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President's Corner



The January meeting of the International Board of Trustees (IBT) in Robertsdale, Alabama has now been completed. I am very proud of the Board for the actions taken at the meeting. I have served on the Board for six years and I truly believe that the Board has approved motions in the best interest of the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Many of the members of our club have approached me telling me that it was wonderful seeing the committee chairs and officers working together. If we think of our Regions in the traditional way (having a President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President), we would have thirty-six (36) Region Officers. Would you believe it if I told you we had twenty-four (24) Region Officers attend the mid-winter IBT? This means two-thirds of our Region Officers were in attendance. I wish to congratulate each of you for coming to Robertsdale and assisting with club business.

We also had a "first" at Robertsdale. For the first time, the preparatory seminar meeting and the IBT meeting were combined. However, anyone in the audience and any of our Region Vice Presidents were given their opportunity to speak. The new process worked very well. We essentially eliminated one meeting.

The most important motion passed was the providing of funding for a fully functional public-facing website, replacing the current wbcci.org website. In addition, Phase One will also deliver the capability to begin migrating Region, Unit/Club and Interclub websites to the new website platform. Eric McHenry will be serving as Project Manager. Eric will be outlining the process in an upcoming Blue Beret.

It is my opinion that the International Officers who follow me are committed to continue change for the benefit of our wonderful club. Your President and Vice Presidents no longer work in a silo, but plan and work together for continuation of efforts resulting in a stronger single brand RV camping club.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Region 6 for sponsoring our Mid-Winter IBT. The building was new and very accommodating. The dinner meals were fantastic and the entertainment was enjoyable. The seminars were good. Thank you again Region 6. They organized all things well, but could not control the outside temperature.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry B. Bell". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

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Mid-Winter IBT Summary

Eileen Frerking, International Recording Secretary

Hello, WBAC Airstreamers!

It's time to share some of the happenings at the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting in Robertsdale, AL. Following two days of blustery and rainy weather, the sun shone down. An attendance of over 140 persons included 24 of the 36 Region Presidents and Vice-Presidents. President Barry Bell noted that this was a record officer attendance for any Mid-Winter IBT. Many at home were tuned in to the live streaming of the proceedings, but for those of you who did not have this opportunity; here are some highlights from January 24, 2019. President Bell reported that planning for the 62nd International Rally in Doswell, Virginia, is well underway. The Doswell area offers many historical places to visit, hiking, biking, a nearby theme park, as well as rally activities! There are some spaces still available, so register soon!

The Nominating Committee reported a full slate of officers for 2019-2020: Mona Heath, President, Andrew Selking, 1st Vice-President, Tye Mott, 2nd Vice-President, Eric McHenry 3rd Vice-President, Vickie Courtney, International Recording Secretary and James Polk, Treasurer. Thanks are extended to committee members Jim Cocke, Carolyn Beardshear, and Debbie Hammer.

Jay Thompson, the Caravan Committee Chair, reported satisfaction and excitement with the video presentation of caravan leader training, and it has resulted in new leaders as well as a small cadre of leader mentors being established.

Kathi Mitchell, chair for Special Events, reported that more events are being planned with an increased interest in urban-type rallies.

Hedda Smithson, chair of Publications, is asking for units to share their activities with the region

contacts who will then share activities with her committee resulting in more club news in the Blue Beret.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee led by Tom Smithson introduced several action items that were adopted:

- Ways that the Region Officers may assist units that need help to remain viable units.
- Items for the IBT Mid-Winter Meeting agenda should be submitted to WBCCI Headquarters by December 1.
- Suspension of the charter of Wyoming Unit due to non-compliance with unit constitutional approval every 5 years. Members will become Members at Large in the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Reinstatement of the unit is available with compliance.
- The Blue Book is available on the club website and no longer needs to be printed and distributed by headquarters to officers and chairs.
- The Executive Committee will have sole responsibility to maintain up-to-date documents pertaining to personnel management for all employees. These documents will be found in the WBCCI HQ Human Resources Manual.

The Rally Site Chair, Vern Goodwin, shared a list of fairgrounds that would be appropriate for rallies. This list is available from your Region President.

Several motions were approved to assist in the smooth operation of the club:

- Motion 1 supported the development of a new website that will provide a

more modern look and easier navigation throughout the site. As a result the website will be more inviting to visitors, support members in obtaining information, and enable the Headquarters staff to operate more efficiently.

- Motion 2 allowed unused funds that are allocated to Region President's travel to the Mid-Winter IBT to be shared with the Region Vice-Presidents up to the budgeted amount.
- Motion 3 changed the color combinations on the officers' window signs to more closely match the officers' badges and be more visible from the outside of the trailer.
- Motion 3A allowed for unique unit badges, designs of flags/pennants, and unit name changes to be approved by the Executive Committee. Thus approval will be more timely.
- AND NOW FOR SOME VERY EXCITING NEWS: Motions 4-12A were approved for the following name changes: Central Pennsylvania Unit #164 to Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club #164, Carolinas Unit of North Carolina #021 to Carolinas Airstream Club #021, South Carolina Coastal #150 to South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club #150, Tidewater Virginia Unit #111 to Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club #111, Cincinnati Ohio Unit, Inc. #078 to Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club #078, Oklahoma Unit #88 to Oklahoma Airstream Club #88, Texas Highland Lakes Unit #172 Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club #172, Golden West CA Unit #008 to Sacramento Valley Airstream Club #008, South Coast California Unit to South Coast

The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

Gina Eggers, #3732



A streamer on the Air Forums wrote about how they don't consider themselves "campers" in the sense that they don't cook mainly outside on a campfire or a grill, but in their kitchen. They prefer to cook from scratch, in the oven or their insta-pot. How many of you are also cooking, or prefer to cook, in your Airsteam vs outdoors? I know I do. I'd like to hear from you as to what you need or want from a cooking column. Do you need main meals? How much time do you want to spend preparing a meal? I try to keep most of these recipes to 30 minutes or less, keep bowls, pots and other utensils to a minimum, and make certain the meals are healthy and delicious. One pot meals, such as casseroles (called hot dish if you live in Wisconsin or Minnesota), insta-pot, crockpots and my new favorite, the All-Clad grain/rice cooker that is also a crockpot and can saute. If you haven't seen this, check it out. It's shiny aluminum and black with a glass lid. It's my new favorite appliance, even at home. It's also small, so it doesn't take up as much space as an insta-pot. It's a well-made machine that looks like it was designed for an Airsteam ☺.



This recipe for sweet and sour chicken was my mother's, and I used to make it for my daughters until they grew up and moved away. It's never been passed on except within the family, but I want to share it because it's so easy and so delicious. It also suits my criteria for not much clean-up and ingredients we can carry with us without too much trouble or space. Please let me know if you make it and what you think. I'd love your opinions on what should be written about here too. Just email me at upnorthbread@icloud.com. I'm also on Instagram with the same name.

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Prepare 1 cup of rice per person. This can cook while you prepare the meal.

Cut 2 **boneless chicken breasts** into bite-size chunks. Beat 1 **egg** in a medium bowl and add the chicken. Toss until coated. Sprinkle **¼ cup of cornstarch** in the bowl and mix until coated. Saute the chicken in a **tablespoon or two of hot oil** in a skillet until cooked and browned. Remove from skillet and set aside. Open a **large can of pineapple chunks**. Drain the pineapple juice from the can into a measuring cup and add enough water to fill to one cup. Pour into the same skillet you just used to brown the chicken. Add **1/3 cup of vinegar** (either apple-cider or plain vinegar), **¼ cup of honey** and heat until just boiling. Cut up 1 **green pepper** into chunks and add to the skillet. Simmer for a couple of minutes. Mix **2 tablespoons of cornstarch with ¼ cup of cold water** until fully mixed. Add to boiling sauce in skillet and mix until sauce thickens. Add the pineapple chunks from the can you drained, **1 tsp of soy sauce** and the previously browned chicken. Heat until chicken is warmed.

Note: if you have carrots available, you can thinly slice some to add at the same time as the green pepper. More veggies!

Gina Eggers and boyfriend Mark Kasten are owners of a 27' FB International Serenity, "Something Shiny." Gina has been a lifelong camper and foodie, attending classes and seminars around the United States on breads, grains and vegetarian/vegan and raw foods. She has been teaching classes at a kitchen store in Wisconsin and in hers and others homes, and will be teaching pasta-making at the Marquette Farmer's Market in Michigan this summer. She is a member of the Bread Baker's Guild of America. You can find her on Instagram at [@upnorthbread](https://www.instagram.com/upnorthbread).

National / Special Events

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National/Special Event Rallies provide the membership with an opportunity to participate in an event available only to WBAC members. These rallies are designed to introduce the participant in something special in an area of the country that campers/travelers may not know about or how to navigate. Units or Regions see something special in their area and want to bring travelers from all over to experience this. Examples: "Pets and Paws", Provincetown, MA, 4/12-14/2019, "New York City Base Camp", 6/6-9/2019, "Balloon Fiesta", Albuquerque, NM, 10/11-14/2019 and "Rose Parade", Pasadena, CA 12/28/2019 to 01/1/2020.

The events may be held to share WBAC lifestyle with fellow Airstream owners such as the "Cannopener" held at Topsail Hill State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, 12/30 to 1/5/2020. This allows non-members to participate along with the members. "Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up", 5/2-5/2019, joins vintage Airstream and Argosy trailers to learn about the how to update, repair the trailer and the early history of Wally Byam.

Some Region/Units choose to highlight area events: "Galax Old Fiddlers Convention", 8/4-10/2019, "Athens Old Time Fiddlers", 10/1-6/2019, and the "Storytelling Festival", 10/2-6/2019. There may be a "Branson Musical Rally" held in Branson, MO coming at the end of September. Watch for this in the Blue Beret.

The newest National/Special Events are the urban rallies. These rallies camp (many dry camping) in or close to a city or town. There the participants learn about the history and enjoy the restaurants and sites. Most include a community open house of the trailers/ motorhomes. This provides the general public the opportunity to learn and experience the philosophy of the WBAC (WBCCI) Airstream lifestyle. Perhaps in the future these Urban Rallies will include Mexico and other areas around our world. Look into "Airstreams on Mainstreet", Havana, FL, 4/4-7/2019, "Around the World" with Folklorama's 50th Anniversary Celebration, 8/7-14/2019 and "Texas Country Air", Brownwood, TX, 10/24-27/2019. A first-time rally and one that developed so quickly that

advertising in the Blue Beret was not possible is the "Streamin on the Harbor", Georgetown, SC, 3/1-3/2019. Hopefully this will happen in 2020 and you will choose to attend.

Please forgive me for not mentioning all the National and Special Rallies happening throughout the year in the Club. I encourage all readers to look on the WBCCI.org website. The link is: wbcci.org/nationaleventspage/caravans/national-special-events/national-and-special-event-rallies for a rally happening in an area you will be traveling through. These rallies would benefit families with children and home schoolers. They are usually short in duration so that working members can plan to include one during vacation.

As the Chair of the National/Special Events standing committee, I have 3 goals for 2019: create clear recognition of these rallies, improve advertising with the result of increased member participation and add National/Special Rallies.

Mid-Winter IBT Summary

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- California Airstream Club, Alabama Unit #1 to Alabama Airstream Club #1.
- Motions #13-#15 approved flags/logos for Carolinas Airstream Club, Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club, and Michigan Airstream Club.
- Motions #17-#19: Approval for unique unit badges for Florida Airstream Club, Greater Bay Airstream Club, Northern California Airstream Club.

With the conclusion of the meeting thanks and appreciation were extended to Region 6 President Ken Ritenour and Chairman, Jim

Johnson, and to the work crews for their planning and hospitality. Food (BBQ, pancake breakfast, and Cajun buffet – mmmm good) and entertainment (DJ and the Mobile Jazz Band) were just perfect!

See you in Doswell!

Autumnwatch in the Land of the Red Dragon

By: Brothers William & Thomas Emberry



The Autumn season starts early October for the Tincanners in watching one of favourite wildlife television programmes... Autumnwatch. This year the BBC filmed a "one off special" in New Hampshire, New England, USA... Watching New England's varied wildlife was quite incredible, from the huge moose to bear and bobcats, cheeky chipmunks, racoons, and flying squirrels to name a few, this along with the vast colours of what America calls The Fall was truly inspiring. Thinking how wonderful it would be to go Airstreaming in the State of New Hampshire at this time of year.

Inspired we set about planning our Airstream Autumnwatch Adventures in the Land of the Red Dragon... Llanberis in Snowdonia was our destination. Mum pre-booked the campsite which is compact in size, immaculate in presentation, offering 54 all weather pitches (Snowdonia has much rain) of which 19 are fully serviced (full hook-up). The campsite is situated next to a small woodland at the foot of Mount Snowdon just outside the village of Llanberis, where the Welsh language is spoken everywhere, a testimony to the area's rich cultural heritage.

School half term finally arrives...WOO HOO! We're ready for Adventure... Dad preps the Airstream making sure all systems are go for possible freezing conditions in Snowdonia. We often tease Dad over his winter checklist, saying N.A.S.A. would like a copy of his pre-flight checks. To be fair to Dad, he leaves nothing to chance! The Airstream even has all season/ winter tyres fitted :-)

We wake on Travel Day to a beautifully sunny frosty morning. Mum said an excellent start to our Autumnwatch Adventures, as Dad hitches up the Airstream deciding the route to take will be the coast road instead of going across country. The coast road has some interesting landmarks to watch out for...First being the Marble Church with its pure white appearance in the Autumn sunshine. As we mark the 100th Commemorative year of The Great War. Dad mentions that over 100+ WW1 servicemen including 80+ Canadian Soldiers are remembered here. The next landmark is the 19th century Gwrych Castle which has recently been purchased by a trust

that has been trying to preserve it for decades, a fairytale story in itself.

Travelling past the vast wind turbine farm out at sea, Dad reminds us of the picture of the Commodore Vanderbilt- Airstream pointing out that Llandudno was one of the destinations painted on the side of the trailer... Thinking perhaps lifelong friends Wally and Neil may have travelled this very same route, possibly towards The Great Orme and its 1898 Tramway which still runs today...

Thomas said "now comes the exciting part of the journey for me" The Conwy and Penmaenbach Tunnels, which cuts through the coastal mountainside. There is something quite special in seeing the Airstream reflecting back tunnel lights. This is also where we get the most thumbs up from other vehicles :-) as we slowly pass through. Exit the final tunnel and the scenery opens up to the stunning vista of the Snowdonia Range to our left and the Island of Anglesey (Ynys Môn) to our right.





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Anglesey supplied one of America's past US Presidents with his favourite sea salt. Our Duke and Duchess of Cambridge also used to reside here when Prince William was stationed at RAF Valley. Anglesey is also very close to our Hearts :-)

Now back on the Llanberis Pass country route, we pull over at a picturesque roadside lay-by for some refreshments, whilst waiting patiently for our allotted campsite arrival time.

We arrived on site to a lovely warm welcome from the park managers, who recommended an abundance of exciting things to do and see in the area. The Airstream was soon pitched with full hook-up services as we relaxed onboard for lunch. Walking boots on, we're off for an afternoon's exploring Llyn (Lake) Pardarn and the Country Park, whilst taking in the majestic view of the surrounding mountain range, chatting and planning the next few days of adventures.

Next morning after a hearty breakfast, we trek off to the National Slate Museum. Wow this place is so fascinating, live demonstrations on how to split and dress slate roof tiles. Roof tiles were shipped all over the world from this former Roman slate quarry. 25% was the figure given of damaged tiles whilst in transit, each slate worker producing the first 25% of tiles free for the company to cover its losses. The

Museum has a row of Welsh cottages depicting life throughout the years; one has a welcoming coal fire which warms you after walking round the cold foundry works seeing the massive waterwheel which drives all belt driven machinery. Walking back to the campsite gives a whole new appreciation in looking at the sheer face of the massive slate quarry and how this was worked by the quarrymen.

Our next day's adventure involves Mount Snowdon. Hiking up Snowdon needs careful consideration at this time of year. We observed clouds topping the mountains quite frequently. Always inform the campsite warden of your plans to Summit Snowdon and an approximate time of return. There are various routes you can take with the Llanberis Path being our choice. The quickest route to summit is via the rack and pinion Mountain Railway which has been in existence since 1896. The steam trains run



daily weather permitting until the end of October. Legend & myth say King Arthur fought the fearsome Giant Rhitta on Snowdon... Excalibur can be found at Llyn Pardarn... Thankfully were only searching for a Friendly Red Dragon!

All too soon our Airstream Autumnwatch Adventures have come to an end, having been fortunate with the weather; we explored plenty, learned new things, and developed new skills on this short trip. As for the Friendly Red Dragon, we found him on the Welsh Flag we purchased for our next Airstream Adventures in this beautiful land of the Red Dragon :-)

See you down the road... Somewhere :-)





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Our European Road Trip - Part 1 - The First 10 Days

Don Lewis, #16592

The best investment we ever made... a 2015 International 684 Airstream, similar in appearance to a 27ft US model but 8ft 3in wide. Back in 2014 our family did our first ever RV trip through Yellowstone, Glacier, up to Banff, Lake Louise and back again where we discovered how much we loved the outdoor life style. We were in a Camp America RV but an Airstream would park up near us in almost every campsite we stopped at. We fell in love with the iconic shape and researched whether we could buy one in Europe. It turned out there was a UK dealer in the Lake District - a beautiful part of England.

By August 2015 we took delivery of a European specification trailer and began with some great trips around parts of the UK we had not seen. We also ventured to France for two to three week trips in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Of course, one of the first things we did was to join the newly formed European branch of the WBCCI and in 2016 even attended their first rally, which was in France. We are #16592 and 'Ali' is the registered name for our home away from home.



Route map

We started planning our big road trip the day we took delivery. My daughter would finish her first major exams in 2018 and finish school almost a month earlier than normal. That meant we could head off to tour France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium...well that was as soon as Abigail's Prom was over. As well as Airstreams, school proms are something else that have made their way across the pond – thanks everyone over there. It cost me a small fortune but she was stunning! We would leave after the prom and arrive home 52 days later, the day before her results...and she did brilliantly...phew!!

So who are we? We are the Lewis Family, Don (that's me), my wife Amanda, Abigail our 15 year old daughter and travelling with us on every trip so far is Amanda's mum, Betty (she makes a great cup of tea!) Oh and how could I forget the only one that doesn't answer me back – Barkley, our Golden Doodle.

This series is the story of our wonderful journey – something that would never have happened if we had not bought Ali!! I hope you enjoy the ride with us as we travel through the next 52 days, 2550 miles (4104KM) towing, and 500 miles more sightseeing, approximately 500 boules of ice cream, and plenty of tea, wine and beer (OK so it was only me on the beer... and most of the ice cream!!).

We always head to Europe via the Eurotunnel, so we drove to the Kent coast and then very carefully onto the train – there is about 2 inches clearance either side of our 2.5m (8ft 3in) wide Airstream. Thirty minutes later we were in Calais, France. It is a fantastic and quick way to get from the UK to mainland Europe.



This way...

The first leg of our journey took us through Normandy and the west coast of France. We generally book our campsites ahead because we often have to go in peak season so, with a twin-axle trailer, it gives an air of relaxation knowing we have a place booked. Lots of our friends travel and manage fine with bookings on the day.

Our first location was the small campsite, Risle Seine des Etangs, in Pont Audemer. Abigail and I cycled into the very pretty town, which



Centre of Pont Audemer



Just to prove I was on the trip!

missed being raised to the ground by a bombing raid in WW2 because of thick fog over it and consequently much of the medieval architecture survives to this day. It was our first day sightseeing so we needed ice cream...and so started what I would call the passion of the trip (Amanda calls it the over-indulgence!!)

From our first campsite we were able to visit some beautiful French towns. Two that stood out were Honfleur and Etretat. Honfleur has a lovely harbour, lined on the key-side with yachts and cafés with their tables lining the harbor walls alongside ice cream parlours!! The buildings have a real Dutch influence and would not be out of place if they were in Amsterdam.

Étretat is distinctive for not only its coastal features - arches and stacks - but also because Claude Monet stayed there in 1885 and painted said arches and stacks. One of the arches has a distinctive look of an elephant's head and trunk. The beach was laid with over 1,500

mines in WW2 to stop an allied landing. Unfortunately a lot of the town front was destroyed when these fortifications were being built so the seafront is now quite modern. The good news is that it is now clear of mines and has a pleasant pebbly beach – a very nice place to sit and have another ice cream.

Day 4 was a travel day as we headed southwest to Brittany. We

love travelling in France. One of the most noticeable things is that the roads are missing something - potholes - the ride is so smooth whether you are on toll roads, 'A' roads or just going through small villages. Everywhere is clean and gives the impression that the French care about their surroundings and care more than the UK about tarmac laying. Pulling the Airstream there is easy, although we made sure we had a tank full of petrol before we hitched up so we could take advantage of the cheaper fuel at the supermarkets. You would not want to pull an Airstream through some of those forecourts... we did once and had to un-hitch to get out – very embarrassing!

After 4 hours cruising from Normandy we reached Pont Aujan in the Morbihan region of South Brittany. We stayed at Camping Pont Aujan, a beautiful spacious site on the River Le Blavet. The campsite was empty and the pitches were one of the best on the whole trip.



How French can you get...



The market was full of colour

We woke on the first morning to sunshine and the sound of birds in the trees... oh yes, and my excellent BBQ, which was cooking up bacon and sausages...mmmmm! Being on the edge of the river gave us an excellent opportunity to walk off the indulgent breakfasts and ice cream. It is a very tranquil part of Brittany.

Our few days in Brittany was spent catching up with old friends who now run a lovely gite in the area (a small cottage for rent and pronounced jeet). You can't beat a good French market especially the one in the must-visit market town of Vannes. The centre of town is very old with lots of medieval buildings and narrow streets, but the highlight has to be the very fresh crêpes we had for breakfast (and the chocolate that covered them!!) It's OK we had ice cream after lunch.

One of the most amazing things we saw in Brittany was only a short drive from the campsite. About 5,000 years ago, about the



Etretat - with the arch that resembles an elephant coming out of the cliff



River Le Blavet



Some of the Carnac Stones laid out over a 4km distance



Our local Boulangerie

same time as Stonehenge was thought to have been erected by the Druids in England, another similar civilisation laid out the Carnac Stones. There are over 3,000 stones mostly in lines over a 4 km spread. It is worth an afternoon visit in anyone's trip.

Travelling with a dog in France is easy and the French love dogs - Barkley in particular. There was always a dog bowl provided in every restaurant and he had more pictures taken than any of us... and that was just by the locals. However, you do have to pick your beaches as some of them do not allow 'les chiens'.

Funnily enough the French also LOVE Airstreams and we got quite used to showing people around our silver bullet. It did mean I had to make sure I put my underpants away in case anyone came visiting!!!

From Brittany on day 8, we travelled further south to Coulon, a lovely place we have visited

a couple of times before, in an area known as La Venise Verte - The Green Venice. Coulon is just one of those places that invites you to chill and relax. Abigail cycled to the town every morning to get fresh bread and croissants for breakfast. The area was once marshland but was reclaimed through the creation of a network of canals. It was a great place to chill and paddle our kayak through gorgeous reflecting waters. The campsite (Camping Venise Verte) was a bit busier than the last but we had been here before and liked it.



Messin' about on the river!

We went messin' about on the river. Amanda and Abigail paddled and I relaxed in the middle. The canals are stunningly beautiful and soooo relaxing and quiet as we paddled around the backwaters with amazing reflections everywhere in the sunshine. We had nothing more to ask for except, of course, a stop for ice cream - quatre boules - vanille et caramel et chocolate menthe!! Very nice. We were so glad we went back there and it is locked in as a place to visit again.

So that was the first 10 days of our 2018 road trip. It is so nice to unwind and see places, some new and some revisited, on this great continent of ours. And we have really only just started!



Quatre boules

In Part 2, I will take you further into France and on into Switzerland.

To be continued...



La Venise Verte

American Revolution Caravan - What a Genealogical Adventure

Dan Zile #9068

When I signed up for the American Revolution Caravan in 2016, I knew it would be a historical adventure, but I had no idea what an amazing adventure it would become.

Background: I had previously learned that my 4th Great-Grandfather (Conrad Zile) was a German Hessian soldier, hired by the British to fight against the American Patriots. I also knew he was captured at the Battle of Saratoga, but that was about all I knew.

One of the scheduled tours on the caravan was at Saratoga National Park. The docent was very good, but due to other factors he had to skip a few of the planned stops. Afterwards I asked him a few questions which he answered but said I should return to the park tomorrow and talk to the Park Ranger as he is the Park Historian.

As luck would have it the following day was a free day on the caravan schedule. The next day when I returned to Saratoga National Park (after our official tour), I asked if I could talk to Eric Schnitzer, the head Park Ranger and Historian at the Saratoga National Park. I was told that usually Eric would only talk to visitors for about 5 minutes about their relative.

After asking me some questions he said "I have to tell about 95% of the visitors who come here to inquire about their Hessian relative, that their relative was not actually a 'true Hessian'. However with the answers you have given me about your relative, you are one of the 5% whose relative was an actual Hessian and was actually here during the Revolutionary War." After that, he spent 45 minutes answering questions and



Ranger Eric Schnitzer and Dan Zile

telling me all about Conrad's company's activity during the battle. He had books and graphs and charts that he shared with me. One of those books listed Conrad's name along with the date he deserted, where they were being marched from and to, etc. It was absolutely awesome listening to him. When he returned to his office, the receptionist told me she has never seen him spend that much time in his very busy day with one visitor inquiring about their relative. She said she could tell he was having a good time giving me all of the information he could about my relative and answering all of my questions.

In the conversation he told me where in the park Conrad's company would have been assigned.



Artist's rendition of the three hills where cannons were placed overlooking the Hudson River

I actually got to go to the three hills where Conrad's company built the cannon batteries to guard "the stores, hospital, food, horses, ammunition, wagons, etc." from a possible attack from the Hudson River. There is an artist rendition of this area on the wall of the visitors' center as seen from across the Hudson River. I also got to walk on the same ground that my 4th Great-Grandfather walked on 240 years before me! As I walked, my mind was racing just wondering what it was like here 240 years ago and

what was he doing and thinking while he was here. He was 22 years old and I am almost 72. I'm struggling to find the words to express my feeling as to what this means to me.

Conrad was a "musketeer" and part of the Hesse-Hanau Regiment Erbprinz under Col Wilhelm Rudolf von Gall. The musketeers were issued a "Potsdam model 1750" musket to use (according to Ranger Schnitzer). He was in the 2nd Brigade, Erbprinz Regiment and the Leib (Senior) company. The Erbprinz Regiment were foot soldiers.

When German General Riedesel needed an additional 100 men to go to the front lines, they picked 20 men out of each of the five companies of the regiment to go to battle. That means Conrad had an 80% chance that he was not picked to go to the front lines. It is not known if he did or not, but it is certain he survived if he did!

After General Burgoyne's surrender, the prisoners were marched to winter quarters near Cambridge, MA. On November 7,

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American Revolution Caravan

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1778 the prisoners began marching from Cambridge to Southern VA. On January 6, 1779 as they passed through Fredrick, MD, Conrad deserted as recorded in the documentation Eric had available. I like to use the word "escaped" rather than "deserted", however the official book shows "deserted".

An interesting side note: A good Airstream friend of mine, Bob Luther's 6th Great-Grandfather was a General for the American Patriots in the same Battle of Saratoga. So that means Bob's 6th Great-Grandfather



Battery protecting British hospital/stores from a possible attack from the Hudson River

captured my 4th Great-Grandfather! What a small world!!

Also after Burgoyne's surrender, Congress declared December 18, 1777 as a national day "for solemn Thanksgiving and praise". It was the nation's first official observance of a holiday with that name.

Myth: I had always heard that the Hessians were ruthless soldiers and feared by the Americans because they would ransack Americans houses, barns, gardens and would rape the women. Eric Schnitzer, Park Ranger at Saratoga says this is just not true. He says there was a lot of "propaganda" that spread through the colonies before the Hessians arrived that put the fear into the populace. They were just like anyone else, doing their job as ordered. There are many accounts by Americans where the Hessians helped the local people. One account says they even help a lady deliver a baby.

So when you sign up for a WBAC caravan, you never know what adventure will be around the corner, I certainly didn't. However, because I stepped forward and chose to participate in the American Revolution Caravan, I got to experience first-hand genealogical information I could have never obtained out of a book or on the internet. This information is now recorded in my family historical albums all because of participating in a WBAC caravan.



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.

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Jamaican Me Jealous The 1970 Jamaica Caravan

As you read this, it is still winter and parts of our country are covered in snow, so now is a perfect time to review a warm and sunny, oft-forgotten, Airstream caravan to the "Island in the Sun". Yes, Virginia, they really did ship Airstreams to Jamaica!

Airstream Caravan #68 - Jamaica Winter 1970 was one of the last "never been done before" caravans to be offered by Airstream. In the late 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, Airstream offered their "bread and butter" caravans to Canada and Mexico every year, but they also offered some sort of "exotic" caravan (e.g. Europe, Africa, Around-the-World) every few years to keep Airstream and the Wally Byam Caravan Club in the news. The 1970 Jamaica Caravan was one of these "exotic" caravans, yet it may have been the shortest ever offered, as the island of Jamaica is only 146 miles long and 35 miles wide. The itinerary showed 308 total towing miles with its longest and shortest travel days only 67 and 14 miles respectively.



Stops ranged from 2 to 5 nights at a location.

Though a Jamaica caravan had been considered for some time, the "event" that allowed it to take place was the 1968 completion of the Norwegian Caribbean Line (later Norwegian Cruise Line) ship *MS Starward*, with its stern car door and garage space large enough for travel trailers. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the *MS Starward* provided drive-on/drive-off service from Miami, FL to Jamaica.

The official announcements for the Jamaica Caravan first appeared in the November 1969 issues of the *Blue Beret* magazine and the *Caravanner* newspaper, with applications open only until November 29. The estimated caravan cost for two people, car, and Airstream, ranged from about \$800 to \$1200 depending upon the length of Airstream and type of cabin selected. Since the caravan was limited to 35 Airstreams, participants were selected from the applicants by an outside firm, ensuring no bias. The 35 selected families came from 15 different states.

JAMAICA
"ISLAND IN THE SUN" CARAVAN #68
 Rendezvous: Dodge Island Terminal, Miami, Florida — January 2-31, 1970

Name _____
 Wife _____ Trailer No. _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____
 Phone _____ Number In Party _____

Length of Airstream _____ Length of Car (Bumper to Bumper) _____
 The cost of transporting a 26 ft. Airstream and tow car round trip to Jamaica would be approximately:

	Airstream, \$10 per ft.	\$260.00
	Car	\$200.00
		\$460.00

Staterooms round trip:

Outside upper and lower per person	\$156.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outside 3/4 lower and upper per person	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outside 2 lower beds per person	\$240.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Miami wharfage tax \$ 2.50
 Jamaica tax \$ 2.50
 Kitty fee for month—not to exceed \$50.00

Insurance cost for period on Jamaica will be available later.
 If you pick out type of stateroom you wish plus the length of your Airstream, add or subtract \$10 per ft. from above, you can figure your total approximately.
 If you wish to go fill out reservation coupon and forward to this office at once. Deadline Nov. 29, 1969, 12 midnight. Attach check for \$500 to reservation coupon, balance will be collected at Miami. Make checks payable to "Norwegian Caribbean Lines." Final selection will be made by independent company, not connected with Airstream.
Please read story in this issue.

Mail checks and reservations to Airstream Wally Byam Caravans, 15939 Pismo Ave., Cerritos, Calif. 90701.

For office use only: Bulletin Mailed _____ Itinerary Mailed _____

LIMITED TO 35 AIRSTREAMS NO PETS

Participants assembled at Dodge Island, in the Port of Miami, on January 2, 1970 for loading and departure on January 3. The caravanners arrived in Kingston on January 6 to begin their 3½ week tour of this fascinating island, seeing 7400-foot high mountains, giant forests, fertile valleys, picturesque villages, and flowering countryside. They saw much more of this island paradise than the typical ship bound tourist. The island was English speaking and reflected a 300-year British influence, including driving on the opposite side of the road.

This caravan was led by Robert and Helen Smith, WBCCI #49. Robert was the past 1962-63 WBCCI International President, a veteran of dozens of caravans, and the then Director of Airstream Company Caravans.

On the way to Kingston, the ship overnights at Port Antonio on Jamaica's north shore for its non-caravan passengers to explore the city. Most caravanners chose to remain on the ship, review caravan literature, and await their caravan visit to the town later in the trip.

Upon arrival at the Kingston dock, the caravanners were greeted by a band playing Calypso music and a banner proclaiming "Welcome to Jamaica – Airstream Caravan".



Airstreams Loading and Aboard the MS Starward

Once unloading was complete, the caravanners received a police escort to the experimental farm of the Jamaica College of Agriculture in

nearby Spanish Town. There they parked in a broad green meadow surrounded by gardens of hibiscus and bougainvillea for their first night in their Airstreams on Jamaican soil. This camping spot was typical of what they would find, with few exceptions, all around Jamaica: grassy, green, level, no electric or sewer hookups, good water and dumping pits available when necessary. Nights were cool and dewy, and mornings were announced by roosters crowing.

The following day started with committee assignments for the caravanners. It was also a short drive to Market Day in Spanish Town to restock their refrigerators that had to be turned off before leaving Miami. This was their first experience on Jamaica roadways without a police escort, where the necessity of driving on the left side of the road took a while to sink in. That evening, they received their official welcome to Jamaica in camp from the Mayor of Spanish Town.

Over the next couple of days, the caravanners explored Jamaica's largest city of Kingston and nearby Port Royal.

Though the streets were often crowded with people, cars, and wandering animals, the caravanners were amazed by the friendliness and courtesy of all the people they met.



Camp at Spanish Town



Mayor of Spanish Town Addresses Caravanners

On moving day, the 30-mile road to Mandeville went along a narrow coastal plain, past dairy lands and sugar plantations, before climbing into the mountains. In no time, all 35 rigs were parked in another jewel-like setting. The following day after attending church services in a nearby United Church, some caravanners invited new friends to come visit their Airstream homes, and an afternoon "open house" became that day's major activity. The day ended with Mandeville civic clubs and fraternal groups banding together to cater supper for the caravanners, followed by a Calypso band and dancing.

The next day the twisty road down the mountain to Black River provided some breathtaking views of the green valley far below, followed by a short run along the coast on a boulevard flanked on both sides by bamboo trees. At their campsite in Black River, they were welcomed by the mayor and Chamber of Commerce before squads of locals, including uniformed school children, came to check out their Airstreams. Later a party was thrown for the caravanners at the nearby Community Hall and everyone danced to the Calypso music. The next day the caravanners were treated to a power boat ride up the Black River past marshy farmland and avenues of mangrove and mahogany, with a backdrop of mountains. Here they also had their first chance to sample Jamaican sand beaches and local seafood.

The next travel day, heading west along the shoreline and then north across the peninsula, each small village brought masses of smiling, waving locals who were prepared in advance for the passing of the line of silver Airstreams. In Lucea, they were camped a stone's throw from



Limbo Demonstration at Dunn's River Falls near Ocho Rios

a beautiful white sand beach and again received a round of official welcomes, music, and dancing. The next morning a Jamaican came to camp bearing gifts, in the form of baseballs and softballs for each caravan family, with an invitation to visit the factory that made them. Some caravanners chose to enjoy the beach at Lucea and some drove 30 miles westward to Negril to check out the pristine 7-mile long white sand beach there.

On the next travel day, the caravan travelled past Montego Bay to Falmouth, where the caravanners had an opportunity to go snorkeling above the nearby coral reefs. A ride on the Governor's personal railcar provided a chance to see parts of the nearby mountains that are not accessible by road, accompanied, of course, by a Calypso band. Stops along the 80-mile rail trip brought the opportunities to learn how bananas, coconuts, and breadfruit are grown, order sport shirts and dresses in flamboyant Jamaican printed fabrics, visit a rum distillery, and visit the cathedral-like chapel of a natural cave where black slaves plotted and eventually won their freedom.

Their next travel day took them to their final campsite in a pasture near Ocho Rios, along the way passing the beach where Columbus landed

on May 4, 1494. Ocho Rios takes its name from the eight rivers that converge within a few miles. One of these, cascades down a 600-foot series of rocks and plunges at Dunn's River Falls.

Since there was no caravan stop at Port Antonio, busses were chartered to take the caravanners there, so that they could raft down the Rio Grand River, a must for Jamaican visitors.

Their last travel day was the longest at 67 miles, but also the easiest, as they reversed their route back to Montego Bay. Their final night

in their Airstreams in Jamaica was on the pier waiting to board the MS Starward the following morning. That afternoon brought one last chance for a dip in the blue Caribbean waters.

Upon boarding the MS Starward on January 29, some caravanners were surprised to find their staterooms in the officer's quarters; a result of the ship being overbooked and the officers vacating their staterooms so they could be used by passengers for the trip back to Miami. This courtesy was typical of what the caravanners experienced all over Jamaica.

The MS Starward docked in Miami on January 31, and by noon on February 1 each caravanner had departed for home or for their next adventure and the Jamaica Caravan was officially over. Though a repeat Jamaica caravan sounded promising, it never occurred.

Like many of the other exotic caravans offered by Airstream, the Jamaica Caravan was in the right place at the right time. The completion of the MS Starward in 1968 opened the window of opportunity, but the mid-1970s conversion of its garage space to additional cabins closed that window. We can be inspired by this caravan to make some Airstream journeys of our own and hope that maybe someday another exotic Airstream caravan will be offered.

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The Airstream Tech Help Group has been established to provide assistance to the membership experiencing technical problems. We will respond directly to you in response to your email describing a problem. Examples of questions, modifications or upgrades that might be of interest to members will be published in the Blue Beret. We hope you will find this service of value in the care and feeding of your Airstream.

In the October 2018 Blue Beret, we published this statement: Did you know that a battery that is at 80% of full charge will not power some of your 12V DC devices in your trailer or motor home? A fully charged battery is about 12.7V DC. 80% of that is about 10V DC. Some furnaces and refrigerators which use 12V DC to power igniters and some of the circuitry will not function at 10V DC.

Let's correct this statement (above) and elaborate with information that may be more helpful, and, more accurate. There have been and there are a bazillion articles about batteries. What most of you have in your Airstream is a 12V, liquid, lead acid, deep cycle battery. Some of you have updated to 12V AGM (Absorbent Glass Mat [gel, lead acid]), deep cycle batteries. And, even fewer of you have updated to Lithium-ion batteries. This discussion will apply mostly to Lead Acid and AGM batteries.

A battery is most often tested in one of two ways – battery voltage or battery fluid specific gravity. There are charts which correlate State of Charge (SOC) as compared to 12V battery voltage or specific gravity of the battery fluid.

SOC chart for 12-volt batteries: (Chart measurements made when the battery was not connected to the charger and not under load.)

Percentage of Charge	12V Battery Voltage	Specific Gravity
100%	12.70	1.265
90%	12.58	1.249
80%	12.46	1.233
70%	12.36	1.218
60%	12.28	1.204
50%	12.20	1.190
40%	12.12	1.176
30%	12.04	1.162
20%	11.98	1.148
10%	11.94	1.134
0%	11.90	1.120

Using the chart, one finds that 80% of charge for a 12V battery is 12.46 volts. Quite different from the simple math used in the paragraph at the top of this page! Now, what is important is how much voltage you need, to be able to operate your refrigerator or furnace (all refrigerator and furnace components being normal and functioning properly). Refrigerator: Battery voltage must be 11.5 volts, or higher, for the refrigerator control board to function and the solenoid to open. Furnace: Battery voltage must be 10.5 volts or higher. If not, the gas valve and spark ignitor will not work but the blower will. From the chart one can also see that at 11.9 volts the battery is considered completely discharged! This is good information to know. Knowing this voltage (11.9 volts = discharged battery), one can add charge to the battery before the problem gets any worse. You can charge from shore power, generator power, solar power and from your tow vehicle (very slow). Most of all other 12 volt loads in your RV will function at lower voltages with varying results – lights may be dimmer, fans may run slower, etc.

One can see from the data above that battery maintenance is essential in an on-going basis for systems to perform properly. Multiple-stage power converter/chargers are part of our recommended battery maintenance system. With liquid lead-acid batteries one must regularly check fluid levels; and adjust levels when necessary. AGM batteries don't have this fluid adjustment requirement. However, both batteries need ongoing maintenance relative to connections (especially ground connections) at the battery locations and at the terminations of the battery wiring at the power converter/charger and trailer ground.

Battery SOC determination, as shown above, is the simplified version. This is what most of us need to know. If you want a detailed battery SOC explanation for standard lead-acid batteries or AGM batteries, please request that and I will send it to you by return email. If you are one of the few that have converted to Lithium-ion batteries for your RV, please state that you want the battery SOC explanation including Li-ion batteries. This is technical reading if you are interested. There just isn't room for lengthy articles in the Blue Beret.

Now that it is February it may be time for you to de-winterize your trailer or motorhome. You received the winterizing article in the November 2018 Blue Beret. You can use it and do the opposite to get your RV ready to go for 2019. Also, there are some old Blue Beret articles you can use to help get the job done. Refer to Blue Beret: Mar., 2011, Schus.; Apr., 2014, Schus.; Apr., 2015, March. You can dig out your old Blue Beret magazines or you can go to WBCCI.org and click on maintenance information then, click on the originator shown above, find the pdf file with the date shown above, click on the pdf, and you will have your de-winterizing information.

Happy Trails everyone. See you, **safely**, down the road.

A Riveting Love Story

Elaine & Scott Myers #16767

After camping in several SOB's, we purchased our first Airstream in early May of 2018 - a beautifully renovated 1979 29' Ambassador. The first adventure was driving from southwest Virginia to Ontario, Canada to buy and haul it home. We immediately joined WBCCI, and discovered that there was a Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park in Floyd, VA - practically in our back yard - AND the Carolinas Unit was holding a rally there in June! We lucked out and got a space due to a late cancellation, and were excited about attending our first Airstream Rally.

We arrived, set up, and I walked the long gravel drive for exercise. It wasn't until several hours later that I realized the diamond was missing from my engagement ring. I knew it was there when we left home, so we frantically searched the truck, the trailer, and then under the trailer hitch and steps - in all that gravel!! How do you find a small sparkly rock in a sea of gravel!?!? It was certainly a great way to meet people - everyone had eyes to the ground walking up and down that driveway, even using flashlights at night - but to no avail.

By the next afternoon, with the diamond still missing, my husband got a small Airstream part from our neighbor, glued it into the ring setting, and presented me with a new symbol of our love - a rivet ring! I LOVE IT! A very appropriate symbol of our new adventures for years to come. Who says diamonds are a girl's best friend!?!?





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The International Airstream Rally in Doswell is only four months away. If you haven't yet planned your trip to and from Virginia this summer, you probably should start thinking about your route of travel. Between you and Doswell lie miles of highway with stops that are worth visiting. But not too far from the rally site itself are several unique places and experiences Virginia offers to visitors from around the world, and a few of the most significant are only a two-hour drive (or less) from Doswell. This is the third of six Blue Beret articles about things to see and do while in Virginia. This one describes several major "not-to-miss" attractions in the southeast part of the state.

We've said it before, but it's worth repeating: Virginia is all about American history! Nowhere is this fact more evident than along the James River and on Virginia's "peninsula." Visiting them properly and thoroughly takes time. So, while seeing the James River Plantations can be done as a long "day trip," enjoying "America's Historic Triangle" takes much longer. This article should help you plan accordingly.



Berkeley Plantation Interior

If you'd like to see the James River Plantations, start at Berkeley Plantation, located in Charles City County. Like most

large colonial estates, the land there was settled in the early 1600s by Virginia's founding families. The brick house at Berkeley was built in 1727. Furnished in period antiques, Berkeley is the ancestral home of the Harrison family. Our nation's ninth president, William Henry Harrison was born in the house in 1773. More than a century later his grandson, Benjamin, became America's 23rd president. After stopping at Berkeley, you may wish to visit one or more of the other nearby plantations: Shirley; Westover; and Sherwood Forest - the home of President John Tyler from 1842 until his death in 1862. Then you can cross to the other side of the James River where Bacon's Castle is worth a look, if you have time. From Berkeley, it's about 41 miles. Use the bridge on SR156 to get there. The "castle" is historically significant for three reasons: it is the oldest brick dwelling in the U.S. (1665); a rare example of High Jacobean architecture; and it got its name when occupied by followers of Nathaniel Bacon during "Bacon's



Bacon's Castle

Rebellion" in 1676, an early but unsuccessful colonial uprising against a corrupt English governor and oppressive British rule.

But the best of Virginia will require even more of your time. You absolutely must consider spending a week or more in the area called "America's Historic Triangle." It would be a shame to be so close and miss it! This is not a one-day trip...to fully appreciate what can be seen will take several days or perhaps a week (or more). Located on Virginia's "peninsula," the Triangle sits on the land between the James and York Rivers. Its three "legs" are short totaling less than 31 miles, but the historical significance of the area is measured over four centuries! Plan to stay a while!

There are hundreds of hotels here, of course, but also several campgrounds. A favorite campground, used often for rallies by Virginia's Airstream clubs, is American Heritage (757) 566-2133. Or, if you have a military I.D. card (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, or Retired) there is a great campground at Cheatham Navy Annex (757-887-7418).

So what is America's Historic Triangle? It's formed by lines on a map connecting three monumentally significant points: Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown.

Colonial Williamsburg was a bold and expensive idea that became a reality in the 1920s and 30s. Williamsburg, once the bustling colonial capital city of Virginia, had fallen on hard times. The state capital was moved to Richmond in 1780 and, by the early 20th Century, much



Colonial Williamsburg

of Williamsburg was in disrepair, its rich history all but forgotten. The idea of restoring the town to its colonial grandeur came from a local clergyman who convinced John D. Rockefeller, the oil billionaire, to buy up properties throughout the town and fund its rebirth. Over many years, Rockefeller money restored original buildings and dwellings. What no longer existed - shops, homes, the Governor's palace, and the Capitol Building, as well as gardens and livestock areas - were fully reconstructed. The result was "Colonial Williamsburg," a non-profit, faithful recreation of Williamsburg as it looked in 1775 when its citizens and frequent visitors included George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, James Madison and James

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**62nd Wally Byam Airstream Club
INTERNATIONAL RALLY
July 20-27, 2019 U 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.

Checks payable to: "WBCCI" US Funds Only

Rally Parking: Parking dates will be distributed Spring 2019

Mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334

Notes: Handicap Parking subject to verification by HQ

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Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$110.00	\$
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	\$
GRAND TOTAL:				\$

Parking Options	Yes
Handicap	
Vintage	
Interests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Payment Type: Cash Check Card PayPal **Amt Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #:** _____

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Monroe, to name just a few! You can walk its “living history” streets, talk to costumed interpreters throughout the town, ride in horse-drawn carriages, eat 18th Century food in period restaurants, and visit its shops and taverns as you step back in time! This was the most ambitious historic preservation project in America, and it is still the one against which all others are measured.

Williamsburg is connected to Jamestown and Yorktown by the scenic Colonial Parkway. Visit Historic Jamestowne at the Triangle’s southern point. If you happened to watch the “Jamestown” PBS TV series that recently aired, you watched a fictional soap opera filmed in Hungary! Here, you can view the site of the authentic Jamestown! Administered by the National Park Service and Preservation Virginia, this is where the first successful English colony in North America was established in 1607. There is a large visitor center, jointly operated by the National Park Service and Preservation Virginia, featuring displays and a film. From there, a



Jamestown Ships

short walk to riverside takes you to a reconstruction of a part of the wooden stockade, portions of the original Anglican church, archaeological digs, an excellent new museum filled with artifacts, and lots of monuments and statues. The earthen outlines of town dwellings are also visible.

Then learn more about Jamestown nearby. Less than three miles from the historic site is the popular, state-operated, Jamestown Settlement, which includes a re-creation of the original James Fort (c. 1607 to 1614), a Powhatan Indian Village, indoor and outdoor exhibits and displays, and docked replicas of the three ships that crossed the Atlantic with the original settlers.

At the northern end of the Colonial Parkway lies the third point of the Historic Triangle: Yorktown. This charming community on the south bank of the York River is where General Washington and his Army, along with French allies led by a young Marquis de Lafayette, defeated English General Earl Cornwallis. Their victory hastened the end of the American Revolution and the birth of the U.S. On the southeast side of the town is the National Park Visitor Center. It has exhibits, a film, and offers ranger-



American Revolution Museum

led tours of the battlefield. About a mile away, on the northwest side of the town, is the newly-opened American Revolution Museum. This is a wonderful place to spend a day. It has outdoor military exhibits and re-enactors, costumed docents, and a large, state-of-the-art museum featuring artifacts, awesome short

films, and multi-media shows covering all aspects of the Revolution.

Lastly, our Points of Interest chart lists two non-historical places to visit in southeastern Virginia. Busch Gardens, just outside of Williamsburg, is a 383-acre amusement park mimicking the look and culture of quaint European towns. That’s why it was once called “Busch Gardens: The Old Country.” This



Busch Gardens

theme park is larger than Kings Dominion in Doswell and has live shows, plenty of rides (it’s known for its roller coasters) and many places to eat. Nearby is a popular satellite water park called “Water Country USA,” where you can seek splashy relief from the summer’s heat.

But if it’s a larger body of water you seek, or would like some ocean beach time, travel Interstate 64 eastbound for 80 miles more to reach Virginia Beach. This city in Virginia’s southeast corner offers resort hotels, restaurants, a boardwalk, and two miles of public beach on the Atlantic. There is also a world-class aquarium and marine life center just south of downtown, with two large campgrounds nearby: Holiday Trav-L-Park (757-425-0249) and KOA (757-428-1444).

And that’s not all, folks. There’s a lot more to see and do in Virginia. In the April issue of Blue Beret we will discuss points of interest NORTHEAST of Doswell.

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[<https://woodworkcareer.box.com/v/2019Repertoire>]

If you’re already registered or thinking about coming, drop us a quick note to get on the Communication List. Heuer will coordinate the sign up list. Email to him - gheuer@umich.edu

Contact Information: Greg Heuer, Conductor, WBAC International Band, gheuer@umich.edu, 189 Dogwood Lane, Nellysford, VA 22958, Ph: 434-298-4650



Virginia Points of Interest Driving SOUTHEAST from The Meadow Event Park	# miles from Doswell (Est. driving time)	Website	GPS Coordinates
James River Plantations Near the James River in the vicinity of Charles City, VA 804- 829-6018 (Berkeley Plantation)	48.5 (southeast) (60 min.) via I-95, I-295, I-64 & SR 156	www.jamesriverplantations.org www.berkeleyplantation.com	37.31769N -77.18057W
Bacon's Castle 465 Bacon's Castle Trail Surry, VA 23883 800-847-4878	85.0 (southeast) (90 min.) via I-95, I-295, SR 156 & SR 10	https://preservationvirginia.org/historic-sites/bacons-castle/	37.10654N -76.72205W Entry gate
Colonial Williamsburg* 101 Visitor Center Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185 888-965-7254	69.5 (southeast) (75 min.) via I-95, I-295 & I-64	https://colonialwilliamsburg.com/	37.27902N -76.69816W Visitor Center
Historic Jamestowne* 1368 Colonial Pkwy Jamestown, VA 23081 757-856-1250 Jamestown Settlement 2110 Jamestown Road Williamsburg, VA 23185 757- 253-4838	76.0 (southeast) via I-95, I-295 & I-64, SR199 & Colonial Pkwy (80 min.)	Historic Jamestowne (National Park Service & Preservation Virginia) https://historicjamestowne.org Jamestown Settlement: www.historyisfun.org	37.21156N -76.77730W National Park Visitor Center 37.22768 -76.78256 Jamestown Settlement
Yorktown-Colonial Nat'l Historic Park* Park & battlefield: at the end of Colonial Parkway 757-898-2410 American Revolution Museum Museum: 200 Water Street, Route 1020, Yorktown, VA 23690 888-593-4682	82.0 (southeast) (90 min.) via I-95, I-295, I-64 & The Colonial Parkway	Colonial Park at Yorktown www.nps.gov/york/index.htm American Revolution Museum www.historyisfun.org	National Park: 37.23015N -76.50416W American Rev Museum: 37.23947N -76.51858W
Busch Gardens (Theme Park) also: Water Country USA (Water Park) 1 Busch Gardens Blvd. Williamsburg, VA 23185	75.2 (southeast) (80 min.) via I-95, I-295, to I-64 exit 243	www.buschgardens.com/williamsburg/	37.23524N -76.63939W Entrance to parking areas
Virginia Beach Area Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center 700 Block to 1200 Block of General Booth Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23451	128.2 (southeast) (130 min.) via I-95, I-295, & I-64	www.visitvirginiabeach.com www.virginiaaquarium.com http://www.campingvb.com/ www.koa.com/campgrounds/virginia-beach/	36.84843N -75.97510W - Downtown & beach area 36.82179N -75.98196 - Aquarium and nearby campgrounds

*A part of "America's Historic Triangle"

Community Service

Glenn Waters #214

Community Service has always been a large part of the International Rally. While manning the table at the rally this year, I was asked by many people just exactly what it was. That is why I thought it might be a good idea to remind the members about this important community. All Regions and members collect various items over the year to bring to the International. We collect the following items over the year which includes hats (homemade and bought), stuffed animals (new and used), pop tabs (from soda and beer cans), personal items for women's shelters and canned goods for the local food banks. We also collect money for the Common Cents Fund. These items are then given to the local organizations that can use them. From the past, I can tell you that these items are very much appreciated. If you have any questions about this community, please contact me. Glenn Waters, Community Chair, gew26499@sbcglobal.net

Speakers Wanted

Do you have an interest or specialty in a particular area you would like to share with other Airstreamers?

We are looking for persons who would like to share their day to day Airstream Life, in a presentation or round table discussion at the 2019 International at Doswell, VA. (expertise in electronics, hobbies, mechanics, food prep, etc.)

Interested persons can email me at:

Doswellpresentations@wbcci.net

Victoria Magnacca

Let's Get Crafty!

Debbie Hammer #2437

Do you have a craft that you would like to share?
Crafters are needed to volunteer at the 62nd
International Rally in Doswell, VA.

Interested crafters contact me at:

debbie@halimer.com

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.

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

Caravan News

Elna Thompson #805

It's a new year and with the new year comes change. This is particularly true when it comes to the caravans and their leaders. Gone are the tiresome lines to sign up and methods of doing so. Some new faces will appear as leaders step forth to take better and less time-consuming training and dream up interesting new ways to explore our precious country. All is for you! Airstreamers who wish to enjoy the caravans must continue signing up. Sure, you may be annoyed you are not able to go on the caravan when you choose, but you will have some assurance that you will get on sooner than you think with new methods of signing up in place.

A new "Online Caravan Application" form has been developed by Carolyn Beardshear with leader input. This simplifies the process of applying to go on a caravan for both leader and applicant. Currently there are six caravans listed below using the form, but we expect that soon all caravans will use this method.

Springtime in the Rockies
 Springtime in Kentucky
 SW Adventure
 Three Mexican Gems
 Golden State
 Viking Trail

You may contact wbccicaravan.wbcci.net to find the most up-to-date status of the caravans being offered both this year and perhaps new ones being considered for the next.

"Yes, we do still want your ideas for new adventures and "Yes", we still need you to consider leading! Though we had eight caravans led by new leaders in 2018, we also had six leaders decide to retire from leading - having led five or more caravans! We applaud all these leaders who have provided wonderful experiences for so many Airstreamers. I loved it!

Gracie and Al Buchanan led twenty-five caravans
 Judy and Larry Boudreaux led five caravans
 Margie and Phil Glassey led nine caravans
 Sheila and Jim Skipper led five caravans
 Elna and Jay Thompson led seven caravans
 Shala and Larry Wilson led five caravans

In 2018 there were eight caravans led by new leaders!

Kathy and Stuart Bacon led Southeast Coast
 Judy and Dean Collinson led Canadian Rocky Mountain
 Rae and Ron Gilbert led Gone to Texas
 Deb and Mark Hammer led It's a New York (State) State of Mind
 Sue and Bob Heist led Springtime in the Rockies
 Amanda and Doug Hewins led Springtime in the Rockies
 Cissie and John Thibadeau led North to Alaska
 Mary and Ingo Werk led Highway 61 Revisited (A musical River

Road)

In 2019, there are six caravans with new leaders, but only one of those is a new caravan! We need help, still. Jump in and get your feet wet!

1. Our newest caravan "Show Me the Ozarks" was created and will be led by Kay and Jack Garrett with co-leaders Anna Jannesko and Bob George.
2. "The Viking Trail" is being brought back by Pat and Murray Leggatt with Maggie and Chuck Helwig.
3. "The Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond" is being led by Nancy and John Becker and Margaret Van de Ree.
4. "Cajun Country" is continuing with Judy and Peter Schwartz as well as Charlene and Gene Gardner leading.
5. "Taste of the Blue Ridge" is being brought back by Carol and Ray Combs.
6. SouthWest Adventure leaders, Carol and Winston Montague are being joined by RoseMarie and Gary Anderson.

2020 already has two new caravans and two revivals with three more new ones being developed. The two new caravans which are being led by new leaders are:

1. "Three Mexican Gems" led by Michel Bourassa
2. "Golden State Caravan" led by Phyllis and Mike Minadeo.

The two revivals are led by existing leaders who are moving to other caravans. They are:

1. "Made in the U.S.A." will be led by Beth and Bill Racavich and Kathy and Dale Spillman

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.

Swiss Festival National Rally

**Sugarcreek, Ohio
September 21 - 29, 2019**

Cindy Conant

Sugarcreek, Ohio will be the site for the 57th annual Swiss Festival National Rally. What a treat to be in a community where the scenery is beautiful and the Amish and non-Amish communities welcome the Airstreamers each year with open arms. The rolling hills of southeast Ohio hold vistas of serenity, beautifully manicured yards filled with flowers, and well-kept Amish homes.

You will have the opportunity to learn about the Amish culture, their history and customs and why the Amish maintain their simple way of life. From our campground we could hear the charming clip-clop of horse-drawn buggies as they pass by.

Some of the activities you will experience are:

- Tours to Amish run business and schools
- Day in the Park with the Amish
- Wonderful evening entertainment
- The annual Swiss Festival in Sugarcreek

We hope to see you there September 21-29, 2019. It's a rally you will not forget. Mark your calendars and look for more details coming soon. Contact Larry Kurkowski with questions at: 248-421-5315 or klkurkowski99@aol.com



Around the World



with Folklorama

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

Town & Country Campground
Winnipeg, MB.



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.wbcc.net. For information, contact Don Thomson at 1-701-265-8662 or email at dont4304@wbcci.net.

Storytelling Special Events Rally

**Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 2 - 6, 2019**

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

We hope that your travel plans will bring you to East TN in October for the 47th International Storytelling Festival that takes place in Tennessee's oldest town, Jonesborough. Considered the premier storytelling event in America, the Jonesborough National Storytelling Festival is the flagship for a national movement that celebrates the rich history of American storytelling and those who share their stories. It is the largest and oldest event of its kind in America and attracts an audience of nearly 11,000 from all over the United States and several foreign countries. From inside large circus type tents, some of the world's most gifted and wonderful storytellers paint experiences and tales with words and music that bring this art to life. As many of our past attendees have said "It is something you have to experience, you cannot adequately describe it".

The Smithsonian said, "From all over America, people come to Jonesborough just to hear stories. Some stories seem to be made out of whole cloth. Others are like the Tennessee quilts on sale in Jonesborough's many craft shops. They weave together past, present, fact and fiction in a tight design both dazzling and unforgettable".

We offer parking with full hookups for the first 30 trailers, which allows you to come in your Airstream and enjoy this great event without having to worry about a good spot to park. We hope you will take advantage of early parking, which allows you to enjoy the many sites this area has to offer. Also, most of our folks like to come early to attend the Donald Davis performance on Wednesday evening, October 2. Donald Davis is a favorite of most all storyteller followers.

Everyone is responsible for ordering his or her tickets to the festival. There is a small discount if you order before March 15 and be sure and tell them if you are a senior. You can call 800-952-8392 or go online to www.storytellingcenter.net

See coupon section for registration form.

Texas Country Air National Rally

**Brownwood, Texas
October 24 - 27, 2019**

Bill Price

The Texas Country Air Rally returns in 2019 to Brownwood, Texas. Join us in the geographical center of Texas for the largest Urban Rally in the United States. Texas Country Air is a WBAC National Rally.

Our Rally headquarters for 2019 will be the historic Brownwood Depot and Harvey House. These have been fully restored to their magnificent original state.

For 2019 we have a limited number of 30 amp electrical sites available. These are available on a first come first served basis. Register early if these amenities are required. A Rally fee of \$100 covers all activities including evening entertainment. Electrical sites are available for an additional \$60.

Your days and evenings will be busy. Informative seminars, tours, hands-on demonstrations, live music and much more. 2019 will have many factory representatives from various manufacturers. From grilling to tow vehicles, you will be kept busy.

As Brownwood is a railroad town you will enjoy the Lehnis Railroad Museum complete with dozens of working model train layouts. In addition two large scale model riding trains are available in the museum garden. These are within easy walking distance of your urban campsite.

For registration information see our Facebook page "Texas Country Air"

If you do not have Facebook simply Google "Texas Country Air"



REGION 1

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

As we welcome the month of March, it is time to start planning for another great year of camping with all of our Airstream friends. There is a long list of many events for 2019 and I would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of these wonderful events. I would also like to welcome all the new Airstream owners who have joined the club and the world of great adventure and friendship. You will soon find that you have a lot more in common with other club members than just owning an Airstream. This is the time of year that Sandi and I pull out the calendar and the rally schedules of Region One clubs and submit our vacation schedule in the office. One thing that happens like clockwork this time of year is that we discover we don't have enough vacation days.

While we may think of March as just another month that we cannot yet camp in New England, there have been many accomplishments during this month in the past. Of course I am sure everyone remembers the Ides of March, back in 44 BC. Did you know that Barbie made her debut March 9, 1959 at the New York City Toy Fair? Back in 1889, the Eiffel Tower opened to the public, the world's tallest structure for forty-one years. March 3, 1931 "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States. And for those of you that have made "Pets & Paws" a pilgrimage, it was back in 1942 that the US Army began training dogs for the K-9 Corps.

Hopefully it's not too late to register for the 2019 International Rally in Doswell, Virginia. Come join the crowd July 20-27 to be held at Meadow Event Park, the birthplace of Secretariat. As with all of the past International Rallies, there is a long list of events, entertainment, seminars and of course food and friendship. Please visit our club's website for all the details and registration. There is a scheduled caravan for Region One which is very close to being filled. Official information has been sent out and details are on the website. Of course that doesn't mean you cannot put together an informal group to head south together if you wish on your own.

This year is an off year for the Region One Rally and there will be a "Gathering" rather than a full-fledged rally. Save the dates May 2-5 for a fun event in Loudon, New Hampshire where you will be able to "race" your Airstream round the track. Hosted by our Region One officers, it's sure to be a unique and memorable event.

One last thought several of our region clubs have openings for officers and volunteers. I encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on what you have enjoyed about our club and to please step forward and help fill these openings. As with any volunteer organization, the more we put in,

the greater the experience. Without our officers and volunteers, our clubs wouldn't exist. A big thank you to everyone who make the trip so worthwhile and remember, Keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
Region2.Airstreamclub.net

There's so much happening in Region 2 right now it makes my head spin! Cudos to Webmaster Lawrence Northway and VP Rich Short for getting PayPal and online registration up and running in time to register for June's Region 2 rally in Biglerville. Come join us at the Region 2 rally – it's bound to be fun. Just go to region2.airstreamclub.net and click on "Region Rally 2019" to sign up.

The First-Ever Eastern PA Season Opener is planned for the weekend of May 3-5 at Lum's Pond State Park in Bear, DE. Penn-Lehigh, Keystone & Central PA units invite anyone with an Airstream to help turn the park into a sea of silver! Along with typical rally activities, you could kayak, fish, hike, bike and/or just hang out. AND you could check out the Go Ape zip-lining course or head off to the NASCAR stock car races being held that same weekend in nearby Dover. All you have to do is make your camping reservation (through Reserve America) – then let Cary Boland, careyboland@gmail.com or 610-905-0537, know what site you've reserved.

Congratulations to the Central PA Airstream Club – formerly the Central PA Unit - on its recently approved name change! Central PA is the latest of 3 units in our Region to add Airstream Club branding to their unit name with Watchung NJ, and Metro NY being the other two. As part of our Renew Region 2 campaign, President Mark Hammer and VP Rich Short are encouraging the remaining 13 Regional units to do the same.

And speaking of branding, Region 2 units are amongst the first that ECC is transitioning to the new airstreamclub.net domain. Our Keystone, Penn-Lehigh, Central MD, Central PA, and Watchung NJ units were the first to move over with Ontario Canada, the PA Unit, Hudson Mohawk and DelMarVa units in the queue at press time. All of our 16 units will be on the new domain in short order! This is an ambitious undertaking for our Club and we appreciate what our IBT, HQ and the ECC are doing to make us so easily recognizable as a Club of Airstreamers!

We're making great leaps in moving Region 2 forward, but we still need folks to pitch in. Please contact Mark (Region2President@airstreamclub.net) or Rich (Region2VicePresident@airstreamclub.net) to see how you can help keep the momentum going in our campaign to **Renew Region 2**.

REGION 3

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

Mark your calendars for April 24th through 28th!

Nothing could be finer than to be in
 Marion, North Carolina in the Springtime!

Region 3 Rally for 2019 will be at the Tom Johnson Rally Park in Marion, North Carolina – “Where Main Street Meets the Mountains”. At the rally site there are 280 full hook-up sites on level grass for convenience. No campground reservations are necessary – just arrive, park and pay your fee when you arrive. There will be seminars, food, socials, free time and fellowship with Airstreamers.

The city of Marion was named in honor of Brigadier General Francis Marion, the American Revolutionary War hero whose guerilla warfare tactics earned him the name of “Swamp Fox”. Founded in 1844, Marion’s Main Street Historic District is located on the National Register of Historic Places and includes shops, churches and the courthouse.

Marion is geographically located to offer convenient access to year-round outdoor recreational activities. Water sports and fishing are available on Lake James and the Catawba River, trails take the hiker to scenic waterfalls (i.e. Tom’s Creek Falls) and wildlife observation areas (i.e. Joseph McDowell Historical Catawba Greenaway). Looking for caverns – Linville Caverns is North Carolina’s only natural limestone cavern. A guided tour will take you to stalactites, stalagmites, and an underground stream. Golfers, gem and mineral miners, historical and cultural buffs will find their interests peaked by the many destinations in the area including the Carson House Museum. Because of the mild climate, the area will be of interest to gardening enthusiasts!

Between Marion and Morganton, three wineries are along a 15-mile drive near I-40: Silver Fork, South Creek and Lake James Cellars. Craft beers are available in downtown Marion.

Nearby towns of Old Fort (12 miles), Little Switzerland (17 miles), Black Mountain (20 miles), Morganton (22 miles), and Rutherfordton (24 miles) are quaint small towns that offer local arts and crafts artists an outlet for their works and, for the visitor, a variety of tours!

Venturing farther afield, Linville Falls is 25 miles away and Mt. Mitchell is 30 miles away. A major tourist attraction in Asheville is the Biltmore Estate with the Biltmore House - the largest privately-owned house in the United States and is listed as a U.S. National Historic Landmark.

REGION 4

Susan Stigleman, Contributing Editor
<http://region4.wbcci.net>

In Region 4’s neck of the woods, the months and weeks have sped by as we are a short 10 weeks away from the 2019 Region 4 Rally. Our officers have been working tirelessly to provide our membership with activities, meals, entertainment and more. The Ottawa County Fairgrounds and the Oak Harbor, Ohio area are awaiting our arrival, May 15-19. Our entertainment will be the premier local band - Kevin Van Sickle and the Pure Country Band and an excellent guitarist David Lester. You can see both of them online on YouTube. Both groups play contemporary cover tunes across all genres and can be seen at the Château Tebeau near Helena, Ohio. Sign up today for what is going to be a fantastic rally. Contact Don Hetzler, pophetzler@hotmail.com or Steve Rhodes, onerhodes15@gmail.com to register. Looking forward to meeting you there.

As our camping season begins to gear up, I would like to remind our members that there are endless opportunities to volunteer. Our clubs’ positions are all filled by volunteers. The more folks that volunteer will allow the workload to be spread out. It opens the door to new experiences and friendships as well.

To experience and enjoy the many benefits of your membership, consider attending a rally or luncheon, sign up for a caravan or attend a special event rally. With the variety of activities, you are certain to find one or more that will appeal to you, sign up today!

As we begin to awaken our sleeping silver beauties here in Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia for a camping season filled with fun and fellowship, plan a Unit Shakedown Rally. This will allow you the ability to help each other with some routine maintenance items and share knowledge. At the close of your rally, you and your rig will be ready to hit the road to make more memories.

Until next time, Safe Travels.

Save the Date:

May 15-19 - Region 4 Rally Oak Harbor, OH

July 20-27 - International Rally Doswell, VA

September 21-29 Swiss Festival Sugarcreek, OH

REGION 5

Bob Whitesell, Contributing Editor
<http://region5.wbcci.net>

Hello all members of Region 5 and I am pleased to announce that I have located a facility that I know will serve our needs nicely for the upcoming Region 5 Rally. The Rally will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds located near Amboy, Illinois. This facility provides ample parking spots, a commercial kitchen with refrigerator/freezer and a large banquet room which we can use for our meals and for our annual meeting. There are many local attractions in the area and I am also considering a trip to Chicago for a possible river boat/architectural cruise. Please note that I have also changed the dates of the Rally. We will start the Rally on September 4 and complete on Sunday, September 8. Please make note of this change and mark your calendar. We will have a great time and thank you.

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
Region6.Airstreamclub.net

Some of you have returned from "Sweet Home South Alabama" at Mid-Winter IBT in Robertsedale, AL. Region 6 hosted the event and from all indications, it was a fun and productive time. 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 third annual Hog Wild Baseball Rally, March 28-31, 2019 at Roadhog Park in Fayetteville, AR where they will watch the University of Arkansas baseball team play the Ole Miss Rebels. On April 25-28, the club will have a Warm Up in Hot Springs Rally at J&J RV Park in Hot Springs, AR and enjoy a day of thoroughbred horse racing at Oaklawn Park, and other local attractions.

All three Tennessee units - East Tennessee Airstream Club will host the Tennessee State Rally, April 25-28, 2019 at the TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN, for the West Tennessee Airstream Club and the Music City Airstream Club. Jim Johnson, a 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.

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

The Mississippi Airstream Club will hold its Early Spring Rally, March 14-17, 2019 at Mystic Springs Airstream Park in McDavid, FL.

The Music City Tennessee Airstream Club will hold a Maintenance Rally, March 21-24, 2019, at Piney Grove COE Park in New Site, MS, followed by the Tennessee State Rally April 25-28, 2019 at TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN.

Pensacola Florida Airstream Unit will hold its annual "Homecoming" Past Presidents Rally March 14-17, 2019, followed by their "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 will hold its Spring Has Sprung Rally, March 8-10, 2019, at North Abutment COE Campground in Grenada, MS, followed by the Tennessee State Rally April 25-28, 2019 at TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN.

REGION 7

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

Good morning Region 7 and all Airstreamers. Region 7 has an excess of hard water (ice) since temps are in the minus 40 or lower. Actually dangerous should you be outside. Now let's update the only Canadian Special Events Rally for 2019. Around the World with Folklorama will be held in Winnipeg, MB, Canada August 7-14, 2019. This event is the 50th year for the largest ethnic festival held in Canada. There is almost no place in the US or Canada that is more than 2000 miles from Winnipeg. Since I have made the trip from Winnipeg to near Doswell several times lately, be assured the road is open. Now is the time to dust off your passport and make sure it is not expired. You need to check on the border regulations for pets, food and alcohol, etc. You will be able to select from over 40 ethnic venues during this rally.

We will have numerous other options to visit, such as the Canadian Museum of Human Rights (with Nelson Mandela exhibit), the Manitoba Museum, Celebrations Dinner Theatre, etc. While here also see YOUR monument at the International Peace Garden. We already have reservations in for this event. Get yours in soon.

REGION 8

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

Hopefully we are all starting to make plans for spring rallies now. The Region 8 Rally will be April 30 - May 3 at the Kansas Expo Center in Topeka. This year it is titled "A Capitol Experience" and its highlight will be a tour of the newly refurbished Kansas Capitol Building. A multimillion dollar update to the capitol building features upgrades to the dome, cleaning of the murals and the installation of a brand new one, polishing of all the brass and copper fixtures throughout, a museum/visitors center in the lower level and much more. For those who like a challenge, there is a walking tour to the top of the dome.

There are many other museums and other interesting places to see in the Topeka area, some being the Kansas Museum and Genealogy Complex, the Tiffany Windows at the Presbyterian Church, Brown vs the Board of Education Museum, the Governor's Mansion and even the Evel Knievel Museum. Not far away is Lake Shawnee, which houses a wonderful arboretum. The tulips should be in full bloom that week.

The rally will also be full of activity in the way of creating quilts to donate to local organizations, classes for officers, and for those who want to plan rallies and caravans plus some maintenance classes. We will have a pizza party followed by a band one evening, and the usual games and other fun activities.

The first rally of the season is always the one we all look forward to. We have been cooped up in our homes all winter (unless you are a snow bird), we haven't seen our friends for many weeks, we are eager to drag out the zero gravity recliners that we bought last year, find the long sticks that we use to make s'mores, and open all the windows to let some of that fresh spring air in the rig.

Now, if we can just get through March - it will probably snow at least a couple more times.

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor
<http://region9.wbcci.net>

Howdy! The temperatures are beginning to rise, the landscape is starting to bloom, and "Cabin Fever" has hit us. It is time to happily get back on the road. Our seasoned members have probably been traveling for months, the part-time members are preparing to begin their journeys, and our newbies are anxiously making lists and double checking them.

Everyone wants their RV to be ready to roll now that spring has arrived, however, it seems like, no matter how much planning and preparation we do, there is always something that still needs to be done. That's why an RV is called "a work in progress". Regardless of whether you are seasoned, a newbie, or someone in-between, please remember there are many years of experience and knowledge available to you. All you have to do is ask. Airstreamers love to help, but they prefer to be asked. If you have a question, someone can provide an answer. Looking for a favorite RV park? Need to repair something? Looking for a particular part? Want to learn about the history of a place? Want to taste the best pie in Texas? Want to experience a new adventure? Just ask an Airstreamer! We're happy to help.

This month the spotlight shines on the Texas Hill Country Unit! The Unit was established in 1966. New members, from all different parts of the state, help the Unit remain "ever-changing". It is a fun-loving Unit whose members like to visit historical places, museums, and art galleries, as well as participate in activities and enjoy delicious meals prepared by the members themselves. Best of all, they love to go camping in their Airstreams! Thank you to Unit President Zephyr Marek for providing information about the Unit.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: The first Region 9 Rally was held at San Benito in Harlingen, Texas, in 1975. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: What is the name of the first female Region 9 President and when did she serve in this position? Answer will be revealed next month. Until next month, continue to travel safely!

REGION 10

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

All is quiet on the Western front! Slowly, but surely, the western Airstreamers are getting their rigs out and readying them for rallies. The farther north and east our Clubs are, the later in the spring do they spring into the action of de-winterizing the Airstreams. However, that doesn't mean that we are hibernating out here in the west. Here's what's happening in March!

The Alberta/Saskatchewan Airstream Club is still (weather dependent) hoping to have luncheons in Edmonton and Calgary, AB and Saskatoon, SK. Former First Lady of Region 10, Darlene Caldwell, is setting up dates with hosts in each of those cities. Watch your newsletter for details.

March 16 is the date for a St. Patrick's "Meet 'n Greet" luncheon for the British Columbia Airstream Club. Alex & Arlene Matches are the hosts at the Cranley Park Community Hall in South Surrey, BC. It starts at 11:30 am, so don't be late!

The Montana Airstream Club is hoping for a luncheon in March. Since I am writing in January, a date and place have not been selected, yet. Of course, this luncheon would be weather dependent, as well. So, stay tuned to your website!

The Golden Corral in Boise continues to have the Idaho Airstream Club for a no-host breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except November). So, meet your club members on March 9 for a really delicious breakfast! I know, 'cuz I have been there a time or two with the Idaho members. It may be cold outside, but the conversation is warm and welcoming.

April Fool's is a great time to hold a rally which is what the Oregon Airstream Club is doing starting on March 29. You'll find the rally, hosted by Brad & Susan Taylor at Casey's Riverside RV Resort in Westfir, OR. OK I can't help myself - is there an Eastfir, OR? And what if you have to go west to Eastfir and east to Westfir? I'm just getting ready for April Fool's Day.

Last year, the Washington Unit learned that crab season was happening earlier than our traditional May Crab Feed. So, this year, they are planning a Mardi Gras Crab Feed Rally at the Land Yacht Harbor from March 1-3. Corey & Manda Lyghts will host this event. I'm already salivating for crab dipped in warm, melted butter. Yum!

Just in passing, I want to alert you all to a special event being planned by the Washington Unit on June 1st. Circle the calendar and watch for future details.

Well, that's a wrap for March in the Western front. Until next month, I hope you find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow (and of course, you'll share it with me, right?)

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
Region11.airstreamclub.net

The Utah Unit [UWAC] is planning a breakfast meeting with service technicians from Airstream of Utah. The technicians will be sharing maintenance advice on care of their units. The date and time to be announced.

The Colorado Unit is heading to Cal Am Canyon Vistas RV Resort, Gold Canyon, Arizona with strategic stops along the way. This 10 day event from March 18-28 will be focused on the Arizona spring training season and the scenic wonders of central Arizona.

The New Mexico Unit will be having a Buddy Rally at the Poncho Villa State Park on March 27-30. Activities center on going to the Mexico side of the border for shopping and eating. Many will also visit the famous Pink Store.

The Arizona Unit will be having a Rally at Catalina State Park near Tucson on March 28-31. This will be a spectacular event as the flowers will be in full bloom. Rally hosts Pat and Babs Cahalan, have plans for guided desert hikes as well as visits to see special museums in the area.

REGION 12

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

Hello fellow Region 12 members. Cecelia and I just returned from Pasadena after hosting the 37th annual Rose Parade Rally. Once again, the reaction of the members in the 30 rigs that attended was remarkably positive. This year we had 18 trailers from Region 12 plus folks from North Carolina, Kentucky, Texas and other states.

There is so much going on in this little part of California that makes the few days before the parade so much fun. First of all, our location is the best. We are located in a school district parking lot directly across the street from a Trader Joe's, Macy's and a Corner Bakery. On January 1, we merely walk up the nearest street four blocks and our bleacher seats for the parade viewing are waiting for us.

We had several folks take advantage of the following activities. Visits to the Norton Simon Museum, the Gamble House (as in Proctor and Gamble) and the Huntington Museum. The Equestfest shows off all the horses that will appear in the Parade. The Bandfest features field shows from all the bands that will be in the parade. You are also allowed to view the floats as they are being prepared and some folks actually worked on them. We also toured the Hastings Ranch neighborhood to see their Christmas light show. Many Airstreamers also toured the floats on display after the parade.

We begin the event by meeting in a bull pen that we set up at a Pasadena City College Parking lot. A quick drive to the west takes us into our parking lot. There you will find a tent that is set up for meals, parties and happy hours. Once everyone is parked, we lock the gates and begin the fun. What's also fun is the many relatives that visit. It seems that

Airstreamers use this time to gather with friends and relations that live all over Southern California.

If you have not attended this rally in the past, we (Tom & Hedda Smithson and Bob & Cecelia Stansbury) encourage you to put it on your bucket list. There are 30 spots each year and the rally is usually sold out in the spring. Planning begins January 15, so come and join us next December.

EUROPE

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

Seven rallies throughout Europe are listed for 2019 in France, Norway, Germany, England and Switzerland on dates throughout spring, summer and autumn. Already two are almost fully booked up and members are now booking for the main summer rally in France at Mulhouse in June. Arrangements are being made to create a fantastic programme with help from the Mayor of Mulhouse and the campsite owners.

Renewals are now way above the levels we saw last year. The European part of the WBCCI grows steadily each year and we are seeing new members join for 2019. There is great interest in our rallies and these are publicised to non-members too. The sharpest rises in membership have been at rallies.

This year we have seen more interest from North American members who want to tour Europe and attend our gatherings. To date we have American members booked at rallies in France and England! The interest in our branch of the Club outside North America continues to grow.



Northern California Airstream Club Caravan - submitted by Bob Vasser, #26071

We knew that forming our branch would increase European interest in the Airstream culture and activities over the pond, but didn't think we would be adding to the experience of the other 12 Regions. We hope that we will see more visitors from the US and Canada.

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Caravan News

2. "Georgia Plantations and More" will be led by Carol and Winston Montague.

Finally we are moving into the electronic era with more leaders choosing to make and keep contact with caravanners by email and text messaging. Both prior to and while on caravan we eliminate most snail mail and white boards. Instead of time-consuming and tedious dailies, we are taking more

pictures and making DVDs or thumb-drives to send out after the caravan as precious mementos. Caravans can be fun! Sure, there is work to be done, but if you like what you are doing, the pleasure comes from sharing your discoveries!

SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD!

From the Vice President of Sales



Lenny Razo

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH! It is early March and we are finally seeing some warmer weather after a very rainy, snowy and cold fall/winter.

In my last update, I discussed being able to share some sneak peek photos soon of the new plant. Unfortunately, Mother Nature is not cooperating with us on the new facility. There has been a lot of movement on the new grounds, but mainly underneath the soil and some concrete work. I hope that in my April letter I can share with you some pictures of steel starting to go up. Stay tuned, I promise to share pictures soon!

Our Airstream Sales Team has been extremely busy since January attending over 40 shows across the US and Canada as well as Australia. Our dealer's attitudes are very good and we saw several shows with record attendance. The attendance at a majority of the shows this year was right in line with last year's attendance; as were the sales at the shows. Airstream did see some shows that were hit hard with weather, such as Seattle, Chicago, Boston and Minneapolis. Unfortunately, the weather caused those shows to have much lower attendance than usual. We are looking forward to the Spring/Summer selling season as things heat up.

Justin Humphreys and I had the opportunity to attend the Grand Opening event at Airstream of DFW. This was a great event that attracted many people. On opening day of the event, the dealership gave away a Basecamp, which helped attract the hundreds of people that attended. Airstream of DFW is a 40,000 sq. ft. facility that is temperature controlled which was nice as it was only 40 degrees when we were there. They have over 40 Airstreams indoors and all deliveries are done inside as well. If you are ever in the area, make sure to stop by and see the Airstream of DFW team, they will not disappoint. We are blessed with the best dealers all over North America and overseas as well.

On behalf of over 1,000 hard working families in Jackson Center, Ohio, I would like to thank you for your business and passion for our products. It means the world to all of us.

Happy Airstreaming!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lenny Razo', written in a cursive style.



Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings! I hope you have been enjoying your winter so far. It has been very cold here in Ohio so I am hoping for a change in the weather pattern so we can warm up a little. At least to the freezing mark!!

I received another email from a customer asking if I would explain the steps taken to adjust a main door. He stated that his does not shut as well as it used to and may need an adjustment. I will cover the steps I take when inspecting the doors for what adjustment needs to be performed. I will be covering what I consider to be minor adjustments that can be performed with little tooling. There may be times when major adjustments need to be performed which would result in some removal of parts of the door and require specialized tools which should be performed by an authorized dealer.

Adjusting the Door Latch Striker

Over time and use, the main door may shift slightly in the door jamb. When this happens, the jaws of the door latch itself may not line up perfectly with the striker plate causing the door to shut harder than it should. The striker bolt is threaded in to a piece of steel which we call the backing plate. In order for this backing plate to stay in place, we install a pop rivet through the door jamb directly in to this plate. Below is a picture of the striker bolt and the plate that is used.



Striker Bolt



Striker Backing Plate

Next you will want to close the door slowly to see how the jaws on the latch line up with the striker bolt. Pictures below.



The picture on the left shows the bottom jaw is touching first which would mean the striker bolt needs to be moved up slightly. The picture on the right shows the top jaw touching first so the striker bolt needs to be tapped down slightly. The next set of pictures will show how to properly move the striker bolt.



To move the bolt first take a 3/4 inch wrench or socket to loosen the bolt. Just loosen the bolt about a 1/4 of a turn. If you loosen it too much it will not hold the position once you start tapping it to move. Then drill out the pop rivet using a #30 drill bit. Now both the pieces will be free to move.

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Using a chisel and hammer, tap the bolt up or down depending which way the bolt needs to be moved. Retighten the bolt and check for proper alignment with the jaws on the lock. If not loosen it 1/4 turn and move until it is centered. If the alignment is good then drill the rivet hole out again and install a new rivet.

Adjusting the Striker Bolt When the Jaws are Hitting the Head of the Bolt

There are times when the striker bolt will need to be adjusted outward so the jaws of the lock hit in the correct position on the striker bolt. When this scenario happens, the door tends to stick and rub and will not open or close correctly. I will show you below how I adjust the striker outward.



Wrap some masking tape around the striker bolt and then shut and open the door a few times. As you can see in the picture to the right above, the jaws of the lock are actually making contact with the head of the bolt which will cause it to drag while opening and closing. To fix this you will actually need to remove the striker bolt completely and add a washer so you want to make sure that the pop rivet is still holding the backing plate in place. I would recommend to go ahead and drill the pop rivet out and replace it ensuring that it is holding. If you remove the striker bolt and the

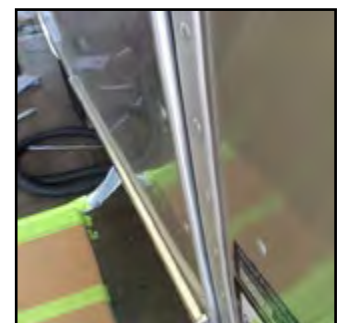
pop rivet is not holding then the backing plate will fall inside the wall with no easy access to retrieve it. The pictures below will show you how to add the washer.



After you have made sure the pop rivet is holding go ahead and thread the striker bolt completely out. Then add a thin washer and reinstall the striker bolt and tighten it back down. Recheck the striker alignment on the door to make sure the jaws are no longer rubbing on the head of the bolt. Note: even adding a thin washer behind the striker bolt could cause the screen door to rub on the striker bolt so a slight adjustment inward may be needed on the screen door afterwards.

Adjusting the Contour of the Main Door

When a main door has the correct contour, the door will actually touch at the top and bottom slightly before it touches in the center. Remember the door does not have any latch feature at the top and bottom so the only way to ensure these areas stay tight is to make sure they touch first. Then the latch will hold the center tight. That is the reason our doors shut a slight bit harder than flat doors. You can make slight contour adjustments to the door with wood spacers and some muscle. I will show you some pictures below of how to make these adjustments.



Airstream Factory Service Center

Thinking about upgrading your power outlets? Have our Service Center install the SmartPlug brand on your unit.

For the month of March 2019 enjoy 10% off any of the SmartPlug upgrades that fit your unit (part only) when you come to the Factory Service Center. Please call our Service Center Advisors to schedule an appointment.

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To check the contour of the door, hold the door so there is a slight gap between the door and the door frame like the pictures above. The gap should be fairly even from top to bottom on the opening side of the door. If the gap is not even then we can add or remove contour from the door. The following pictures will guide you.

The most common adjustment is that the door has lost some of its contour over time and needs to be adjusted with more curve. The picture on the left shows this adjustment. Stick a 6 inch piece of 2X4 in the center and have one person press inward at the top while another person presses

inward at the bottom. This should help to gain more contour in to the door and provide a better fit at the top and bottom. The picture on the right shows the adjustment you need to make if either the top or the bottom are hitting too hard first. Move the 2X4 block to the top or the bottom and press inward in the middle. Remember to apply pressure and check it often. If the door needs more than a 1/4 inch of contour adjustment, then the interior of the door may need to be removed and I suggest allowing a dealer to make that major adjustment for you. Trying to apply too much pressure in this manner without removing the inner door aluminum sheet could lead to a slight wrinkle on the interior so just make minor adjustments of a 1/4 inch or less.

Article continues in the April issue.

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

- Mar 1-3 Streamin on the Harbor, Georgetown, SC
- 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, Sugarcreek, 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 5-20	N-48-D	STANDBY ONLY Cajun Country - Leaders: Schwarz/Gardner Ph. 630-561-1703			
Mar 26-Apr 11	N-48-E	STANDBY ONLY Cajun Country - Leaders: Schwarz/Gardner Ph. 630-561-1703	Jul 10-Aug 19	N-48-L	Nor' by Nor'East - Leaders: Lake Ph. 781-837-2539
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	Springtime in the Rockies - Leaders: Heist/Hewins Ph. 402-304-1843	Sep 26-est Oct 27	N-48-S	Sho-Me the Ozarks - Leaders: Garrett 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

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REGION 1 Activities



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

- Apr 12-14 Pets & Paws Rally, Provincetown, MA
- 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

- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Noon, Russ & Rhona Fuller home, Southington, CT, Russ or Rhona 860-747-1193, email: rfuller@att.com

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

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

- Mar 9 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Bella Frutteto's, 2602 Brandt School Rd, Wexford, PA, Julie Jansen 216-973-3257, email: jucrjansen@comcast.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

- Mar 3 Snow Bird Luncheon 1 PM, Olive Garden, 7300 W Colonial Dr (Rte 50), Orlando, FL, Gerry/Leslie Schultiz 518-224-8577, email: gschulitz@roadrunner.com
- 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

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

- Mar 9 Spring Luncheon Noon, Pitts' Residence, 930 Stoney Run Dr, West Chester, PA, Andy Pitts 610-793-9262, email: r_pitts@verizon.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

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net

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

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

- Mar 23 Spring Social 1:30 PM, McFadden Residence, 282 Llewellyn Rd, Chester Heights, PA, Patrick McFadden, 610-529-6560, email: mcfaia@gmail.com

New York Finger Lakes Unit - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net

Ontario Canada Unit - <http://ontarioairstream.wbcci.net>

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

- Mar 24 Spring Luncheon 1 PM, Sally Pursell's Country Inn, Sugarloaf, PA, Jim Ridolfi 570-280-6673, email: aston10@verizon.net

Pennsylvania Unit - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net

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

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 16 Luncheon Noon, National Hotel Rathskeller, 31 Race St, Frenchtown, NJ, Mark & Angela Ratliff 609-730-8580, email: mratliff70@gmail.com
- Mar 24 Luncheon Noon, Colts Neck Inn, 191 Rt 537, corner of Rt 34 & Rt 537, Colts Neck, NJ, Chris & Joanne Forster 908-707-1759, email: forsters@optonline.net

REGION 3 Activities



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

- Mar 1-3 Streamin on the Harbor, Georgetown, SC
- Apr 4-7 Airstreams on Mainstreet, Havana, 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>

- Mar 22-24 Boondocking Rally, Lamar & Amy Waymire's, Chipley, FL, Craig Brinkley 850-447-1457, email: cbrink@fairpoint.net

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

- Mar 7-10 Winter Rally, James Island Cty. Park, Charleston, SC, CG reservations 843-795-4386, email: 0021@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

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

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

- Mar 14-17 Hillsborough Rally, Hillsborough SP, 15402 US 301, Thonotosassa, FL, Lyn & Bob Masters 813-495-8525, email: blmasters@icloud.com
- 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

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

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

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

Mar 7-10 Hobo Rally, Smedley Farm, 1766 SE Hargrave St, Arcadia, FL, Joe Smedley 863-444-1234, email: fjsmedley@embarqmail.com

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

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

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

Mar 8-10 Silver in the City, York, SC, Downtown York, rigs will caravan into business district and park on street, 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>

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

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

Feb 27-Mar 1 Three State Parks Caravan, Blue Springs SP, 2100 W French Ave, Orange City, FL, Susan Quintana 305-281-3920, email: quin1427@aol.com
Mar 2-4 Three State Parks Caravan, Hillsborough River SP, 15402 US 301, Thonotosassa, FL, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, email: jih6905@hotmail.com

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

Mar 15-17 St. Patrick's Rally, Edisto Beach SP CG, 8377 State Cabin Rd, Edisto Island, SC, Mary Dunbar 803-341-1265, email: medjrd3318@outlook.com

Mar 22-24 GA Mountain Air Rally - Spring Edition, GA Mountain FG CG, 1311 Music Hall Rd, Hiawassee, GA, Matt Hackney, 706-830-8039, email: mhackney7@comcast.net

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

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

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

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, Sugar Creek, OH

Akron Ohio Unit - <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

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

Apr 25-28 Buddy Rally, WV FG, Lewisburg, WV, Erna & Alfred Akers 304-645-3334

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

Mar 16 St. Patrick's Day Brunch 10 AM, Golden Corral Rest., 3350 Village Dr, Middletown, OH, Darren Baker 937-339-9451, email: darren.baker65@frontier.com

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

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

Mar 9 Luncheon 1 PM, The Crows Nest, 1257 Harmon Rd, Ashtabula, OH (N end of Rt. 11), Rick & Elaine Richardson 440-812-6490, email: rickelainehg@gmail.com

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>

Mar 6 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com
Apr 3 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/>

Mar 7 Dinner 5:30, St. Joseph Activity Center, Liberty St, Galion, OH, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001
Apr 11 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Old 30 BBQ, 1130 E Mansfield St, Bucyrus, OH, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001

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

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeastermichigan.airstreamclub.net

Apr 26-28 Shakedown Rally, Bay Cty 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

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

REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: <http://region5.wbcci.net>

Sep 4-8 Region 5 Rally, Amboy, IL

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Mar 2 Luncheon 11 AM, MCL Cafeteria & Bakery, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN, Charles Mason 317-525-7897, email: mason.charles@comcast.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

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Mar 16 Pizza Party Noon, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, 1050 E Higgins Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL, Dolores Mayo 630-587-2690, email: mayo.internet@gmail.com
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

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

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

Mar 17 Thinking Spring-Soup/Potluck Luncheon 1 PM, Colaw Rooming House, 204 NW Vine St, Atlanta, IL, Susan Swearingen 309-824-5085, email: smstlyfisher@hotmail.com

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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

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

Feb 28-Mar 3 Azalias & Beads Rally, Bellingrathgardens, Mobile, Dianne Morrill 225-328-4721, email: dndmorrill@yahoo.com

Mississippi Airstream Club - Mississippi.Airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - MusicCity.Airstreamclub.net

Mar 21-24 Maintenance Rally, Piney Grove-COE, MS, Charlie & Bobbi McGee 931-839-8289, email: cfmcgee3@hotmail.com

Pensacola Florida Unit - PensacolaFlorida.Airstreamclub.net

Mar 14-17 Homecoming Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

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

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 - <http://minnesota.wbcci.net>

Mar 11 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 11 AM, Claddagh Irish Pub, 7890 Main St N, Maple Grove, MN, Caroline & Paul Munro 763-227-8009, email: paulmunro@comcast.net

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

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

Mar 23 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 11:30 AM, St. Brendan's Inn, 234 S Washington St, Green Bay, WI, Vicki Engelstad 608-576-4283, email: vengelstad@yahoo.com

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

REGION 8 Activities



Region 8 Website:

<http://region8.wbcci.net>

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

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - <http://gslunit.wbcci.net>

Mar 9 St. Patrick's Luncheon 11-11:30 AM, Mike Duffy's Pub & Grill, 124 Jefferson Ave, Kirkwood, MO, Lyn & John Heald 636-343-3733, email: john.lyn33@yahoo.com

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

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

Mar 9 Lucky Luncheon Noon, Ox Yoke Inn, 4420 220th Trail, Amana, IA, Mike Donahue 515-229-7881, email: niceguy@aol.com

Mar 14 Brunch 10:30 AM, Golden Corral Rest., 1868 N. Power Rd., Mesa, AZ, Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, email: cdjcabalka@juno.com

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>

Mar 2 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Olive Garden, 13910 E 40 Hwy., Independence, MO, John Eckardt / Maria Stimach 816-729-0660, email: jeckar52@gmail.com

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

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - <http://mogreaterozarkunit.wbcci.net>

Apr 25-28 Spring Rally, 3565 Metcalf Rd, Louisburg, KS 866-888-6779, Margo Kohl 417-849-1417, email: mjkohl66@sbcglobal.net

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: <http://www.region9.wbcci.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

Mar 15-17 Rally, Martin Creek Lake SP 903-836-4336, 9515 County Rd 2181D, Tatum, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109

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

Mar 14-17 St. Patrick's Day Rally, Brazos Bend SP, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, TX, Tom Bundy 281-250-7644, email: tom-carens@sbcglobal.net

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

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North Texas Unit - <http://ntxu.wbcci.net>

Mar 9 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Spring Creek BBQ, Burleson, TX, Mike Mack 817-371-3507, email: mls2t@aol.com
 Mar 27-31 Joint Rally w/Texas Plains Airstream Club, Oakdale RV Park, Glen Rose, TX, Mike Mack 817-371-3507, email: mls2t@aol.com

Oklahoma Airstream Club - <http://oklahoma.wbcci.net>

Mar 23 Planning Luncheon Noon, Bedlam BBQ, 610 NE 50th, Oklahoma City, OK, Larry Walters 405-974-0202, email: walcous@gmail.com
 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 - <http://texasalamo.wbcci.net>

Mar 21-24 Ides of March Rally, River Shade RV Park, Sequin, TX, Cathy Willis 210-744-4555, email: capwillis@yahoo.com
 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

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

Mar 7-10 We Survived...Travelogue Adventure in Alaska Rally (Keith & Grady Ferry), TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzge6@gmail.com
 Apr 11-14 Annual Doc Cain Fishing Tournament 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, Breaux Bridge, LA, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: peter@homesofaustin.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - <http://thcu.wbcci.net>

Mar 14-17 Rally, Leisure Resort, 1 River Lane, Fentress, TX, Joan Ermis 830-263-0278, email: joanermis@hotmail.com
 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 - <http://www.texasplains.wbcci.net>

Mar 27-31 Joint Rally w/ North Texas Unit, Oakdale RV Park, 1019 NE Barnard St, Glen Rose, TX 254-897-2321, Larry & Joan Luman 806-786-3477, email: luman@sptc.net

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 Unit - <http://albertasaskatchewan.wbcci.net>

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Mar 16 New Members Rally & St. Patrick's Luncheon 11:30 AM, Cranley Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr, Durham Rd White Rock, A&A Matches 604-535-4237

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: usselman@hotmail.com

Apr 25-28 Breakout Rally & Bus Mtg, Baker City, OR, Gail Conn 208-922-6453, email: ighconn@me.com

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

Mar 29-31 April Fool's Rally, Casey's RV Park, 46443 Westfir, Westfir, OR, Susan Taylor 603-871-7860, email: staylor792@comcast.net

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

Mar 1-3 Crab Feed Mardi Gras Rally, 9101 Steilacoom Rd S.E., Olympia, WA, Corey Lyghts 509-933-2724, email: cmlyghts@gmail.com
 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

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

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

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

Denver Colorado Unit - www.denco.wbcci.net

Mar 18-29 Just Campin' Cactus League, CalAm Canyon Vistas RV Resort, Gold Canyon, AZ, Vici Ottoson 303-777-6144, email: vottoson@gmail.com
 Apr 13 Luncheon 11 AM, Bruce's, 123 First St, Severance, CO, Jack & Janice Hornbeck 757-748-6473, email: jahjr46@gmail.com

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

Feb 14-17 Love is in the Air Valentine's Rally, Lo Lo Mai Springs Resort, Cornville, AZ, E off Rt 89A on N Page Springs Rd (between Sedona & Cottonwood, AZ), Debbie Vesco & Joni Lindsey, email: dkvesco@cox.net

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Mar 6-9 Binational Pancho Villa Cavalcade of Horses Rally, Pancho Villa SP, Columbus, NM, approx. 35 mi. S of I-10 at Deming, NM, on Rt 11, then W 1 block on Rt 9, Ed & Christa Whitney, email: ewhitney45@centurylink.net

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

Mar 27-31 Pancho Villa Rally, Pancho Villa CG/SP, Columbus NM, Anne & Bob Werth 505-331-7226, email: werthane@gmail.com

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - utahwasatch.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

Mar 22-24 Rally, Wine Country RV Resort, 2500 Airport Rd, Paso Robles, CA, Jason & Andrea Grendahl 330-317-8026, email: jasongrendahl@gmail.com
 Apr 5-7 Rally, Pachanga RV Resort, 45000 Pachanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA, Jim & Yvonne Savage 951-852-1409, email: happyglampergal@gmail.com

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

- Mar 13-17 Rally, Golden Lakeside RV Park & Casino, 5870 S Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV, Karen Pickett 714-310-7856, email: karenpick61@gmail.com
- 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

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

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club -

www.greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net

- Mar 13-18 Rally, Refugio State Beach, 35 Refugio Beach Rd, Goleta, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
- 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

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

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

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

- Feb 26-Mar 3 Rally, Yanks RV Resort, Greenfield, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com
- Mar 26-31 Rally, Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach, 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>

- Mar 1-3 Rally, Pechanga Resort & Casino RV Resort, 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com
- Apr 5-7 Rally, Vail Lake Resort, 38000 CA 79, Temecula, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com

EUROPE *Activities*

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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-D CAJUN COUNTRY

3/5-20/2019

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 roulet", 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. Beacoup 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 May 1, 2) Final by December 1. Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 12/1/18; Leaders Discretion after 12/1/18.

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 roulet", 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. Beacoup 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.

STANDBY ONLY

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

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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@embarqmail.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.

Come join us during Kentucky Derby week and feel the excitement of the 145th 2019 race. "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports". Ladies bring your derby hat (the bigger the better). Hear the music, taste the food, meet the people and enjoy the 15th State of the Union. Leaders: Karl & Cindy Weisenberger, WBCCI #1885, Cell Ph. 859-653-5519, Email: springtimeinky@yahoo.com Mailing address: 999 Riverwatch Dr., Villa Hills KY 41017, Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25, Total Number of Nights: 21, Number of Stops: 6. Total Cost \$2,750, Kitty Fee w/2: \$2,750, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD, Deposit Amount: \$250. Date first Payment: 5/20/18 of \$1,250, Date Balance Due: 11/30/18 \$1,250. Cancellation Fee: \$50, Leaders discretion TBD.

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. 941-229-30702, 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.

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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 START: DRUMHELLER, AB, CANADA

6/21-7/10/2019

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 Malgin 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 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 START: NORTH SYDNEY, NS, CANADA

7/10-8/31/2019

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, icebergs 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 Leggart, WBCCI #11489, Cell Ph. Canada 519-282-8257, USA 302-270-7618, Email: ps67.fcas@gmail.com, Address: 1489 Glenora Drive, London, Ontario, Canada N5X 1V4 and Chuck & Maggie Helwig, WBCCI #2868, 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 Paris 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 in 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: cdeleew@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

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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.

N-48-S SHO-ME THE OZARKS START: MOUNTAIN VIEW, AR

9/26- EST. 10/27/2019
STOP: VAN BUREN, MO

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 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. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25, Total Number of Nights: est. 32, Number of Stops: 10. 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 Trigger**

Mail to the Caravan Leader

STORYTELLING SPECIAL EVENTS RALLY
Camping at Appalachian Fairgrounds
Gray, Tennessee
for the National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 2 - 6, 2019

Names _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
 WBCCI # _____ Unit _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____
 Handicapped _____ Amount enclosed _____
 Emergency Ph. _____
 Please circle type: MH TR Slideouts Length _____

Fee: \$140 for 5 nights parking w/full hookups for first 30 trailers. Early parking begins Sunday, Sep. 29 at \$28 per night, so come visit the area. **Each person is responsible for obtaining their own tickets to the Storytelling Festival. Directions will be emailed when you register. Call Harry if you do not receive a confirmation email.** (Refund minus \$5 cancellation fee.) For further info contact Harry Herrmann at 865-966-2222 or email: harry22222@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Harry Herrmann
 Mail to: Harry Herrmann
 12275 Warrior Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922

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

SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY
Sugarcreek, Ohio
"In the Heart of Amish Country"
September 21 - 29, 2019

Name _____ Spouse/Other _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____ Email _____
 WBCCI # _____ Region/Unit# _____ - _____
 Handicapped _____ 1st Timer _____ Caravan Leader _____
 Caravan: _____
 MH / Length _____ Trailer / Length _____ M/C Size _____
 Region or International Officer? (specify title): _____
 # of? Adults _____ Guests over 18 _____ Children under 18 _____
 Interest to Participate: _____ Hobby Show _____ Flea Market _____ Golf _____
 _____ Musical (Bring your instruments)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
 CHECK NUMBER _____

Registrations postmarked/received before May 20, 2019 are eligible for a special drawing during the rally. **Rally Parking** is Saturday, September 21, 9:00am-5pm from the **Rally Bullpen**; early individual rally parking Friday (1-5 pm) for a **\$25 fee**. Caravans arriving with 5 or more pre-registered RVs may park at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 20, from 1-5 pm. **Cancellations:** Refunds will not be distributed without the Rally Chair first receiving your mailed **written request** stating your reason for cancellation, along with your **Acknowledgement Postcard** and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail should arrive NLT than Saturday, October 12, 2019. **Refunds** will be dispersed after the rally; the amount returned will be at the discretion of the Rally Chair.

Karin & Larry Kurkowski, 2019 Rally Chairmen
 Rally email: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

Please, enclose a self-addressed, **stamped, business envelope** to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card**, & other rally info.

Make checks payable to: Swiss Festival National Rally
 Mail check, reservation form & stamped business envelope to:
 Karin Kurkowski, 3665 Crooks Rd, Troy, MI 48084
 Cell Ph. 586-214-1777, Home Ph. 248-649-5355 (May-Sep)

Rally Fee:

Airstream, 2 adults	\$225	_____
Airstream, 1 adult	\$175	_____
Each Add'l > 18 yrs	\$110	x _____
Child under < 17 yrs	\$ 75	x _____
Early Parking (Indiv.)	\$ 25	(Sep 20)

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 dandylynec@gmail.com 706-244-2129.

If you have pictures depicting WBCCI caravans and rallies, please share them with us. These pictures may be used for promotional material, the Membership Directory, "Blue Beret" cover, or published in "Club Scenes". Pictures should be of rally/caravan activities. When choosing a photo, consider the potential member and what would entice him/her to join the club. Please include a description of the picture, member names, specific rally/caravan, dates, etc. and send to dsailor@wbcci.org or WBCCI, PO Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. NOTE: Original photos or .jpg file formats are preferred.



Boondocking in a friend's apple orchard and vineyard in North Carolina - submitted by Maria Harris, #19562



Our Basecamp reflection in an Airstream Sovereign at the Ontario Fall Rendezvous - submitted by John Goodger, #7419



Sunset over Land Yacht Harbor, Florida - submitted by Frank Carson, #23343



Monarch butterfly sipping nectar at Jersey Shore Haven as it continues its migration to Mexico - submitted by Mike Flesch, #6513



Airstreamers in Rio Grande Luncheon 2019 - submitted by Joe Massey, #4086

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