 904-534-9896, email: ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net

Florida Springs Airstream Club - <http://floridasprings.wbcci.net>

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - <http://suncoast.wbcci.net>

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Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - <http://ftcu.wbcci.net>

Georgia Unit - <http://topofgeorgia.wbcci.net>

Apr 10-14 Rally/Bus. Mtg., Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: togpres@gmail.com
May 22-27 Memorial Day/Buddy Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: togpres@gmail.com

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - <http://northva.wbcci.net>

May 16-19 Almost Heaven Rally, Shepherdstown, WV, Gary & Sue Shepard 304-261-7360, email: shepard.gr@gmail.com

Palmetto State Airstream Club - <http://palmettostate.wbcci.net>

May 17-19 What's Cooking Rally, Lake Wateree SP CG, 881 Statepark Rd, Winnsboro, SC, reservations: 866-345-7275, Rich Sabo 864-399-9221, email: richnkay3@yahoo.com

Piedmont North Carolina Unit - <http://piedmontunit.wbcci.net>

Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>

May 17-19 Rally, Shenandoah River SP, 350 Daughter of Stars Dr, Bentonville, VA, Greg Heuer 434-298-4650, email: gheuer@umich.edu

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - <http://sccu.wbcci.net>

Apr 5-7 Mamma Mia Rally, Lake Wateree SP, 881 State Park Rd, Winnsboro, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com
May 3-5 A Dose of Vitamin Sea Rally, Edisto Beach SP, Live Oak section, 8377 State Cabin Rd, Edisto Island, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com

South Florida Airstream Club - <http://southflorida.wbcci.net>

Southeastern Camping Unit - <http://secamping.wbcci.net>

May 16-19 Scottish Festival Rally, Yarberry CG, 4825 Yarberry Rd, Lenoir City, TN, Bill Harrison 678-779-2251, email: billh723@yahoo.com

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - www.tidewater.wbcci.net

Virginia Unit - <http://virginia.wbcci.net>

Western North Carolina Unit - <http://wnc.wbcci.net>

Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit - www.mvou.wbcci.net

Apr 7 Welcome Home Luncheon 2 PM, Stone Bridge Grille & Tavern, 1415 Niles-Cortland Rd. SE, Warren, OH, Jeff & Karlissa Phifer 330-507-7344, email: jphiferiii@neo.rr.com

Miami Valley Unit of Ohio - <http://miamivalleyohio.wbcci.net>

Apr 3 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com
May 1 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - <http://mohicanvalleyohio.wbcci.net/>

Apr 11 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Old 30 BBQ, 1130 E Mansfield St, Bucyrus, OH, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001
May 9 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Warehouse, 320 W Center St, Marion, OH, Vicki Ettenhofer 614-571-6841

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit - <https://sites.google.com/view/campnova>

Apr 4-7 RV/MH Museum Rally (see campNOVA.com), Eby's Pines CG, 14583 St Rd 120, Bristol, IN, Alan McDowell 513-943-2026, email: alanjmcd@gmail.com
May 2-5 Urban Air Astronomical Adventure (see campNOVA.com), downtown Logan, OH, Brad Briggs 614-207-1241, email: bbriggs57@yahoo.com
May 9-12 Share the Dream at Haydocy Rally (see campNOVA.com), Haydocy Airstream & RV, 3865 W Broad St, Columbus, OH, Terry Baughman 614-499-2107, email: tbaughdad@gmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

Apr 26-28 Shakedown Rally, Bay City Pinconning Park, 3041 E Pinconning Rd, Pinconning, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: cdeleewu@comcast.net
Apr 27 Luncheon 12:30 PM, Purtell's Rest & Ice Cream Shoppe, 409 S Marble St, Pinconning, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: cdeleewu@comcast.net
May 14 Caravan to Region 4 Rally, Cabela's RV Parking, Lot L, 110 Cabela Blvd E, Dundee, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: cdeleewu@comcast.net

The Western Reserve Camping Unit - www.westernreserve.wbcci.net

May 2-5 Feathers, Glass & Iron Rally, Maumee Bay SP, 1400 Maumee Bay SP, Oregon, OH, Theresa Standing 440-840-4307, email: theresastanding@gmail.com

REGION 4 Activities

Region 4 Website: <http://region4.wbcci.net>

May 15-19 Region 4 Rally, Oak Harbor, OH
Aug 21-25 Michigan State Rally, Charlotte, MI
Sep 21-29 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - <https://akronohio.wbcci.net>

Apr 20 Luncheon 11:30 AM, F. Kiehl Residence, 2002 Waycross Ave, Akron, OH, Dennis Kiehl 330-294-1005, email: as27050@akr.net
May 2-5 Wakeup Downtown America Rally, Rally Point/Bull Pen, Hocking Cty FG, Logan, OH, Dennis Kiehl 330-294-1005, email: as27050@akr.net

Appalachian Unit of West Virginia - <http://ww.wbcci.net/>

Apr 25-28 Buddy Rally, WV FG, Lewisburg, WV, Erna & Alfred Akers 304-645-3334
May 20-22 Niagara Falls Trip/Rally (after Region 4 Rally, Ottawa Cty FG), leave from Oak Harbor, OH, Wayne Barth 304-320-7717

Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club - <http://cincinnati.wbcci.net>

Apr 25-28 Soup Rally w/Columbus OH & Miami Valley of OH Units, Greene Cty FG, 120 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH, Darren Baker 937-339-9451, email: darren.baker65@frontier.com

Columbus Ohio Unit - email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com



REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

Sep 4-8 Region 5 Rally, Amboy, IL

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Apr 6 Luncheon 11 AM, MCL Cafeteria & Bakery, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN, Charles Mason 317-525-7897, email: mason.charles@comcast.net
May 3-5 Rally, Brown Cty. SP, Nashville, IN, Charles Mason 317-525-7897, email: mason.charles@comcast.net

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

May 9-12 Spring Rally/Nomination of Officers, Angola/Hogback Lake KOA, 5251 W US Hwy 20, Angola, IN, Branko Mijatovich 260-402-8987, email: nined2yk@gmail.com
May 11 Spring Luncheon/Nomination of Officers, Blue Gate Rest. & Bakery, 195 N Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN, Branko Mijatovich 260-402-8987, email: nined2yk@gmail.com

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

May 1-5 Derby Rally, Kentucky Horse Park CG, 4089 Ironworks Pike Rd, Lexington, KY, Dawn 859-259-4257



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Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Apr 26-28 Rally Season Opener, Lee Cty. 4-H Center & FG, 1196 Franklin Rd, Amboy, IL, Dolores Mayo 630-587-2690, email: mayo.internet@gmail.com
May 17-19 Starved Rock SP Rally, Starved Rock SP, PO Box 509, Utica, IL, Dolores Mayo 630-587-2690, email: mayo.internet@gmail.com

Southern Indiana Unit - <http://southind.wbcci.net>

May 16-19 Rally, New Harmony SP, New Harmony, IN, Ron Knight 317-372-7532, email: rknight64@yahoo.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

May 3-6 Artisan Fair Rally, Camp Lakewood CG & RV Park, 1217 W Rickelman Ave, Effingham, IL, Susan Swearingen 309-824-5085, email: smsflyfisher@hotmail.com

REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

Oct 1-6 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
Oct 2-6 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 10-14 Region 6 Rally, Muscle Shoals, AL

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

2nd Mon each month: Dinner 6 PM, Montgomery, AL area, call for directions, Paul Aehnlich 334-277-9647, email: pca2@charter.net

Apr 8 North Alabama Munchin' Bunch Luncheon 11 AM, West End Grill, 6610 Old Madison Pike NW, Huntsville, AL, Andrea Patterson 256-679-7039, email: anote@knology.net

Apr 25-28 Rally, Anchors Aweigh RV Resort, 19814 Cty. Rd 20 S, Foley, AL, Bill Lancaster 256-502-9203, email: wdlancaster@aol.com

May 7 North Alabama Munchin' Bunch Dinner 6 PM, Francesco's Italian Rest., 2613 US Hwy 31, Decatur, AL, Andrea Patterson 256-679-7039, email: anote@knology.net

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

Greater New Orleans Airstream Club - <http://gnola.wbcci.net/>

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Apr 4-7 Experience Ruston Rally, Lincoln Parish RV Park, 211 Parish Park Rd, Ruston, LA, Gerald & Bobbie Peltier 504-388-5537, email: biggygigs@aol.com

May 2-5 Rally, LaPayE Bass RV Park, 669 Arpent Dr, Eunice, LA, Charlie Davis 504-615-6363, email: cwd1947@gmail.com

May 9-12 Swing in the Pines Symphony Rally, Fountainbleau SP, Gerald Peltier 504-388-5537, email: biggygigs@aol.com

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

May 16-19 Dale Hollow Buddy Rally, meet at the DAM, Tommy/Rachel Shepherd 931-647-0034, email: tshep549@aol.com

Pensacola Florida Unit - pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net

Apr 18-21 April Showers Bring May Flowers Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

May 16-19 Celebrate May Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

West Tennessee Airstream Club - westtennessee.airstreamclub.net

REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: <http://region7.wbcci.net>

Aug 7-14 Around the World with Folklorama, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

May 9-12 Spring Rally, Cushons Peak CG, 18696 MN 16, Houston, MN, Kay Olsson 763-786-4217, email: cwolsson@comcast.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - www.nodak.wbcci.net

Wisconsin Unit - <http://wisc.wbcci.net>

Apr 20-21 Easter Campout, Peninsula SP, Tension Bay CG, 9462 Shore Rd, Fish Creek, WI, Sandy & Ed Emerick 920-475-7893, email: semerick4425@gmail.com

May 17-19 Dells Campout, Wisconsin Dells KOA, S 235A Stand Rock Rd, Wisconsin Dells, WI, Bob & Heidi Manak 262-524-8711, email: bob.manak@wbcci.net

May 18 Dells Luncheon & Spring Business Mtg 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co, 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI, Bob & Heidi Manak 262-524-8711, email: bob.manak@wbcci.net

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website:

<http://region8.wbcci.net>

Apr 30-May 4 Region 8 Rally, Topeka, KS

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net

Apr 25-28 Spring Tune-up Rally, Bill Thomas Airstream Camper Sales, 101 Thomas RV Way, Wentzville, MO, Ed Knernschild 573-480-5441, email: ehk9559@aol.com

May 16-19 Rend Lake Rally, Whittington Woods CG, Whittington, IL, Barry & Judy Johnson 636-464-5457, email: ctajohnson@aol.com

Iowa Unit - <http://iowaunit.wbcci.net>

Apr 4 Brunch 10:30 AM, Golden Corral Rest., 1868 N. Power Rd., Mesa, AZ,

Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, email: cdjcabalka@juno.com
Apr 13 Almost Spring Luncheon 4:30 PM, Okaboji Grill, 1425 W 19th St, Newton, IA, Pam & Arden Taube 309-944-9449, email: aptaube@hotmail.com

Kansas City Missouri Unit - <http://kansascityunit.wbcci.net>

Apr 6 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Big Whiskey Rest & Bar, 860 NW Blue Pkwy, Lee's Summit, MO, Kay Corder 816-565-1722, email: kayceelsmo@gmail.com

Apr 25-28 Spring Rally, Lake Shawnee CG, 3435 SE Edge Rd, Topeka, KS, John Eckardt / Maria Stimach 816-729-0660, email: jeckar52@gmail.com

May 4 Luncheon 11:30 AM, District Pour House, 7122 Wornall, Kansas City, MO, Charles Colbert 913-484-9864, email: ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net

Apr 25-28 Spring Rally, Walnut Grove RV Park, Merriman, KS, Margo Kohl 417-849-1417, email: mjkohl66@sbcglobal.net

May 13-16 Spring Rally, Arrowhead Point CG 417-876-3016, 755 SW Hwy 54, Osceola, MO, next to Brenda's Quilt Shop, Gary & Linda Rush 573-286-7665, email: grush26209@msn.com

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Nebraska Airstream Club - <http://nebraskaunit.wbcci.net>

2nd Mon each month except 2nd Saturday in Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct: Luncheon 11:30 AM, Parker's Smokehouse, 16880 Hwy. 6, Ashland, NE, corner of Hwy 6 & 63, James Wright 402-419-1112, email: james@justwrightsharpening.com

Apr 25-28 Spring Is In the Air Fix-it Rally, Branched Oak Lake SRA, Area 4, Raymond, NE, James Wright 402-419-1112, email: james@justwrightsharpening.com

North Iowa Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

May 2-5 Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally, Mineola, TX
May 6-11 Region 9 Rally, Bandera, TX
Oct 24-27 Texas Country Air Rally, Brownwood, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Apr 19-21 Easter Rally, Martin Dies, Jr. SP 409-384-5231, 634 Park Road 48 S, Jasper, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109
Apr 27-29 Rally, Mother Neff SP 254-853-2389, 1680 S.H. 236, Moody, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109
May 24-26 Rally, Fairfield Lake SP 903-389-4514, 123 State Park Rd 64, Fairfield, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109

Greater Houston Airstream Club - <http://GHAC155.wbcci.net>

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - <http://hotc.wbcci.net>

TBA Monthly Activities TBA, please visit our website

North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Apr 11-14 Spring Fling Rally, Lake Wister, Victor CG, 25567 US 270, Wister, OK, Larry Walters 405-974-0202, email: walcous@gmail.com

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Apr 25-28 Fiesta Fling/Annual Bus Mtg/Election Rally, Miller Creek RV Resort, Johnson City, TX, Cathy Willis 210-744-4555, email: capwillis@yahoo.com
May 30-Jun 2 Kick Off to Summer/Buddy Rally, Lagoons RV Resort, Rockport, TX, Cathy Willis 210-744-4555, email: capwillis@yahoo.com

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

Apr 11-14 Annual Doc Cain Fishing Tournament Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzge6@gmail.com
May 16-19 Nostalgia & Vintage Airstream Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzge6@gmail.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - <http://thlu.org>

Mar 21-Apr 1 Rollin' to the Big Easy Caravan, Lake Livingston SP, Livingston, TX to Poche's Fish-N-Camp, Breau Bridge, LA, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: peter@homesofaustin.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Apr 10-13 Rally, Buckhorn Lake Resort 830-895-0007, I-10 W, Exit 501, Kerrville, TX, Zephyr Marek 512-446-3866, email: faye_marek@yahoo.com

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

May 1-5 Rally, Oakwood RV Resort, 78 FM Rd 2093, Fredericksburg, TX, Betty Foley 806-300-5592 / Ron Foley 806-300-5591, email: ronfoley44@yahoo.com

REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website: www.region10.wbcci.net

Sep 9-15 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Oct 15-20 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Ketchum, ID

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Apr 19-22 Spring Breakout Rally, Clay Banks RV Park, Merritt, BC, R. Vanderheide 250-371-1951
May 21-25 Interior BC Rally, Riverside CG, Enderby, BC, Gamache 250-549-7303 / Jackson 250-488-9940

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

2nd Sat every month: Breakfast 9 AM, Golden Corral, 8460 W Emerald St, Boise, ID, Marilyn Usselman 208-322-8155, email: usselmanm@hotmail.com

Apr 25-28 Breakout Rally & Bus Mtg, Baker City, OR, Gail Conn 208-922-6453, email: ighconn@me.com
May 16-20 Bend, OR Rally, Bend, OR, Michael Schanze 208-424-0431, email: schanze.boise@gmail.com

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

May 3-5 Boring Rogers Rally, Barton City Park, 150 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City, OR, Mike Rogers 503-313-7987, email: cvrogersm@gmail.com
May 6-17 4 Corners of Oregon Caravan, Central & SW Oregon Coast, Rovers RV Park, Waldport, OR to Four Seasons RV Resort, Gold Beach, OR, Bruce Sorte 541-231-6566, email: sorteb@peak.org
May 16-19 Tom Sawyer Rally, Historic Churchill School, 2485 Hughes Lane, Baker City, OR, Brad Taylor 503-871-7860, email: merc52man@comcast.net
May 30-Jun 2 Maryhill Rally, Maryhill SP, 50 Hwy 97, Goldendale, WA, Terri Warren 503-701-2798, email: twestover@mac.com

Washington Unit - <http://washingtonunit.wbcci.net>

Apr 12-14 Spring Fling Rally, Anderson RV Park, Long Beach, WA, Darlene Leslie 360-459-8749, email: gar-dar@hotmail.com
Apr 7-May 16 Fishing Caravan Rally, Curlew Lake, Republic, WA, Charli Westerfield 360-485-7837, email: charli300@msn.com
May 3-5 Hawaiian Luau, WLYH, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia, WA, Terry Miller 360-259-3758, email: terrymiller5622@gmail.com

REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

Oct 4-8 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - <http://azairstream.com>

Colorado Airstream Club - www.denco.wbcci.net

Apr 13 Luncheon 11 AM, Bruce's, 123 First St, Severance, CO, Jack & Janice Hornbeck 757-748-6473, email: jahjr46@gmail.com
May 2-15 Maintenance Rally, Ft. Collins Lakeside KOA, 1910 Lakeside Resort Lane, Ft. Collins, CO, Rich Nortnik 303-947-0062, email: nortnik@comcast.net

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Four Corners Unit - <http://fourcornersunit.com/>

- May 6-10 Moab 3 Rally, ACT CG (RV Park), Moab, UT, ACT CG is approx 3 mi. S of Moab, UT, E off Rte 191, Bonnie & Alan Bobman, email: baambi7as@gmail.com
- May 10-15 Capital Reef Rally, Thousand Lakes RV Park, Torrey, UT, W of Fruita, UT & Capital Reef NP on Rte 24, Ed & Christa Whitney, email: ewhitney45@centurylink.net
- May 31-Jun 3 Gone Retro Rally: An Ode to Summer Camp, Upper & Lower Fir Group Areas, Lincoln Nat'l Forest, near Cloudcroft, NM, E of Cloudcroft on US 82 to Rte 294 N, then E off Rte 294, Jamey Lathrop, email: jameylathrop@comcast.net

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net

- Apr 25-28 Spring Rally, Zion River Resort, 551 E St Rt 9, Virgin, UT, Julie Schofield 801-851-0178, email: utahairstreamers@gmail.com

Wyoming Unit - <http://wyoming.wbcci.net>

REGION 12 Activities



Region 12 Website: <http://region12.wbcci.net>

- Oct 9-13 Region 12 Rally, Bakersfield, CA
Dec 28- Jan 1, 2020 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Unit - www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net

- Apr 5-7 Rally, Pachanga RV Resort, 45000 Pachanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA, Jim & Yvonne Savage 951-852-1409, email: happyglampgal@gmail.com
- May 3-5 Rally, Lake Lopez Recreation Area (Quail Loop), Arroyo Grande, CA, Bob & Linda Minder 805-258-3901, email: rkminster@msn.com

El Camino Real Airstream Club - <http://elcaminoreal.wbcci.net>

- Apr 25-28 Airstream & Vintage Trailer Show, Golden Village Palms RV Park Resort, 3600 W Florida Ave, Hemet, CA, call in reservation to resort, Traci @ 877-477-6154, Betty 714-719-4901, email: gnordgren@msn.com
- May 9-12 Rally, Paradise By the Sea, 1537 S Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA, call in your reservation to resort 760-439-1376, Betty 714-719-4901, email: gnordgren@msn.com

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - <http://greaterbayarea.wbcci.net>

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club -

www.greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net

- Apr 11-15 Chino Hills Rally, Chino Hills SP, 4721 Sapphire Rd, Chino Hills, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
- May 9-13 V6 Ranch Bluegrass Festival, V6 Ranch, Blue Horse Camp, 70410 Parkfield-Coalinga Rd, Parkfield, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
- May 23-27 Mule Days Celebration, Tri-Counties FG, 1234 Sierra St, Bishop, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - <http://laketahoe.wbcci.net/>

- Apr 12-15 Trailer Trash Rally, 49er RV Park, 18265 Hwy 49, Plymouth, CA, Shari Gong 209-403-8541, email: sharigong1223@hotmail.com
- May 17-20 Rally, Nevada Beach SP, Elks Point Rd, Zephyr Cove, NV, Linda Maddox 714-393-9858, email: linda7915@gmail.com

Las Vegas Airstream Club - <http://nevada.wbcci.net>

Northern California Airstream Club - <http://norcal.wbcci.net>

- May 8-12 Rally, Black Oak RV Park, 19380 Toulumne Rd, Tuolumne, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - <http://goldenwest.wbcci.net>

San Diego California Unit - www.airstreamsandiego.com

Sierra Nevada Unit - <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu>

South Coast California Airstream Club - <http://southcoastcal.wbcci.net>

- Apr 5-7 Rally, Vail Lake Resort, 38000 CA 79, Temecula, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com
- May 3-5 Rally, Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina, 1131 Back Bay Dr, Newport Beach, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com

EUROPE Activities



WBCCI Europe Website: -
<http://europe.wbcci.net>

- May 23-27 Chicken Cock Rally, The Lodge, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington, West Sussex, England, Andrew Newell 44 1798813322, email: andrewn@lekiaviation.com



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N-48-A AMERICAN REVOLUTION – SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN

4/10-5/20/2019

START: NEW BERN, NC STOP: WILLIAMSBURG, VA

From our school days, we all learned about the American Revolution – the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, and the harsh winter at Valley Forge. We may have even memorized Longfellow's poem about Paul Revere's midnight ride. But what about Alamance, Waxhaws, Kettle Creek, and Kings Mountain? These were significant battles fought in the south, but do you remember hearing about them? Join us as we delve into the lesser known Southern Campaign of the American Revolution – where American independence was actually won. We'll begin in New Bern, NC where we'll visit Tryon Palace, the lavish home of the Royal Governor of North Carolina (the term "palace" was bestowed by the tax-paying townspeople, not the Governor); then we'll travel down the eastern seaboard stopping in Wilmington, visiting nearby Brunswick Town and Moores Creek; Charleston is next where we explore Fort Moultrie, Charles Pinckney's home and historic venues downtown; the History Museum and the Springhill Redoubt will be our primary focus in historic Savannah; then we turn inland and form a long oval going north through GA, SC, NC and VA. Besides those battlefields listed above, we will tour Site Ninety Six; Musgrove Mill State Historic Site; historic Camden; Kings Mountain; Cowpens; Guilford Courthouse; Old Salem, the charming Moravian community in Winston-Salem; Red Hill, home of Patrick Henry; and Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home. On the home stretch we will tour the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and the Yorktown National Battlefield, site of Cornwallis' surrender. The caravan will end in historic Williamsburg. In addition to savory caravan cookouts, our dining experiences will run the gamut from a rustic, backwoods gem on a creek, to historic taverns, a seaport village dive, the oldest continually operating dinner theater in America and everything in between. Leaders: Ed & Beth Jones, WBCCI #1515, Ph. Home 703-780-6597, Cell: Ed 703-475-0573, Beth 703-244-6384, Email: thunderhorse16@yahoo.com Mailing Address: 3704 Washington Woods Dr., Alexandria, VA 22309. Total Number of Nights: 40, Number of Stops: 11, Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26, Kitty Fee w/2: \$4,700, Kitty Fee w/1: \$3,950, Guest: TBD, Deposit Amount: \$350, Payment Dates: TBD, Date Balance Due: TBD, Cancellation Fee: TBD

N-48-C "AMERICAN CIVIL WAR – PART III"; WAR IN VIRGINIA

4/2-5/9/2019

START: CHESTERFIELD, VA STOP: NEWPORT NEWS, VA

The third and last part of our American Civil War Caravan series focuses primarily on, and thus assumes the title of, the "War in Virginia", as nearly 50% of the war's battles were fought and often refought in Virginia. We'll tour the battlefields and/or National Military Parks at Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Chancellorsville, Bull Run/Manassas, Gettysburg, Antietam and New Market. Among other things, we'll enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride around Lexington, and visit VMI. We will also visit Appomattox where Lee surrendered and Fort Monroe where Jefferson Davis was imprisoned. Tour beautiful plantations and historic homes, visit fascinating museums, and lovely cemeteries and churches including Old Blandford Church in Petersburg that houses 15 priceless Tiffany windows. Our caravan will also savor delectable cookouts, lunches and dinners; some in historic sites. Join us as we visit the places memorialized during the perpetually intriguing chapter of our history known as the Civil War. Leaders: Dale & Kathy Spillman, WBCCI #15880, Ph. Dale 225-405-4057, Kathy 225-933-6289, Email: Lau15880@yahoo.com Address: 16573 Tiger Bend Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817. Co-Leaders: Bill & Beth Racavich, WBCCI #7777. Maximum RV Units W/Leaders: 26, Total Number of Nights: 37, Number of Stops: 9, Kitty Fee w/2: TBD, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD, Deposit: \$350, Balance Due: TBD, Cancellation: Full refund before 10/1/2018; Until 1/1/2019 Leader's discretion after.

STANDBY ONLY

N-48-E CAJUN COUNTRY

3/26-4/11/2019

START: BREAUX BRIDGE, LA STOP: LAFAYETTE, LA

On the Cajun Caravan you will experience Cajun culture and hospitality at its roots. Enjoy dining on jambalaya, crawfish pie, gumbo, and all the other dishes that make Cajun cuisine popular. Travel through the Cypress swamps, rice fields and crawfish farms of south Louisiana. Dance the "Cajun Two Step" at world famous "Fred's Lounge" in Mamou. Tap your

feet while swaying to the music at Savoie's Music Store's Saturday morning jam session. Enjoy "Rendezvous des Cajuns" performance at the historic Liberty Theatre in the heart of Cajun Country. These plus many other adventures will help you understand the meaning of the Cajun phrase, "laissez le bon temps rouler", let the good times roll. Take a boat ride through a cypress swamp to watch alligators and bald eagles in their natural habitat. Tour the oldest operating rice mill in the United States. Visit Avery Island, home of Tabasco Sauce, and a beautiful Jungle Gardens Park. Ride with a Crawfish farmer on his unique harvesting boat while he brings in his daily catch. Ride a bus to Baton Rouge for a tour of the Governors Mansion and the tallest state capital building in the United States. Visit Evangeline Oak on the Bayou Teche, where in Longfellow's poem, Evangeline waited for her Gabriel. Beaucoup fun, food and adventure, packed into 16 days of excitement awaits you on the Cajun Country Caravan. Leaders: Peter & Judy Schwarz, WBCCI #2009, Cell Ph: Peter 630-561-1703; Judy 630-699-9676, Email: Peter as.skydeck@gmail.com; Judy jascombe@gmail.com Mailing Address: 151 Rainbow Drive, #151, Livingston TX 77399; Co-Leaders: Gene & Charlene Gardner, WBCCI #2393. Maximum RV/Units with Leader & Co-leader: 27, Total Number of Nights: 16, Number of Stops: 5, Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,500, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,158, Guest: \$500. Deposit Amount: \$200, Dates of Payments: 1) Deposit by 6/1/18, 2) Final by 1/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 1/1/19; Leaders Discretion after 1/1/19.

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N-48-F SOUTHWEST ADVENTURE

8/18–10/8/2019

START: ALBUQUERQUE, NM STOP: ALBUQUERQUE, NM

The 2019 Southwest Adventure Caravan will be in August, September, and October capturing the awesome beauty of the fall landscapes. Beginning in Albuquerque, NM, we will visit the Turquoise Museum, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and savor local cuisine. What is around the bend in the Four-Corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, other tourists may not see. We visit Indian pueblos and reservations to learn about their cultures from native guides. The grandeur of the scenery will amaze you as we ride a narrow gauge train up to Silverton, CO; hike to the "Palace" in Mesa Verde, or truck into Monument Valley. Moab, UT, provides gorgeous views in the surrounding National Parks and excitement with "slick-rock jeep riding." Whether using a camera at Capitol Reef National Park or riding a mule into Bryce Canyon, seeing the "Narrows" at Zion, the parks will captivate you. After seeing Zion National Park and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, we'll spend four days beside Lake Powell enjoying a boat trip on the lake, a Colorado River raft float trip and a walk through a slot canyon. Our final stops will take us back into New Mexico to explore Gallup and then the finale at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. We will have a chance to ride in a hot air balloon. America the Beautiful Senior passes (formerly the Golden Age Pass) will save you money in the National Parks we visit at Mesa Verde, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, Zion and the Grand Canyon North Rim. Come prepared to have fun with your fellow caravanners! Co-Leaders: Gary & RoseMarie Anderson, WBCCI #9181, Ph. 850-896-0567 & 850-866-7658 (cells), email: gary.rosemarie@gmail.com, Address: 2800 W. 30th Court, Panama City, FL 32405 and Winston & Carol Montague, WBCCI #807, Ph. 850-878-1281 (H), 850-491-7444 & 850-212-3726 (cells), email: wmon-tague@embargmail.com Address: 3958 Meandering Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32308, Maximum RV units w/leaders: 30 rigs. Total Number of Nights: 51, Number of Stops: 15. Estimated Kitty Fee w/2: \$4,700; w/1: \$3,700, Guest \$1,400. Deposit: \$300. Payment Dates: 2/1/19 \$2,200, 4/1/19 \$2,200. Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 2/1/19 plus non-refundable deposits. Leaders' discretion after 2/1/19.

N-48-G SPRINGTIME IN KENTUCKY

4/25-5/15/2019

START: BOWLING GREEN, KY STOP: RENFRO VALLEY, KY

Come join us as you show you our beautiful state of Kentucky and its diversity.

-From the Corvette factory to the beautiful handmade crafts of Berea.

-From backroads to rowing hills and small towns.

-From legendary horse tracks to a retirement farm for thoroughbred horses.

-From distilleries to a family flour mill.

-From historic old homes to the simplicity of Loretta Lynn's Butcher Hollow.

-From a train ride in coal country to a paddle boat luncheon cruise up the river.

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STANDBY ONLY

N-48-J SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES 5/22-6/15/2019 START: ESTES PARK, CO STOP: GARDINER, MT

Come share in the adventure of traveling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from the beauty of the Rocky Mountain National Park, to the colors of the Garden of the Gods, to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, to the Colorado Monument/Grand Mesa, to a Dinosaur bone dig, to Flaming Gorge vistas, to the majestic Grand Teton Mountains and finally the incredible wild life/geysers of Yellowstone. Be prepared for vistas that will take your breath away, literally. We'll travel at some of the highest elevations possible in North America. Stops in order are Estes Park, Manitou Springs, Gunnison, Grand Junction, Dinosaur NM, Flaming Gorge, Colter Bay Grand Tetons and Yellowstone NP. Because of the time of year, we could possibly run into snow at any location throughout the caravan with evening temperatures possibly in the lower 30's. The snow usually doesn't stick around long since daytime temperatures typically range in the 60's to 70's. We will attempt to find campgrounds with full service hookups or at minimum 30 Amp electrical services due to the cold evenings. However, we are planning two (2) days of dry camping close to the Dinosaur National Monument, one of the warmer locations. Good vehicle/trailer maintenance and appropriate accessories will be important due to our planned mountain traversing routes and high elevation camp sites. The route will require driving long distances with steep mountainous grades, many switchbacks and high altitudes. Some roads have no guardrails. Your familiarity with your rig and your ability to control it under these driving conditions is critical. This caravan should not be the place to learn. Campgrounds will range in altitudes from 5,000 ft. to close to 8,000 ft. in elevation and with mountain passes and self-guided auto tours as high as 12,000 ft. ANYONE with health issues affected by high altitude should think twice and check with their health care provider before joining this caravan. In order to gain the most from this caravan, hiking some distances (one to three miles round trip) may be required. If we haven't scared you off, come join us for a beautiful Springtime in Rocky Mountains adventure in 2019. This caravan will end at Gardiner MT, North entrance of Yellowstone NP on Saturday June 15, 2019. Leaders: Bob & Sue Heist, WBCCI #16401, Home Ph. 402-304-1843, Cell Ph. 402-968-0823, Email: bobsueheist@gmail.com Mailing address: 6401 Rainier Dr, Lincoln, NE 68510; Co-Leaders: Doug & Amanda Hewins, WBCCI #2184, Cell Ph. 941-229-3070, Email: doughewins@gmail.com Mailing Address: 6652 Primrose Dr. Unit E, USAF Academy, CO 80840. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 25 Total With Leaders, Total Number of Nights: 25, Number of Stops: 8. Total Cost: \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,500, Guest: TBD, Deposit Amount: \$400 Due with Application, Dates of Payments (if applicable): ½ of remainder by 5/1/18, Date Balance Due: 12/1/18. Cancellation Fee: \$50 plus any non-refundable deposit prior to 1/1/19. Leaders discretion after (date) 3/1/19.

STANDBY ONLY

N-48-K TASTE OF THE BLUE RIDGE 5/21-6/14/2019 START: BRYSON CITY, NC STOP: GREENWOOD, VA

Have you ever wanted to hike on the Appalachian Trail, fly through tree-tops on a zip line, tour gardens on a Segway, fly fish in rushing streams, go horseback riding on mountain trails, explore caves, bicycle (downhill) along an old railroad bed past waterfalls and scenic vistas, see Monticello and one of the oldest public universities in the US, whitewater raft the Nantahala Gorge, enjoy a world class spa, tour America's greatest "castle", and listen to true, old-time bluegrass music? Then bring your camera, binoculars, fishing gear, hiking poles, and - most importantly - sense of adventure and come vacation with us in the Blue Ridge Mountains! We

will begin in Cherokee, NC, home of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, then make our way to beautiful Asheville. From there we will boondock three nights at Linville Falls before coming back to civilization in funky Boone, NC. Next is Galax, VA for a bluegrass festival, and two more boondocking nights at Peaks of Otter. We will end our journey just outside the historic towns of Charlottesville and Staunton, Virginia for a total of 500 caravan miles. Leaders: Ray & Carol Combs, WBCCI #2994, Ph. 336-558-5532, Email: raycombs100@gmail.com Mailing Address: PO Box 753, Oak Ridge, NC 27310. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 20, Total Number of Nights: 25, Number of Stops: 7. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3300, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2200, Guest: TBD. Deposit Amount: \$500 due 1/31/18, Dates of Payments: 7/31/18 \$1400, Date Balance Due: 12/31/18 \$1400. Cancellation Fee: \$50. Leaders discretion after 1/31/19.

N-48-L NOR' BY NOR'EAST 7/10-8/19/2019

START: ASHAWAY, RI, USA STOP: CORNWALL, PEI, CANADA

The Nor' By Nor'east National Caravan will begin in southern New England and end in Prince Edward Island, Canada. We begin the caravan in RI and visit nearby Mystic Seaport, CT and Newport, RI. Plymouth, of course is steeped in history; the "Plimoth Plantation", Plymouth Rock, Mayflower II, Jenny Museum are among the places we'll visit. Boston's stop is a busy one with 2 days of bus rides from Topsfield into the Capitol. All those sites you've read about in history books will be part of our journey. JFK Library, Bunker Hill, Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall, etc. are just part of what we'll see. Continuing up the coastline to an ocean-side campsite in Searsport, ME and then nearby Bar Harbor in Trenton will make you a firm believer that Maine is indeed, beautiful. We'll enjoy the Penobscot Marine Museum, Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Observatory and a Food Channel approved "Down East Style Lobster Bake". We'll camp near-by FDR's retreat at Campobello Island in NB, Canada, enjoy "Tea With Eleanor" and then another campsite up the road in Moncton where we will visit Hopewell Cape and see the exaggerated tides of the Bay of Fundy. Nova Scotia's 3 stops include campsites that will be home bases so we can travel to Peggy's Cove, Halifax, Louisbourg, Baddeck and of course the Cabot Trail. We intend on being in NS for 11 days and we will see everything and continue to eat too! A short trip across to Prince Edward Island on a ferry and you will think you're in Heaven. We have plenty of time here for exploring and enjoying some entertainment in Charlottetown, the warm waters along some of the most beautiful beaches as well as seafood-PEI style. We will have our Farewell Banquet in Charlottetown. Leaders: Trevor & Gale Lake, WBCCI #4688, Ph. 781-837-2539 (H), Ph. 781-264-4550 (C), email: trevorlake@verizon.net Address: 315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 23, Total Number of Nights: 41, Number of Stops: 11. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,900, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit: \$200 with Application, Date Due: 2/1/19: \$800, Date Final Balance Due: 5/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$100 after 2/1/19. Leaders' Discretion after 2/1/19.

STANDBY ONLY

N-48-M CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN 6/21-7/10/2019 START: DRUMHELLER, AB, CANADA

STOP: COCHRANE, AB, CANADA

Judy and Deane would love to vacation with you in some of our favorite places in the Canadian Rockies and Alberta prairies. Traveling through the backcountry, we will have some secluded dry camping, cookouts, and hiking. We will travel through the four contiguous National Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. We'll swim in the beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs. Over 100 glaciers line the spectacular Icefields Parkway where you will ride a snow coach on the Athabasca Glacier and experience the newly constructed glass-floored Skywalk. We'll cruise Malign Lake to Spirit Island in Jasper, ride the famous gondola on Sulphur Mountain, and dine at the historic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. We'll hike to the Tea House above Lake Louise, and photograph Takakkaw Falls. We'll ride a gondola to hike the upper meadows to see wildflowers at the Banff Sunshine ski resort. We'll stay at the historic Bar U Ranch in Alberta and attend the world renowned Calgary Stampede where we will see the rodeo, chuck wagon racing and the "greatest outdoor show on earth". Your camera, your adventurous spirit and your love of laughter are a must for this vacation! Leaders: Judy & Deane Collinson, WBCCI #1077, Deane Ph. 416-232-2882, Judy Ph. 416-559-5354, Email: deane.collinson@rogers.com, judy.collinson@rogers.com Mailing address: 10 Strath Ave, Toronto, ON, Canada M8X 1P9. Maximum RV Units/With

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Leader: 20, Total Number of Nights: 19, Number of Stops: 8, Caravan distance: 900 miles/1450 km. Total Cost: \$3,200, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,200, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD. Deposit Amount: \$1,000 11/10/18 (\$0 for standby), Dates of Payments \$1,000 1/5/19, Date Balance Due: \$1,200 3/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$100 until 1/5/19. Leaders discretion after 1/5/19.

STANDBY ONLY

N-48-N VIKING TRAIL

7/10-8/31/2019

START: NORTH SYDNEY, NS, CANADA

STOP: NORTH SYDNEY NS, CANADA

The Newfoundland caravan is back! Starting near the Cape Breton ferry the caravan will spend over 50 days in Newfoundland. Visit the first settlements inhabited by Europeans in North America. Immerse yourself in a culture which developed isolated by its rugged terrain. Unique geologic features abound. See puffins, moose, and salmon jumping in unspoiled nature. Kiss a cod! Plan on lots of good food and music from the communities we visit. Trips including whale, iceberg and fjord boat tours, visit a Viking village, zip line over falls, and see historic sites that capture this island's stories. Our focus will be enjoying the wonderful people who live on the island and all they have to offer. You will feel you've gone back to a better time. Make the trip yours with opportunities for breathtaking hikes and beach combing, cod and salmon fishing opportunities, day trips to Labrador and Fogo Island. So much to see and we will do our best to make it amazing! Your rig should be in good working order and equipped to handle Airstreaming travel maintenance in more remote areas. Although we will plan most stops for hookups, be prepared to manage without for a few days. 50 amp not always available. You may appreciate having a CB. Be prepared to learn a new dialect "Where ya 'longs to?" Be prepared to get wet, walk and drive in rugged terrain, find out why there is a place call 'Blow Me Down'. Weather can get cool. Check websites for typical weather so you can plan accordingly. Bring your binoculars so you can be the first one to see the whales and icebergs. If you enjoy fishing, think about bringing your equipment. Learn to love seafood. Leaders: Murray & Pat Leggatt, WBCCI #11489, Email: ps67.fcas@gmail.com, and Chuck & Maggie Helwig, WBCCI #2868, Ph. 302-270-7618, Email: helwigcw@icloud.com. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 30, Total Number of Nights: 53, Number of Stops: 17. Kitty Fee w/2: \$7,000 CAD, Kitty Fee w/1: \$6,300 CAD, Guest: additional \$1,000 CAD. Deposit Amount: \$700 CAD - payments to be made in Canadian dollars. Dates of Payments: 1st deposit once caravan position offered, 2nd payment 11/1/18, Date Balance Due: 2/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$50 CAD plus any non-recoverable costs. Leaders discretion after: 1/1/19.

N-48-O SOUTHEAST COAST

10/8-11/9/2019

START LOCATION: BETHANY BEACH, DE

STOP LOCATION: JEKYLL ISLAND, GA

If you love seafood and want to explore the historic southeast coast of the United States, come along with us. We'll visit a historic US Lifesaving Station (predecessor of the US Coast Guard) in Delaware, attend the Chincoteague Oyster Festival and see the ponies. We'll visit many museums, lighthouses and beaches. We will see many attractions that are missed by most travelers, including Morning Colors and graduation ceremonies at the US Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC. The caravan will start at the Delaware Seashore State Park and proceeds through coastal Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina until its conclusion in the Georgia Sea Islands. So come immerse yourself in some of the culture and traditions of the Old South. The kitty fee includes campgrounds (most with full hookups), boat, carriage and bus tours, museum admission and many meals. Come join us on this adventure. Leaders: Stuart & Kathy Bacon, WBCCI #2059, Home Ph. 423-775-4237, Cell Ph. 423-618-1002, Email: sec.caravan@gmail.com. Mailing address: 356 Horseshoe Circle, Dayton, TN 37321. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 22, Total Number of Nights: 32, Number of Stops: 10. Total Cost \$3,850, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,850, Kitty Fee w/1: \$3,000, Guest: \$850, Deposit Amount: \$300. Dates of Payments (if applicable), Date Balance Due: 2 installments, #1 Due: 9/1/18 \$1,750, #2 Due: 6/1/19 \$1,750. Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 4/1/19, Leaders discretion after 4/1/19.

STANDBY ONLY

N-48-P ORES, SHORES, WATERS, AND LIGHTS - EAST 9/7-21/2019 START: MANISTIQUE, MI STOP: ST. IGNACE, MI

Short caravan; perfect for your summer vacation! Rendezvous for this caravan is on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Manistique, MI. See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops. Last night of the caravan and the closing banquet will be on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at St. Ignace, MI. Key activities/outings include: Ferry ride under the Mackinaw Bridge en route to a day on Mackinac Island, horse carriage tour of the Island, lunch at Grand Hotel, tours of lighthouses, a visit to Kitch-iti-kipi, a guided tour of Fayette Historic State Park, visits to numerous waterfalls, a boat tour of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, tour of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Tahquamenon Falls, Soo Locks boat tour, Oswald's Bear Ranch, and much more. Please send deposit, or questions, to Leaders: Chip & Lori DeLeeuw, WBCCI #2748, Ph. 517-250-5060, Email: cdeleeuw@comcast.net, Address: 906 Wright Lane, Milan, MI 48160. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 17. Total Number of Nights: 15. Number of Stops: 5, Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,600, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,200, Guest: \$500, Deposit \$200, Date Balance Due: 5/1/19, Cancellation Fee: \$50. Leaders discretion after 5/1/19.

N-48-R KENTUCKY BOURBON & BEYOND

9/15-10/12/2019

START: BOWLING GREEN, KY STOP: FRANKFORT, KY

On the Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond Caravan, you will experience the wonders of bourbon and beauty of central Kentucky. We begin our journey in Bowling Green touring the Corvette museum and reopened factory and a boat ride in the Lost River Cave. We'll stop at Lincoln's birthplace with optional stops at Lincoln's boyhood home and the Kentucky Railway Museum. STOP 2: In Bardstown, the Kentucky Bourbon Festival has a full range of events. We'll visit the Cooperage, Barton, Lux, Maker's Mark and Limestone Distilleries with options for you to visit several other area distilleries on your own. We have planned two special events: My Old Kentucky Dinner train and a special festival event at Wickland, Home of Three Governors. This is a private festival event featuring cozy bonfires, bonded bourbons, history, music and Kentucky cuisine. Bardstown has many fine shops, historical homes and museums for your enjoyment. You will leave with a more refined bourbon palate and ready for many more tasting opportunities. STOP 3: In the Louisville area, we'll tour Jim Beam & Four Roses, enjoy a dinner at Forest Edge Winery. A motor coach will take us to downtown Louisville where we'll tour the Frazier Museum and have plenty of free time to explore the Urban Bourbon Trail, shops & museums. We'll finish the day with a tour at Old Forester. On your free day, explore Louisville and the surrounding areas. We'll tour the Kentucky Derby Museum with a walking tour of Churchill Downs and enjoy a lunch and the races in Millionaire's Row. Our final two events will include a day at Vine Grove Bluegrass Festival and lunch aboard the Belle of Louisville. STOP 4: In Lexington, we'll attend Woodsong's "Old Time Radio Hour," visit the Kentucky Horse Park Museum, Mary Todd Lincoln's home, and the distillery district with a short tour of Barrel House Distillery. Other distillery tours are available. The following day includes a tour of the Toyota factory, Equus Run Vineyards and Old Friends, a retired thoroughbred farm. Experience a day of racing at Keeneland and a lunch buffet. STOP 5: In Berea, we'll attend a show at the Spotlight Theatre, tour and lunch at Shaker Village. You'll have a free day to explore the Berea Artisan Village. STOP 6: In Frankfort we'll tour Wild Turkey, Four Roses, Rebecca Ruth Candy, Buffalo Trace, Woodford Reserve and Three Boys Farm Distillery (not all on the same day). We'll have our final banquet in Versailles, KY. In addition, we'll have caravan gatherings at the campgrounds. We look forward to you joining us! Leader: Margaret Van De Ree, WBCCI #2685, Cell Ph. 704-728-6040, Email: mvanderee@gmail.com. Mailing address: 138 Greystone Road, Davidson, NC 28036. Co-Leaders: Nancy & John Becker, WBCCI #2048, Cell Ph. 336-504-8769, Email: john_becker@mac.com. Mailing address: 343 Lakewood Pointe Dr., Roxboro, NC 27574. Maximum RV Units w/Leaders: 25. Total Number of Nights: 28, Number of Stops: 6. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,450, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,600, Guest: \$1,400. Deposit Amount: \$250, Dates of Payments (if applicable), (1) 1/15/19, (2) 4/15/19. Cancellation Fee: \$100, Leaders discretion after 4/15/19. Please send deposit of \$250 to John Becker, 343 Lakewood Pointe Dr., Roxboro, NC 27574.

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N-48-S SHO-ME THE OZARKS

START: MOUNTAIN VIEW, AR

The region of America known as "The Ozarks" is a cultural and geographically distinct area of mountains, valleys and fresh water springs, rivers and lakes which centers in northern Arkansas and south Missouri. Although educationally and economically progressive, the people value and retain the influences of a pioneer heritage. The caravan leaders' families were original pioneer settlers who have lived in the same place over 170 years, going to the same school for seven generations....livestock traders, sheriffs, bootleggers, teachers, lawyers, judges, blacksmiths, merchants, laborers and village characters. You will meet, spend time with, and share stories with local folks. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sites, events and food not to be missed....concluding with a traditional riverbank fish fry. Great group meals are a priority, but no food committee. Expect pig roasts, church dinners on the grounds, Dutch oven cobblers, Amish feasts, ham and beans with cornbread and much more. While some roads are narrow and

9/26- EST. 10/27/2019

STOP: VAN BUREN, MO

twisty the daily trek distances will be short. Music will abound, from porch fiddles to an internationally famous vocal choir. Ranger Talk presenters are from a special roster of historians, locals, and conservationists. You will visit the number one new attraction in the US, Bass-Pro Shops and Aquarium, Laura Ingalls Wilder home and museum, the Daisy museum, Crystal Bridges Art Museum, Silver Dollar City international food, music and craft fair, and much more. See the magnificent fall scenery and nature's beauty. Leaders: Jack & Kay Garrett, WBCCI #4232, Cell Ph. Jack: 417-293-2487, Cell Ph. Kay: 417-293-7283, Email: rjackgar@hotmail.com, Mailing address: 10302 County Road 9030, West Plains, MO 65775. Co-Leaders: Bob George, WBCCI #2682, Ph. 443-605-3398, Email: bobgeorge2682@gmail.com; Anna Janesko, WBCCI, #31788, Ph. 816-820-3071, Email: 66204annajean@gmail.com. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25, Total Number of Nights: est. 32, Number of Stops: 8. Level of Exertion: Moderate, but very light/disabled options at most sites/events. Kitty Fee w/2: est. \$4000, Kitty Fee w/1: est. \$3450, Guest: TBD, Deposit Amount: \$400. Dates of Payments (if applicable): 1. TBD, 2. TBD. Cancellation Fee: TBD. Leaders discretion after (date)

WBCCI / The Airstream Club International National Caravan Application (Please print clearly)

Date of Application: _____ Caravan # _____ Caravan Name _____

WBCCI# _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Pets _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Summer Address: _____

Winter Address (if applicable): _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ Email _____

Type of Airstream: Trailer Motorhome Interstate/B-Van Length of Rig: _____

Ham # (if applicable): _____ Handicapped: Y / N

Amount Enclosed: (US\$) _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: (Caravan Leader's Name) WBCCI Caravan (Caravan Name)

Example: Roy Rogers WBCCI Caravan Travels with Triggar

Mail to the Caravan Leader

ATHENS OLD TIME FIDDLERS RALLY
Athens, Alabama
October 1 - 6, 2019

Last Name _____
First Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Rally Fee:

Per adult # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
Per child # _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

20 amp, water, dump and one (1) pump-out

Softball field

Camping per night # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Checks payable to: Alabama Airstream Fiddlers Rally
Send registration & check to:
Mike Hamilton, 3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801

Rally Chairman email: athensairstreamrally@gmail.com

REGION 2 RALLY
Red...White...and...Blue
South Mountain Fairgrounds
615 Narrows Rd., Biglerville, Pennsylvania
June 6 - 9, 2019

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State/ Prov _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Handicap parking? _____ (Yes) Golf? _____ (Yes) Volunteer? _____ (Yes!)

South Mt. Fairgrounds is in Adams County, PA., home of the historic Civil War Battlefield of Gettysburg, the South Mountain Fruit Belt, covered bridges and portions of the Appalachian Trail and the Underground Railroad. Morning activities will include a golf outing, seminars, and the Region 2 Business Meeting. Afternoons are free to explore the area...bicycling, hiking, kayaking and fishing are as close as the nearby Caledonia State Park. Take a tour of Gettysburg or one of several local wineries! Mark your calendars now!

Rally Fee includes two breakfasts, catered dinner, 2 nights entertainment, ice cream socials. Sites include W/E, with dump station available.

Rally Fee:

Ages 13 and up \$65 x _____ = \$ _____
Children 3-12 \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
Camping/night (W/E and dump) \$20 x _____ = \$ _____
(May arrive on Wed, June 5 and must depart Mon, June 10. Max 5 nights)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

RSVP by May 1, 2019
Make check (USD) payable to: Region 2 WBCCI
Mail to: Will Kushto, Treasurer
114 Flagstaff Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19115-3410

Children and pets welcome!
Contact: Rune Moeller 443-286-3114, email: gpickr@icloud.com

43rd REGION 4 RALLY
Lake Erie Islands Shores and More
Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 OH-163, Oak Harbor, OH
May 15 - 19, 2019

Last Name _____
First Name(s) _____
WBCCI # _____ Unit _____
Type RV TT MH Length _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Text: Y N
Email _____ # in Party _____
Handicapped Parking? Y N

Rally Fees:	Before 2/1/19	After 1/31/19	
2 Persons	\$295	\$345	\$ _____
1 Person	\$225	\$275	\$ _____
Each Extra Adult/Child	\$ 70	\$100 x _____ =	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			\$ _____

4 nights of camping, water/electric, dump station

Activities: Campfire, entertainment, hobby show, karaoke, flea market, fellowship

Attractions: Lake Erie, fishing, Put-in-Bay, Kelly's Island, Toledo, Port Clinton

For More Information contact: Don & Marian Hetzler
937-335-3301, email: pophetzler@hotmail.com

Checks payable to: WBCCI Region 4
Mail Registration & Check to:
Steve Rhodes
1121 Bogey Drive, Ontario, OH 44903

Note: Registrations postmarked after Jan. 31, 2019 do not qualify for the discount. Incorrect payments received after this date will be returned to the member for correct payment. Refunds will be given only with Region 4 President approval. Refunds after March 1 will be limited to camping fees only at \$30 per night.

REGION 7 RALLY
Around the World with Folklorama
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
August 7 - 14, 2019

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

WBCCI # _____ Handicap Parking _____

Arrive _____ Leave _____

Trailer _____ MH _____ Length _____ Slide Out: Yes / No

Rally Fee:

RV - 30 amp - 7 nights - full hookup x \$220.00 \$ _____

RV - 50 amp - 7 nights - full hookup x \$550.00 \$ _____

Each Adult & Child over 12 _____ x \$290.00 \$ _____

Each Child - under 12 _____ x \$240.00 \$ _____

Less Deposit Paid \$300.00 \$ _____

Total Fee - US Funds \$ _____

Includes: 7 nights camping, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners at rally site, 2 nights at Folklorama, one night at Celebrations Dinner Theatre, tours of - Canadian Human Rights Museum, Manitoba Museum, Royal Canadian Mint, seminars and other tours and events. More information available at <https://region7.wbcci.net>. Online registration and payment available on the Region 7 website.

Send \$300.00 US ASAP to reserve your site.

Balance due - June 1, 2019

Make checks payable to: WBCCI - Region 7

US Residents - Mail to:

Don Thomson
 502 Main St. W.
 Cavalier, ND 58220

Canadian Residents - Mail to:

Gail Harrower
 23 Village Drive
 Ste. Anne, MB, Canada
 R5H 1H4

Refund requests emailed to treasurer.region7@gmail.com
 by July 1, 2019 will receive a refund less a \$25.00 administrative fee.

No refunds after July 1, 2019

REGION 3 RALLY
Tom Johnson Camping Center Rally Park
Marion, North Carolina
Where Main Street Meets the Mountains
April 24 - 28, 2019

It's Springtime in the Blue Ridge Mountains!

There are three ways to pre-register. PICK ONE!

Online fill out the 2019 R3 Rally Registration form on the R3 website region3.wbcci.net and pay the rally fee when you arrive.

OR

Download, print, and mail the reservation form attached to the Region 3 Newsletter with your rally fee check, payable to WBCCI Region 3, to Alicia Rafter, R3 Registrar, 1864 Indian Rd W, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 to arrive by April 10.

OR

Fill out the coupon in the Blue Beret and send with your rally fee check, payable to WBCCI Region 3, to Alicia Rafter, R3 Registrar, 1864 Indian Rd W, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 to arrive by April 10.

Pre-register in order to receive all the informational emails concerning the rally, including detailed directions, activities, and schedules. Pre-registering also helps ensure enough tables, chairs, food.

Everyone will pay their camping fees directly to the campground after arrival and before coming to the rally registration table. You may register in the campground office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Bring your campground receipt with you to the rally registration table.

Please do NOT call the campground to reserve a site. The entire rally park is ours. There are 280 sites with full hook-ups and 100 with water and electric. Choose your site when you arrive. They are all the same. The campground fee is \$32 per night.

Attendee #1 (First and Last) _____

Attendee #2 (First and Last) _____

Additional Attendees Names (First and Last plus age if a minor) _____

Cell Phone# _____ WBCCI # _____

Home Unit of WBCCI _____

Email _____

Confirm Email _____

Emergency Contact Phone # _____ (Someone not with you at the rally.)

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Rally Fee:

Wednesday or Thursday arrival \$75 Per Rig for 2 or more people \$40 Per Single

Friday or Saturday arrival \$60 Per Rig for 2 or more people \$35 Per Single

Do you require handicapped parking? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member of the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC)? Yes _____ No _____

GALAX OLD FIDDLERS CONVENTION
18th Special Events Rally
Galax, Virginia
August 4 - 10, 2019

Region 3 will again be the host of the 18th Special Event Rally in Galax, Virginia for the 84th Old Fiddler's Convention August 5-10.

The Fiddler's Convention is six days of continuous entertainment while the rally will have special concerts by Wayne Henderson and Friends, and the Junior Appalachian Musicians as well as a tour of Wayne's shop and his extraordinary museum; a breakfast, dinner, and melon "cutting" included. Rally fee is \$55 per person, \$20 children 12-16. Limited to 45 rigs.

The rally campsites will be at the Cool Breeze Campground that has three point hook-ups, 30 and 50-amp service, cable TV, and wireless Internet for \$38 per night tax included. There

will be on-site entertainment. The website address is: <http://coolbreezecampground.com> and phone number is 276-236-0300.

There is no sign-up coupon or check to send, just call the campground to reserve your campsite and spot in the rally. Pay the rally fee on your arrival.

Note: entrance fee to the Fiddlers Convention is not included in the rally fee.

The Region 3 website region3.wbcci.net will have a page about the rally as will the region calendar. Rally directors are Julian & Lynne Clements dandylynnec@gmail.com 706-244-2129.

**SUN VALLEY JAZZ & MUSIC
FESTIVAL RALLY**
River Run Ski Lodge Parking Area, Ketchum, Idaho
October 15 - 20, 2019

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

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Arrival Date _____ WBCCI # _____

Rally Fees:		Amount
Festival Admission	(\$165/person) x _____	= \$ _____
Parking Fee	\$40 for the week	= \$ _____
Sales Tax (add if <u>not</u> volunteering)	10% of above	= \$ _____
Region 10 Rally Fee	\$10/person x _____	= \$ _____
Sub-Total		\$ _____
Credits for Volunteer Service (12 hrs per person)		
Volunteering	-\$165/person x _____	= (\$ _____)
Parking	\$40	= (\$ _____)
Total Credits		= (\$ _____)

Total Rally Fees (Sub-Total - Credits) \$ _____

Fees include access to bathroom/showers at River Run Chalet and shuttle service to all venues from dry camping lot.

Cancellation Fee Before Oct 5 = \$25; after Oct 5 – at discretion of Host

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Quebec Canada Unit Caravan to Newfoundland, Canada

Submitted by Gilles Daigle, #5715



Participants of the Quebec Unit Caravan U-431



Airstream Trailer entering the Ferry in Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland



Participants with Newfoundland dog at
Rockey Harbour, Newfoundland



Screech-In of the Caravan Leaders, Gilles Daigle and
wife Colette in Port Aux Choix Newfoundland (a must do
if you go to Newfoundland!)



Ladies participating in the Caravan; picture taken at
Petit-Shippagan, New Brunswick

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Sunset in Jackson Center- submitted by Lynn Clements, #224



Carolinas Airstream Club last rally of the season at Ocean Lakes Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC - photo by Keith Schneider, #5032, submitted by Anne Seslar, #2606



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