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President's Corner

Phases of a Member's Airstream Quest



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Then you realized there are fun ways to decorate your Airstream. Members love to see the cool retro clock you added on an end of your Airstream's roof locker. How did you install a stainless steel water heater door? How about that gorgeous Southwestern weaving you put on your Airstream's table? It's your Airstream and it suits you. Sharing how you've blinged up your Airstream is rewarding and fun. Open houses are a fun feature of rallies and caravans we attend. We make friends with other members while we compare Airstreams and mods.

The adventure at first was mainly about your Airstream. Over time that slowly changed. You bumped into Mary and Steve again at a rally and had fun stories to share. Then you saw Ed and Lynn and some other folks you know. Your interest

at rallies subtly shifted. You found yourself looking forward to renewing friendships with these good people to share your travel stories and uh-ohs with. They understand and might make you feel better when they "top" your story with theirs.

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Club events continue to aid us in learning about Airstreaming and building meaningful relationships. Now, after years in the club you realize that it's all about the friends and experiences that it provides. You look forward to the next rally or caravan not only for the new places and events but for the new and old friends you will meet. Of course, you want to see Bonnie's new Atlas or Jerry's Tommy Bahama. But you most look forward to seeing your friends and sharing stories. Airstreams have a long lifetime, and friendships are forever.

Please let me know how you think the club can help you better enjoy experiencing your Airstream quest by writing to me at President@wbcci.net (or by letter to the central office).

Jim Cocke, President

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2018 WBCCI Delegates Meeting

The 2018 WBCCI Delegates Seminar and Meeting will be conducted June 27, 2018, in Salem, OR.

Following is the proposed constitutional amendment which will be addressed at the meeting as well as the mandated report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman, Tom Smithson.

Amendment No. 1

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article IX, Title: Board of Trustees, Section 5 (page 4) by deleting the entire Section and insert a new Section 5 as follows:

“There shall be three (3) meetings of the Board of Trustees each year. The President may elect to hold one such meeting prior to or during the International Club Rally at which the Board ends its term and the first meeting at which the Board begins its term during or following the International Rally. The third will be held during the first calendar quarter at the discretion of the President. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Trustees upon giving the members thereof ten (10) days prior written notice of the time and place of any such special meeting.”

Report of the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

As directed by the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, this report is submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

The Board of Trustees (IBT) at its mid-winter meeting in Sarasota FL voted to send this amendment to the Delegates meeting at the 2018 international Rally in Salem OR. The intent of the amendment is to allow the current or newly elected President the flexibility to hold the IBT meeting(s) before, during or after the International Rally. The current Constitutional language requires the President to hold the IBT meeting ending his/her term prior to the International Rally. The newly elected President and officers have normally held their first IBT meeting after the Rally. Holding these meeting(s) during the Rally allows maximum participation of the membership in the governing process of the club. It can also address access and cost issues associated with holding the IBT meetings at the rally site.

The Committee in reviewing this amendment sees the value of increasing the flexibility of the outgoing or newly elected President in determining the date of the business meetings of the club as well as increasing the opportunity for participation by the membership.

The Committee strongly recommends that this motion to amend the Constitution be approved.

Tom Smithson, Chairman, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

ISO: Director of First Impressions

Do you have a background in Marketing? Have you been responsible for strategic marketing plans for an entire organization? Do you know how to attract new customers and retain existing ones?

Can you write a marketing plan that encompasses print, digital, and social media brand messaging - and have you ever used analytics to measure the results?

If so, the Wally Byam Airstream Club is interested in speaking with you. We're looking for an experienced Marketing professional who will oversee all of the Club's brand positioning, advertising, dealer marketing and public relations. It's an opportunity to join members at the very heart of the Club and help make sure that decisions made and communications sent out have our current and future members in mind.

We're looking forward to receiving your ideas for a marketing plan, supporting budget and projected return on investment relative to membership growth and retention. Contact vp2@wbcci.org.

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By Jay Cullis
Airstream Content Manager

Nest began with an idea about good design: Instead of looking back at retro and vintage designs, what if fiberglass travel trailers looked toward the future?

The answer to that question finally came on April 12, 2018 when Nest by Airstream was launched to the public. The sleek, sophisticated Nest is the first fiberglass travel trailer manufactured by Airstream since Wally Byam created several prototypes in the 1950s and early 1960s. While those early designs never caught on, Nest has already generated tremendous buzz with coverage across a wide spectrum of design blogs, travel websites, and RV industry publications.

The story of Nest begins on the west coast in the summer of 2012.

For many years, Oregon entrepreneur Robert Johans had been renovating fiberglass travel trailers. He loved the versatility of the material, and how they were easy to tow. He loved that they were relatively easy to renovate, and their interiors became a blank slate for Johans, who has worked in a variety of design fields. His modern renovations were highly sought after, and people came to him from across the country. They saw the attention to detail he brought to his projects, and they came for his expertise and modern design sense. While Johans kept the exterior of these vintage travel trailers intact, inside his renovations were anything but industry standard.

"I just reconfigured it in a way that it was a jewel inside," remembered Johans of those early days, when he sought out the best fixtures and cabinetry from the airline and marine industries. People marveled at what he was able to do inside a vintage fiberglass travel trailer, but all the while something nagged at him.

"It occurred to me that people were spending a lot of money to have me redo their trailers," he said. "I thought: why don't we start with a really nice trailer?"

Johans threw himself into a new design. He incorporated everything he'd learned from a decade renovating vintage fiberglass interiors, and delighted in creating a new, modern exterior design that would be unlike anything the industry had ever seen. He posted his initial conceptual illustrations online and immediately the industry took notice.

"I didn't want to do retro," he said of those first designs. "Retro was cute – I didn't want to do cute. I wanted something sophisticated. I wanted something forward-thinking. I wanted to push the industry forward, not look back at what's already been done."

The buzz caught the attention of automotive designer Bryan Thompson, who'd done design work with Nissan and Airstream (on the Basecamp model). Johans hired Thompson, who immediately set about styling Nest's exterior shell. Thompson changed the proportions and streamlined Nest with a more muscular, automotive feel. Thompson's design flair can be felt everywhere on Nest's exterior, especially in the wide, forward window inspired by ski goggles.

That kind of attention is something Johans says the fiberglass travel trailer industry desperately needed.

"We wanted to be conscious of all those details," he said. "It's not just a box you live inside. You want to feel some pride of ownership about the thoughtfulness that went into the entire project."

Johans built a prototype and introduced it to the world, hoping it would catch fire. Most of the fiberglass travel trailer industry is driven by made to order sales, and Johans's initial plan was to follow that trend.

"We had a launch party and nothing happened," Johans laughed. "The plan was that we would get an order and we'd build to suit like all the other fiberglass manufacturers. But nothing happened."

He and his wife had bankrolled all the early production and design themselves.

"We were tapped out," he said. "We couldn't go any further."

And that would have been the end of Nest.

But Bryan Thompson suggested to Johans that a meeting with Airstream might yield some result. So Thompson connected Johans with Airstream President and CEO Bob Wheeler. Wheeler and Airstream's then Vice President of Sales Justin Humphreys made the trip out to Oregon to visit with Johans.

Within months, Airstream acquired the Nest concept and hired Johans on as Project Manager.

"We saw the acquisition of Nest as an opportunity for Airstream to curate the kind of good design we feel is essential," said Wheeler. "Nest is modern, it's functional, and it's innovative in a way you rarely see in this industry."

Johans worked with Airstream's design and engineering team to make Nest production-ready. The Airstream team made significant revisions to Nest's interior concept. The result is a sleek, sophisticated, and design-forward travel trailer that is set to revolutionize the fiberglass travel trailer industry. It's also the first fiberglass Airstream travel trailer since Wally Byam experimented with the material in the 1950s (see sidebar).

"There's really nothing else like it," said Airstream President &



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Wally Bee

For almost 90 years, Airstream has been known for making iconic aluminum travel trailers. So to many, the news that Airstream would begin manufacturing a fiberglass travel trailer came as a surprise.

But Nest is not Airstream's first foray into fiberglass.

Wally Byam was a design pioneer, always searching for ways to improve his designs. Fiberglass was developed in the 1930s, and within 20 years was being used to build everything from boats to airplanes. Wally saw fiberglass as something of a wonder material – lightweight, modern, and versatile. He set about experimenting with the composite material that at the time was called "plastic fiberglass."

Part of Wally's fascination with fiberglass likely sprung from conversations with his neighbor – a Danish artist and engineer named Marius Hansen who was an expert in fiberglass manufacturing. Wally hired Marius to explore the options for Airstream, and in 1952 Airstream began producing fiberglass travel trailers. While Wally hoped the use of fiberglass would result in a lightweight product, the resulting travel trailers weighed about the same amount as their aluminum counterparts. The deciding factor was that they cost significantly more.

Airstream's fiberglass program was discontinued without fanfare, though one fiberglass model entered the halls of Airstream lore when Wally's cousin Helen Byam Schwamborn used it as a mobile office on the 1955 Eastern Canadian Caravan. It was on that caravan that the WBCCI was established.

Wally didn't give up on fiberglass. Before Wally died in 1962, Airstream built at least one prototype called the Wally Bee. Instead of trying to make a fiberglass model that looked like an aluminum Airstream model, the Wally Bee was smaller and aimed at casual weekend campers.

A 1962 company memo shows that Airstream was investigating the feasibility of what it dubbed "the Easter Egg program." In an apparent effort to convince the company of the Wally Bee's road worthiness, Marius Hansen took it on the 1962 Central American Caravan. But the Wally Bee never took flight, and it disappeared until 1972 when Airstream employee Toni Ruiz used it to move her family's belongings to Texas. (It should be noted that Ruiz and her husband Art were on the Capetown to Cairo Caravan).

Because this Wally Bee model didn't have a door, the Ruizes had to cut a hole in the back of the trailer in order to load their furniture. After unloading in Texas, the Wally Bee languished in Toni's backyard until 2008 when Airstream enthusiast Luke Bernander bought it and began an extensive renovation. Luke found the Wally Bee in horrible condition – tires flat, windows busted out, and inside filled with trash and junk.

"It was written that anyone who wanted to take on that renovation had to be nuts," said Luke.

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CEO Bob Wheeler. “Nest acknowledges Airstream’s lasting legacy, while anticipating a new potential for outdoor adventure.”

In addition, the fiberglass travel trailer community will now have an option for a product with a national service network.

“Most manufacturers in the small molded fiberglass segment sell direct to the customer,” said Airstream COO Justin Humphreys. “As a result, unlike Airstream, they do not benefit from having a national network of dealers. Airstream feels this is a huge benefit to our customers as they receive support from our dealers across North America.”

The perfect marriage of form and function, Nest makes innovative use of all 16 feet of its length. Inside, it’s full of natural light, due to the six windows, skylight, and innovative vertical window in the rear-entry doorway. Premium fixtures, plush Tuft & Needle bedding, and simple, stylish window treatments anchor the sleek, minimalist interior. The two floorplans feature creative, efficient use of space. Every bit of Nest is utilized for ample room to relax, cook, sleep, and store gear.

For more information about Nest, visit www.airstream.com/nest or schedule a visit to your local Airstream Dealership.



Nest 16 FB floorplan



Nest 16U FB floorplan



Wally Bee

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Luke has done an excellent job bringing the Wally Bee’s exterior back to life, and he’s currently working on the interior, with hopes of creating a period-specific interior as close to the original as possible. It’s a monumental task, though.

“My uncle had gone to look at it,” Luke joked. “He said that if I paid five dollars for it, I paid too much!”



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Camping Season is upon us and I want to remind everyone about the difference between Buddy Rallies and inviting a non-member Airstream owner to an activity and or a rally.

Buddy Rally: Invite your non-Airstream Friends



One of the tools for recruitment is the “buddy rally” where existing Airstream Club members can invite non-Airstream owners to a special “Buddy” rally with the idea that the guest will buy an Airstream

and join the Club. A member may only invite a non-Airstream owner once a year to a Buddy Rally.

Any member may invite a non-member Airstream owner to any Club Rally with the idea of introducing them to the club and inviting them to join.

So don’t think you can only invite those that don’t belong to the club to only Buddy Rallies. Invite non-member Airstream owners to your Rallies and luncheons, show them what great time members have Airstreamin’...

Ideas for promoting your Rally: Airstream 101 Rally

South Florida Airstream Club #30 President Beth Racavich did an awesome job of promoting their Airstream 101 Rally. They did email notices and promoted on their FB group. Notice the subject line of her 1st email and she sent it to all members even those that had not renewed. Beth tells a story of the fun the unit had in previous rallies and what they are going to do at this rally. With the promotion of the rally they had 10 new members attend this rally along with the regulars. They promoted the rally on their FB group during and after the rally to show the activities of the rally. Excellent rally promotion Beth and thank you for sharing.

From Beth:

This is the first email I sent to all in unit, even those who had not renewed, and they renewed



From: Berthe Racavich <berthe.racavich@gmail.com>
Date: February 26, 2018 at 10:12:02 PM EST
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
Subject: Airstream 101. If you want answers come with your questions

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Now that you’re all ready to go, how do you decide on caravans and rallies and get the most out of your Airstream lifestyle? Let us tell you how to find places you can camp for free and learn about the different discounts and more classes being offered around the country.

Now is the time to get all those questions answered and meet your Airstream family. Join us when and where. Please call me or email me that you’re coming so I can arrange for lunch, which will be provided.

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Facebook post and pictures after the rally show what a great time everyone had.



You have a new member or a guest at a Rally, now what do you do...

Just saying hi to a new member or Airstream owner at a Club event is not enough! If we don't engage our new member/guest and bring them into the group, we will lose them as members to join or renew! Here's some ideas to make sure these Airstreamers will enjoy their first experience with your Region and/or Unit. Make it an experience that will have them excited to come to the next rally/event. Here are the 3 easy steps to welcome the new member or guest at your event.

1. Make sure you know who is a new member or guest. Have your rally coupon have an area for new members/guests to indicate this is their first event. Make sure your Host informs the Membership chair of any new member/guest coming to an event.
2. The Membership chair will ask a member that is going to be at the rally to be the Greeter (host) for the new member/guest if the Membership chair will not be attending the event or has other new members/guests to Greet (host).
3. The job of the Greeter (host) is to find out about the new member/guest and introduce them to the members and make sure they are included in all the activities including asking them to ride with them to activities, sitting with them for meals, asking if they have any questions about their rig or the club and finding the member that has the answer.

Mary Johnson, Region 6 membership chair, has more ideas for everyone to make new members part of our Airstream Community.

If you are not an outgoing, people-person and don't always know how to make others feel comfortable in new situations, then here are a few pointers that can give you confidence to

step out of your comfort zone so you can help someone who is feeling like a wallflower at your next Airstream group setting feel welcome.

Simply putting the "welcome wagon" hat on may be all you need to give you the confidence to go up to people you don't know to get the ball rolling. Always be yourself. Keep your eyes peeled for the following situations where you might want to help things along (regarding a lone individual or couple):

- They are standing off by themselves like a wallflower, looking lost. Introduce yourself. Start a conversation, then introduce them to another person/couple that has a similar interest.
- They are sitting around a campfire or at the table not joining in the conversation. Ask them a question to get them into the conversation.
- The gang is carpooling to a destination and they start to go off to their own vehicle - ask them to ride with you.
- Personally invite them to sit at your table, come to your happy hour / campfire
- Ask them if they have learned how to play the Airstream card/board game called Joker. Offer to teach them.

Tips to Make Conversation at Group Gatherings


OK. You have identified an individual / couple who you can help feel more comfortable and part of your group, now what do you say? Here are some ideas:

- Hi. My name is <state your name>. Have I met you yet? I have been part of the Wally Byam Airstream Club for X number of years. How about you?
- How long have you had your Airstream?
- Have you made any modifications to your Airstream?
- I have been researching/having a problem with... <name your issue>. Do you have any experience with this?

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- What has been your best Airstream camping experience so far?

- Have you read the latest Blue Beret? I loved that article on....

Of course, there are ice breakers that work in any situation:

- What did you do for fun today?
- I collect <name your hobby>. Do you have any hobbies?
- Ask them if they tried that great appetizer or dessert you just loved. Do they know who brought it?

Making New Members and Guests feel part of your unit by welcoming and bringing them into our community is what being an Airstreamer is all about. Not only will you feel good helping someone reduce their anxiety about being "new" to a group, you'll have made a new friend.

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Three Pioneering WBCCI Couples

In the early days of Airstream, caravans, and the WBCCI there were several famous club members that did some amazing and historic things using their Airstreams. Two of the couples discussed in this article have been recognized by having their membership numbers converted to Heritage Numbers, while the third couple has not yet been recognized in the same way. All were known to be good friends with Wally Byam, having each participated in several of his early caravans.

#165 Oscar and Etta Payne

Oscar and Etta Payne were transplanted Midwesterners who, by the time they purchased an Airstream, were owners of the Fountain of Youth Trailer Park in Thermopolis, Wyoming. The Payne's membership number was recently converted to a Heritage Number because they participated in the 1959-60 Cape Town to Cairo Caravan, but they contributed so much more to the club over their 30 years of caravan participation and 40 years of club membership. The Paynes participated in eleven numbered caravans:

- 5 – Mexico West Coast Winter 1955
- 8 – Europe Six Months 1956
- 16 – Mexico Winter 1958
- 17 – Central America Winter 1958
- 20 – Africa Holy Land 1959-60
- 24 – Europe Summer 1960
- 30 – Western Canada Summer 1962
- 48 – Alaska Summer 1966
- N6 – Post Int'l Rally Caravan 1977
- N8 – Post Int'l Rally Caravan 1979
- C1 – China Caravan #1 1985

Etta Payne authored two hardcover books about major Airstream caravans:

- **Home Was Never Like This – A Trailer's Eye View of Europe**, about the 1956 Europe Caravan.

- **Land Yachting to Central America – A Trailer's Eye View of our Nearest Latin Neighbors**, about the 1958 Central America Caravan.

Oscar and Etta were one of four Airstream couples to travel behind the Iron Curtain to Moscow in 1960 at the conclusion of the 1959-60 African and 1960 European caravans.



Etta Payne Pushing in Africa



Oscar Payne and Bubble in Russia

The Paynes then continued alone to India and the "Far East" into 1961 scouting a route for the 1963-64 Around the World Caravan. Their travels to Russia and "Round-the-World" were featured

as regular reading in the Airstream Caravan newspaper in the early 1960s.

Oscar and Etta's last caravan was the first Caravan to China in 1985, during which they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and Oscar's 91st birthday!

The Paynes only owned two Airstreams over the years. The first was a 1955 16' Bubble and the second was a 1957 16' Bubble. Both were adorned with the image of the Wyoming "Bucking Bronco" on both sides. In 1977, the Paynes claimed their 1957 Bubble had travelled 200,000 miles on only two sets of tires! Imagine doing all of those miles in one of the smallest Airstreams ever made.



Oscar Payne, 91, and wife Etta, 83, of Thermopolis, Wyoming, were eldest members of first China caravan

#616 Harry and Allene Halbritter

Harry Halbritter was a retired hotel and nightclub owner from San Diego, CA. Allene was an amateur artist and avid photographer. After an ulcer forced Harry's early retirement, he credited purchasing their first Airstream with saving his life as he and Allene quickly got hooked on personal travel and caravanning with it.

The Halbritter's membership number was converted to a Heritage Number because of their participation on the 1959-

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Harry Halbritter, World Traveler

60 African caravan but they participated in several of the biggest early caravans:
 2 – Mexico West Coast Winter 1952-53
 8 – Europe Six Months 1956
 16 – Mexico Winter 1958
 17 – Central America Winter 1958
 20 – Africa Holy Land 1959-60

The Halbritters quickly became close friends with Wally Byam, and by the time of the African Caravan Wally could rely on them to hang back and help fix trailers with the mechanic, orchestrate getting the rigs thru a mud hole using ropes and muscle power, take over as the temporary wagon boss for a few days while the normal wagon boss waited for repair parts for his broken truck, or just provide a quiet spot in their Airstream for Wally to temporarily hide from the rigors of leading the caravan.



Harry Halbritter Helps Fix a Flat in Africa

Allene had a detailed two-part article titled “**Caravan to Cairo**” published in the May and June 1960 issues of **Trailer Topics** magazine about their experiences on the 1959-60 African Caravan.

The Halbritters were good record keepers and their notes were the basis for the late 50s/early 60s claims that you



Allene Halbritter Shares a Drink with Wally Byam in Africa

could enjoy an Airstream Caravan for just \$10/day and live in your Airstream full time for just \$500/month.

#9 Fred (Pop) and Ethel (Mom) Riley

Fred E. Riley was a locomotive engineer for the Southern Pacific Railroad before his 1952 retirement at age 70. Ethel also worked for the railroad and that is where she first met Fred. It is reported that by 1960 the Rileys had already traveled more than 80,000 miles with their Airstream. Undoubtedly, many of those miles occurred during the first 10 of their eventual 16 caravans:

- 4 – Western Canada Summer 1954
- 5 – Mexico West Coast Winter 1955
- 6 – Eastern Canada Summer 1955
- 7 – Mexico Winter 1956
- 9 – Western Canada Summer 1956
- 11 – Mexico Winter 1957
- 13 – Eastern Canada Summer 1957
- 16 – Mexico Winter 1958
- 18 – Western Canada Summer 1958
- 21 – Eastern Canada Summer 1959
- 27 – Kentucky Derby-Indy 500 1961
- 28 – Eastern Canada Summer 1961
- 29 – Mexico Winter 1962
- 30 – Western Canada Summer 1962
- 31 – Western Mexico Fall 1962
- 39 – Eastern Canada Summer 1964



Mom and Pop Riley Circa Mid 1950s

The origin of the Rileys’ nicknames as “Mom” and “Pop” are unknown, but this is how they were affectionately known in the Airstream community. Pop was always quick to volunteer. He headed the Parking Committee on just his second caravan, the famous “Caravan 500” to Mexico in the winter of 1955 – the one with nearly 500 trailers! Pop is best known, though, as the first President of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, having been elected to that position at age 73 during his third caravan, the 1955 Eastern Canada Caravan. Wally Byam even selected the Rileys to lead the 1956 Western Canada Caravan that ran while he was leading the 1956 European Caravan.

Since the creation of Heritage Numbers at Escanaba last summer, it has been suggested that the Riley’s #9 should be nominated to become a Heritage Number. Is volunteering to become the first president of WBCCI during the 1955 Eastern Canada Caravan an appropriate “historically significant” event to justify making such a nomination? Let me know your thoughts.



Pop Riley, Past WBCCI International President Circa Late 1960s

That’s it for now, until the next time we highlight some early WBCCI pioneers.

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Heritage Updates

At the 2018 Mid-Winter IBT meeting in Sarasota, three additional Heritage Motions were passed that did the following:

- Defined the responsibilities for making and approving future Heritage Number nominations to the Historical Committee and IBT respectively.
- Defined the Historical Committee as responsible for authenticating Heritage Airstreams that participated in "Heritage Status" qualifying events.
- Designated that Heritage Numbers, and corresponding member names and rationale be documented in the annual Membership Directory.

Future motions will be required to implement other aspects of the original Heritage concept that was discussed in Escanaba. We'll keep you informed as the next steps are approved.

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Hello to everyone out there. As you begin to travel, you might find a travelling check list helpful to remind you of those things you might not think about until you are actually away from home and are having a problem. This will be particularly helpful to those of you going to International in Salem, OR, in June, or on any of the caravans. The checklist is seven pages long, so it will come to you in three segments – April, May and June *Blue Beret*. If you find it useful and want to get it sooner, you can email us at techhelp@wbcci.org and I will forward a copy to you. All the best to all of you – see you, safely, down the road.

Part 2

Tires & Wheels

How much air should I put in my RV tires? For your tow vehicle, there are a few answers depending on the number of passengers and how heavily the vehicle is loaded. Just check your manual. For the trailer or motor home however, there is no easy answer. Get it weighed when it is fully loaded with water, propane and equipment. This should be done for each wheel of the vehicle for a motor home and for each side for a trailer. Now use the manufacturers chart to determine the air pressure versus actual weight for the front single tires, the rear duals and the tag axle for your tire size and type. The air pressure should be the same on both sides for the front tires as well as the rears. Just use the highest air pressure required in any individual tire axle set. When in doubt, use the sidewall pressure recommended by the tire manufacturer.

About every 200 miles or each time you move your RV to a new site, you should torque your wheel lug nuts. You should have a ½-inch drive socket set in your tool kit and a torque wrench. For your wheel nuts purchase the correct size, black, 6-point socket, that was designed for an air driven wrench. We recommend a ½-inch “clicker” torque wrench. Current recommendation is torquing trailer lug nuts to 110 ft-lbs. The larger motor homes require a ¾-inch drive torque wrench that goes into the 500 ft-lbs. range. RV tires die of old age helped along by ozone and temperature. They have a shelf life of about 5-6 years especially since they spend most of their life sitting in the driveway. How old is the tire; look

for DOT followed by numbers and letters. The last group of numbers, either 3 or 4, is the date of manufacture. If it has three numbers, it was made in 1999 or earlier and should be rejected immediately. For a group of four numbers the first two numbers are the week it was made and the last two are the year. For example, 2315 would be the 23rd week of 2015. If you are not sure how to read the date, ask the dealer to show it to you when you are buying the tire.

Brakes

It is a good idea to keep a record of the mileage when you have your brake pads changed. This should be done for trailers as well as motor homes. You should have the pads checked at least every 15,000 miles. The friction material should be a minimum of ¼ inch thick. If it is less than 1/8 of an inch, then change them ASAP. Be sure and check all of the wheels including the tag axles. On most automobiles, the pads can be checked without removing the wheels. For trailers and motor homes, the wheels will usually have to be removed. If you are going across the country and on a caravan that will travel 10,000 miles or more, consider changing the brake pads before the trip. Changing the pads is less than \$200 and since you will be on the road for 10,000 miles or more it is good insurance. Listen for strange noises. A grinding sound may mean you have worn out your pads and are getting metal-to-metal contact. This usually means new rotors, calipers and pads. It is always less expensive to start out with new brake pads then having to change them on the trip.

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Furnace & Water Heaters

The coach furnace rarely has problems while water heaters are always going bad. The water heater is exposed to the elements since its electronics are outside while the furnace is nicely protected from the weather inside the RV. Both these units use igniters, which provide a spark to light the propane. Igniters wear out and may be replaced depending upon usage. You should have a spare igniter for each heater. Other than cleaning the gas nozzle and the burner chamber every year, you usually do not need to worry about the furnace. You should **purchase a new potted board** with the spare igniter so that when cleaning the old board no longer works you are ready to go. Periodically clean the furnace compartment and its main burner. Learn how to adjust the main burner for the proper flame for both the water and coach heaters. The proper gap for the igniter is 1/8" between the electrode and ground. Clean the burners in alcohol and let them dry. You can use a round toothpick to clean the jets but never use a metal object since it can change the orifice opening. Wet the toothpick and twirl it in the jet. Circuit board contact cleaner will also work since it leaves no residue.

Normally we never find a defective pressure-temperature relief valve. However, we have found many leaking valves. Most water heaters are designed to operate with an air gap at the top of the tank that provides for expansion when the water is heated. When the valve leaks, it is usually because this air

gap is no longer present. To fix the problem turn off the heater and the water supply. Open a faucet in the RV and relieve the water pressure. Open the relief valve handle and keep it that way until the water stops flowing. Snap shut the valve handle and you will then have the air gap back with no more leaks.

Refrigerator

The primary maintenance for your fridge is keeping the compartment clean, cleaning the burner assembly and cleaning the flue baffle. On gas operation, the spark electrode should be spaced from 1/8" to 3/16" from the burner tube. A separate thermocouple tells the gas valve that the flame is on and it is safe to keep the gas valve open. The thermocouple should be in the flame. The flame should have a clear blue color. The burner jet can be cleaned by soaking it in alcohol and then blowing dry with compressed air. If you do not have alcohol you can soak, it in vinegar except you should leave it in for at least 2 hours. You can also use special contact cleaner (leaves no residue). Do not use anything metallic that could alter the size of the jet. Procedures for cleaning the flue are in your instruction manual. You should do this maintenance procedure at least once a year. For spare parts, you should have a 3 amp and a 5 amp cartridge type fuses. The 3 amp is for the control system and is required for gas, A/C or DC operation. The 5 amp fuse is for the heater for A/C operation. If you have a three-way unit that operates on DC, you will also have a 35-amp fuse. Remember for DC operation you are drawing over 25 amps out of the coach batteries and you should only do this with some source of high current DC, in addition to the batteries (like the engine alternator in a motor home or a generator).

The circuit board connectors are a big source of failures, especially for the older units. There are several connectors (Molex connectors) on the board that can get loose and may develop corrosion. Remove each connector separately and spray both sides with the contact cleaner. Wipe the contacts dry and put a small amount of silicon dielectric on the male pins. Many refrigerators have been repaired with a new circuit board when all that was required was cleaning the contacts on the old circuit board connectors.

During hot weather if your unit is not cooling too well, we recommend installing a fan in the outside compartment. This should be installed as close to the top of the coach as you can reach and should be exhausting the air. The air across the fins is what takes the heat out of the fridge compartment and provides maximum cooling. We do not like the fan units that come with an automatic thermostat since they do not come on soon enough. Once you lose temperature, it can take many hours overnight, to regain adequate food storage. We recommend installing a switch inside the RV and turning it on when the thermometer inside the refrigerator shows it is getting near 40 degrees. A tip: If you lose your refrigerator on a caravan and cannot get a fast repair, remove as much of the food that does not really need to be cooled (soda, fruit, veggies, cheese, etc.) and put bags of ice in your freezer compartment. Also, fill your vegetable crispers with ice.



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Salem, Oregon 2018

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How to Speak Oregonian Part Four

The 2018 International Rally is just around the corner! This fourth and final *Blue Beret* article about Oregon will help you blend right in when you get to the Oregon State Fairgrounds for the 61st Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally.

It's Willamette, dammit

Every state has quirky place names and pronunciations, and Oregon is no exception. Take this quiz to test your instincts, and prepare to sound like a local while you're in Salem. (Hint: many location names are derived from Native American languages, and French provided by early fur trade trappers.)

Willamette: Nope, it's not WILL-a-MET (nor Will-a-MA-TAY, even though the name is derived from a French pronunciation). It's easy to remember if you rhyme it with a swear: "wil-LAM-it"

Aloha: Hawaii is 2,500 miles from Salem. This Oregon town is pronounced "a-LOW-wah".

Yachats: The Siletz name of this small town on the coast means "dark water at the foot of the mountain". Say "YAH-hots" (not YAK-ats or Ya-CHATS).



Willamette Heritage Center

Wallowa: A Nez Perce word, pronounced "waLLOW-wah".

Malheur: Recently thrust into the media spotlight when Ammon Bundy and his armed cohorts occupied the National Wildlife Refuge over a land rights dispute. Shots were fired during their arrest (and the

incident inspired the Twitter hashtags #Ya'llQaeda, #YeeHawd, and #Talabanjo). National news reporters quickly learned to say it with a French accent: "mahl-ee-YAIR".

Couch: "KOOtch". This doesn't mean what you think it means.

Deschutes: The French word for falls is used all over Oregon, especially in the center of the state. Say "duh-SHOOTS".

Philomath: "Fa-LOH-m'th"—Greek for "love of learning"—is a town named for its historic college which now serves as the Benton County Historical Museum.



Baskett Slough Wildlife Refuge

Clatskanie: Looks like Clatskan-EEE. Psych! It's "CLAT-sk'-nigh".

Champoeg: Extra credit if you guess correctly. (Think about hair products and say "shamPOOey".) Fun fact: Champoeg is where the historic vote was taken to determine whether the Oregon territory would be part of Great Britain or the United States. The vote was close but paved the way for Oregon to become the 33rd state 15 years later on Valentine's

Day, 1859.

And Oregon? Surprisingly mispronounced throughout the entire United States, it's not or-ee-GONE, it's "OR-eh-g'n".

Northwest words

Say "spendy" (versus expensive). Takeout beer is poured into a growler. A sunbreak is when "the mountain is out". Jojos are steak fries. A pod is a group of food carts. (Some of the best cuisine in the country can be found in a pod.) At least once you'll shop at Freddie's, the ubiquitous Fred Meyer grocery and department store.

Shop till you drop - there's no sales tax!

That's right: the Oregon sales tax rate is 0% - a circumstance politicians have been attempting to overturn and citizens have continued to support for nine decades. So if you pay for something that's \$99.99 with a c-note, you'll get a penny in change. Quaint!

State revenue is based largely on the outrageous 9.9% income tax, the second highest percentage in the nation behind California. Spirit taxes are also high in Oregon, so bring your hooch from California or Nevada.

Related: No pumping your own gas in Oregon. Men generally hate this law - passed in 1951 - which prohibits any person other than a service station op-



Area Agriculture

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REGISTRATION

You may choose to be on a Stand By list for 30 amp electric sites by checking the box below.

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

Volunteers Needed! These Committees need help in Salem:

Band - Barbara Lambrecht bglambrecht@utep.edu
Cargo - Gary Shelton macdgary69@icloud.com
Club Store - Mike Zimmermann zimm3350@gmail.com
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If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the chairman by email or Julie at Headquarters at 937-596-5211.

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erator to dispense flammable liquid. Don't even try it: filling your own vehicle is literally against the law and violators are at risk to incur a steep fine. (Remote rural pumps are exempt from this law.)

International Rally Update

If you're not yet registered for the Salem Rally and would like to attend for a short time you can choose the "Short Stay" option.

Members registering for Short Stay will have a choice of solar or generator dry camping and will receive all amenities for the days they choose to attend, including the rally "Goodie Bag". The cost will be \$120 for the facilities and camping fee plus \$55 per adult and \$10 per youth. (No charge for children age 12 or younger.) Register online or print the registration form found in the *Blue Beret* and mail it to WBCCI headquarters.

2018 Rally Dates

June 18-19	Volunteer Parking
June 20-23	General Parking
June 22	IBT Seminar & Meeting
June 23	Vintage Airstream (VAC) Parade; Welcome Event & Volunteer Recognition (formerly Early Workers Dinner)
June 24	VAC Open House, Opening Ceremonies
June 25-29	Seminars, Roundtables, Vendors, Region Gatherings, Entertainment
June 27	Delegates Meeting, Band Concert
June 29	Installation & Closing Ceremony
June 30	IBT Seminar & Meeting

Photos: All courtesy of Travel Salem

Rally Exhibitors Section

Come and visit our displays at the 61st International Rally!

Blue Ox

Tow bars, baseplates, hitches, braking systems & accessories

Coastal Reflections

Fashion jewelry, nickel free earring charms, purses

Creations by Annie & Jackie

Original design – potluck totes, wine totes, tutu totes, Happy Hour totes, t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, placemats, casserole carriers

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Axle & brake service parts

Equal-i-zer Hitch / Progress Mfg. Inc.

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The Great Airstream International Rally Pet Show

Linda Agre, #5628, Chairman

Pets (and owners too), are you ready for the great annual Airstream International Rally Pet Show? This fun filled event will take place in Salem, OR on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Check in time is 2:30 PM sharp. Show starts at 3:00 PM and will be held in the Jackman Long Building. So mark your calendars, work on your pet's costume, tricks, and look forward to showcasing your pet.

Once again our pets will be “strutting their stuff” in the following divisions: Best Looking, Costume, Obedience and Tricks, and of course the ever popular “People's Choice Award”. A Pet Show registration form needs to be filled out for each division you wish to enter.

Registration forms may be picked up at the sign up table during check-in at Salem or email me and I will send you the form. **Drop completed form at the Copy Center. No registration forms will be available the day of the show. ALL Pets need to be pre-registered.**

Our Airstream community is the most generous group I have ever met. So once again we have chosen an animal shelter to donate to. This year it will be the Willamette Humane Society. We will be collecting pet food, blankets, cleaning supplies (ex. Clorox) or other pet items that can be used by the Animal Shelter. Checks should be made out to the Willa-

mette Humane Society. (Please know that this shelter does not put down animals to “make space”). They are in need and we would like them to know that WBCCI supports their work. Items may be left at the donation table or pet registration table. We will also be collecting the day of the Pet Show. More on this at the sign up table in Salem.

Our Judges will be from the Willamette Humane Society. For a fun filled afternoon, join us for the Airstream International Pet Show.

Can you help the day of the show? Need more information? Contact: Linda Agre #5628 at agre5628@aol.com

Snap Shot Contest

**Snap Shot Contest is Voted on by
WBCCI Members Only**

Categories:

1. FutureAirstreamers—Kids, grandkids, great-grandkids
2. Animals - pets or not
3. WBCCI members in action at rallies, caravans or International
4. Anything BLUE and GREEN – 2018 International colors
5. Show me your Airstream – in the mountains, by the sea shore

Rules for the Snap Shot Contest

1. Open to all WBCCI members, families or guests attending the 2018 International Rally.
2. Previous WBCCI Snap Shot Contest winning photos are not eligible.
3. Print size – 4 x 6 ONLY! Any other size will be disqualified.
4. NO MATS ON PHOTOS.
5. No more than two snap shots per person per category may be entered.
6. No identifying personal information on the front of the snap shot.
7. Photographer's name, phone number & WBCCI# must be on the back of each snap shot entered.
8. Entrants are responsible for picking up their snap shots after the contest ends.

Questions? Please contact Jane Elgin Bartlett, WBCCI #4544 at elginmj@gmail.com

Photo Print Contest

**These photos are judged by
local photography/art experts,
NOT WBCCI members**

Categories:

1. The Northwest - Landscapes, mountains, the ocean, etc.
2. Caravans, Rallies and International – Airstreams & members on the move
3. Reflections – In water, Airstreams, glass, mirrors, metals, etc.
4. Show Your Patriotism – Flags, eagles, veterans, etc.
5. Your favorite photo of the year – Category is wide open

Rules for the Photo Print Contest

1. Open to all WBCCI members, families & guests attending the 2018 International Rally.
2. Previous WBCCI Photo Print Contest winning photos are not eligible.
3. Print size is 8 x 10 ONLY. Any other sizes will not be eligible for judging. Photos MAY NOT be matted OR framed. **Please note, these are changes to past contest rules.**
4. No more than two prints per person, per category may be entered.
5. No identifying personal information on the front of the photo.
6. Photographer's name, phone number and WBCCI# must be on the back of each photo entered.
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2018 INTERNATIONAL RALLY SALEM, OREGON



Directions to Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center

When arriving at the site of the International Rally, please disregard any addresses you may have found on the web or other places. These will NOT take you to the bullpen.

When using a GPS, you have three options for a destination. All three put you at the intersection of Silverton Rd NE and Lana Ave NE. You'll enter the fairgrounds and be directed to the bullpen from there.

For an address, enter "2400 Silverton Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301".

For an intersection, enter "Silverton Rd NE and Lana Ave NE, Salem, OR 97301".

For latitude and longitude, use 44 degrees, 57.876 minutes North, 123 degrees, 00.268 minutes West.

To get to the bullpen, please use the following route. From I-5, from either the north or south, get off the interstate on Exit 258. Proceed southwest on Portland Rd NE, toward the fairgrounds, for 1.3 miles to Lana Ave NE. Turn left onto Lana and proceed to the stoplight at Silverton Rd NE. Go straight through the stoplight. The bullpen is dead ahead.

If your GPS has you using exit 256, Market St, be advised that this route takes you through a narrow street in a residential area. Exit 258 is a much better route.

Drive carefully, and see everyone there!!

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Please remember, the parade is a great way to promote your unit.

This year each entry will be based on theme only and the theme is "Living The Dream".

Entries are two categories: Walking and Float. Awards are 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category

and there will be a Best of Show award.

The Parade Committee will have a table in the sign-up area at the beginning of the Rally where you will pick up an Intent to Enter Form. There will be a meeting of at least one Representative for each Unit to be judged. The meeting will be in the Conference Room at the Jackman/Long Building 3 PM to 4 PM on June 26 prior to the parade on June 29. Units only will be judged.

The Parade Committee is looking forward to seeing you in the parade of "Living the Dream".

Airstream Adventures Northwest Offers Tow Training Course during Salem Rally

Even experienced Airstreamers can probably remember feeling a bit intimidated the first time they hitched up, and with more than 50 percent of new Airstream owners reporting that they are completely new to any sort of towing, it's often one of the largest roadblocks. A lot of consideration goes into model, length, price and tow vehicle, but the very prospect of towing can be daunting for new owners.

That's the driving idea behind the 30-minute Test Tows that will be offered at the Salem International Rally, courtesy of Airstream Adventures Northwest (AANW), our rally partner and sponsor. If you help navigate rather than tow, or if you're simply looking for a refresher course, you can sign up now for this unique rally event! The Test Tows will include:

- Tow vehicle and trailer courtesy of the dealership
- A safety walk around to ensure proper set-up and connectivity (10 minutes)
- YOU will be in the driver's seat with one of their Expert Drivers in the passenger seat to ensure you have the best towing experience possible (10 minutes)
- If time allows, a back-up tutorial (10 minutes)

A Technician will be on site to assist with any questions following your towing course.

- Tow Training Courses will be offered June 25, 27 and 28 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
- AANW will have two Airstreams, tow vehicles and Expert Drivers on hand
- A total of 22 spots are available each of the three days indicated
- Additionally, you can come test your hitching and back-in skills with the AANW Hitch-Up, Back-In Time Trial Contest! The contest will take place on the 26th and 29th with a prize for the participant with the winning time!

We anticipate this to be a very popular activity and expect that the time-slots will fill quickly. To register for Tow Training or the Hitch-Up, Back-In Contest, please send an email to events@airstreamnw.com or call AANW at 503-496-3162 and ask to speak to Jade Webster.



Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising



Based in Salem, Oregon – the award winning original roots music group Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising continues to stack up awards and accolades while performing their high-energy shows throughout the West. Awards include guitar player Dennis Nelson being named 2008 Roots Music Association Bluegrass Songwriter of the Year and banjo player Tom Tower winning the \$10,000 prize in the 2010 City Love Music Contest. The band holds the title of the International Music & Entertainment Association 2015 Bluegrass Group of the Year, and in 2016 brought home both the 2016 Bluegrass Song of the Year trophy from IMEA with their rendition of Steve Spurgin's "Let Her Roll" and the silver award in the Global Music Awards for Kathy Boyd's tune "Who Will Pray for Me". The group received two 2017 Josie Music Awards nominations – Bluegrass/Folk/Americana Song of the Year (Let Her Roll) and Bluegrass/Folk/Americana Group of the Year. In 2018 Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising brought home a silver Global Music Award for their sixth release, "40 Years of Lonesome" in the categories of lyrics/songwriters and album.

JUNE 23

The Hit Factory

Are you ready to party?? Grab your dancing shoes,
get your groove on and join us for the

International Nightclub on Thursday, June 28th at 8 pm

We have a rockin' live band for dancing and all sorts of music
– from Sinatra, country, line dancing, the 70s, 80s, 90s, to current.

They do it all! We'll have a
no-host bar with libations of your choice.
Who is the band?

The Hit Factory, led by Patrick Lamb

HIT FACTORY is an Oregon band that plays all your top American hits and presents an upscale, Vegas style non-stop presentation. Premiering at the Olympic trials, selling out the Portland Governor's Ball, the Hit Factory is the newest, hottest upscale band on the west coast.



JUNE 28

MAIL AND PACKAGES IN SALEM

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

Available until June 29 at noon.
Items will be returned to sender unless
change of address is filed.

Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center
ATTN: Your Name, WBCCI # _____
2330 17th St NE
Salem OR 97301

Calling All Cooks!

At the International Rally this year there will be a Cooking for Camping Class along with a recipe exchange meeting. Recipes will be collected to make an Airstream cookbook! Whether you cook and freeze your meals, prepare your meals in a cast-iron Dutch oven or cook over an open fire, we are looking for your favorite recipes! Even if you are unable to attend the Rally this year, you can still be included in the cookbook. Please submit your recipes in the following format:

Title
Number of servings
Ingredients and amounts
Directions for preparation
Time (and temperature if prepared in an oven)

Possible Categories:

Beverages
Appetizers (for our famous Happy Hours)
Salads & Soups
Other categories? Let me know!

Main Dishes
Cast-Iron Cooking (Dutch oven)
Desserts

If desired, include serving suggestions such as "Serve over rice" or "Sprinkle with parmesan cheese"...

Your Name and WBCCI number (you can remain anonymous, if desired)

There will be a specific section for Dutch oven recipes. I know many campers love to cook over an open fire using these.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Rally and/or receiving your favorite recipes via email.

You can submit recipes in advance. That would be very helpful! Just email them to Teri Boehmer (#1722) at:
tboehmer2001@yahoo.com

Hotel in Salem

Red Lion Hotel Salem
3301 Market St NE, Salem, OR
Phone: 503-370-7888

Rally rates are \$119 for a Single King & \$129.00 for a Double Queen.

Here is the link to our page <https://reservations.redlion.com/ibe/details.aspx?hotelID=13743&langID=1&group=WALL0620&hgID=280&currID=0&dt1=6745&nights=10&rooms=1&adults=1&child1=0>

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

Calling All Editors!

Kathy Blake, WBCCI #4901
Chair, Unit Publications Committee
kathyblake@rogers.com



The 2018 Unit Publications Contest is a go for Salem. Units are invited to enter newsletters (3 consecutive issues produced since the International Rally in Escanaba) and/or the current Unit Membership Directory.

Newsletters: While maintaining many of the same elements as previous years, the criteria have been revised to make them more objective and more

reflective of best practices for producing newsletters. As well, some adjustments have been made to the weight (importance) attached to the criteria.

There are two categories for newsletter entries. The first is the “print-friendly” category. Regardless of how it is distributed, a newsletter that can be printed without loss of format or feature will fall into this category. The second category is for web-based entries - the newsletter consists of one or more web pages, and cannot be produced in print without distortion in format or loss of features, such as hyperlinks.

Directories: Changes to the Directory competition have been limited to “tweaking” of some criteria – again to make them more objective. As in the past, there will be two categories – bound and loose-leaf.

Judges Needed: If you are interested in being a judge – no experience required – please contact me.

To enter: At the Rally, entries will be received at posted times during check-in with the final opportunity on June 24. Judging will take place on June 26 and top entries will be showcased the following day. Units wishing to enter the competition by mail must ensure their entries are received by June 22. Please contact me if you plan to enter by mail so that I can keep an eye out for your entry’s arrival.

Salem Arrival Tidbits

Larry Owens, WBCCI #1600
Rally Arrival Team Chairman

The Rally Arrivals Team looks forward to welcoming you to Salem. Below is helpful information to smooth your arrival experience.

When you arrive to the bullpen, we’ll provide you a rally packet containing rally ribbons, maps, tickets and a welcome letter. We’ve extended parking hours, now 8 AM-8 PM. After hours arrivals can overnight in the bullpen (dry camping) and we’ll park them the next morning. Airstreamers wishing to park together must arrive together – we plan to park rigs in the order in which they arrive as we have 700 plus units to park in a short period of time.

Be prepared. We are camping on a state fairground where water and electric may not be close to your rig. Please bring an additional water hose with a free flow Y adapter so we can daisy chain water if necessary. Bring an additional electric cord and adapters suitable to carry the electrical load your trailer requires. Arrive with your holding tanks empty and fresh water tank completely full.

For those workers and staff arriving on June 18, the bullpen will not be available on the evening of June 17.

Arrival / Parking Date

Your Personal Arrival / Parking Date for the Salem Rally was **EMAILED** to you on April 17. Be sure to check your spam/junk/promotions folders. You will **NOT** need to print or present your Pass upon arrival at the Salem Fairgrounds. This information is for your convenience and planning purposes. Attendees without email addresses on file will receive their Arrival / Parking Date letter via US Mail or Canada Post.

WATCH IT MADE IN THE USA

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

Bill and Beth Racavich invite you to caravan along with them in September – October of 2020 to see where and how many of your favorite things are made in the USA!

Starting with visiting the “Mother Ship” to see how Airstreams are made in Jackson Center, Ohio, other recreational vehicles sites will include Thor Industries and an RV Museum in Elkhart, IN.

Watch how the KitchenAid products are made durable enough to last forever.

Cars are featured at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY; the Duesenberg Museum and the Studebaker Museum and home are stops on the caravan.

As Beth says, “If you like the wind in your hair and bugs in your teeth, then driving a Harley is for you and we have the factory tour on the long list of places to see it made!”

John Deere and Caterpillar factories “will satisfy your need to see big equipment which keeps our farms producing the best in American products” says Bill.

Whether or not you have served in the military, the National Military and History Center and the Rock Island Arsenal Museum will be interesting stops along the caravan.

Candy lover? Don’t miss taking the Jelly Belly Warehouse Tasting Tour and visiting chocolate factories!

Beth wants to make sure that “you’ll have time to visit the factory and taste the bubbles of several breweries such as Miller Brewery Co.” The Pabst Mansion is also on the list of places to see!

Railroad enthusiasts: the Illinois Railroad Museum is the largest in the country!

In Kokomo, IN, the caravan will tour an opalescent glass factory and some Frank Lloyd Wright buildings.

Beth says, “Well, now you are retired and living the dream, so it is only reasonable to say you need a throne. A Kohler \$6,000 toilet/throne is for you and you’ll see why it costs so much!”

The caravan won’t let you miss seeing the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm where they milk 10,000 cows in a day!

Other places that Bill and Beth want you to see while caravanning: Dayton Aviation of Ohio, Stinson Band Organ Company, Sauder Village, Notre Dame, Isabel Bloom Factory, Neil Armstrong Museum.

“I am not sure whether the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm or Kokomo’s opalescent glass was my favorite. Join us and see how and why American’s workers are at their best.”

This caravan will be in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and be about 30 days long.

Meet the Caravan Leaders

Beth and Bill Racavich have been married 50 years and have three children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grands! They live in Fort Lauderdale when not caravanning. Beth was born in Montreal (and, yes, she speaks French) and says that Bill is a “Florida Cracker” (he was actually born in Fort Lauderdale). Bill is a veteran and worked as a construction superintendent. Beth was a Marketing Director for 35 years. They both have been volunteers for Marriage Ministry in their church for over 35 years. They had joined Airstream in 2011 and their first caravan was “Made in America” and “loved it so much that is why we are going to lead ‘Watch it Made in America!’ Visiting factories of products made in USA makes us proud to be American! Seeing how hard Americans work is the reason for this caravan!”

Information: Beth and Bill Racavich, 2205 S. Cypress Bend Dr #505 Pompano Beach, FL 33069 954-648-7771, email: berthe.racavich@gmail.com

Needed...More Caravans...More Leaders

Many new owners of Airstreams want to have an adventure with their new Airstream and going on a caravan starts them off! Our caravans for 2018 are full; many are full for 2019 and some are full for 2020. We need more caravans... thus more caravan leaders! That’s where you are needed.

Sign up and participate in the new video-based Caravan Leader’s Training Program. A caravan start-up kit has been developed with templates for budgeting and tracking the financials. This will be presented at the International Rally in Salem, at several Region and other rallies.

Several current and past caravan leaders have volunteered to “mentor” new caravan leaders. They will help you get started on a great experience, leading a national caravan.

The following caravans used to be active, but no longer operate because they do not have leaders. These caravans are:

1. The **Wilder West** started near Sacramento, CA and ended in Las Vegas. They traveled to Lake Tahoe, Carson City, Yosemite, Death Valley and other locations along the east side of the Sierra Mountains.
2. The **Lewis and Clark Trail** followed the path of Lewis and Clark from near St. Louis to Oregon.
3. The **Yellowhead** caravan started near Calgary, rode the Alaska Ferry to Juneau and ended near Banff.
4. **Fly-Drive Alaska** started with a flight to Anchorage, toured for two weeks and returned to Anchorage.

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5. **Polar Bear** started in South Dakota toured South Dakota, North Dakota, Manitoba, then went to Churchill to see the bears and ended in Edmonton.
6. **American Heritage** started at Sugarcreek, OH, toured West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and ended at the Storytelling Rally in Jonesborough, TN.
7. **Bourbon in the BlueGrass** is a new caravan in 2018, and has several folks interested for 2019 and 2020. However, the leaders are not available to lead the caravan again, so new leaders are needed.

The Driver's Manuals are available for these and may be used as a guide to start planning the caravan. If you have an interest in leading, co-leading, or assisting any of these caravans, give me a call (850-212-4719) or email (elnaandjay@mac.com) and we can discuss it.

Or, if you have a caravan you would like to create, contact me and we will work at getting it going. We need more short caravans; those 14-30 days long are needed to let folks get the "feel" of how great traveling on caravans can be! Last year at the Escanaba Rally, we asked folks if they would sign up for a Kentucky Bourbon Trail Caravan taking 20 rigs with the cost, date, and route unknown. We had 35 folks from 35 rigs sign up!

Here are some ideas for short 5-10 day caravans that would be "activity-based". How about kayaking, hiking, fishing, biking as the specific activity for 8-12 rigs? Locate some favorite spots, enjoy them, and move two to four times during the caravan. A golf caravan has run, but proved too costly for most. Maybe you know of good, less expensive courses and campgrounds along another route.

We need you! Think about it, talk about it, then sign up. We have so many folks who want to venture out with you.

Jay Thompson
National Caravan Committee Chairman
850-212-4719
elnaandjay@mac.com



Pendleton Round-Up National Rally

Pendleton, Oregon
September 10 - 16, 2018

Teresa Taylor



It's an incredible opportunity to experience the Old West from both Native American and Cowboy viewpoints. Pendleton, OR was voted the number one western

town in 2010 and its Round-Up is one of the top ten Rodeos in North America.

Your rally includes a visit to the Tamastlikt Museum with a guided in-depth tour with dinner, the world-famous Pendleton Woolen Mills; the Native American Village where you can shop for one-of-a-kind jewelry and art; attend the Native American tribal dance competition; behind the scenes Rodeo tour; breakfast with the Rodeo and Happy Canyon court and hear their heritage and work with the Rodeo and Pageant and see their beautiful western wear and native regalia; enjoy the main street show with music and dancing; marvel at the horse and oxen drawn wagons at the Round-Up Parade; attend the 102nd Happy Canyon Pageant and of course, be amazed at the famous "Let'er Buck" Rodeo.

Our longstanding relationship with the City of Pendleton and the Round-Up provides us with exclusive camping in the beautiful Community Park. This park is a great place to relax under the old oak trees seeing old friends and meeting new.

Meet us at the Round-up and help celebrate 53 years of Let'er Buck!

Rally: \$350 per couple, \$215 single

Six nights camping, no electric, water hook up, one pump out

Three breakfasts and four dinners

Catered Western Breakfast at Roosters Restaurant with Rodeo Court and Happy Canyon Princesses

Tickets for Wednesday Rodeo

Tickets for Happy Canyon

Tickets for Tamastlikt Museum with dinner

Add any Optional Tickets to your package, limited quantities:

Professional Bull Riding Tickets for Monday and/or Tuesday \$42 ea.

Tuesday Pendleton Underground Tour \$15 ea.

Friday Rodeo seating \$28 ea.

Saturday Rodeo seating (finals) \$28 ea.

PayPal not available for this rally because of optional tickets available

Please send checks to Oregon Airstream Club c/o Teresa Taylor, 1604 N. Holladay Dr., Seaside, OR 97138

Any questions? Teresa Taylor 503-440-1121 or ttdesign@ymail.com

Janet Howell, 604-996-0953 or janet_howell@telus.net

Storytelling Special Event Rally

Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 3 - 7, 2018

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

People have been telling stories since the beginning of time. They are the vessels in which we share and pass along our adventures and memories. They span centuries and connect generations. The National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, is seen around the world as the premier storytelling event in America, and the event that ignited the storytelling revival in this country. October 2018 will be the 46th year for the Jonesborough National Storytelling Festival. For this event Main Street is blocked off and large circus-type tents are erected throughout town. Regular programming is scheduled throughout the day in each tent and each session is an hour long. The tents are all located within easy walking distance of each other.

Festival programming is scheduled from 10 AM to 10 PM Friday and Saturday and from 10 AM to 4:30 PM on Sunday. You can also purchase extra tickets for midnight cabarets that are late night storytelling concerts for adults (cabarets begin at 10:30 PM and go until midnight Friday and Saturday nights) and ghost stories, which are offered on Friday and Saturday nights from 8 until 10 PM.

Storytellers come from all over the world to Jonesborough for the Festival. You will not be able to hear a more diverse group of world-renowned storytellers anywhere. It is considered a real honor for a storyteller to be invited to this Festival. You will have the opportunity to hear the best storytellers the world has to offer. It is something that has to be experienced to really be appreciated. To quote Eric and Norma Colby who attended previously: *"When we first saw 'storytelling' as a rally, we thought it for kids. But it kept being offered until finally, we signed up. You have introduced us to something new and wonderful. Any words on this card will not convey sufficient appreciation. Already we've told others of this rally, and of the experience and to look for other opportunities to hear storytelling."*

Jonesborough was founded in 1779 and is the oldest town in Tennessee. It was also the first capital of the state of Franklin. You can enjoy the many shops and businesses that fill the quaint historic district and reflect a reverence for the "good ole days".

The East TN Unit makes it easy for you to bring your Air-stream and enjoy this event, as camping spaces are difficult or impossible to find during the Festival. We hope you will plan to come for early parking and take time to visit the many wonderful sites this area has to offer.

Check out the details on the coupon in the back section and come join us. Tickets to the festival at available at 800-952-8392 or online at www.storytellingcenter.net

Texas Country Air Rally

Brownwood, Texas
October 25 - 28, 2018

Bill Price

The Texas Country Air Rally returns in 2018 bigger and better than ever as a WBAC National Rally.

This is the largest Urban Rally in the United States. Plan now to attend in downtown Brownwood, Texas. Brownwood is located in the geographical center of the state.

Our Rally headquarters for 2018 will be the historic Brownwood Depot and Harvey House. These have been fully restored to their magnificent original state.

For 2018 we have a limited number of 30 amp and 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 filled with informative casual seminars, tours, hands-on demonstrations, live music and much more. 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>

Rather than harp on the May flowers, I thought perhaps we could take a quick look at other things that have happened in May. To be honest, with the winter we have had here in New England, I'm a bit surprised that we even have any flowers blooming this month. We did have plenty of mud last month but that's expected in our neck of the woods.

It was May of 1937 when my father was a young cadet at Farragut Academy in New Jersey when the famous airship Hindenburg burst into flames in Lakehurst, New Jersey. I could never tell you how many times I heard the tale but I do know it was May 6. Allan Shepard became the first American in Space aboard Freedom 7, May 5, 1961; we certainly have come a long way since then and we may even see the first manned Mars landing in our lifetime.

Way back in 1865, May 5 was the first time Decoration Day was observed in the United States. The tradition began decorating soldier's graves from the Civil War with flowers. Sometime later the date was changed to May 30 with the addition of WW I and WW II graves of American soldiers, and became known as Memorial Day. In 1971 Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday of May creating a three day holiday weekend.

It was back in May 1869 when the tracks of the Central Pacific railway and the Union Pacific railway linked up in Promontory, Utah. It is said a golden spike was driven by the president of the Central Pacific railway, Leland Stanford and that he actually missed the spike in the first swing.

May 20, 1927 Charles Lindberg took off for Paris from Roosevelt Field, Long Island in his airplane Spirit of St. Louis, attempting to win \$25,000 for being the first solo nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. 3,600 miles and 33 hours later, Lucky Lindy landed at Le Bourget, Paris. Oh by the way, in today's inflated economy, the prize would be \$348,197.74.

So what the heck does any of this have to do with Airstreams and the WBCCI? Absolutely nothing. Every now and then it's important to remember there are other things to talk about than just Airstreams. Well, I don't totally agree with that but a few of my friends insist on it from time to time. As we flip yet another page in our monthly calendars, I see we are getting closer to the Region One Jamboree Rally. At last count there were a few spots still available so do get your registration form in quickly. If you still haven't signed up, check it out on the website as there are plenty of great reasons to attend other than the fact you will make new friends and have a good time. Speaking of a good time, each unit in our region has a full schedule of wonderful rallies to attend from now through October. So get out there, have fun and please keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

Debbie Hammer, Contributing Editor
<http://region2.wbcci.net>

Happy First Day of Spring!! As I write this, Tampa is waiting for severe weather (rain, hail and wind) and most of the Region 2 people are bracing for yet another nor'easter – 12 -16" in New York.

Ok, ok, so we know that snow is on the way but that means it's even more important to look ahead to the upcoming camping season and especially the Region 2 Rally in May/June at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz, NY.

We've got a great 60's band scheduled for Saturday night after a catered dinner. Airstream mechanic George Hernandez will address all your technical questions and you can even train to be a caravan leader. There might even be a Bunco Night with prizes!

The Rally coupon is on the Region website as is the coupon for the Pennsylvania State Rally, July 20-22 at the Penn Wood Campground in Limestone, PA.

VP Cody Klinger is promising a wonderful rally at a truly beautiful Airstream park. There will be a wine tasting, a pig roast along with Friday night pizza and ice cream. It will be a perfect stop on the way back from the International at Salem.

And for those who will be at Salem, the Region is hosting a Bagel Breakfast on June 25. If you've not yet received your invitation when you read this, it will be in your mail shortly.

Let's get ready for some spring and summer Airstreaming! This will be the best year yet!

REGION 3

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

*Mmm, mmm good, mmm, mmm good,
 that's what food cooked in an Airstream is
 mmm, mmm good!
 (Apologies to Campbell Soup Company)*

Though camping can be adventurous and exciting, there are still the everyday tasks that have to be done in the camper. Cleaning and cooking chores never seem to go away. Region 3 members would like to make cooking easier by sharing simple recipes!

Diane Mahan of the Florida Airstream Club shares a quick Grilled Salmon: Salmon, fresh green beans, thinly sliced new potatoes, butter, salt and pepper, and lots of seasoning of your choice. Use a double layer of foil to wrap and place on grill (high temperature 400 degrees) for 10 minutes on each side or until done. Serve and enjoy!

Pat Godfrey of the Florida Airstream Club offers a Foil Dinner: Season boneless chicken thighs/ breasts or fish fillets with salt/pepper. Place in foil with cubed potatoes, carrots and onions. Wrap in foil and secure edges. Cook on grill for 30-45 minutes.

Leslie Martin of Treasure Coast Unit suggests a Mac and Cheese Lasagna:

1 ½ lbs. ground beef	½ tsp pepper
24 oz marinara sauce	1 cup ricotta cheese
1 ½ lbs. elbow macaroni	1 cup shredded cheese
6 cups beef stock	1 14.5 oz crushed tomatoes
2 tsp salt	

Drain fat from browned meat. Add marinara sauce, tomatoes, macaroni, stock, salt and pepper. Bake in crock pot 4 hours. When done, add cheeses.

For a quick desert, Shelia Skipper of Big Bend Florida offers Pineapple Pie:

1 large graham cracker pie shell
1 20 oz can crushed pineapple (include juice)
8 oz sour cream
1 large box of instant vanilla pudding
½ cup chopped pecans

Mix all ingredients well. Pour into pie shell. Refrigerate overnight. Cover with cool whip and serve. Enjoy!

Fran Perrucci of the South Florida unit offers this quick and easy meal solution: "Make reservations!"

REGION 4 Susan Stigleman, Contributing Editor <http://region4.wbcci.net>

In Region 4's neck of the woods, officers and volunteers are busy with last minute details for "Country Roads Meet City Lights", the 42nd annual Region 4 Rally. If you haven't signed up, you may still secure a spot by contacting Don Hetzler - pophetzler@hotmail.com or Steve Rhodes - onerhodes15@gmail.com, they will be pleased to assist you. This is a great opportunity to make or renew friendships in a beautiful country setting while enjoying catered meals, live entertainment by "The Fries Band", tours that include a day in Cincinnati where you will experience a river cruise lunch and a Major League Baseball game complete with fireworks! We are looking forward to seeing you there; this is a rally that you don't want to miss.

Time has a sneaky way of traveling past us too quickly. Unit rallies are underway, the Region Rally is this month and the International Rally in Salem, OR is next month. As we begin our trek across country, there is excitement in the "Air", check out the various tools to help you navigate to a rewarding Rally experience. Your International Officers, Rally Manager and hundreds of volunteers have been hard at work to make your IR memorable. If you have any questions about the IR, email salemquestions@wbcci.net, I generally respond within several hours. Be certain to read the articles in each Blue Beret for helpful tips to maximize your experience at the rally. Will see you in Salem, "Living the Dream."

Have you registered for the Michigan State Rally? And the Mohican Valley Pre-Michigan State Rally? What are you waiting for; this event is filling up quickly. Contact Ken Stigleman - kenneth.stigleman@comcast.net or Steve Rhodes - onerhodes15@gmail.com to register for both/either event.

Join us July 23-25 in Frankenmuth, MI for the Pre-Rally and July 25-29 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, MI for the Michigan State Rally. There will be tours, catered meals, live entertainment, family game night, door prizes and more. Join in the fun!

Until next time, safe travels!

Save the Date:

May 15-20 Region 4 Rally "Country Roads Meet City Lights" Owensville, OH

June 23-30 International Rally "Living the Dream" Salem, OR

July 23-25 Pre-Michigan State Rally Frankenmuth, MI

July 25-29 Michigan State Rally Belleville, MI

REGION 5 Artie Martin, Contributing Editor <http://region5.wbcci.net>

"Lost Airstream"

Once upon a time in a field far, far away,
There sat an old Airstream with no place to play.
It had sat there for years, thru all of the seasons,
It wondered why, but never a reason.

It could hear in the distance the sound of the road,
It thought that someday it would finally be towed.
But the time kept on rolling as time always does,
And the Airstream kept sitting without any love.

The weeds would grow high every year so it seems,
And the Airstream wondered if she'd ever be seen!
A tree grew taller as the time passed by,
Right next to her bumper on the sunny curb side.

The Airstream remembered a long time ago,
She remembered her friends and the places she'd go.
It traveled afar to very distant lands,
It remembered the world and a very special man.

She thought "Times were happy! And everyone smiled,
And everyone watched us, all of the while."
"If only I could try, and build a campfire,
Someone would notice and air up my tires!"

She says "How lonely it is, resting under this tree?"
"Why in the world can't someone find me?"
But as she is resting, as Airstreamers know,
We are looking for her, to get her ready to go!

We can surely assure her, that when it is time,
Someone will find her and bring back her shine.
So to all of the Airstreams resting out in a field,
You will be found soon, and your aluminum sealed!!

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
<http://region6.wbcci.net>

Hello from Region 6. Our region has just over 400 members spread among ten clubs in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida (the part of the state in the Central Time Zone), Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Come experience our Southern Hospitality and enjoy our many beautiful campgrounds from the Gulf Coast to the Ozark Mountains.

Also, two national caravans end in Region 6: Civil War Part II – War in the Deep South, which ends in Smyrna, TN, and Highway 61 Revisited, which ends in New Orleans, LA. A third national caravan, Cajun Country, tours around Lafayette, LA.

I bring up the caravans to say that I participated in my first national caravan recently, Cajun Caravan, and met fellow WBCCI members from 17 states and three Canadian provinces. There were 14 people from Region 6 on the caravan. Check out the Region 6 website to see Region 6 President Ken Ritenour's interview from the caravan that aired on a local television station. I definitely have a better understanding of the spirit of Wally Byam and hope to participate in other caravans down the road.

While on the Cajun Country Caravan, President Ritenour installed Larry Madden from the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club as Region 6 2nd Vice-President. Congratulations Larry!

Some happenings around our region –

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club members will be boondocking May 17-20 at Strawberry Jam, Arkansas' version of Woodstock, and holding its "Buddies, Bikes & Brew Pubs Rally" on June 8-10 in North Little Rock, AR.

Our East Tennessee Airstream Club members are holding a "Show & Tell / Business Rally" on May 6-8 at the TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN. Their Tunnel to Adventure Come-and-Go Rally is June 8-10 at the Natural Tunnel State Park in Virginia.

Coming off their Crawfish Rally last month, the Louisiana Airstream Club is planning a "Symphony Rally" on May 10-13 at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville, LA. Their "Seafood Rally" is in August!

The West Tennessee Airstream Club's members attended the Tennessee State Rally in April and are preparing for the "Living the Dream" International Rally in Salem, OR in June.

The Mississippi Airstream Club members are getting ready for their "Spring Rally at Memphis" on May 14-18 at EZ Daze RV Park in Southaven, MS.

Our Music City Airstream Club members attended their State Rally in April and are heading out to Dale Hollow Damsite campground near Celina, TN on May 17-20 for their club's Spring Rally.

The Pensacola Unit is holding an "Around the World" rally on May 17-20 at Mystic Springs Cove in McDavid, FL.

Just a reminder – the 61st annual WBCCI International Rally is June 23-30 in Salem, OR, and the Region 6 Rally is October 15-19 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center Fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN. I hope to see you there ... living the dream!

REGION 7

Pete Yanke, Contributing Editor
<http://region7.wbcci.net>

WBCCI...the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. The operative word in that title is caravan. Yes we are an Airstream exclusive organization. The early caravans were not so exclusive. When you tell people that you belong to the WBCCI you can get some funny looks. Then you tell them it's the Airstream club and they understand. With that in mind we have adopted the name of the Wally Byam Airstream Club or WBAC.

Even though caravan is not part of our identifier it is still a big part of our identity. You get to travel the country with old friends and make new ones. It does not matter if it is a two day caravan or a three month caravan. The same thoughts apply. It is the adventure of the unknown. It is as close to being a pioneer as most of us will get. You get to explore new places and experiences. Try new foods. Hear new music and stories.

I am writing this as we are parked in a campground in Abbeville, LA. We are on the Cajun Country Caravan. Again, we are with some old friends and a bunch of new friends. It seems like we have known these people for a lifetime. This is our first national caravan. We have done a number of unit and regional caravans. The outcome is exactly the same. You have a good time.

The purpose of all this is to get you to try a caravan. Any caravan. We found out early on that we really enjoyed the caravan part of the WBCCI. We enjoy rallies, don't get me wrong. It is impressive to see a group of Airstream units parked together. It is just as impressive to see a string of them going down the highway.

As we move to the summer months go try a caravan. There are a number of them headed to the International Rally in Salem, OR. Look for a local caravan. Find one headed to a region rally. Let them wheels roll.

As the Cajuns say..."Laissez le bon temps roulet" or "Let the good times roll".

As always...Travel safe

REGION 8

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

Spring in Region 8 is one of the best times of the year. We have completed our region rally in Branson, Missouri, and hope to continue this rally as a special event rally. We are also working on an Irish fest rally that will be alternated with the Branson rally. We may not have mountains or oceans in Region 8, but we have lots local flair, food and fun.

Region 8 has traditionally provided many of the early workers for the international rally, and this year is no exception. Many caravans big and small will be heading out the first week of June from the middle of the U.S. to the left coast. We are excited to see what this international will have to offer not to the first timers, but also to the "more traveled" members. We are also looking forward to waterfalls, waves, and sand; something that is hard to come by in "middle earth".

Region 8 also has a very active vintage group and their first rally is May 17-20 at Big Lake in Missouri. Prime spots along

the Lake went very quick, but there may be a couple spots left if you are driving through at that time. The fall Vintage rally will be September 20-24 with details to be announced soon.

We all look forward to seeing old friends and new in Salem! After all, we are all "living the dream"!

REGION 9

Bill Kindle, Contributing Editor
<http://region9.wbcci.net>

The Region 9 rally is now history and was a great success. Grady and Keith Ferry did a great job planning this rally and now I am in the process of planning the Region 9 rally for 2019. A lot of work is required to plan and implement one of these rallies and it takes all the volunteers who donate their time to make it a success.

I have started looking for prospective Region 9 rally sites for 2020. By the time you read this, I should have the 2019 site selected. We need approximately one hundred RV sites plus a building that will accommodate about 200 people plus a few meeting rooms, kitchen facilities and a little vendor space. If you know of a prospective location in your area, let me know. Just send me an email. I am finding that there are some county fairgrounds etc. that could handle our group. Any ideas? Let me know at airstream4126@gmail.com.

It is the time of the year when our caravans have started or will be starting soon. If you are not participating in one of our caravans I recommend you do so. Our caravans are one of the best values going when you compare to commercial caravans. If you have thought about leading a caravan, there are several caravans that have run in the past that do not currently have leaders but do have people that would like to participate. Caravan leader training is offered at each International rally by experienced caravan leaders. The caravan leaders training session may be offered at select region rallies in the future.

By the way, you still have time to register for Texas Country Air Rally at Brownwood, Texas. Check the internet for more information and a brochure. More about this event later.

See you down the road.

REGION 10

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

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, the trees are flowering! (*Sounds like the beginning of a song*). It must be SPRING in Region 10 and that means our rigs are on the road! It's time for camping, caravanning, hiking and fishing (basically all kinds of outdoor activities) and just enjoying the company of like-minded Airstream folks around the campfire.

The Idaho Unit still has their breakfast gathering at the Boise Golden Corral on the second Saturday of the month. Then, they plan to caravan to the Region 10 Rally, leaving May 29 and staying overnight at the Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton, OR.

Speaking of the Region 10 Rally, here's hoping that you have registered for the awesome Rally which only happens in the even years. It's taking place May 30-June 3 at the Hood River County Fairgrounds. Besides all the things to do and

see in the Gorge, you will enjoy a Sternwheeler Dinner Cruise on the Columbia River. Check out other activities and find the link to register at: region10.wbcci.net. Be sure to register soon as there are only 18 spaces remaining

If you come early for the Region Rally, you might be able to join some Oregon Unit activities in May. There is the: "Play with Us at Pelton Rally" at the Pelton PGE Park in Madras, OR, May 3-6, "Oregon's Four Corners Caravan," May 14-22, through the Columbia Gorge and the NE corner of the state (this is the first year of touring Oregon for the next four years in all corners of Oregon).

The Montana Unit will have a *Spring Rally* in Great Falls, MT, May 3-5. Manitou Regional Park is the site of the 2018 *Buddy Rally* of the Alberta/Saskatchewan Unit. It will be held May 19-21 at the Manitou Beach Resort Village, SK. The British Columbia Unit is holding a rally, May 18-21 at the Pillar Lake Resort in Falkland, BC. It will be the "Falkland's '100th Annual Stampede' Rally." BC is also planning a "Riverside Rendezvous Rally," May 22-24 at the Riverside RV Park.

The Washington Unit's famous Crab Feed Rally will be held in Harmony Hall at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor near Lacey, WA from May 4-6. Stuffed with crab, you'll have one day to recover before leaving on the Fishing Caravan which will stay (May 8-15) at Jack's Resort on Jameson Lake and (May 15-22) at Black Beach Resort on Curlew Lake near the town of Republic, WA. So, grab the fishing tackle and let's go see who is awarded Billy Bass for the most outrageous goof up. Sponsored by the WA Unit, you have the opportunity of a lifetime for an *Alaskan Cruise Rally* with your Airstream friends, July 8-15. Call Pat Latimer for details. 360-459-8508.

That's the news from Region 10 for now. Don't forget the 61st WBCCI International Rally, "Living the Dream," is in Salem, OR, June 23-30. I'll see you there.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor, <http://region11.wbcci.net>

A great way to start the camping year would be to go the DenCo Unit Maintenance Rally at the Garden of the Gods RV Resort in Colorado Springs. Rally dates are May 3-5.

Another rally choice that weekend is the Cinco de Mayo Chili Freedom Rally in White Oaks, NM. White Oaks is close to Carrizozo, NM on US 54 and the stunning Three Rivers area of New Mexico.

The Wasatch Unit is also having their Airstream and Arches Rally in Moab on May 3-5 at the Moab Valley RV Resort.

On May 31-June 2 join the DenCo Unit for their huge Circle the Wagons Rally at Ouray County Fairgrounds in Ridgeway, CO. This is a dry camping rally and some say there may be enough campers to form two circles. This location in the San Juan Mountains is postcard beautiful. Airstreamers heading to Salem, OR for International should put this rally on their agenda.

Just after this rally on June 3-5, DenCo is also having a rally with full hookups at the Ouray Just- Camp'n. This is a busy time of the year in Ouray, so reserve a space by calling Deborah at 970-216-4009.

REGION 12

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

Hello, Region 12 Airstreamers. Wow! I am so impressed with the number of California and Nevada members that have signed up for the International Rally in Salem, Oregon this June. 169 rigs from R12 are registered at this time. If we average two persons per Airstream, that makes a total of 328 people going to the event. 94 of those rigs registered are “first timers.” What a great turnout this will be.

There are a couple of items that I want to make you aware of. Our Region 12 breakfast will be held on Thursday morning June 28. It is being catered right on the fairgrounds property in the Floral Building. The facility only holds 260 people, so it will be first come, first served. This will be a full hot breakfast including coffee and juice. The cost is \$15 per person.

Hopefully, you have received an email about this already. You can go to the website (region12.wbcci.net) and signup and pay in advance either by credit card or PayPal. The signup deadline is May 25. This will give us a number to let the caterer know how much food to buy.

Something that Justin Humphreys said in a recent *Blue Beret* article has caused me to alter the way I plan for trips like the one to Salem. He reported that the RV industry is planning to sell 500,000 vehicles this year in North America. RV Parks are not being built or expanded anywhere close to that rate. We all need to be making our camping reservations NOW for the trip to Oregon and back home! Also, we will be leaving the fairgrounds close to the 4th of July holiday. This is a time when most folks with an RV will want to go camping. This means that RV spots will be in short supply. Plan the routes you want to use and get those reservations locked in. Oregon State Parks are the best I have seen and Cecelia and I have been in all 50 states. Good luck and we will see you in Salem.

EUROPE

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

As the weather warms up, more Airstreams emerge from hibernation. Pictures on Facebook of Airstreams standing in snow in backyards give way to scenes of first trips of the year in the colours of early spring. Exchanges of comments between members talk of the excitement building for the rally dates.

New members look forward to their first rallies and more new owners join the WBCCI as part of their passage into the unique Airstream culture. Membership continues to increase and we are seeing a few lapsed members returning. With the first quarter of 2018 gone, we have seen a smaller dropout rate than last year and a 20% rise in membership compared to March 2017.

Rallies are getting booked up and it looks like we will see higher numbers than last year. The big summer rally in England in August has already filled the main area of Ettie's Field causing an overflow field to be opened up, doubling the capacity. Details for booking is on the website and in emails.

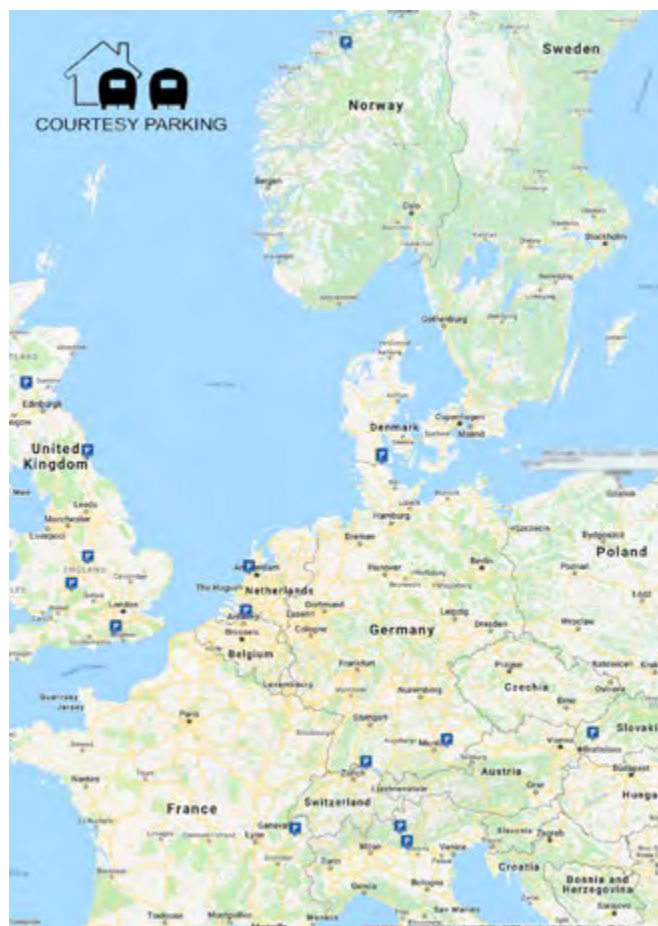
Ettie's Field, is nearing completion as Europe's first Airstream BoHo retro Airstream glamping campsite. It has unique state-of-the-art facilities and an unusual mix of places for

touring trailers, Airstreams for rent on site, owners' Airstreams also offered for rent and examples of new Airstreams from the new importers. Progress pictures are amazing.

For the first time, progress is being made on the plans for WBCCI Europe to be represented at the annual international rally at Salem, Oregon. This will be the first time “international” will mean more than the US and Canada! Under the new system, tourist visas are more difficult to obtain, with questions about our intent to commit acts of terrorism or participate in people trafficking. Also, after paying hundreds of dollars, we still have to travel hundreds of miles to the US Embassy in Paris to be interviewed in person, presumably to answer the same questions. We are sure it will be worth the effort and we can't wait to meet our US and Canadian friends in person.

With new members, European Courtesy Parking has expanded and the locations are now up-to-date on the WBCCI.org website along with the US locations. Places are available at members' homes across eight countries. For locations, see www.wbcci.org/courtesy-parking-map. Contact details are on the Europe website at www.europe.wbcci.net in the Member Zone.

2018 is going to be a great year for WBCCI Europe.



From the Chief Operating Officer



Justin Humphreys

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

As you probably noticed by the photo on the cover page and articles inside this month's *Blue Beret*, the Nest is arriving on April 12th! Airstream is very excited to officially launch this new product after our work on it for the past two years. The interest in this product has been overwhelming and we are looking forward to an incredible launch.

As many of you may have remembered from a prior article from me, Airstream purchased the assets of Nest approximately two years ago. The founder, Robert Johans, had been restoring older fiberglass travel trailers like Casitas and Scamps where he developed quite a reputation for great work. Robert decided to design a new molded fiberglass travel trailer that addressed the many concerns and issues he had found in restoring those older models. As the Nest article eloquently points out in this month's edition of the *Blue Beret*, his journey would lead him to Airstream, where we would purchase the assets of his company and bring it to life through our dealers.

I think it is important to know what the Nest is and isn't. First, it isn't meant to target the same customer that loves our classic aluminum travel trailers. The Nest is meant to appeal to a whole new audience that loves design forward, modern and contemporary styling in an automotive, fiberglass execution. To date, we have over 100,000 people who have raised their hands to get more information on the Nest. What's astounding is that 85% of those people have never visited Airstream before and are not an Airstream customer. This is great news in that our early data suggests we are appealing to a whole new audience; thus expanding our brand. And that is what Nest is. Nest is a new product to attract a new customer. It is also a product that allows our dealers to expand their business with a small, high-end travel trailer that is more of a side-step to their current offering than a leap into something they have never done before like a pop-up, 5th wheel, etc.

Our launch approach with Nest was much different than launches in the past. We started production in November with a very slow ramp up in rates. Airstream built inventory and then we began shipping it to our dealers in late March in time for our April 12th launch. This allows the customer to be able to visit their local dealer to review the Nest in person once we launch it nationally. In fact, owner's manuals are complete, brochures are printed and we even have a "Quick Start" guide for new Nest owners to have at their disposal when they take delivery. I am thrilled at launching this exciting new product and look forward to seeing how the market responds. Keep an eye out for one at a local dealer!

Outside of Nest, things at Airstream are very busy. The new plant plans are being finalized and we hope to break ground on it late May or early June. Retail sales are booming with March being the largest March on record and the third largest month in the history of Airstream! It is a great sign that we are seeing such strong retail this early in the year. Airstream continues to invest in quality initiatives here at the plant and we have launched an all new orientation training for new associates. So not only are we investing in machines and tooling to continue to improve quality, but we are also investing heavily in our people! Both initiatives should yield great results over the coming year!

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**Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group**

Greetings! Well now that Spring is here, I know we are all anxious to get our trailers out and start traveling. We always seem to get a lot of questions this time of year concerning tires so that is what I am going to cover this month.

As many of you know, we used Goodyear Marathon tires for 20 plus years on the trailers. In January of 2017, Goodyear quit producing the Marathon tires and started producing Endurance tires here in the United States. With this move came some changes on the air pressure or PSI rating, as well as the load rating of the new tires. I will try to cover this and some maintenance tips as well.

I appreciate all the feedback I have received. Keep it coming for future articles!!

Question: My tires have good tread left. Do I need to replace them?

There are many factors that determine whether or not your tires need to be replaced. The first and most obvious is what year the tire was produced. If a tire is five years old then it should be replaced. This is recommended by Airstream as well as Goodyear. We can't rely on tire performance just by the tread thickness.

Another factor is an overall visual inspection of the tire to check it for cracking, bumps, inflation check, etc.

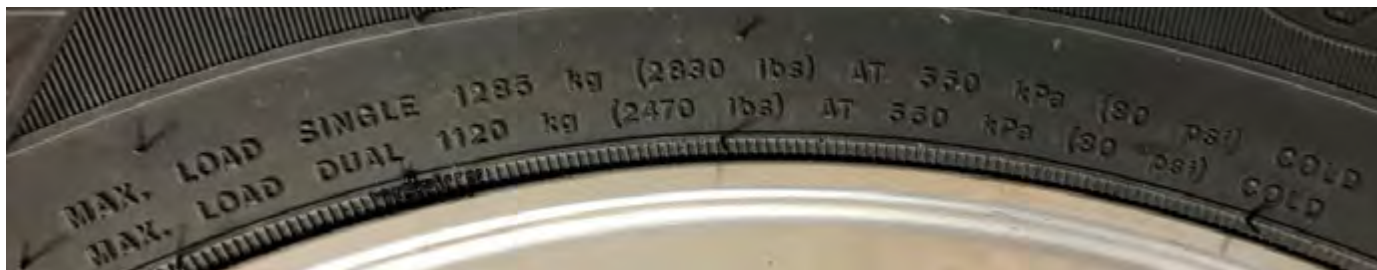
Below I will show how to read the numbers on the side of the tire so you can make an educated decision as well as explain what the other information represents.



This 4 digit code printed on the side of the tire represents the date the tire was produced. The first two numbers represent the week it was produced and the last two numbers represent the year.

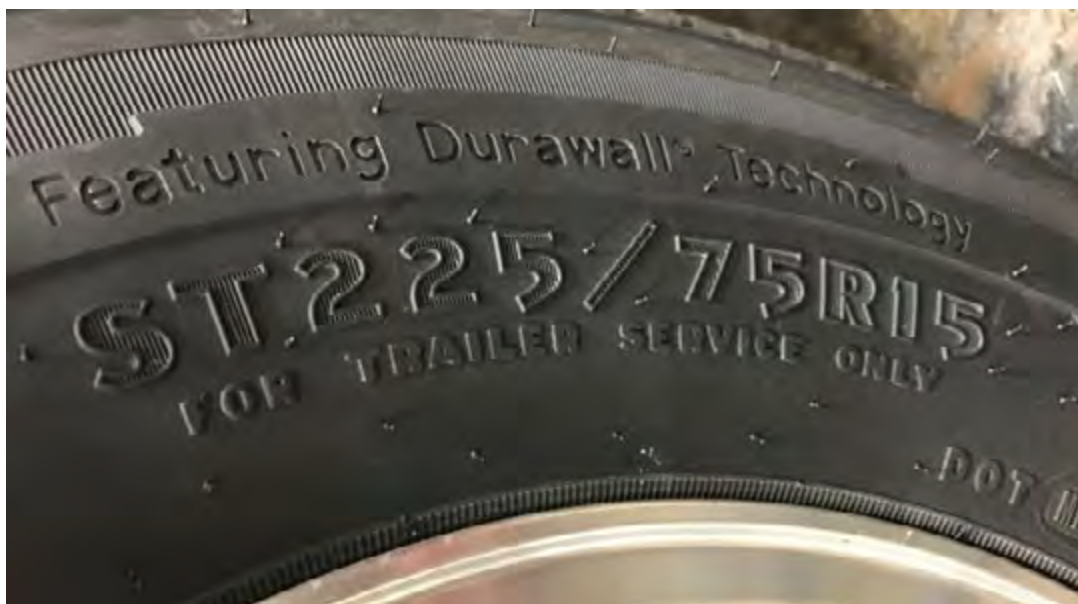


The load range of a tire represents the amount of plies used in producing the tire. Each letter of the alphabet equals 2 plies so in this case being a load range E it is a 10 ply tire.



The max load for the 15 inch Endurance tire is 2830 lbs. and the max tire pressure is 80 psi cold.

Keep in mind that if you have been traveling for a while and then check your tire pressure, it will read higher as the tire heats up and thus builds up higher pressures. This is normal and is taken into consideration when the manufacture sets the rating. This is the reason you always set your tire pressure when the tire is cold.



- ST – Stands for special trailer tire. This tire should only be used on trailers.
- 225 – This is the width measurement from sidewall to sidewall in millimeters.
- 75 – This is the height measurement of the sidewall in millimeters.
- R – This stands for radial tire construction.
- 15 – This stands for the wheel diameter in inches.

Most Common Tire Sizes on Airstream Trailers

Goodyear Marathon 15" tires	ST 225/75R 15 load range D	65 PSI
Goodyear Marathon 14" tires	ST 215/75R 14 load range C	50 PSI
Michelin 16" tires	LTX M/S LT 225/75R 16 load range E	80 PSI
Goodyear Endurance 14" tires	ST 215/75R 14 Load range D	65 PSI
Goodyear Endurance 15" tires	ST 225/75R 15 load range E	80 PSI
Goodyear Assurance 15" tires	ST 225/75R15 Load range E	80 PSI

This article will be continued in the June issue of the Blue Beret.

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!

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Jun 23-30 2018 International Rally, Salem, Oregon

NATIONAL / SPECIAL EVENT RALLIES

Jun 17-20 Bend Classic, Bend, OR
 Aug 5-11 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
 Sep 10-16 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
 Oct 3-7 Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
 Oct 5-9 Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM
 Oct 15-22 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Ketchum, ID
 Oct 25-28 Texas Country Air, Brownwood, TX
 Dec 28- Jan 1, 2019 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA
 Jan 3-6 Canopener 2019, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

NATIONAL CARAVANS

Apr 4 - TBD N-47-M Civil War Part II - Leaders: Spillman/Racavich Ph. 225-405-4057
 May 23-Jun 16 N-47-J **STANDBY ONLY** Springtime in the Rockies - Leaders: Heist Ph. 402-304-1843
 Jun 3-Jul 30 N-47-O **STANDBY ONLY** National Landmarks West - Leaders: Glassey Ph. 707-953-4299
 Jun 24-Jul 15 N-47-E Canadian Rocky Mountain - Leaders: Collinson Ph. 416-232-2882
 Jul 11-Aug 20 N-47-K **STANDBY ONLY** Nor' by Nor'East - Leaders: Lake Ph. 781-264-4550
 Jul 12-Sep 12 N-47-B **STANDBY ONLY** North to Alaska - Leaders: Thibadeau/Weisenberger Ph. 770-560-6410
 Aug 7-31 N-47-P **STANDBY ONLY** It's a New York (State) State of Mind - Leaders: Hammer Ph. 516-437-2839
 Aug 19-Oct 9 N-47-I **STANDBY ONLY** Southwest Adventure - Leaders: Montague/Thompson Ph. 850-212-3726
 Sep 8-23 N-47-R Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights - East - Leaders: DeLeeuw Ph. 517-250-5060
 Sep 8-Oct 8 N-47-W Highway 61 Revisited - Leaders: Werk Ph. 310-714-4646
 Sep 10-Oct 7 N-47-S Bourbon in the Bluegrass - Leaders: Skipper Ph. 850-877-1729 / Wilson Ph. 270-782-6554
 Sep 13-Oct 17 N-47-D American Revolution in the Northern Colonies - Leaders: Jones Ph. 703-780-6597
 Sep 24-Oct 27 N-47-H **STANDBY ONLY** Gone to Texas - Leaders: Snow/Gilbert Ph. 832-217-4508
 Oct 2-Nov 3 N-47-L **STANDBY ONLY** Southeast Coast Spectacular - Leaders: Bacon Ph. 423-775-4237

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Mar - Apr N-48-D **STANDBY ONLY** Cajun Country - Leaders: Schwarz/Gardner Ph. 630-699-9676
 Mar 31-May 4 N-48-C American Civil War - Part III, War in Virginia - Leaders: Spillman/Racavich Ph. 225-405-4057
 Apr - May N-48-A American Revolution War - Southern Campaign - Leaders: Jones Ph. 703-780-6597
 Apr 25-May 15 N-48-G Springtime in Kentucky - Leaders: Weisenberger Ph. 859-653-5519
 May 21-Jun 14 N-48-K Taste of the Blue Ridge - Leaders: Combs Ph. 336-668-4237
 May 22-Jun 15 N-48-J Springtime in the Rockies - Leaders: Heist/Hewins Ph. 402-304-1843



Jun 21-Jul 10 N-48-M **STANDBY ONLY** Canadian Rocky Mountain - Leaders: Collinson Ph. 416-232-2882
 Jul - Sep N-48-N Viking Trail - Leaders: Leggatt email: ps67.fcas@gmail.com
 Jul 10-Aug 19 N-48-L Nor' by Nor'East - Leaders: Lake Ph. 781-837-2539
 Aug 20-Oct 8 N-48-F Southwest Adventure - Leaders: Anderson/Montague Ph. 850-896-0567
 Sep 7-21 N-48-P Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights - East - Leaders: DeLeeuw Ph. 517-250-5060
 Oct 1-Nov 2 N-48-O Southeast Coast - Leaders: Bacon Ph. 423-775-4237

REGION CARAVANS

Jun 6-20 R-285 Region 8 to Salem, Leaders: Shaw, Ph. 515-368-4379

UNIT CARAVANS

May 25-Jun 19 U-429 Salem Eh! - Ontario Canada Unit, Leaders: Mattila, Ph. 613-851-3287
 Jun 11-Jul 18 U-431 Caravane Terre-Neuve-L'Acadia - Quebec Canada Unit, Leaders: Daigle, email: gillesdaigle@fdgillesdaigle.com
 Jun 13-21 U-428 Vintage 25th Anniversary, Leaders: Drag/Smilie, Ph. 949-677-7512
 Jul 25-Aug 10 U-430 Gila'kasla Vancouver Island - British Columbia Unit, Leaders: Van Iderstine/McGill, Ph. 604-535-1688
 Jul 21-Sep 11 U-427 Viking Trail - Ontario Canada Unit, Leaders: Leggatt, email: ps67.fcas@gmail.com

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REGION 1 Activities



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

Aug 9-12 Region 1 Rally, North Haverhill, NH

Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit

www.capecod.wbcci.net

Jun 1-3 Experience Newport Rally, Melville Ponds CG, 181 Bradford Ave, Portsmouth, RI, Robert Parry 646-681-4788, email: robert@societystaffing.com

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - <http://connecticut.wbcci.net>

May 11-13 Broom Stick Fly-In Rally/Spring Bus. Mtg, Witch Meadow Lake Family CG, 139 Witch Meadow Rd, Salem, CT, Evelyn Watts 203-426-5532, email: evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net

May 31-Jun 3 Sand Between Your Toes Rally, Hammonasset Beach SP, 1288 Boston Post Rd, Madison, CT, Joyce Rousseau 203-264-5372, email: joyceze68@gmail.com

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

May 4-6 Spring Bus. Mtg, Charlie Brown CG, Eastford, CT, Duesel 508-485-2087, email: erduesel@verizon.net /Hickman, email: mmcapecod@gmail.com

May 18-20 Chilly Man XII Rally, Salisbury Beach SP, Salisbury Beach, MA, Louie 603-778-7234, email: iclimb_2@yahoo.com

May 25-28 Memorial Day Rally, Travelers Woods CG, Bernardston, MA, Bleakney 508-328-3231, email: pam5432@verizon.net

Jun 22-24 Lake Pemaquid Rally, Lake Pemaquid CG, Damariscotta, ME, Lawler 207-831-4712, email: jkl796@gmail.com

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

<http://nemountaineers.wbcci.net>

May 10-14 Dry Camp/Spring Shakedown, USFS Hancock CG, Lincoln, NH, Route 112 Kancamagus Hwy., E of center of Lincoln, David Thompson 603-745-8821, email: thompson3184@roadrunner.com

Quebec Canada Unit - <http://unitquebec.wbcci.net>

Jun 1-3 Ornithology Bicycle Rally, Camping Parc Bromont, 24, rue LaFontaine Bromont QC 450-534-2712, Robert Dion & Claude Jolin 450-469-5226, email: robert-dion@videotron.ca

Jun 14-Jul 14 Newfoundland & Acadia Caravan, Gilles Daigle & Colette Levesque 418-884-1333 / 418-563-0242, email: gillesdaigle@fdgillesdaigle.com

REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: <http://region2.wbcci.net>

May 31-Jun 3 Region 2 Rally, New Paltz, NY

Jul 20-22 Pennsylvania State Rally
Limestone, PA

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit - <http://al-mon-o.wbcci.net>

May 4-6 Cinco De Mayo Rally, Donegal CG, 106 Yeckel Dr, Donegal, PA, Denny/Gayle Gibson 724-863-5305, email: djgibson1@comcast.net

Jun 15-17 Buddy Rally, Penn Wood Airstream Park, 999 Kindel Rd, New Bethlehem, PA, Sue McLaughlin 724-289-8523 / Doug & Cindy Field 724-834-1031

Central Maryland Unit

<http://centralmarylandunit166.wbcci.net>

Central Pennsylvania Unit - <http://centralpenn.wbcci.net>

Jun 21-24 Rally, Virginia Highland Haven, 6517 Highland Haven Rd NE, Copper Hill, VA, call 540-651-9050 to book your space, tell them you are with the Central PA Rally, Carey Boland 610-905-0537, email: careyboland@gmail.com

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

Delmarva Unit - <http://rehobothboardwalk.com/wbdelmarva>

Jun 9 Annual Picnic, Home of Past President Carl Anderson, 8371 Canterbury Rd, Felton, DE, Carl Anderson 302-422-5087

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - <http://hudmo.wbcci.net>

May 11-13 Shakedown Rally, Arrowhead Marina & RV Park, 2 Van Buren Lane, Glenville, NY, John & Wendy Vettovali 518-922-7053, email: wendymv1@yahoo.com

May 31-Jun 3 Buddy Rally, Lake George RV Park, Lake George, NY, Geoff & Sue Whittle 518-783-1606, email: whittleg06@gmail.com

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - <http://keystone.wbcci.net>

May 18-20 Joint Rally w/Penn-Lehigh Unit, Camp Taylor, 85 Mt. Pleasant Rd, Columbia, NJ, Rick Pitts 610-793-9262, email: r_pitts@verizon.net

May 31-Jun 3 Region 2 Rally, Ulster Cty. FG, New Paltz, NY, Rick Pitts 610-793-9262, email: r_pitts@verizon.net

Jun 8-10 Mudsale Campout, Beacon Hill CG, 128 Beacon Hill Rd, Intercourse, PA, Jody Dietz 610-327-3241, email: jdietz4361@gmail.com

Metropolitan New York Unit - <http://metrony.covvo.com>

May 31-Jun 3 Region 2 Rally, Ulster Cty FG, New Paltz, NY, Mark Hammer 516-330-3644, email: hammersf@yahoo.com

Jun 8-10 A Taste of Country Music Festival, Hunter Mountain, NY, Jerry or Colleen Ahlers, email: harleyjerry03@aol.com

Mid-Atlantic Unit - <http://midatlantic.wbcci.net>

May 18-20 Spring Bus. Mtg & Rally, American Legion, 126 Lorie C Quinn Sr. Dr, Crisfield, MD, Bob Clark 703-323-6053, email: bbclark1@juno.com

Jun 15-17 Buddy Rally, Oxbow Bend Farm, 12346 Hopscotch Lane, Hagerstown, MD, Luke Brennecke 301-524-1493, email: luke.brennecke@gmail.com

New Jersey Unit - <https://sites.google.com/site/njunitoriginal>

May 19-Oct 20: Social Hours Every Weekend in the Pavilion, Saturdays 5:30 PM, Jersey Shore Airstream Haven CG, 728 S Dennisville Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net

May 31-Jun 3 Region 2 Rally, Ulster Cty FG, New Paltz, NY, Debbie Hammer, email: debbie@halimer.com / Judy Coupe 267-261-1392

New York Finger Lakes Unit - <http://nyfingerlakes.wbcci.net>

May 18 Welcome Back Luncheon Noon, Hilltop Rest., 813 W Genesee St, Skaneateles, NY, John & Nancy Hussar 607-797-4083, email: husharts@greygoosegraphics.com

Jun 15-17 Rendezvous Weekend/Buddy Rally, Lakeside CG, Windsor, NY, Ed & Margie Valentin 607-687-4177, email: edwardva@outlook.com

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

May 10-13 Eastern Ontario Shakedown, Richmond FG, Richmond, ON, Rob Douglas 613-736-0560, email: rdouglas@magma.ca

May 24-28 Spring Rally, Great Northern Exhibition Grounds, Stayner, ON, Neil McCallum 519-752-3449, email: aprilrivet79@gmail.com

May 28-Jun 21 Caravan to International, Stayner, ON to Salem, OR, Kerry Mattila 613-258-2842, email: 124caravan@wbcci.net

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Penn-Lehigh Unit – <http://penn-lehigh.wbcci.net>

Pennsylvania Unit - www.pennsylvaniaunit.wbcci.net

- May 4-6 Season Opener Rally, Pennwood Airstream Park, 999 Kindle Rd, Limestone, PA, please reserve early w/CG host limited space, Bob & Jayne Otto 330-854-0657 / 330-933-8561, email: obobnjayne@aol.com
- Jun 1-3 Fiesta Rally, Pennwood Airstream Park, 999 Kindle Rd, Limestone, PA, Rusty & Christine Ward, email: s2000rio@yahoo.com
- Jun 15-17 Buddy Rally w/Al-Mon-O PA Unit, Pennwood Airstream Park, 999 Kindle Rd, Limestone, PA, Doug Field, email: dfield4521@yahoo.com

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

- Jun 21-24 Vermont Quilt Festival Rally, Lone Pine Campsites, 52 Sunset View Rd, Colchester, VT 802-878-5447, Linda Moore, email: lindamoorenh@comcast.net

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club

www.watchungunit.org

- May 4-6 Unbutton Your Rig Rally, Castaways Resort, Berlin, MD, S. Tancer & K. Sheppard 551-206-4521, email: steventancer@gmail.com

REGION 3 Activities



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

- Aug 5-11 Galax Old Time Fiddlers, Galax, VA
- 2019
- Jan 3-6 Canopener 2019 Rally, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

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

- May 18-20 Summer Celebration Rally, Gunter Hill CG, 561 Booth Rd, Montgomery, AL, Tom Beyer, email: bucklake@hotmail.com

Carolinas Unit of North Carolina - <http://carolinasnc.wbcci.net>

- May 17-20 Raleigh Oaks Rally, Raleigh Oaks RV Resort, 527 US Hwy. 701 S, Four Oaks, NC, Rocky Johnson 336-971-0971, email: rjohnson153@triad.rr.com
- Jun 7-10 Highland Haven Rally, Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park, 6517 Highland Haven Rd NE, Copper Hill, VA, Rocky Johnson 336-971-0971, email: rjohnson153@triad.rr.com

Coastal Georgia Airstream Club

<http://coastalgeorgia.wbcci.net>

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

- May 17-20 Joint Rally w/Vintage Airstream Club SE, International RV Park, 3175 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL, Larry or Linda Scovotto 386-405-0160, email: floridalarry@me.com

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

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

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

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

Top of Georgia Airstream Park suffered damaged due to the park being struck by an EF1 tornado on March 17. Please see our website for further updates.

- May 23-28 Memorial Day/Buddy Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 GA 75N, Helen, GA, Bill Wild 678-938-4943, email: silverleaf3615@gmail.com

- Jun 30-Jul 4 Patriotic Celebration, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 GA 75N, Helen, GA, Bill Wild 678-938-4943, email: silverleaf3615@gmail.com

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

- May 21-Jun 9 Grant & Sherman & the Civil War in the West caravan, Jackson McBroom 757-764-6535, email: jtmcbm@aol.com
- Jun 8-9 Houstonfest Joint Rally w/Virginia Unit, Cool Breeze CG, 2330 Edmonds Rd, Galax, VA, Gary Brink 434-296-1708, email: gbrink1776@gmail.com

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

- May 18-20 What's Cooking Rally, Lake Wateree SP, 881 State Park Rd, Winnsboro, SC, Bob Wilson 864-918-2430, email: bobwilson616@gmail.com
- Jun 8-10 Grandchildrens Rally, Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Rd, Cleveland, SC, Bob Wilson 864-918-2430, email: bobwilson616@gmail.com

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

- May 10-13 Rally, Twin Lakes RV & Camping Resort, 1618 Memory Ln, Chocowinity, NC (877-570-2267), Dick Martin 919-349-1122, email: beckywmartin@earthlink.net
- Jun 7-10 Rally, Fort Mill KOA, 940 Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC, Chris Brown 704-526-6384, email: chris@affordablesweep.com

Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit

<http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>

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

- May 4-6 Edisto Explorations Rally, Edisto Beach SP - Live Oak Section, Edisto Island, SC, Parniece Dawson 843-259-1937, email: dawsonpt@gmail.com
- Jun 1-3 Sun Fun Buddy Rally, Sesquicentennial SP (Loop/Section), Columbia, SC, Parniece Dawson 843-259-1937, email: dawsonpt@gmail.com

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

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

- May 3-6 Derby Rally, Stone Mountain Park, GA, Robin Harrison, email: billh723@yahoo.com

Tidewater Virginia Unit - www.tidewater.wbcci.net

- May 18-20 Rally, The Colonies RV Park, Ft. Monroe, VA 757-722-2200, Bill & Joyce Werner 757-877-0889, email: bwernerj@aol.com
- Jun 8-10 Music at Belle Isle SP Rally, Belle Isle SP, 1632 Belle Isle Rd, Lancaster, VA, Tim & Bev Supler 757-595-1654, email: supler@cstone.net

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

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

- May 17-20 Joint Rally w/Palmetto State Airstream Club, Lake Wateree SP, 122 State Park Rd, Winnsboro, SC 803-482-6401 or online at southcarolinaparks.com for reservations, George James 830-460-0628, email: georgejamesiv@yahoo.com

REGION 4 Activities



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

- May 15-20 Region 4 Rally, Owensville, OH
- Jul 25-28 Michigan State Rally, Belleville, MI
- Sep 22-30 Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugar Creek, OH

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Akron Ohio Unit - www.akronwbcci.com

Jun 21-24 Anniversary Rally, Chestnut Ridge RV Park, 346 Chestnut Ridge Camp Rd, Bruceton Mills, WV, Vern & Betsy Ketchum 330-309-1715, email: air1650@aol.com / Brian & Jennette Wilch 330-388-9863, email: bnjwilch@gmail.com

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

Auglaize Valley Ohio Unit - <http://auglaizevalley.wbcci.net>

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

May 29-Jun 3 Spring Rally, Poor Farmer's CG, 7211 N Lost Creek-Shelby Rd, Fletcher, OH, Mark Kennedy 937-609-9415, email: rmkennedy6@yahoo.com

Columbus Ohio Unit - email: vicki5413@gmail.com

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

Jun 24 Picnic, Burkholder's, Rt 46, Jefferson, OH, Don & Betty Burkholder, email: catmar@embarqmail.com

Metro Detroit Michigan Unit

<http://metrodetroitunit137.wbcci.net>

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

May 2 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest, 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Dan Eagle 937-654-6582, email: daneagle321@yahoo.com

May 29-Jun 3 Joint Summer Rally w/Cincinnati OH & Auglaize Valley OH Units, Poor Farmer's CG, 7211 N Lostcreek-Shelby Rd, Fletcher, OH, Dan Eagle 937-654-6582, email: daneagle321@yahoo.com

Jun 6 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest, 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Dan Eagle 937-654-6582, email: daneagle321@yahoo.com

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit

May 12 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Bavarian Inn Rest., 713 S Main St, Frankenmuth, MI, Norm Hewer 586-337-2512, email: nmh133@aol.com

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club

<http://mohicanvalleyohio.wbcci.net/>

May 10 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Pizza Hut, 820 Harding Way West, Galion, OH, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001

Jun 21-23 Rally, Kokosing SP, Waterford Rd, Fredericktown, OH, Don & Lexie Berry 419-564-0876 / Dee Hatcher 419-834-1231

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit

<https://sites.google.com/view/campnova>

May 3-6 Haydocy Rally, Haydocy RV Dealership, 3865 W Broad St, Columbus, OH, Suzie Couger 614-519-1324, email: slchazen7@yahoo.com

Jun 8-17 Ohio to New Hampshire Adventure, Alan McDowell, 603-661-7437, email: alanjmc@gmail.com

Jun 21-24 Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio Rally, Mid Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH, Dan Bihary 440-453-9782, email: dbihary@hotmail.com

The Western Reserve Camping Unit

www.westernreserve.wbcci.net

May 3-6 American Bird Watching Rally, Maumee SP, 1400 State Park Rd, Oregon, OH, Theresa Standing, email: theresa.standing@gmail.com

Jun 7-10 Ohio Wineries & Hot Air Balloon Rally, Geneva-on-the-Lake SP, 4499 Padanarum Rd, Geneva, OH, Theresa Standing, email: theresa.standing@gmail.com

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website:

<http://region5.wbcci.net>

Sep 26-30 Region 5 Rally, Springfield, IL

Central Indiana Airstream Club - www.centralind.wbcci.net

May 4-6 May Weekender, Brown Cty SP, West Gate-1405 SR 46 W, Nashville, IN, Chris Dillow 770-713-7060, email: cdillow@me.com

May 30-Jun 3 Wisconsin Dells Rally, Country Roads RV Park, S1633 State Hwy 23, Lake Delton, WI, Ken & Sandy Langell 317-408-6798, email: kslangell@me.com

Indiana Airstream Club - <http://indiana.wbcci.net>

1st Mon each month except December: Dinner 5 PM, Ponderosa Rest., 5009 S Scatterfield Rd., Anderson, IN, Richard Parrish 765-378-7560, email: rparrish1932@icloud.com

1st Thurs each month except December: Dinner 6 PM, Sara's Family Rest., 5792 Coventry Ln, Fort Wayne, IN, Chris Seplak 260-409-4750, email: mama.pyrobear21@gmail.com

May 31-Jun 3 Spring Rally, Riverfront Park CG, 1701 Pucker St. Dr., Niles, MI, Judy Rice 269-449-4351, email: gandjrice@sbcbglobal.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - <http://kentucky.wbcci.net>

May 2-6 Derby Rally, Kentucky Horse Park, 4089 Ironworks Pike, Lexington, KY, Artie Martin 513-288-3419, email: aom1215@yahoo.com

Jun 13-17 Buddy Rally, Hillman Ferry CG, 820 Hillman Ferry Rd, Grand Rivers, KY, David Peyton 606-495-7238, email: dpeyton@mrtc.com

Northern Illinois Airstream Club

<http://northernillinois.wbcci.net>

May 4-6 Rally, Thompson Causeway COE (sites 79-97 River Birch Area), Lewis Ave & Main St, Thompson, IL, Mike & Dana Johnson 563-391-8171, email: airtandem@live.com

Jun 1-3 Rally, Lake Le Aqua Na SRA (sites 114-130), 8542 N Lake Rd, Lena, IL, Dave & Dolores Mayo 630-587-2690, email: mayo.internet@gmail.com

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

May 17-20 Spring Rally, City Park, Odon, IN, John Hays 270-268-0969 / 270-877-6298

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club

<http://lincolnland.wbcci.net>

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: <http://region6.wbcci.net>

Oct 3-7 Storytelling Festival Rally
Jonesborough, TN

Oct 15-19 Region 6 Rally, Lebanon, TN

Alabama Unit - <http://alabama.wbcci.net/>

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

TBA each month: Luncheon North Alabama, Andrea Patterson 256-679-7039, email: andreasnote@knology.net

TBA each month: Birmingham area luncheon/dinner, John Burton 205-631-2895, email: jburtont1601@gmail.com

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Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club

<http://arkansasrazorback.wbcci.net/>

- May 17-20 Strawberry Jam Rally (Boondocking), Grayson Farms, 241 Prince Cemetery Rd, Bald Knob, AR, Paul Moore, email: paul@ark.us
- Jun 8-10 Buddies, Bikes & Brew Pubs Rally, Downtown Riverside RV Park, 50 Riverfront Dr, North Little Rock, AR, call Verna at 501-340-5312 by 5/1 to book, CG is 50-amp, take 30-amp adapter if required, Michael Shelley, email: michaelalanshelley@gmail.com

East Tennessee Airstream Club - <http://airetn.org>

- Jun 8-10 Tunnel to Adventure Come & Go Rally, Natural Tunnel SP, 420 Natural Tunnel Pkwy, Duffield, VA, Mary & Jim Johnson, 937-974-5539, email: 0165@wbcci.net

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

Louisiana Airstream Club - <http://louisiana.wbcci.net/>

- May 10-13 Symphony Rally, Fountainebleau SP, Mandeville, LA, Gerald Peltier, email: biggyiggys@aol.com

Mississippi Airstream Club

<http://mississippiairstream.wbcci.net>

- May 14-18 Spring Rally at Memphis, EZ Daze RV Park, 536 W Ross Pkwy, Southaven, MS, Don Hummel 662-392-6065, email: donehummel@gmail.com

Music City Airstream Club - <http://nashville.wbcci.net/>

- May 17-20 Spring Rally, Defeated Creek Park, 140 Marina, Carthage, TN, Tommy/Rachel Shepherd 931-206-2292, email: rlshep60@gmail.com

Pensacola Florida Unit - <http://pensacolaflorida.wbcci.net/>

- May 17-20 Around the World Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid FL, Cheryl Land 850-516-1836, email: acland53@bellsouth.net

Tennessee Unit - <http://tennessee.wbcci.net>

West Tennessee Airstream Club - <http://memphis.wbcci.net>

- May 11-13 General Mtg. Rally, Wall Doxey SP, 3946 MS-7, Holly Springs, MS, Buddy & Cookie Bonner 901-619-6983, email: gbonner792@att.net
- Jun 8-10 Rally, George P. Cossar SP CG, 165 Co. Rd. 170, Oakland, MS, Gary & Marian Myers 901-596-9997, email: gmyers2@comcast.net

REGION 7 Activities

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

- Aug 28-Sep 2 Region 7 Rally, West Fargo, ND

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

- May 17-20 Spring Rally, Pipestone RV Park, 919 N Hiawatha Ave, Pipestone, MN, Kay & Chris Olsson 763-786-4217, email: cwolsson@comcast.net
- Jun 9-20 Tag Along Caravan to International Rally, MN Airstream Park to Salem, OR, Pete Yanke 320-260-7803, email: pyanke@aol.com

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

- Jun 7-10 Spring Rally, Eagles Club, 345-12th Ave NE, Valley City, ND, exit 294 off I-94, Jack Bailey 701-630-2400, email: jacques235@aol.com

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

- Jun 1-23 International Rally Caravan, Escanaba, MI to Salem, OR, Will & Pat Franger, email: williamfranger@aol.com

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website:

<http://region8.wbcci.net>

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

- May 17-20 May We Rally!, Pin Oak RV Park, 1302 Highway AT, Villa Ridge, MO, Joe & Sarah Hauser 636-332-3220, email: camperqueen2000@yahoo.com

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

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

- May 5 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Zarda BBQ, 11931 W 87th St Pkwy, Lenexa, KS, Debra & Dan Doll 913-219-4317, email: dpdoll01@att.net
- Jun 2 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Pegah's Family Rest., 5354 Roberts St, Shawnee, KS 913-422-3600, Martin & Rachel Hughey 913-636-8311, email: rchl.hghy@gmail.com

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit

<http://mogreaterozarkunit.wbcci.net>

- May 17-20 Spring Rally, Osage Beach RV Park, 3949 Campground Ln., Osage Beach, MO, Gary & Linda Rush, 573-286-7665, email: grush26209@sbcglobal.net

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

- 2nd Mon each month: Luncheon 11:45 AM, Parker's Smokehouse, 16880 Hwy. 6, Ashland, NE, corner of Hwy 6 & 63, James Wright 402-419-1112, email: james@justwrightsharpening.com

North Iowa Airstream Club - <http://northiowaunit.wbcci.net>

- May 31-Jun 3 Rally, Webster County FG, 22614 U.S. 169, Ft. Dodge, IA, Scott Jensen 515-979-0694, email: scottjensen45@aol.com
- Jun 6-20 Caravan to International, Dave/Pat Shaw 515-368-4379, email: theshaws1@gmail.com

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website:

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

- Oct 25-28 Texas Country Air Rally Brownwood, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

- May 24-28 Rally, Fairfield Lake SP 903-389-4514, 123 State Park Rd 64, Fairfield, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109
- Jun 2 Luncheon 11:30 AM, El Conquistador Rest, 1516 Old Brandon Rd, Hillsboro, TX 254-582-9864 or 254-582-3262, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109 or Wanda Sumner 254-221-0504

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

- May 24-28 Memorial Day Rally, Magnolia Lake RV Park, 791 FM 2665, Goodrich, TX, Tom Harris 281-259-8337, email: tfharris60@gmail.com

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

- TBA Monthly Activities TBA, please visit our website

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

- May 4-7 Civil War Rally, Jefferson, TX, Stephen Woodward 972-896-4592, email: swood24078@aol.com
- May 12 Luncheon, Spring Creek BBQ, Burleson, TX, Stephen Woodward 972-896-4592, email: swood24078@aol.com

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Oklahoma Unit - <http://oklahoma.wbcci.net>

Texas Alamo Unit - <http://texasalamo.wbcci.net>

May 17-20 Kick Off to Summer/Buddy Rally, Lagoons RV Resort, 600 Enterprise Blvd, Rockport, TX, David Willis 210-844-8167, email: dwillis@stic.net

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

May 11-13 Doc Cain Fishing Tournament Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Pam Pearson 409-679-0220, email: ppear1224@yahoo.com

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

May 3-6 Bravo Rio Guadalupe! Buddy Rally, Kerrville-Schreiner Park, Kerrville, TX, Ed Addicks 979-251-0602, email: edward.addicks@gmail.com

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

Texas Plains Unit - <http://www.texasplains.wbcci.net>

1st Sat each month: TBA, Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921, email: bettyjayfoley@gmail.com

1st Sat each month: Dinner 6 PM, El Patron Rest., 3401-I-40 W, Amarillo, TX, Dick Lanham 806-674-9849, email: sdianham@sbcglobal.net

May 3-6 Hanging Out at the Hangar Rally, River Falls Airport (SE of Amarillo), Claude Hwy 1151, 12851 Montana Way, Amarillo, TX, Tillerys & Lanhams, 806-678-0742

REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website:

www.region10.wbcci.net

May 30-Jun 3 Region 10 Rally, Hood River, OR
Jun 17-20 Bend Classic Rally, Bend, OR
Sep 10-16 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Oct 15-22 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Ketchum, ID

Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit

<http://albertasaskatchewan.wbcci.net>

May 17-21 Spring Buddy Rally, Manitou District Regional Park, Hwy. #365, Manitou Beach, Saskatchewan, Randy McGillivray 639-471-3541, email: rmcg507@gmail.com

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Every Tuesday: Breakfast 9 AM, Ricky's Country Rest, 2160 King George Blvd, South Surrey, BC, Tom Akam 604-538-4149

May 18-21 Falklands 100th Annual Stampede Rally, Monte Lake Campsite & Resort RV Park, 3973 Kamloops-Vernon Hwy, Monte Lake, BC, Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy 604-788-5473

Idaho Airstream Club - <http://idahounit.wbcci.net>

May 29-30 Caravan to Region 10 Rally, Wildhorse Casino, Pendleton, OR, Tom & Marilyn Usselman 208-841-9911, email: usselmant@hotmail.com

Jun 21-22 Caravan to Salem, overnight in Central Oregon, Bill & Sharon Lawrence 541-212-9400, email: wilbur_420@yahoo.com

Montana Airstream Club

<http://www.montanaairstreamclub.com>

North Cascade Washington Unit

www.ncascadewairstreamclub.com

May 19 Luncheon 1 PM, Denny's, Exit 206, I-5, Arlington, WA, Jim Kolhoff 360-297-2013, email: caravanner23533@centurylink.net

Oregon Airstream Club - www.oregonunit.wbcci.net

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

May 4-6 Crab Feed Rally, WLYH, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia, WA, Darlene Leslie 360-459-8749, email: gar-dar@juno.com

May 8-22 Fishing Caravan, begin at WLYH, Mike Medford 360-870-0591, email: michael.m.medford@gmail.com

Jun 15-21 Rally & Caravan to International, Skamakawa to Salem, Darlene Leslie 360-459-8749, email: gar-dar@juno.com

Jun 15-22 Caravan to International, WLYH to Salem, Don Lisius 360-456-0677, email: grumpyfan4life@aol.com

REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: <http://region11.wbcci.net>

Sep 27-Oct 1 Region 11 Rally, Albuquerque, NM
Oct 5-9 Balloon Fiesta National Rally, Albuquerque, NM

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

Denver Colorado Unit - www.denco.wbcci.net

May 3-5 Annual Maintenance Rally, Garden of the Gods RV Resort, 3704 W Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs, CO, Jackie Arnold 719-634-3646, email: jackiela@comcast.net

May 31-Jun 2 Wagon Wheel Rally, Ouray FG/Events Center, Ridgway, CO, Carolyn Beardshear 317-557-4475, email: cbshear@gmail.com

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

New Mexico Unit - <http://newmexico.wbcci.net>

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club

<http://utahswasatchairstreamclub.wbcci.net>

May 3-6 Airstreams & Arches Spring Rally, Moab Valley RV Resort, 1773 N Hwy 191, Moab, UT, John & Bonnie Ruskauff 801-674-0381, email: ruskauff@msn.com

Jun 19-22 Caravan SLC to Salem, Ben Schofield 801-850-7450, email: utahairstreamers@gmail.com

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

REGION 12 Activities

Region 12 Website:

<http://region12.wbcci.net>

Oct 3-7 Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas, NV

Dec 28-Jan 1, 2019 Annual Rose Parade Special Event Rally, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Unit

www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net

May 18-20 San Simeon SP Rally, San Simeon SP, Washburn CG, 500 San Simeon Creek Rd, Cambria, CA, Tom & Teresa Tighe, 714-913-8510, email: ttorcal@gmail.com

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

May 8-11 Idyllwild Rally, Idyllwild Park CG, 54000 Riverside Cty. Playground Rd, Idyllwild, CA, Bette Grams 949-375-9120, bette9@me.com

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Golden West California Unit - <http://goldenwest.wbcci.net>

Jun 14-18 Corning Joint Rally w/Greater Bay Area Airstream Club, Heritage RV Park, 975 Hwy 99W, Corning CA, Eric & LaVerne McHenry 707-694-2203, email: eric.mchenry@wbcci.org

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club

<http://greaterbayarea.wbcci.net>

Jun 14-18 Corning Joint Rally w/Golden West Unit, Heritage RV Park, 975 Hwy 99W, Corning CA, Eric & LaVerne McHenry 707-694-2203, email: eric.mchenry@wbcci.org
Jun 18-21 Mini Caravan to International Rally, Corning, CA to Salem, OR, Eric McHenry 707-694-2203, email: eric.mchenry@wbcci.org

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club

www.greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net

May 7-11 Vintage Trailer Show Rally, Pismo State Beach North Beach CG, 399 S Dolliver St, Pismo Beach, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
Jun 7-11 New Brighton State Beach Rally, New Brighton State Beach, 1500 Park Ave, Capitola, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com

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

May 4-6 Kentucky Derby Day Rally, Inn Town CG, 9 Kidder Ct, Nevada City, CA, Margaret Handshoe 916-202-3688, email: redwoodcorners@gmail.com

Nevada Unit - <http://nevada.wbcci.net>

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

May 6-13 Mega Rally, Calistoga FG & Benbow RV Resort, Calistoga & Garberville, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com
Jun 13-17 Buddy Rally, Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com
Jun 17-Jul 3 Tag-A-Long Caravan to International in Salem, OR, see itinerary, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

San Diego California Unit - www.airstreamsandiego.com

May 10-12 Rally, Newport Dunes, Newport Beach, CA, Sarajane Towndrow 714-315-3423, email: sarajane@flicxstor.com
Jun 14-17 Rally, Mammoth RV Park, Mammoth Lakes, CA, Abe Hernandez 760-802-3238, email: rvms2u@yahoo.com

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

May 17-20 Prosser Family Camp Rally, Prosser Family CG (reservation recommended), Tahoe Nat'l. Forest, 5 mi. NE of Truckee, CA, latitude/longitude: 39.37778, -120.16056, Gail Williams 951-552-4801, email: snu157@wbcci.net
Jun 14-17 Eagle Lake Rally, North Eagle Lake BLM CG, Eagle Lake Rd, .5 mi. W of CA-139, latitude/longitude: 40.736252, -120.721078, Gail Williams 951-552-4801, email: snu157@wbcci.net

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

All club events can be found on our website.

EUROPE Activities



WBCCI Europe Website:

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

May 24-27 Annual Rally on a Member's Farm, West Chiltington, West Sussex, England, www.europe.wbcci.net/rallies
Andrew Newell, email: andrewn@lekiaviation.com
Jun 7-10 Rally, Le Mans, Sille-le-Philippe, 72460 Sarth. France, www.europe.wbcci.net/rallies www.chateau-de-chanteloup.com
Pier Armani, email: g.armanni@me.com

From the Chief Operating Officer

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Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know we hired Lenny Razo to take over my role as VP of Sales. In the future, Lenny will be writing these updates and will be attending rallies. Lenny has been in the industry over 18 years and will be a great addition to the Airstream team. Please join me in welcoming Lenny to Airstream in his role as VP of Sales! Since he just started this week, I'll give him a pass for a few *Blue Beret* articles, but you will be hearing from him before you know it!

On behalf of 934 hard working families in Jackson Center, OH, thank you for your business and passion for our products. It means the world to each of us here at Airstream!

Happy Airstreaming -



Mobile shop located at Vienna University, Vienna, Austria, taken by Nick Lang, West Wickham, England - submitted by Richard Paschall, #1504

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MYSTIC SPRINGS COVE is an Airstream only park 25 miles N of Pensacola FL on US Hwy 29 N. It is just 30 minutes to white sandy beaches, shopping, museums and a

casino. Owned and operated by Pensacola Unit 29. We are open September thru May (June-August by reservation only). All sites have full hookups. Washer and dryer are available. Limited Wi-Fi. Host opportunities available. Ph. 850-256-3280.

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2018 WBCCI National Caravans

What is Standby Only?

Caravans often seem to fill very quickly and club members may ask, "How do I get on a caravan when they are booked two years ahead?"

The Answer: Some caravans only run every other year, therefore are booked two years in advance. Members may sign up to keep their future options open. As the caravan start date nears or the first payment is due, plans are finalized and for all kinds of reasons, health, family commitments, unforeseen circumstances, they cancel reservations. That opens up places on every caravan that is marked as "Standby Only."

For this reason, do not hesitate to add your name to a Standby List. It is very likely, though not guaranteed, that you will make the caravan list. Anecdotal evidence says that members who are 20th or even 35th on the Standby List can be included in the final caravan list. Generally, no deposit is required to add your name to the Standby List. Just fill out the application form and send it to the caravan leaders. They will respond and let you know your current status and any changes. Do let the caravan leaders know if you are available to join their caravan on very short notice. Often there are last-minute cancellations and members are added within weeks, or even days, of starting the caravan.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-B NORTH TO ALASKA

7/12-9/12/2018

START: DAWSON CREEK, BC

STOP: PRINCE GEORGE, BC

Beginning at milepost 0 of the Alaska Highway in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, you will experience the majestic scenery of British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alyeska "The Great Land." We will drive through the Yukon Territory and ferry the Yukon River in Dawson City. Part of the adventure is to then drive the famous bumpy but very scenic "Top of the World Highway" to Chicken, Alaska. Don't be chicken going to Chicken! Here you will see and experience the wild Alaska bush country. This first part of the trip will include a visit to Skagway and an optional visit to Eagle, AK. It is then on to TOK (the end of the Alaska Hwy), Fairbanks, Denali and Anchorage. This portion of the trip will include panning for gold, river and boat cruises, a visit to Santa's home at the North Pole, dinner shows, salmon bakes, glaciers, and a ride on the scenic Alaska railroad. Next we will drive around the Kenai Peninsula and camp in Seward, Homer and Kenai. Our trip back toward the lower 48 will include stops in Valdez, Juneau, Haines, and Hyder. At every stop, wildlife viewing opportunities abound. You will see numerous glaciers and perhaps see one calving into the sea or drink melted ice thousands of years old. See sled dogs bounding with energy, humpback whales, a salmon run, eagles, bears, moose, etc. Perhaps you would like to take an optional plane flight around Denali, do some bear viewing or even fly to the Arctic Circle. Opportunities for world class fishing and hiking will be numerous. Your trip will end in Prince George, British Columbia as summer turns to fall with colorful foliage and mountains dusted with snow. This caravan is a true bucket list item! Leaders: John & Cissy Thibadeau, WBCCI#1229, Ph. 770-560-6410 (C), email: jsthibadeau@gmail.com Address: 105 Crown Ct., Peachtree City, GA 30269. Co-Leaders: Karl & Cindy Weisenberger, WBCCI#1885. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 35 - 33/2. Total Number of Nights: 63, Number of Stops: 26. Kitty Fee: \$7,400 w/2; \$5,500 w/1 (50% due 11/30/17, balance due 3/31/18). Deposit \$500. Signup sheets will be emailed upon request. Cancellation Fee: \$25.00. Leaders' discretion after 3/31/18.

N-47-D THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN THE NORTHERN COLONIES

9/13-10/17/2018

START: LITTLETON, MA

STOP: ALEXANDRIA, VA

Dust off your tri-corner hat and mob cap and join us as we travel back in time to where the seeds of the American Revolution were planted and bore fruit. We will begin in Boston and see the Old State House where fiery debates occurred, walk where the Boston Massacre erupted, take part in reenacting the Boston Tea Party (prepare to heave ho some British tea into the Boston Harbor) and hear ranger talks on the Battle of Bunker Hill; we'll also visit other historic landmarks such as Faneuil Hall aka "The Cradle of Liberty", the Old North Church, Paul Revere's house and the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". From there we travel to Minute Man National Historical Park and follow the day (April 19, 1775) that marked the beginning of the war to independence from first blood on Lexington Green to the "shot heard round the world" at North Bridge in Concord. Then we travel to New York visiting Fort Stanwix National Monument in Rome, Oriskany Bat-

tlefield in Oriskany, and Fort Ticonderoga where Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold (before he turned traitor) led the "Green Mountain Boys" in an easy victory over British forces. Saratoga National Historical Park where a decisive American victory convinced the French to support the fledgling nation also rates a visit as does the Bennington Battlefield in New York as well as Vermont. We will charter a bus to West Point for a private tour and lunch at the Officers' Club followed by a visit to the New Windsor Cantonment, General Henry Knox's Headquarters, and an optional visit to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. We will explore General Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh then enjoy a tour-guided bus trip into New York City where some sites are now sky scrapers but others are alive and well such as Federal Hall and Fraunces Tavern and Museum where we'll have lunch. New Jersey is next with tours at Fort Lee, Morristown National Historic Park, Washington Crossing State Park (and Washington Crossing on the PA side), Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Princeton Battlefield State Park and Old Barracks Museum in Trenton. Then into Pennsylvania to Valley Forge National Historical Park in King of Prussia and Brandywine Battlefield Museum in Chadds Ford. The City Of Brotherly Love we'll see via charter bus taking into Independence National Historical Park for park ranger talks and tours of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, the new American Revolution Museum, and dining at historic City Tavern. Our final destination will be in Virginia at Washington's beloved estate, Mount Vernon, for a VIP tour and our final banquet. Leaders: Ed & Beth Jones, WBCCI #1515, Ph. 703-780-6597 (H), Ph. 703-475-0573 (Ed-C), Ph. 703-244-6384 (Beth-C), Email: thunderhorse16@yahoo.com Address: 3704 Washington Woods Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309, Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26, Total Number of Nights: TBD (approx. 35), Number of Stops: 7. Kitty Fee w/2: TBD, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD. Deposit Amount: \$350, Cancellation Fee: TBD.

N-47-E CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN

6/24-7/15/2018

START: DRUMHELLER, AB, CANADA

STOP: COCHRANE, AB, CANADA

Judy and I would love to vacation with you in some of our favorite places in the Canadian Rockies and Alberta prairies. Traveling through the back-country we will have secluded dry camping, cookouts, and hiking. We will travel through the four contiguous national Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. We'll swim in the beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs. Over 100 glaciers line the spectacular Icefields Parkway where you will ride a snow coach on the Athabasca Glacier and experience the newly constructed glass-floored Skywalk. We'll cruise Malign Lake to Spirit Island in Jasper and dine at the historic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. We'll hike to the Tea House above Lake Louise, canoe Lake Moraine, and photograph Takakkaw Falls. We'll 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: Deane and Judy Collinson, WBCCI #1077, Deane cell Ph. 416-232-2882, Judy cell Ph. 416-559-5354. Email:

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deane.collinson@rogers.com , Address: 10 Strath Ave, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M8X 1P9. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 20. Total Number of Nights: 20 nights, Number of Stops: 8 stops, Caravan distance: 900 miles/1450 km. Fees: Total Cost, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,200, Kitty Fee w/1: TBA, Guest: TBA, Deposit Amount: \$1,000 11/10/17 (\$0 for standby). Dates of Payments \$1,000 1/5/18, Date Balance Due: \$1,200 3/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$100 until 1/5/18. Leaders discretion after 1/5/18.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-H GONE TO TEXAS

9/24-10/27/2018

START: HILLSBORO TX

STOP: KERRVILLE TX

The letters GTT were familiar in the United States during the early 1800's. They meant GONE TO TEXAS. Come with us and see why it was **the** place to be as we travel from Hillsboro just south of Fort Worth, "Where the West Begins", to the beautiful Texas Hill country west of San Antonio. Along the way we will visit Buffalo country, Indian Country, Oil Patches, Carlsbad Caverns, Texas Salt Flats, Old Missions, Cavalry Forts, travel along the United States/Mexico border, **A PASSPORT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY TRAVEL INTO MEXICO. (NOT A CARAVAN ACTIVITY)**. A world famous observatory, Mystery Lights at Marfa, Big Bend National Park, The "Hanging Judge" The Alamo, an Exotic Game Ranch, a Dude Ranch, and much more. From the Texas plains to the mountains to the deserts and the beautiful hill country. Leave a message for your friends - GTT. Moderate hiking may be required on some events. Leaders: Lyle & Peggy Snow, WBCCI #7358, Ph. 823-217-4508 & 713-557-9272, Email: Lyles51@comcast.net Address: 31743 Serrano Bluff Ln., Spring TX 77386, Co-Leaders: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, WBCCI #1450. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 20, Total Number of Nights: 34, Number of Stops: 14. Kitty Fee w/2: \$2,300, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,800, Guest: \$500. Deposit: \$250, 1st payment of \$1,000 due: 11/1/17, Balance Due: 5/1/18. Cancellation Fee: \$100, Leaders' discretion after 8/1/18.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-I SOUTHWEST ADVENTURE

8/19-10/9/2018

START: ALBUQUERQUE, NM

STOP: ALBUQUERQUE, NM

The 2018 Southwest Adventure Caravan will be in August, September, and October capturing the awesome beauty of the fall landscapes. Beginning in Albuquerque, NM, we will discover Santa Fe by trolley, savor local cuisine and then visit Taos. What is around the corner in the Four-Corners region of CO, UT, AZ, and NM, other tourists may not usually see. We visit Indian pueblos, 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, Colorado, hike to the "Palace" in Mesa Verde, or truck into Monument Valley. Moab, Utah, provides gorgeous views in the surrounding National Parks and excitement with "slick-rock riding" in ultimate jeeps. Whether using a camera at Capitol Reef National Park or riding a mule into Bryce Canyon, the parks will captivate you. After seeing the North Rim of the Grand Canyon we'll spend four days beside Lake Powell, enjoy a boat trip on the lake, a Colorado River raft float trip and a tour through Antelope Canyon. Our final two weeks will take us to New Mexico to explore Farmington, Gallup, Acoma, and Albuquerque. We will have a chance to ride in a hot air balloon before our final stop at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. America the Beautiful Senior passes (formerly the Golden Age Pass) will save you dollars for fees in Mesa Verde, Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Arches, Canyonlands, Chaco Canyon, and North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Parks. Come prepared to have fun with your fellow caravanners! Co-Leaders: Winston & Carol Montague, WBCCI #807, Ph. 850-212-3726, email: wmontague@embarqmail.com Address: 3958 Meandering Way, Tallahassee, FL 32308 and Jay & Elna Thompson, WBCCI #7293, Ph. 850-212-4719, email: elnaandjay@mac.com Address: 9163 McDougal Ct., Tallahassee, FL 32312-4207. Limit 32 rigs. Total Number of Nights: 51, Number of Stops: 14. Estimated Kitty Fee w/2: \$4,500; w/1: \$3,500, Guest \$1,000. Deposit: \$200. Dates Payments Due: 2/1/17 \$200, 2/1/18 \$2,150, 4/1/18 \$2,150. Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 2/1/18 plus non-refundable deposits. Leaders' discretion after.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-J SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

5/23-6/16/2018

START: ESTES PARK, CO

STOP: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WY

Come share in the adventure of traveling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from the summit on Trailridge Road, to the Beauty of the Garden of the Gods, to the bottom of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, to the Teton Mountains and the 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, Cimarron, Grand Junction, Dinosaur NM, Flaming Gorge, Jackson Hole 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 are attempting 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 6,000 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 in the beautiful Rocky Mountains for a great adventure in spring 2018. This caravan will end at Yellowstone on June 16, 2018 with sufficient time for those who would like to extend their travel to attend the WBCCI International Rally at Salem, OR. Leaders: Bob & Sue Heist, WBCCI #16401, Ph. 402-304-1843 (H), Ph. 402-968-0823 (C), Email: bobsueheist@gmail.com Address: 6401 Rainier Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510. Co-Leaders: Doug & Amanda Hewins, WBCCI #2184. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25 Total With Leader, Total Number of Nights: 25 (Tentative), Number of Stops: 8, Total Cost \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,500, Guest: TBD, Deposit: \$400 Due with Application, Dates of Payments: 1/2 of remainder by 7/1/17, Date Balance Due: 1/5/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50 plus non-refundable deposits prior to 1/5/18. Leaders' discretion after 1/5/18.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-K NOR' BY NOR'EAST

7/11-8/20/2018

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,

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the warm waters along some of the most beautiful beaches as well as seafood-PEI style. We will have our Farewell Banquet in Charlottetown. Leaders: Trevor & Gale Lake, WBCCI #4688, Ph. 781-837-2539 (H), Ph. 781-264-4550 (C), email: trevorlake@verizon.net Address: 315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 23, Total Number of Nights: 41, Number of Stops: 11. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,900, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit: \$200 with Application, Date Due: 2/1/18: \$800, Date Final Balance Due: 5/1/18. Cancellation Fee: \$100 after 2/1/18. Leaders' Discretion after 2/1/18.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-L SOUTHEAST COAST **10/2-11/3/2018**
START: BETHANY BEACH, DE **STOP: JEKYLL ISLAND, GA**

If you love seafood and want to explore the historic southeast coast of the United States, this is the caravan for you. We'll visit an historic US Lifesaving Service Station (predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard) in Delaware, eat seafood, spend a day at the Chincoteague Oyster Festival in Virginia, visit countless museums, lighthouses and beaches, eat seafood and see the sights in the historic southeast. Did we mention that we're going to eat seafood? Actually this caravan is about a lot more than eating seafood. You'll be immersed in the history, culture and beauty of the Old South and see many attractions that are missed by the average tourist, including Morning Colors and graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC. The caravan will travel about five weeks starting at the Delaware Seashore State Park (south of Rehoboth Beach) and traveling through coastal Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and ending at the Georgia Sea Islands. The kitty fee, which hasn't increased since 2012, includes campgrounds, most with full hookups, many meals, boat, carriage and bus tours, museum admissions and much more! Leaders: Stuart & Kathy Bacon, WBCCI #2059, Ph. 423-775-4237 (H) or 423-618-1002 (C), email: sec.caravan@gmail.com Address: 356 Horseshoe Circle, Dayton, TN 37321, Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 22, Total Number of Nights: 32, Number of Stops: 10. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,500, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,700, Guest: \$800, Deposit: \$250, Date Balance Due: 2 installments, 4/1/18 & 7/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 4/1/18. Leaders' discretion after.

N-47-M CIVIL WAR PART II – WAR IN THE DEEP SOUTH **4/4-TBD/2018**
START: LADSON, SC **STOP: SMYRNA, TN**

Come and join us in our rolling history study of the civil war in the deep south. We will assemble near Charleston, SC and tour Fort Sumter where the war officially began. We will visit The Citadel, then see the confederate submarine Hunley, and other interesting sites. We will travel through Georgia with stops in Savannah to tour Forts McAllister, Pulaski, and Jackson. Visit the site where Jefferson Davis was captured, Andersonville, the National Civil War Naval Museum, the Cyclorama, and Atlanta History Museum. Let's not forget to visit the Locomotive Museum for an up close look at the General. We will move into Tennessee to explore the battlefields of Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, and Stones River; visit historic Franklin, and visit the Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We will also see antebellum homes and plantations, lovely national parks, and other memorable events. Leaders: Dale & Kathy Spillman, WBCCI #15880, Ph: 225-405-4057 (C), Email: Lau15880@yahoo.com Address: 16573 Tiger Bend Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817. Co-leader: Bill & Beth Racavich, WBCCI #7777. Limit 25 RVs plus leader. Total Number of Nights: 32, Number of Stops: 9. Kitty Fee w/2: TBD, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD. Deposit: \$250. Cancellation Policy: Full refund before 10/1/2017; \$100.00 until 1/1/2018; Leaders' discretion after.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-O NATIONAL LANDMARKS WEST **6/3-7/30/2018**
START: SANTA ROSA, CA **STOP: MEDORA, ND**
Join us for the natural beauty of the Northwest and include a stop at the International Rally in Salem, OR. We visit our National Parks, discover other significant landmarks and learn some of the geology, culture, and history as we travel in six states. Beginning in Northern California Wine Country, we travel north near the coast into the Redwood Forests. National Parks will include Redwood, Crater Lake, Olympic, Glacier and Yellowstone National Park. We will be immersed in the natural wonders of the Rocky Mountains and explore the expanse of Montana's "Big Sky" country.

Travel back to some of the Lewis and Clark forts and camps, spend a day in Victoria, BC and take in the beauty Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens. In all, we will traverse 19 National Forests, 12 National Parks or Monuments and several state parks. Be a part of savory cookouts, banquets or catered meals at most of our stops. Come join us for tours, boat rides, entertainment and of course, great fun and fellowship along the way. Leaders: Phil & Margie Glassey, WBCCI #5328, P. 707-953-4299, Registration Email: margiemicu@sbcglobal.net Address: 1367 Parkway Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-4747. Limit 28 rigs. Kitty fee w/2: \$5,150; w/1: \$4,050, Guest \$1,000. Registration deposit: \$250. 50% due by: 10/1/17, Balance Due: 3/1/18. Cancellation fee is \$50 before 2/1/18 plus non-refundable deposits. Leader's discretion after.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-P IT'S A NEW YORK (STATE) STATE OF MIND **8/7-31/2018**
START: NIAGARA FALLS, NY **STOP: CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NY**
Starting from the magnificent Niagara Falls, we will boat on the Erie Canal and then head to the Finger Lakes for some wine tasting, hiking and flea/craft marketing with a visit to the Corning glass works. We then will stay in the 1000 Islands (actually 1864) and take a look at Boldt Castle. A drive through the Adirondacks (the largest publically protected area in the contiguous United States) will bring us to Lake Placid/Whiteface Mountain and the US Olympic Training Complex for a tour and an option to try out some Olympic events on your free day. Travelling down I-87, the Northway, we will stay in the Lake George area to explore Ft. Ticonderoga, Saratoga Springs (the city, the racetrack, the Battlefield and the charming towns along Route 9). Southward again to the Catskills Region to see an airshow at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, cruise the Hudson, tour the US Military Academy at West Point and have something to eat at the Culinary Institute of America, aka "the CIA." An extra day in the Catskills means you can choose your own adventure - hang gliding, parachuting, zip-lining, hiking the "Gunks", visiting Woodstock (Bethel Farms), shopping at Woodbury Commons Outlet Mall or just relaxing. Our final stop is Croton-on-Hudson, about an hour and a half from NYC and for the next two days our own motorcoach will take us into Manhattan in the morning and pick us up in time to return for dinner. Options in Manhattan are endless - some possibilities are a Dim Sum lunch in Chinatown, the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, the 9/11 Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, shopping on Fifth or Madison Avenues or even a Broadway matinee. The final day of our caravan will take us to the home of iconic New York author Washington Irving followed by a farewell banquet. Notes: Place to place travel is approximately 750 miles but there will be additional driving to get to specific attractions. Altitudes in the mountains do not exceed 5,000 feet. Weather may be hot and humid or chilly and rainy - can't tell! This caravan is suitable for children and teen-agers - please contact the leaders for fee info. And remember that everything is probably a bit more expensive in NY than you are used to - from campgrounds to candy bars. Leaders: Debbie & Mark Hammer, WBCCI #2437, Home Ph: 516-437-2839, Cell Ph: 516-330-3644, Email: Debbie@halimer.com Mailing address: 1647 Park Ave, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Kitty Fee w/2: \$2,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,300, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit Amount: \$200, Dates of Payments (if applicable) \$1,000 due 12/15/17, Date Balance Due: 4/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50. Leaders' discretion after (date) 5/1/18.

N-47-R ORES, SHORES, WATERS, AND LIGHTS - EAST **9/8-23/2018**
START: MANISTIQUE, MI **STOP: ST. IGNACE, MI**

Short caravan; perfect for your summer vacation! Rendezvous for this caravan is on Saturday, September 8, 2018 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 22, 2018, 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: cdeleeuw@comcast.net, Address: 906 Wright Lane, Milan, MI 48160. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 17. Total Number of Nights: 15. Number of Stops: 5,

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Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,600, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,200, Guests: \$500, Deposit \$200, Date Balance Due: 5/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 5/1/18. Caravan Leaders discretion after 5/1/18.

N-47-S BOURBON IN THE BLUEGRASS 9/10-10/7/2018 **START: FRANKLIN, KY STOP: LEXINGTON, KY**

Join us as we experience Kentucky hospitality as we follow the Bourbon Trail, take part in the Bourbon Festival, and attend live races at the beautiful Keeneland Race Track. Along the way, we will take the dinner train through the Kentucky countryside just as leaves are beginning to change colors; visit lots of distilleries, craft breweries and wineries, spend the day at a BlueGrass Festival, have lunch on the Belle of Louisville and visit museums and historic homes. Something for everyone! Co-Leaders: Jim & Sheila Skipper, WBCCI #3178, Home Ph. 850-877-1729, Cell Ph. 850-528-0437, Email: sskipper813@gmail.com, Mailing address: 9150 Seafair Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Co-Leaders: Larry & Shala Wilson, WBCCI #10298, Larry cell: 270-782-6554; Shala cell: 270-792-3814, Email: shalawilson@gmail.com, Mailing address: 1122 Old Main Street, Hartford, KY 42347. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 25. Total Number of Nights: 27, Number of Stops: 6. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,450; Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,450; Guest: \$1,300. Please send Deposit of \$250 to Sheila Skipper, 9150 Seafair Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Dates of Payments (if applicable) First – 50% due 1/15/18; Date Balance Due: 4/15/18. Cancellation Fee: \$50, Leaders discretion after 4/15/18.

N-47-W HIGHWAY 61 REVISITED 9/8-10/8/2018 **START: DULUTH, MN STOP: NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Introducing a new caravan along the Old River Road, 1,400 miles from Duluth MN to New Orleans LA, from the weekend after Labor Day to Columbus Day. From the colorful northern fall foliage to the Deep South, this is a spectacular journey with the mighty Mississippi at your side and music exploration on your mind. The caravan starts in Duluth MN, where the iconic singer-songwriter, musician, author, artist and recipient of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature, Bob Dylan was born. We tour all Bob Dylan sites of significance in Duluth as well as in Hibbing MN, where he grew up. His 1965 album "Highway 61 Revisited" inspired this caravan, as this once major American highway still connects us to southern places known for their musical heritage. Next are the Twin Cities, where the multi-talented recording artist Prince, who passed away in 2016, resided. We tour his extraordinary private estate and production complex just outside of Minneapolis. A Prairie Home Companion of Garrison Keillor fame, but now with Chris Thile, is also on our agenda in St. Paul. Going south on 61, Memphis TN is a music explorer's delight: Elvis Presley's Graceland, Beale Street with Jerry Lee Lewis Honky Tonk Café, Sun Records where Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash cut their first record, Stax Studios with Otis Redding and the birth of Soul Music. We see it all, and much more. Crossing the state line to Mississippi, 61 turns into the Blues Highway. This stretch is an education of the Mississippi Delta Blues and the rich history of this unique art form. We visit the BB King Museum and Blues Museum featuring legends as well as Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club. We even visit a Grammy Museum dedicated to the Blues in the middle of nowhere. Heading south, Louisiana has its own music traditions. Our final destination is New Orleans LA, the birthplace of Jazz: Dixieland, Louis Armstrong, French Quarter, Fats Domino, etc. The Big Easy is this caravan's Grand Finale. If you got the rhythm, this caravan is for you! This caravan is primarily for lovers of modern American music. Although we include a few non-musical bonus options, like a Greyhound Bus Museum or a Red Wing Shoe Museum, or a John Deere or Mark Twain, or a Coca-Cola Museum where the first Coke was bottled. Expect waterfront campgrounds, if possible. Really, two wirehaired dachshunds are organizing this caravan. This means "Highway 61 Revisited" is pet-friendly. Leaders: Ingo & Mary Werk, WBCCI #4646, Ph. 310-714-INGO (4646), Email: ingowerk.hwy61@gmail.com, Address: PO Box 1600, Wilmington, CA 90748-1600. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: TBD. Total Number of Nights: 30. Number of Stops: 13, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,450, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,750, Guests: TBD. \$500 deposit to sign up. Balance due by 7/1/18.

N-48-A AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAR – SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN APR – MAY 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 Court-house; 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: 12, Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26, Kitty Fee w/2: TBD, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, 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 3/31-5/4-2019

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: 35, 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 MARCH – APRIL 2019 **START BREAUX BRIDGE, LA STOP LAFAYETTE, LA**

On the Cajun Country 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.

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Tap your feet while swaying to the music at Savoie Music Store's Saturday morning jam session. Enjoy "Rendez Vous des Cajuns" performance at the historic Liberty Theater in the heart of Cajun Country. These, plus all the other adventures will help you understand the meaning of the Cajun phrase, "lasez 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 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 Governor's Mansion and the tallest state capitol building in the United States. Visit Evangeline Oak on the Bayou Teche, where in Longfellow's poem, Evangeline waited for her Gabriel. Beaucoup fun, food and adventure packed into 16 days of excitement awaits you on the Cajun Country Caravan. Leaders: Peter & Judy Schwarz, WBCCI #2009, Gene & Char Gardner, WBCCI #2393, Ph. (Judy cell) 630-699-9676, Email: (Judy) jascombe@gmail.com. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26, Number of Nights: 16, Number of Stops: 5. Kitty Fee w/2: TBD, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD. Deposit: \$ 200.00 9 months before caravan start, Date Balance Due: 3 months before caravan start. Cancellation Fee: \$50.00 3 months before caravan start, leaders discretion after that date.

N-48-F SOUTHWEST ADVENTURE 8/20-10/8/2019 **START: ALBUQUERQUE, NM STOP: ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

The 2019 Southwest Adventure Caravan will be in August, September, and October capturing the awesome beauty of the fall landscapes. Beginning in Albuquerque, NM, we will visit the Turquoise Museum, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and savor local cuisine. What is around the bend in the Four-Corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, other tourists may not see. We visit Indian pueblos and reservations to learn about their cultures from native guides. The grandeur of the scenery will amaze you as we ride a narrow gauge train up to Silverton, CO; hike to the "Palace" in Mesa Verde, or truck into Monument Valley. Moab, UT, provides gorgeous views in the surrounding National Parks and excitement with "slick-rock jeep riding." Whether using a camera at Capitol Reef National Park or riding a mule into Bryce Canyon, seeing the "Narrows" at Zion, the parks will captivate you. After seeing Zion National Park and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, we'll spend four days beside Lake Powell enjoying a boat trip on the lake, a Colorado River raft float trip and a walk through a slot canyon. Our final stops will take us back into New Mexico to explore Gallup and then the finale at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. We will have a chance to ride in a hot air balloon. America the Beautiful Senior passes (formerly the Golden Age Pass) will save you money in the National Parks we visit at Mesa Verde, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, Zion and the Grand Canyon North Rim. Come prepared to have fun with your fellow caravanners! Co-Leaders: Gary & RoseMarie Anderson, WBCCI #9181, Ph. 850-896-0567 & 850-866-7658 (cells), email: gary.rosemarie@gmail.com, Address: 2800 W. 30th Court, Panama City, FL 32405 and Winston & Carol Montague, WBCCI #807, Ph. 850-878-1281 (H), 850-491-7444 & 850-212-3726 (cells), email: wmon-tague@embarqmail.com Address: 3958 Meandering Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32308, Maximum RV units w/leaders: 30 rigs. Total Number of Nights: 49, Number of Stops: 12. 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: springti-meinky@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): 1/2 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.

N-48-K TASTE OF THE BLUE RIDGE 5/21-6/14/2019 **START: CHEROKEE, NC STOP: STAUNTON, 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, Home Ph.

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336-668-4237, Cell 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 nearby FDR's retreat at Campobello Island in NB, Canada, enjoy "Tea With Eleanor" and then another campsite up the road in Moncton where we will visit Hopewell Cape and see the exaggerated tides of the Bay of Fundy. Nova Scotia's 3 stops include campsites that will be home bases so we can travel to Peggy's Cove, Halifax, Louisbourg, Baddeck and of course the Cabot Trail. We intend on being in NS for 11 days and we will see everything and continue to eat too! A short trip across to Prince Edward Island on a ferry and you will think you're in Heaven. We have plenty of time here for exploring and enjoying some entertainment in Charlottetown, the warm waters along some of the most beautiful beaches as well as seafood-PEI style. We will have our Farewell Banquet in Charlottetown. Leaders: Trevor & Gale Lake, WBCCI #4688, Ph. 781-837-2539 (H), Ph. 781-264-4550 (C), email: trevorlake@verizon.net Address: 315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 23, Total Number of Nights: 41, Number of Stops: 11. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,900, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit: \$200 with Application, Date Due: 2/1/19: \$800, Date Final Balance Due: 5/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$100 after 2/1/19. Leaders' Discretion after 2/1/19.

STANDBY ONLY

N-48-M CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN

6/21-7/10/2019

START: DRUMHELLER, AB, CANADA

STOP: COCHRANE, AB, CANADA

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

N-48-N VIKING TRAIL

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019

START: ST. ANDREWS, NB, CANADA

STOP: NORTH SYDNEY (CAPE BRETON), NS, CANADA

Join the Viking Trail! The Newfoundland caravan is back! Starting just over the Maine border, at St. Andrews by the Sea, the caravan will work its way to the Cape Breton ferry and spend approximately 45 days in Newfoundland. See the tidal bore, a Bay of Fundy phenomenon. Visit the first settlements inhabited by Europeans in North America. Immerse yourself in a culture which developed isolated by its rugged terrain. Unique geologic features abound. See puffins, moose, and salmon jumping in unspoiled nature. Kiss a cod! Plan on lots of good food and music from the communities we visit. Trips including whale, iceberg and fjord boat tours, visit a Viking village, zip line over falls, and see historic sites that capture this island's stories. Our focus will be enjoying the wonderful people who live on the island and all they have to offer. You will feel you've gone back to a better time. Make the trip yours with opportunities for breathtaking hikes and beach combing, cod and salmon fishing opportunities, day trips to Labrador and Fogo Island. So much to see and we will do our best to make it amazing! Come from away and join us. Leaders: Murray & Pat Leggett, WBCCI #11489, Email: ps67.fcas@gmail.com. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26, Total Number of Nights: approx. 52, 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: \$500 CAD - payments to be made in Canadian dollars. Dates of Payments (if applicable) 1st deposit once caravan position offered, 2nd payment about 11/1/18, Date Balance Due: about 2/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$50 CAD, Leaders discretion after (date): 1/1/19.

N-48-O SOUTHEAST COAST

10/1-11/2/2019

START LOCATION: BETHANY BEACH, DE

STOP LOCATION: JEKYLL ISLAND, GA

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

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-iki, a guided tour of Fayette Historic State Park, visits to numerous waterfalls, a boat tour of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, tour of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Tahquamenon Falls, Soo Locks boat tour, Oswald's Bear Ranch, and much more. Please send deposit, or questions, to Leaders: Chip & Lori DeLeeuw, WBCCI #2748, Ph. 517-250-5060, Email: cdeleeuw@comcast.net, Address: 906 Wright Lane, Milan, MI 48160. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 17. Total Number of Nights: 15. Number of Stops: 5, Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,600, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,200, Guest: \$500, Deposit \$200, Date Balance Due: 5/1/19, Cancellation Fee: \$50. Leaders discretion after 5/1/19.

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

PENNSYLVANIA STATE RALLY Penn Wood Campground 999 Kindel Road, Limestone, PA July 20 - 22, 2018

Name _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Rig length _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Come early & stay late.

Rally Fee per person:	\$35 x _____ =	\$ _____
Children 0 - 12	Free x _____ =	\$ _____
Parking per night (payment to Penn Wood)	\$25 x _____ =	\$ _____
Invited guests or members not parking,		
Saturday dinner only	\$15 x _____ =	\$ _____

T-shirt sizes & quantities _____

T-shirt Price: S-XL \$15; 2XL \$17; 3XL \$18; 4XL \$19

Payment for T-shirts to Mike's Embroidery

General Information: Penn Wood Campground offers 30 AMP, full hook ups. We will be offering a t-shirt to commemorate the rally. Pre-order your shirts when you make your reservation. Payment for shirts will be collected at rally. See above for details. LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE. Please RSVP as soon as possible to secure your spot. Sites may open closer to the event date. Final date to pay rally fee is June 30, 2018. **Meals Included in Fee:** Friday Pizza / Ice Cream Social; Saturday Breakfast and Dinner; and Sunday Continental Breakfast. **What to Bring:** Table service and beverages for all meals. Snacks to share and your own drinks for Happy Hours. Luau attire for the Pig Roast dinner on Saturday.

Make check payable to PA Unit 091

Send payment & rally coupon to:

Cody Klingler, 3055 Oneida Valley Rd, Hilliards, PA 16040
Ph. 724-504-6884, email: cwk5292@gmail.com

GALAX OLD FIDDLERS CONVENTION
17th Special Events Rally
Galax, Virginia
August 5 - 11, 2018

Region 3 will again be the host of the 17th Special Event Rally in Galax, Virginia for the 83rd Old Fiddler's Convention August 6-11. 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 www.region3.wbcci.net will have a page about the rally as will the region calendar. Rally directors are Julian & Lynne Clements dandylynnec@gmail.com 706-244-2129.

REGION 1 RALLY
Airstream Country Jamboree
North Haverhill Fairgrounds
1299 Dartmouth College Hwy., (North) Haverhill, NH
August 9 - 12, 2018

Name(s) _____

WBCCI # _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____ Unit: _____

Address _____

Town _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

RV Make & Length: _____ State/License: _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ State/License: _____

Children (0-10) _____ (11-17) _____ Guests _____

Handicap Site _____ Vintage Site _____

Rally Fees U.S. Funds:

Airstream w/2 adults \$295.00 = _____

Additional Fees:

Kids 0-10 Free _____

All Others 11-99 \$75.00/each = _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Fee includes: 3 nights camping, 3 breakfasts & 3 dinners
for 2 people per RV registration.

Cancellation Policy: Up to 3 Weeks Prior, Full Refund.
Less than 3 weeks, \$150 Refund.

Make checks payable to: NEU
Mail: Eddie Carll, 66 Perserverance Path, Plymouth, MA USA 02360

Rally Host & Wagonmaster: Douglas Hart
Shoot any questions his way at: airstreamjamboree@gmail.com
 call 617-337-2933

56th ANNUAL
SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY
Sugarcreek, Ohio
"In the Heart of Amish Country"
September 22 - 30, 2018

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 National Officers (specify title): _____

of? Adults _____ Guests over 18 _____ Children under 18 _____

Interest to Participate: _____ Hobby Show _____ Flea Market

_____ Golf _____ Musical (Bring your instruments)

Rally Fee:

Airstream, 2 adults \$225 _____

Airstream, 1 adult \$175 _____

Each Add'l > 18 yrs \$115 x _____

Child under < 17 yrs \$ 60 x _____

Early Parking (Indiv.) \$ 25 (Sep 21)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHECK NUMBER _____

Register before April 15, 2018 to be eligible for a special drawing during the rally.

Rally Parking is Saturday, Sept. 22 9 AM-5 PM 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 one day early at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 21, from 1-5 PM.

Cancellations: 10% service charge before Labor Day, 2018. Refunds after Labor Day will be reviewed by the Chairs when all bills have been presented/paid. **Submit all refund requests in writing to the Rally Registrar, accompanied by your Acknowledgement Card.**

Karin & Larry Kurkowski, 2018 Rally Chairmen, Cell: 586-214-1777

Please! Include a self-addressed, stamped, business envelope to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card**, map & rally info letter.

Make checks payable to: Swiss Festival National Rally
Mail check, form & envelope to: Vicki Ettenhofer
 1474 Devonhill Ct., Columbus, OH 43229
 Ph. 614-841-0098
Rally E-mail: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

STORYTELLING SPECIAL EVENTS RALLY
Camping at Appalachian Fairgrounds
Gray, Tennessee
for the National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 3 - 7, 2018

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

Fee: \$115 for 5 nights parking w/full hookups for first 30 trailers. Early parking begins Sunday, Sep. 30 at \$23 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

53rd ANNUAL PENDLETON
ROUND-UP NATIONAL RALLY
Pendleton, Oregon
September 10 - 16, 2018

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
 Ph # _____ Cell Ph # _____
 Emergency Ph # _____
 Email _____
 WBCCI # _____
 Circle Type: MH TR Slideouts Length _____

Rally fee includes 6 nights camping, no electric, water hook up, one pump out, 3 breakfasts, 4 dinners, catered western breakfast at Rooster Restaurant with Rodeo Court and Happy Canyon Princesses, tickets for Wednesday Rodeo, Guided Tour of the Tamastslikt Culture Centre with dinner:

Rally Fees:

\$350/couple \$ _____ \$215/single \$ _____

Optional Tickets, Limited Quantities:

Professional Bull Riding (PBR) \$35/ea Mon _____

Professional Bull Riding (PBR) \$35/ea Tues _____

Pendleton Underground Tour \$15/ea Tues _____

Rodeo \$28/ea Fri _____ Rodeo Finals \$28/ea Sat _____

Make check payable to: Oregon Airstream Club
Mail to: Teresa Taylor, P.O. Box 319, Seaside, OR 97138

"WILD" EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Joseph Allen, WBCCI #4578

In February 2017, my wife and I pulled our 2007 34' Classic S/O from the cold snows of western New York to Everglades National Park. We "dry camped" there for 10 days. I know most find dry camping a bit inconvenient, but we found it to be a wonderful experience. We opened ALL the windows and vents to allow all the sounds, smells and sights of the wild Everglades fill us, without the drone of "power." Our cultural rhythms were reset by more natural sunrises and sunsets. At night, the barred owls could be heard as well as the barking of foxes and many unidentifiable sounds from the River of Grass. At sunrise, the calls of grackles, woodpeckers, cardinals and ibises gently awakened us. I highly recommend dry camping there. The benefits of being a bit closer to Nature included a re-charged spirit and deep awareness of how wild Everglades National Park really is.





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