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# President's Corner



I often wonder what is so special about WBCCI. Our **History** is the first thing that comes to my mind. The Club was founded in August 1955 as a single brand RV Club. That happened 63 years ago during the Eastern Canadian Caravan in Nova Scotia. Our Club has conducted thousands of caravans and rallies over 63 years and adding more each year. We are currently growing with over 7024 rigs in our Club today. That means our membership includes over 13,000 people.

The second thing I think of is our **Heritage**. We all love the iconic Airstream. Wally Byam started the Airstream Company in 1931. Few people know that in his early years he was a shepherd and lived in a shepherd's wagon. That wagon contained a kerosene cooking stove, a wash pail and a sleeping bag for a bed. I personally think the shepherd's wagon gave Wally the inspiration to build his own travel trailer. In 1936 he built his first riveted aluminum travel trailer. Today it is one of the most recognizable products in the world.

The last thing that is so important in this Club is **Heart**. Yes, we all love our Airstreams and we love to travel. But it is more than that. Some International Rallies have experienced tornadoes, hailstorms and floods. Volunteers from our Club have donated their time, energy and money to give assistance in the local area during the rally. Also our local Club/Units work together to do similar projects during a rally in their local area. There is

camaraderie in our Club that brings us together to see friends again, assist a neighbor in solving a RV problem or just talking together.

Did you know it is a published fact that group association and volunteering improve the quality of life, health and longevity? So when I think about WBCCI, three things that come to me are **History, Heritage and Heart**.

I would be remiss if I do not include something about our adventure in July – The 62<sup>nd</sup> International Rally in Doswell, Virginia. There are tours available before, during and after the rally. Entertainment is planned for six nights during the rally. There are so many seminars planned that you will have to make a decision on which ones you will be able to attend.

To help you keep track of it all, I am excited to announce that we will be launching an exciting new smartphone app called "Grupio" for our rally in Doswell. The free app contains complete, up-to-date information on event schedules, vendors, presentations and other helpful pieces of information. This tool will focus on ensuring your time at the International Rally is enjoyable. More information is available on our website. ([doswell.wbcci.net](http://doswell.wbcci.net))



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# The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

Gina Eggers, #3732



Our first trip this year is to an Airstream rally in Door County, Wisconsin at the end of April, which by the time you read this in May will be over. It's going to be an exciting year of travel! Mark and I are organizing our first rally in June at Pictured Rocks in Munising, Michigan. One evening will be a potluck, so what to bring that can be made in one dish? Or better yet, finger food! Spring rolls come to mind. I've taken them on kayaking trips, picnics, hikes and potlucks. They are easy, healthy, fast and fresh. You can make or buy a dipping sauce, but that's not always even necessary. This recipe makes 8, cut in half you'll get 16 pieces. For a group you'll need to double or triple. First, we'll discuss the wrappers and the rice noodles. Rice noodles are also called "rice sticks." They are hair-like noodles; a common brand you'll find is Dynasty, called MAIFUN Rice Sticks, in a red bag with a clear front (6.75 oz). These are easily found in most grocery stores. Spring roll wrappers are paper-thin rice wrappers, Vietnamese in origin, also easily found in grocery stores, often in the Asian or International section. You can get brown rice or white rice wrappers, though white is much more common. They are sold dried and flat in a stack, in a plastic wrapper. You don't boil them; you lay one at a time in hot water for 15-20 seconds, then take it out and lay it on your work surface. Add fillings, roll up, repeat.



Boil some water in a medium-sized pot. Take about **2 oz of rice noodles**, (about 1/3 of the bag) and drop in the water. Remove pan from the heat, lightly stir, and let stand for 10 minutes. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain again.

While noodles are sitting for those first 10 minutes, you can begin cutting up your fillings and lay out your assembly line:

Heat some more water to soak your spring roll wrappers in.

You'll use **1 cup of bean sprouts, 1 cup of finely shredded carrots, 8 soft lettuce leaves (butter lettuce works well in these), 4 chopped green onions (scallions) including tops and greens, and either cilantro or mint or both.** You could also add shredded red cabbage and/or chunks of avocado. Avocado makes everything better.

Pour the hot water from step #1 into a flat skillet or cookie sheet. Lay one spring roll wrapper in the water. When soft, about 15-20 seconds, remove from water and lay on your work surface.

1. Lay a piece of lettuce on the wrapper first.
2. Place a small amount of rice noodles (1/8th of what you have) on one side of the lettuce on the wrapper. Roll paper/lettuce over the noodles. Add some carrots, scallions and bean sprouts and continue to roll in each addition. Add some chopped cilantro or mint, then fold in the top and bottom ends. Finish rolling up so that the ends are tucked in. Place the seam on the bottom. Cut in half diagonally.
3. Keep moist with a damp towel or saran wrap so they don't dry out. They shouldn't be touching each other or they will stick together.

**You can make a spicy dipping sauce with a couple tablespoons of soy sauce, sesame oil and rice vinegar. Sweet chili sauce works well too.**

This recipe was adapted from *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. A novel by Barbara Kingsolver.

# What Would Wally Say?

John Leake, #268



I have yet another true story to share with you, and I promise to keep it short.

It was only 10 years back, Susan and I were proud owners of a new to us Airstream travel trailer, and we were thrilled beyond words. We were fairly seasoned trailerists, having raked around the country for a couple decades in box campers. Now, we had finally achieved a life-long goal of owning an Airstream.

A couple of days later, and purely by happenchance during a phone conversation with a non-Airstream friend, he mentioned he had seen a notice for an upcoming Airstream event sponsored by the WBCCI.

"What the heck is WBCCI" were my first words. He replied, "Well, I'm not exactly sure, but it says the 'The Wally Byam Caravan Club International'." It was quite a mouthful over the phone and took several attempts to spit it all out. I couldn't even repeat it back correctly. My reply was "Who the heck is Wally Byam, what does he have to do with Airstreams, is a caravan part of a circus, and how does International fit in?"

We all know the answers now, but I will wager the first time you heard a similar story, you probably had the same questions. We know the history of Wally, his caravans and the club that bears his name.

Fast forward 10 years. Among many RV'ers, and astoundingly among many new Airstream owners today, the WBCCI remains a much too

well-kept secret. Many new owners don't know Wally, or our Club, and the little they do know is not as appealing to them as it is to us.

Wally Byam was a remarkable man. He was a dreamer, an entrepreneur, a natural and trusted leader, and he always had a plan. Totally dedicated to his passion for travel and adventure, he shared his dreams with his friends,

leading them on historic caravans all over the globe. He was relentless in developing and improving his trailers and caravans, making them the very best available anywhere.

So, what would Wally say about our Club today?

He would say... "It is time for improvements; we can make it better. It is time to find new roads to travel, new places to go, new hills to climb, new stars to gaze upon, new rocks to collect, new rainbows to follow, and new dreams to share. And as we do this, let's bring along some new friends. Let's show them what they are missing and introduce them to a whole new world of travel experiences".

Wally would be correct; those same old roads are showing their age and many are not as appealing, especially to our new friends. We have been down them for many years and they need a new surface.

Let us never forget Wally Byam and our past history, for we would not be here today without him and those that traveled with him. Those old roads led us to where we are today. But let us also never forget that Wally would not be held back, nor would he hold us back, because he always moved forward, always looked for new roads, always looked for bigger and better. He was a visionary, a renaissance man, a seeker of perfection, and would always encourage moving forward even if it required a change in the original course.

So, what would Wally do?

He would move forward, and find those new roads. He would send his scouts ahead to find the best route, trust their advice, then move the group forward. Today, we have the same opportunity.

Our scouts met in Robertsedale, Alabama in January, have looked at the road ahead, charted the best course, made their recommendations, and now it is our turn to move the group forward. We, too, must trust our scouts, and know they are leading us in the right direction. The time has come to make improvements, bring our Club up to date, reach out to our new friends, and continue on down the road together. Wally would embrace the new road, because he was always looking ahead and was never afraid to move forward. He would not be held back.



Do not let the thought of a new road turn you around or hold you back; stay with us, keep moving forward, and let's see what is over the next hill. Our scouts will not let us down. Even if the road gets a little bumpy, remember, at the end of the day, we all pull in together and enjoy a great camp.

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## WBAC Newsletters The Bare Necessities

Hedda Smithson, WBAC Publications Chair

For some time the Publications Committee has been considering the development of a "Newsletter Planning Guide" that would be available to all.

While attending the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees meeting in January, I spotted someone's toy workshop in a local shopping center. The analogy of building a doll or a truck that would please a child to building a newsletter that would please and attract WBAC members came to mind.

Here are the steps one would follow if one were visiting a toy workshop that allows one to be involved in the process and the connection the committee sees to newsletters.

1. Select a toy: What makes a newsletter attractive? What appeals to members? Is the purpose consistent with the members needs?
2. Fill it: What is the content of the newsletter? Are there consistent features? How often is it published? Is there an editor's corner with contact information?

3. Shape it: What is the tone of the newsletter? Is it welcoming and engaging?
4. Make it unique: How is the newsletter tailored to the culture and inclusion of member input?
5. Decorate it: Does the newsletter include colorful graphics and intriguing photos?
6. Give it a name: Does the newsletter's name reflect the culture and identity of the unit and WBAC?
7. Take it home: Is the newsletter easy to find? Does its overall appeal encourage members to look forward to its arrival?

Watch this space for more articles regarding newsletters and the development of a "Newsletter Planning Guide."

If anyone has input and/or suggestions for this project, feel free to send an email to [publications@wbcci.org](mailto:publications@wbcci.org)

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# Journey to 60 National Parks

Jo Salzer, #8010



#60 at Lake Clark NP

**W**ell we did it! Finally made it to all 60 National Parks. It's been decades in the doing, but we picked up speed when we bought our first Airstream in 2014. The Airstream gave focus to our wanderings as this was a new lifestyle for us. The first thing we did was research how many actual NP's there really are as the National Park Service now manages over 418 entities. Besides the National Parks, 88 are National Monuments, 19 are Preserves and 129 are National Historic Sites or Parks and so on. Our goal was just the National Parks. The Michael Joseph Oswald Guide to National Parks became our bible.



Our boat, Wandering Star, at anchor in Glacier Bay NP

We spent many years as sailors and were able to explore several parks by water. Most memorable were the three days inside Glacier Bay, where there is a nail-biting lottery for private boat admittance. We spent a week in Northeast Harbor in Acadia NP in Maine, where we were weathered in for a few days

due to Hurricane Dan back in 2009. We never imagined we'd have hurricane trouble in Maine. St. John Virgin Islands or maybe Biscayne Bay or Key West's Dry Tortugas but not Maine. And for years our own Channel Islands National Park was our boating playground. With those accomplished along with a trip to American Samoa's Pago Pago, a newly established National Park in the late 80's (it wasn't officially recognized by Samoa until 1993 when the NPS was able to lease the land for 50 years) we thought we had the hard parts done. However, there were still almost 30 parks we'd not visited and at least a dozen more that warranted a closer, second look.



Isle Royale Harbor NP

Our summers, of late, have been spent crisscrossing the country and tying together visiting family and friends with visits to National Parks. Some were right along the way, but others took us off the beaten path, and some are not even accessible by road. Voyageurs in Northern Michigan and Isle Royale in Northern Minnesota are best explored by boat or kayaks. In both cases, we camped as close as possible and went to visit by boat.

We never try to camp IN the park's boundaries except during off season. We are not skilled at securing coveted reserved sites 6-months in advance, nor carefree enough to try to grab a spot on the morning of our arrival. We found

that our formula was finding camps adjacent to the parks where we can secure a reservation.

We're often asked which park is our favorite. Our answer is we like them all – well, except maybe Guadalupe Mountains. We have come to appreciate how each park was established and the exceptional people that were responsible for making it happen. The politicians only get involved long after the often-times heroic vision, passion and endurance of one person or a small group of ordinary people decide that this place is special, they must protect it for the generations to come.

Alaska is extra special. We've done its eight parks in three visits. First on our boat. Next, we rented a Class C and explored Denali and a bit of Wrangell-St. Elias and Kenai Fjords. And finally, this summer we flew bush planes to visit the Final Four – those you can't reach by road or boat.

Our first stop took us north to tiny Beetles, Alaska, 35-miles above the Arctic Circle. From here we fly into both Kobuk Valley NP and Gates of the Arctic NP. We stayed at the Beetles Lodge, the only accommodations, bar and restaurant in this region with a tiny air strip and just steps from the National Park visitors center.

It was here that we first encountered "Park Collectors," individual travelers who are also on a quest to "Collect" all the parks. We proudly stated that we were here to get #56's – to #59. Then someone said, "but there are 60 now." What? Noooo! It was then we learned that the St. Louis Arch area had been re-designated a National Park in July just days before this trip. Ah, but then we were assured that since we'd visited the Arch and Memorial a few times, we could still count it as done. Phew. So, we



added Gateway Arch National Park to our done list and we were still counting down the Final Four.

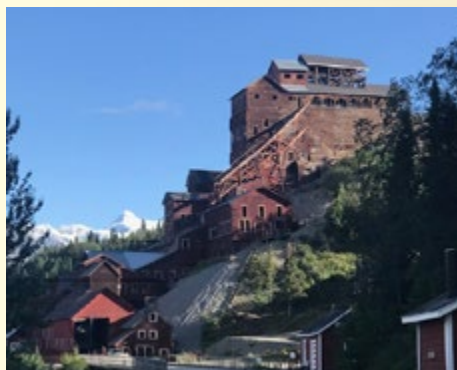


Gates of the Arctic NP

No roads enter Gates of the Arctic NP. Most visitors need to take a bush plane to visit the park. Some get dropped off and then backpack and paddle out miles of this pristine wilderness. We took the 4-seat bush plane option into the park's Brooks Range. It was magnificent flying over the endless oxbow rivers and through the towering, snowcapped craggy mountains. There are no landing strips allowed in the park, so our mid-summer visit made it difficult for our pilot to find a place to land. Continuous snow melt changes the water levels of the rivers hourly making a dry landing difficult. After some searching, we able to put down on a newly exposed rocky beach so we could explore some of the area on foot. It is the quiet that is most remarkable. All we could discern was the movement of the water and the slight rustle of the leaves. We saw no one.

Kobuk Valley NP is not far from Gates of the Arctic, but the topography is vastly different. This arctic wilderness is flat and barren. The tundra is soggy as the permafrost prevents drainage. It is also home to the Great Kobuk Sand Dune. There are no roads, trails or facilities in the park and again the best way to see it is by bush plane. Experienced backpackers and paddlers can work with an outfitter if they want to create a multi-day exploration. We flew in and landed on a pristine Sand Dune and set up a picnic lunch under the wings. Again, total silence. No footprints, not a soul around. We were too early in the year to be able to catch a glimpse of migrating caribou.

We revisited Wrangell-St. Elias, this time taking the teeth rattling McCarthy Road into Kennecott Mill and Inn. The Root Glacier is easily explored from the historic Inn. We also returned to Kenai



Kennicott Mill in Wrangell-St. Elias NP

Fjords just to hang out in a tiny cabin on the shores of Resurrection Bay. We'd arranged a private boat to take us out to the little coves and bays, however the weather did not cooperate. Looks like we will have to go back again for a deeper explore. Not a bad thing.

Our 59<sup>th</sup> park was Katmai on the Alaskan Peninsula. We really wanted to get up close to the Grizzly Bears at Brooks Camp, which is also home to the NPS center, and so was our best option. Again, this park is only accessible by plane or boat. We took a seaplane in and were



Bear with its catch near Brooks Falls

delighted to immediately see bears frolicking in nearby Naknek Lake. There are no fences, so the mandatory first stop for everyone is the National Park HQ where we underwent an hour-long training on how to handle the inevitable bear encounters. There are viewing platforms so you can observe, out of harm's way, literally dozens of bears at a time in the lake or along the Brooks River as they are fishing for spawning salmon in the falls. The bears, usually two or three together would roam throughout our scattered sleeping cabins to eat the grass,

scratch their backs on the trees and wrestle with each other. What a show!

Our most elusive and final National Park was beautiful Lake Clark on the Alaskan Peninsula where the Aleutian Mountain Range meets up with the Alaskan Range. It is only accessible by air and there are many bad weather days when flights are grounded. The miserable weather cancelled our planned float plane excursion, but we didn't give up. We scrambled and were able to find a 6 passenger scheduled all weather flight through the mountain passes and into Port Alsworth, site of the NPS office. It was the most frightening flight of our lives. There was much comforting hand squeezing as we watched the pilot use his radar screen, with bright red mountain warning indicators on both sides, as he carefully navigated us through miles of narrow canyons as we bumped and gyrated through the storm.

Finally breaking out of those clouds and seeing the 32-mile milky azure lake was a "Hallelujah" moment for us. It turned out to be a magical day. Our arrival was on Sunday morning and we soon realized that every local native Alaskan and visitor alike were making their way to their outdoor chapel. Soon we were all part of a celebratory joyful service featuring a remarkable missionary family from Iraq.

Afterwards, we were able to have a picnic, hike the trails, stroll along the lakeshore and have a long visit with the very lonely NP ranger who said he gets less than 200 non-native visitors a summer. To cap it off we were asked to grab a U.S. Flag and join the locals on the landing strip to say "Welcome home" to wounded veterans and their spouses arriving for a week-long retreat to help them rebuild their shattered lives.

We will be forever grateful for this opportunity to say Thank You to these brave soldiers. It somehow seemed a fitting end to our quest to experience this country's greatest treasure, our National Parks.



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# HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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## The 1959-60 African Caravan Part 1: Introduction and Overview

It is time to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of one of the greatest Airstream adventures ever undertaken, the:

1959-60 African Caravan  
(a.k.a. "Cape Town to Cairo")

We cannot be sure when the idea for an African caravan first occurred to Wally Byam, but in December 1952, during a caravan to Mexico, he mentioned the idea to eventual African caravanner Harry Halbritter. After the formation of the Wally Byam Caravan Club in 1955, Wally finally had his cousin Helen Byam Schwamborn in the perfect position to act upon the idea.



Helen Tracks the African Caravan Route

Certainly, this major undertaking required many months of detailed planning. Proposed routes, passports, visas, carnets (passports for trucks and Airstreams), international drivers' licenses, and insurance all had to be arranged. One underappreciated task was that of ensuring an adequate supply of gasoline and butane along the planned caravan route as they would be traveling in very remote and primitive areas.



Arrangements were made to truck 50-gallon drums of gasoline to remote locations along the route so the caravan could refuel. Butane availability was just as critical as it allowed the caravanners to boil their drinking water and keep their refrigerators cold.

The first formal announcement that an African Caravan was in development occurred in the

September 1958 edition of the Caravanner newspaper. The African Caravan was then heavily promoted at the Palm Springs Airstream Rally in October 1958.

A series of thirteen bulletins were published for prospective African caravanners advising them on all sorts of details including required paperwork, vaccinations, spare parts, and overseas shipping options. In anticipation of poor road conditions, one of the most important requirements was a 4-wheel-drive tow vehicle, with International Harvester trucks being specifically recommended. These trucks had to be able to carry enough fuel for 600 miles between fuel stops.

The bulletins were critical for the success of the caravan, as 25 of the 41 families had never participated on an Airstream caravan before.



Wally and Stella at Palm Springs

Some were such “newbies” that they had never traveled in a trailer before and bought their first trailer, an Airstream, specifically for this caravan. The members of the 41 families that made up the caravan numbered 106 in total, and ranged in age from 6 to 86, including 21 children and young adults. Most caravanners were of retirement age and many came from comfortable backgrounds and were not necessarily familiar with changing a flat tire, or leaf spring, or the rear axle on their truck, but they would become adept at these tasks during the caravan as the provided mechanic could not keep up with the breakages. Very importantly, caravanners included five doctors whose services would prove to be truly lifesaving during the caravan.

Wally Byam also had some very experienced caravanners on this adventure who he could lean on for any help he needed. One of the most important was #50 Louis and Mildred Mousley, with Lou serving as the Wagon Boss for the caravan. Another was #616 Harry and Eileen Halbritter. Harry assumed the Wagon Boss duties on at least two occasions when the Mousleys broke their truck and had to stay behind waiting for repairs. Harry also assisted the mechanic and became very adept at quickly replacing broken springs and axles.

Two special support trucks were provided to assist the caravan, each featuring a shortened Airstream body on a 4-wheel-drive Chevrolet chassis. One was used by the Advance Scouts, Dale Schwamborn and Nick Charles. Dale was 21, the cousin of Wally Byam and son of Helen



Wally, Gold Trailer and African Caravan Tow Vehicle

Byam Schwamborn. Nick was 17, the son of Ohio Airstream Plant President Andy Charles.

The second similar truck pulled a small parts trailer and was for Mechanic Arturo (Art) Ruiz. A third support truck for the Photographer, Pete Turner, sported a white camper body on a 4-wheel-drive International Harvester chassis.

No discussion of the African Caravan would be complete without a mention that this was the last and most famous trip that Wally and Stella Byam took in the Gold Airstream that now resides at the Airstream Factory in Jackson Center, OH. Besides the gold anodized exterior skin, this trailer was a test bed for new technologies, including prototype Duratorque torsion axles. While every other trailer on the African caravan was breaking leaf springs, Wally's trailer was riding comfortably on the rubber rods contained in its torsion axles. This success led to the Duratorque torsion axle becoming standard equipment on 1961 Airstreams.

The official labeling on the trucks used by Wally Byam, the Scouts, and the Mechanic initially read:

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but by the time they visited the Pygmies in the Belgian Congo the labeling had been changed to:

**Wally Byam's CARAVAN**  
**Africa – Near East – Europe**

so that they could enter the predominantly Muslim countries in northern Africa and the Middle East. If you are puzzled by the inclusion of “Europe” in the truck labels, that is because from the start, touring Europe was always part of the plan for this grand adventure. Many of the African Caravanners did indeed continue with the caravan to tour the Middle East and then Europe. Eventually, the European portion of the caravan was opened up to other club members that did not have the time, resources, or sense of adventure to also pull their Airstream the length of Africa. This resulted in the following two caravans being formally recognized ever since:

- **Caravan 20: Africa – Holy Land 1959-60**
- **Caravan 24: Europe Summer 1960**

The proposed Africa itinerary had the caravanners arriving in Cape Town, South Africa on July 7, 1959 with departure set for July 14, though caravanners actually arrived between late-May and mid-July via a variety of ships. A few caravanners shipped their rigs by sea



Support Trucks in the Nubian Desert, Sudan



and then flew to Cape Town. The proposed itinerary had the caravanners reaching Cairo on December 7, 1959 and the port at Alexandria, Egypt on December 11, 1959. Total distance was estimated to be 11,501 miles over 85 travel days for an average of 135 miles per travel day. Hindsight shows this to have been an extremely optimistic expectation as the caravan often failed to meet their expected mileage, sometimes traveling less than 10 miles after a full day's effort, causing them to arrive in Cairo about 2 months later than planned. The proposed itinerary called for travel in or thru 11 countries on the African continent though some caravanners made side trips to neighboring countries along the way. It is astonishing that 29 of the 41 Airstreams that started in Cape Town made it to camp below the Pyramids near Cairo on February 6, 1960. Wally Byam's telegram to the USA read "Because the impossible takes a little longer, we arrived a little late, but you can tell the world that the Wally Byam Caravan from Cape Town to Cairo is history."

The African Caravan was in the right place at the right time. It could not have been run much earlier due to a lack of roads, nor much later due to political instability. The caravanners

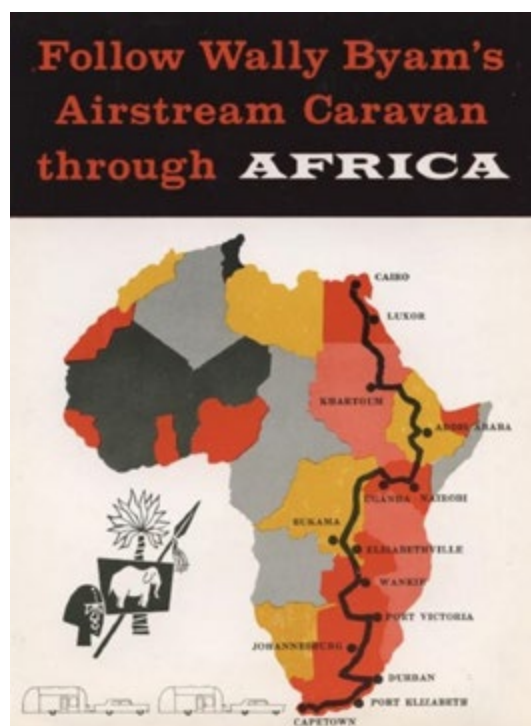


did sense a common tension in most of the countries they visited as the native peoples were edging toward independence from their European colonizers. This feeling was never more prevalent than in the Belgian Congo that was scheduled to be given its independence from Belgium in 1960 and would be the site of bloody battles and the massacre of white inhabitants less than a year after the caravan passed through. Similar tensions, though not as strong, existed in many of the African countries then under the "protection" of Great Britain. In Ethiopia and Eritrea there was some threat from roving bandits and guards traveled with the caravan for its protection, but no security incidents occurred.

The biggest challenge the caravan faced was the condition of the roads they traveled over, or in some cases the lack of any real roads at all. In many countries the roads were made up of hundreds of miles of dusty, rocky washboards. In other places they fought deep mudholes or traversed very steep, narrow, rocky mountain passes. They quickly became adept at pulling a rig out of a mudhole with ropes and muscle power and crawling under a truck or trailer on the side of the road to fix a broken spring or broken axle.

Vibration from the rough roads caused more extensive damage on some rigs. Truck and trailer frames cracked requiring welding repairs, Airstream bodies came loose from their frames, cabinets and appliances came free from the walls, and water and butane lines broke causing leaks. In Ethiopia, they had to spend days filling in mudholes and deep ruts before they could even attempt to drive over them. But through it all, when a new obstacle was to be faced almost all would vote to push on forward.

Another challenge was public opinion. Before they left the USA and from Cape Town, South Africa to Khartoum, Sudan in Africa they were repeatedly told they would not make it. Oh, they might make it thru Rhodesia, but the Congo



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## Caravanning Tech Tips - Part 2

Continued from April 2019

### Fuses

Obtain a set of various size fuses for your Airstream and your tow (or towed) vehicle. Check your manuals and find the physical location of the boxes. There are several different fuse types as well as sizes so be sure you get the correct ones. Do not forget any extra electronics or appliances you have added to the vehicles. Do you know where all your fuses are? What about the in-line fuse holders behind the dashboard? This is particularly important for motor homes where you will have panels installed by both Airstream and the chassis builder. I have fixed many failures by discovering a hidden panel with a blown fuse. Find all the panels before you have a failure. Trying to troubleshoot a problem without knowing the fuse locations and circuit being protected, can more than double or triple the troubleshooting time and repair costs. Provide this information to the mechanic even if you are not the service tech yourself.

My current motor home has more than ten major panels and at least another ten inline or circuit board fuse holders. You always need at least two of each fuse. The second one is needed after you install the first one and it blows again, which proves that something is shorted or defective and the fuse is doing its job. **Never replace a fuse with a higher current rated fuse unless you know what the circuit does, and the operating current being drawn through it.** A fuse is not there to protect the light bulb, circuit board, appliance or computer. Its purpose is to protect the wiring. You can always get a new bulb or board but replacing a burnt-out

wire or causing a fire in a wall or subfloor can really be expensive. On very rare occasions, a design engineer may not have considered the wide environmental range our RVs have to live in. In this case, a change in fuse size might be needed. I have run into this only three or four times in over 50 years. **Do not increase any fuse size; bigger is not always better and sometimes it can lead to disaster.**

A handy item to carry is a set of ATC automotive type fuses that are circuit breakers. These will open if there is excessive current flow and then heal/reset once the current goes below the fuse rating. These are handy for troubleshooting and determining that you have solved a problem. I carry 15A, 20A and 30A sets. Once the problem is resolved and the breaker no longer opens, you can replace it with the properly rated fuse. Many trailers use self-healing 12-volt circuit breakers and when there is an overcurrent condition, they seem to be buzzing which usually means you have exceeded the current rating and they are just turning on and off.

LED replacements are available, at reasonable costs, for your interior and exterior lighting needs. These are particularly effective for replacing incandescent lights. "Super Bright LEDs" (the supplier) also provides a complete series of automotive replacement LEDs which have the standard auto bulb bases for easily converting running lights, tail lights, turn signals, etc. They are also available for fluorescent fixtures and can be wired into your existing fixtures in place of the bulbs. LED replacements will considerably reduce current draw wherever they are used, thus extending battery life when dry camping.

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## Electronic Boards

Another connection area that can cause all kinds of problems is the tiny Molex plugs on your circuit boards. All your gas appliances that have self-lighting capability have circuit boards to control this function. Some of these are exposed to the elements and pick up dirt as well as corrosion. **You cannot use WD-40** to clean these connections since it will leave a film that attracts dirt and grease. You should have a spray can of "Electronic Circuit Cleaner" that leaves no residue after use. It can also be used on the entire board to remove dirt and prevent short circuits. Most of the appliance vendors have gone to potted circuit boards when they are exposed to the elements; this is particularly important on earlier RVs. On occasion, an appliance will be intermittent, just start, and then stop working. Check the connections to the circuit boards. Carefully remove them, spray with contact cleaner; plug in and out a few times and then remake the connection. I have fixed dozens of problems with this simple procedure.

## Special Lubricant Needs

Silicon spray lubricant

WD-40 degreaser

Corrosion Pro Lubrimatic spray grease or Kwikol step lube

PB blaster rust remover

Electronic circuit cleaner

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

To be continued next month.

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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would stop them. If they made it thru most of the Belgian Congo, they'd never make it across the Luvua River. If they made it to Nairobi, Kenya, they'd never make it to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. And if they made it to Addis Ababa, they'd never make it across the Nubian Desert in Sudan. But they did all of these things, though some of the obstacles did slow them down.

In part 2 we will begin a country by country review of this caravan, highlighting some of the wildlife, African tribes, and ancient ruins they saw; many of the hardships they overcame; and a few of the many occasions they were invited into the homes of natives, Europeans, and Americans living in Africa. This review will be based upon the combined accounts of four African Caravan families:

#1 Wally and Stella Byam

#342 Lillie and Ralph Douglass

#598 Joe and Toots Bos

#692 Virgil and Grace Golden

When we are done, I think you will understand why the WBCCI membership numbers used on this caravan have been recognized as Heritage Numbers.

### International Rally Opportunity

Dale Schwamborn, cousin of Wally Byam and Scout on the 1959-60 African Caravan, will be providing three talks at the International Rally in Doswell, VA. Check them out to learn a little more about the African Caravan and other topics related to the early years of Airstream and WBCCI.



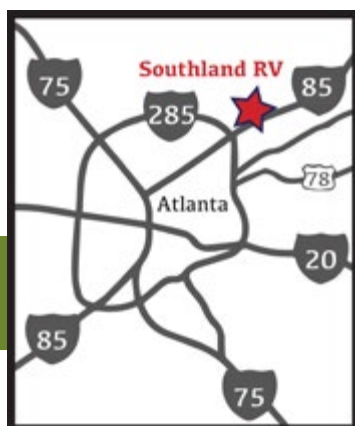
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# Doswell, Virginia

Lew Brodsky #2585



It's springtime, and as the weather gets increasingly warmer we get ever closer to the International Rally in Doswell. To help you plan your agenda for the time you will spend in Virginia in July, this is the fifth in a series of six articles about places of significance you may want to visit.

In each of these Blue Beret articles, we examine places of significance when driving in a specific direction from Doswell. Thus far we described places to the west, southeast, and northeast, as well as attractions very close to Doswell. We've mentioned that some of these places, like the National Museum of the Marine Corps (see the April issue of Blue Beret) can be done as a "day trip." But we've also cautioned that major Virginia tourist attractions, like Williamsburg and the Historic Colonial Triangle area (see the March issue) take several days to experience fully.

In this month's article, we look at a few points of interest SOUTH of our rally site. Admittedly, they get fewer visitors than Virginia's bigger and better-known attractions, but they are interesting, less crowded and historically significant. Any of them can easily be seen in a day trip from Doswell. And, because they are close to each other and less than an hour away, you might even have time to visit two or three in a single trip.

Richmond, Virginia's capital, is only 25 miles south and it's worth a full day. We described highlights of this city in the November 2018 Blue Beret, but to explore what Richmond offers, it's best to start at the Visitor Center. Get a map, talk to a representative at the desk and plan your stops.

On the way toward Richmond, you will pass Virginia's one and only Airstream dealership. "Airstream of Virginia" has a new location just off I-95 Exit 89 near Ashland. As you drive south for eight miles, you'll see a whole bunch of familiar-looking silver trailers (and many SOB RVs) parked in a huge lot off the edge of the Interstate at mile marker 90.0. The dealership is operated by Camping World and located alongside their larger McGeorge's Rolling Hills RV facility. It offers RV service and has an accessories store.



Henricus Hospital replica

Near Richmond, the old and the new stand side-by-side. A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Dominion Electric power plant is adjacent to a 17<sup>th</sup> Century historic site on the James River. The "Citie of Henricus at Dutch Gap," was the second English

settlement in America founded in 1611, four years after Jamestown. Henricus is where the famous princess of the Powhatan tribe we know as "Pocahontas" converted to Christianity and lived with her English husband, tobacco planter John Rolfe. On the piece of land believed to be the original site of Henricus, Chesterfield County now operates a living history museum employing a staff of 17 interpreters in period dress. Visitors are greeted in replica buildings of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century; including a settler's home with chickens, hogs and goats; a replica of the first hospital in English America; a parsonage; a church/meeting hall; and an Indian village. Everything here is on a much smaller scale than the "Jamestown Settlement" tourist attraction, 50 miles downstream, but fewer visitors means more time to spend with the interpreters to learn about 17<sup>th</sup> Century life in America.

Drive a little further south to Petersburg and you fast forward in time more than 250 years. Petersburg was of pivotal importance in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It was where the closing eastern battles of the Civil War were fought. Just



Sculpture at Civil War Soldier Museum

off I-85 southwest of the city is Pamplin Historic Park, which includes the award-winning National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. Here you learn a lot about the bloodiest war in American history from the perspective of those who did the fighting, Union and Confederate. The museum's displays, artifacts, interactive audio programs and videos purposefully de-emphasize leaders and politics, focusing instead on the war's impact on the life of the common soldier. Also at Pamplin is the site where, on April 2, 1865, the 5<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry broke through the Confederate defenses surrounding Petersburg, hastening Robert E. Lee's retreat and inevitable surrender at Appomattox seven days later.



Tudor Hall Plantation at Pamplin Park

On the east side of the city is the Petersburg National Battlefield, maintained by the National Park Service. An 18-minute video and a driving tour explain General Ulysses S. Grant's siege of the city between

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## 62<sup>nd</sup> Wally Byam Airstream Club INTERNATIONAL RALLY July 20-27, 2019 🐾 Doswell, Virginia

### REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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

**Checks payable to:** “WBCCI” US Funds Only  
**Mail to:** WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334

**Rally Parking:** Parking dates will be distributed Spring 2019  
**Notes:** Handicap Parking subject to verification by HQ

**FOR REGISTRARS ONLY:** Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment Type: ☐Cash ☐Check ☐Card ☐PayPal Amt Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



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Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$110.00	\$
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Solar Camping Discount	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ -50.00	\$
Generator Camping Discount	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ -50.00	\$
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$- 20.00	\$
GRAND TOTAL:				\$

Parking Options	Yes
Handicap	
Vintage	
Interests	✓
First Timer	
Band Member	
Amateur Radio Club	
Free Wheelers	
Full Timers	

Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment Type: ☐Cash ☐Check ☐Card ☐PayPal Amt Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteers Needed! These Committees need help in Doswell:

Band - Greg Heuer [gheuer@umich.edu](mailto:gheuer@umich.edu)

Carpentry - Fred Kiehl [fred@kiehlbuilding.com](mailto:fred@kiehlbuilding.com)

Choir - Bob Hawkins [rehawkpe@maxxsouth.net](mailto:rehawkpe@maxxsouth.net)

Club Store - Leslie Martin [ljjamartin@yahoo.com](mailto:ljjamartin@yahoo.com)

Member Services - Judy Shelley [judyfshelley@gmail.com](mailto:judyfshelley@gmail.com)

Mentors for Group Driving Tours - Ann Newman [27anewman@gmail.com](mailto:27anewman@gmail.com)

Pet Show - Lilli Hamnqvist [lilli@hamnqvist.org](mailto:lilli@hamnqvist.org)

Presentations/Roundtables - Victoria Magnacca [doswellpresentations@wbcci.net](mailto:doswellpresentations@wbcci.net)

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the chair by email.

## Doswell, Virginia

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June 1864 and April 1865. Grant knew that capturing Petersburg would cut off supplies to Richmond and strangle the Confederacy. During a nine-month siege, many battles were fought along the city's perimeter, resulting in over 70,000 casualties. In one early battle, Union troops from Pennsylvania used their expertise as coal miners to dig a 511-foot-long tunnel under a Confederate strongpoint and then detonated explosives in what was described at the time as the "largest, loudest boom in the history of the world." Visitors can view the site to learn what happened after the explosion in what became known as the "Battle of the Crater."



Women's Museum Exterior

Returning to this century, two small museums which showcase aspects of today's Army are at nearby Fort Lee. You can visit the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum and the U.S. Army Women's Museum. They are located next

We have described these Virginia destinations south of Doswell as "day trips;" but there is also good camping in the Petersburg area for longer stays, or as an overnight stop on the way to the International Rally. A favorite of Virginia's Airstreamers is Pocahontas State Park, which has a well-maintained public campground with water/electric sites.



Civil War Soldier Museum diorama

The next issue of Blue Beret will feature the final article in this series. We take an in-depth look at Northern Virginia, a bustling metropolis about 70 miles due north of Doswell via Interstate 95. The land between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers was once the colonial stomping grounds (and home) of George Washington. Today, Northern Virginia (often abbreviated "NoVa" or "NORVA") serves as a government, business and residential extension of the Nation's Capital. NoVa and metropolitan Washington D.C. is a "must see," especially if you are visiting Virginia for the first time.

to each other on this Army base.





Virginia Points of Interest Driving SOUTH from The Meadow Event Park	# miles from Doswell (Est. driving time)	Website	GPS Coordinates
<b>Airstream of Virginia Camping World &amp; McGeorge's RV</b> 11525 Sunshade Lane Ashland, VA 23005 804-550-7323	11.9 (south) (13 min.) via I-95 Exit 89	<a href="http://www.airstreamofva.com">www.airstreamofva.com</a>	37.72282N -77.45325W
<b>City of Richmond - Virginia's State Capital</b> Visitor Center 405 N. 3rd St, Richmond, VA 23219	25.3 (south) (24 min.) via I-95 Exit 75 & N. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	<a href="http://www.visitrichmondva.com">www.visitrichmondva.com</a>	37.54570N -77.43756W
<b>U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum</b> 1201 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street Fort Lee, VA 23801 804-734-4203 (Co-located with Army Women's Museum)	52.2 (south) (48 min.) via I-95 Exit 54 & SR144 east Enter main gate (Sisisky Blvd.)	<a href="http://www.qmmuseum.lee.army.mil">www.qmmuseum.lee.army.mil</a>	37.24220N -77.34622W
<b>U.S. Army Women's Museum</b> 2100 Adams Avenue Fort Lee, VA 23801 804-734-4327 (Co-located with the Army Quartermaster Museum)	52.2 (south) (48 min.) via I-95 Exit 54 & SR144 east Enter main gate (Sisisky Blvd.)	<a href="http://www.awm.lee.army.mil">www.awm.lee.army.mil</a>	37.24220N -77.34622W
<b>Petersburg National Battlefield</b> Visitors Center 5001 Siege Road Prince George, VA 23875 804-732-3531	50.2 (south) (48 min.) via I-95 Exit 52 U.S. 460/301	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm">www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm</a>	37.24317N -77.23875W Visitor Center
<b>Henricus Historical Park (1611 A.D.)</b> 251 Henricus Point Road Chester, VA 23836 804-748-1611	44.3 (south) (46 min.) via I-95 Exit 61A SR10 east, SR732 & 615	<a href="http://www.henricus.org">www.henricus.org</a>	37.37416N -77.36576W
<b>Pamplin Historical Park &amp; The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier</b> 6125 Boydton Plank Road Petersburg, VA 23803 804-861-2820	55.5 (south) (53 min.) via I-95, I-85 Exit 63A, & U.S.1 south	<a href="http://www.pamplinpark.org">www.pamplinpark.org</a>	37.18841N -77.47775W
<b>Pocahontas State Park (camping)</b> 10301 State Park Road Chesterfield, VA 23832 804-796-4255 Electric/Water/Dump station	44.0 (south) (54.9 min.) via I-95 Exit 62, SR288, SR10, & SR655	<a href="http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas">www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas</a>	37.36952N -77.56047W Park entrance ranger booth



# Rally Exhibitors Section

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## Pop-Up Exhibitors

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## Kukstis Woodcarving

Custom hand-carved wood signs, hand-carved eagle plaques, folk art

## Trostle Creative, LLC

Children's book "The Adventures of Shining Hope", camping related window decals, hand-made decal t-shirts & accessories

## Hutch Mountain

Hand generator accessories

## Gina Smith

Dog-pet products theme; shirts, cups, magnets, treats, dishtowels, Elvis – children's book, hats, keychains



## Calling All Editors! Final Unit Publications Contest

Kathy Blake, #4901  
Chair, Unit Publications Committee  
[kathyblake@rogers.com](mailto:kathyblake@rogers.com)

The 2019 Unit Publications Contest in Doswell will be the final contest before we switch to a “showcase” format in 2020. For the last time, Units are invited to enter newsletters (3 consecutive issues produced since the International Rally in Salem) and/or the current Unit Membership Directory.

**Newsletters:** 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 will fall into the print-friendly 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. Entries that meet the print-friendly definition but that are entered as web-based may not be judged.

**Directories:** As in the past, there will be two categories – bound and loose-leaf. A bound entry is one that is secured by one or more staples,

binding or coil. A loose-leaf entry is not secured by staples, binding or coil.

**To enter:** At the Rally, entries will be received at posted times during check-in. Judging will take place on July 22 and top entries will be on display on July 24. Units wishing to enter the competition by mail must ensure their entries are received by July 20. Mailing information can be found on the Doswell website [doswell.wbccci.net/helpful-information/](http://doswell.wbccci.net/helpful-information/). Please contact me if you plan to enter by mail so that I can keep an eye out for your entry's arrival. Unfortunately, I will not be able to return mailed-in entries.

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

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## Airstream Ladies This is for You!

Marian Hetzler, #280, Chair

Would you like to have a lovely afternoon Ladies Tea in a beautiful southern-style mansion with other Airstream ladies? We can make that happen!!

We wanted to have a special occasion for you ladies and to give you all a chance to relax and enjoy yourselves.

Over the years, we have added a few "special extras" to our teas and we hope you will agree.

We ask each lady to bring a tea cup (6-8oz) and a saucer.

If possible, please bring a hat (or a ball cap or a visor) to wear.

You are encouraged to embellish your chapeau!

**Remember:** Ladies Tea, Meadow Hall Ballroom & Conservatory

Thursday, July 25, 2019, 2 – 4 PM

**Important:** Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 each at the sign-up tables on Saturday, July 20 from 1 - 4 PM and Sunday, July 21 from 1 – 4 PM. There is limited seating, so be sure to sign up. We will have tickets for prizes.

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OR

You may mail a personal check to:

Rosann Marquardt #7323

302 Scoggins Creek Trail

Hartfield, VA 23071

Your check needs to be received before June 19.

No refunds after June 30.

## Rally Arrivals

Larry Owens, #1600  
Rally Arrival Team Chair

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

When you arrive to the staging area, 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 staging area (dry camping) and we'll park you 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 (2) 25 ft. water hoses or longer with free flow Y adapter so we can daisy chain the water if necessary. Bring an additional electric cord and adapters suitable to carry the electrical load your trailer requires. Please switch your water heater and refrigerator to gas and run only one air conditioner. We don't want to overload the temporary power grid. Arrive with your holding tanks empty and fresh water tank completely full.

Thanks.

## Mountain Highway



With a style all their own, Mountain Highway® is an authentic young family band steeped in traditional bluegrass and gospel music originally made famous by icons like Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, and Ralph Stanley. The band is comprised of four sibling singers who play banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and guitar, with their father playing upright bass. The group is often heralded for its tight family harmony.

After seeing them perform in Nashville, Debra Jean Wagoner said, "I had chill bumps. Their music transported me back to the days when my father Porter Wagoner took me to hear bluegrass

at the Ryman Auditorium."

Bluegrass icon Jamie Dailey said, "When I heard angelic voices singing harmony to one another from a group called Mountain Highway, I was stunned! I'm a harmony buff and love hearing it done purely."

Mountain Highway hails from Lynchburg, Virginia, but travels each week to perform about a hundred times a year at popular music venues, festivals, fairs, and churches in several states. A few of their notable appearances have been at: Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver Festival (NC), HoustonFest/Galax (VA), Jerusalem Ridge Celebration (KY), North Barton Grange Bluegrass Festival (NY), Rue Farms Concert Series (OH), and Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival (PA).

Opening Night Entertainment  
provided by  
Meadow Event Park

JULY 20

## WBCCI Band and Choir

What a treat you will have if you are present at the Doswell Rally on Wednesday evening, July 24. Tell me what organization you know of that brings their own band and choir to their annual gathering? No one I know of. What's even cooler is the fact that they are actually very good. This year's groups will be led by Greg Heuer (from Virginia) and Bob Hawkins will be again directing the choir. You will also see and hear them at the opening and closing ceremonies and at the church services.

The theme for this year's music selections will be a "Celebration of America." Of course, Souza marches will be included. The colonial period and civil war will be honored. Next, because of our location, Horse Racing will be honored and the Westward expansion will be addressed. Then the band will get fantastical with a medley from the Disney movie Aladdin. Of course, there is a lot more with some surprises.

Our band director Greg has asked me to request any members that have playing experience to join his group. He said that even if you haven't played since Junior High (middle school), he can work with you. So dust off that instrument and join a great group of Airstreamers and musicians. Don't forget to come out on Wednesday night and support your WBCCI band.

JULY 24

## Member Services

Judy Shelley, #5932, Chair

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

## Quilting Experience

Carol White, #3855, Chair

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

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

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

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



## MAIL AND PACKAGES IN DOSWELL

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

### Incoming Mail

Meadow Event Park

Attn: Your Name, WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box 130

Doswell, VA 23047-0130

### Incoming Packages (UPS/Fed Ex/Other Shipments)

Meadow Event Park

Attn: Your Name, WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

13111 Dawn Blvd.

Doswell, VA 23047-2012

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

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



## Pet Show

Lilli Hamnqvist #285

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

Doswell, VA on Sunday, July 21

Check-in time is 1:00 PM sharp

Show starts at 1:30 PM and will be held in the Farm Bureau Building

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Charity for Doswell

John Frerking #227

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



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

This organization operates three

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

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

### NEEDED ITEMS FOR HOME AGAIN SHELTERS

NEW towels and washcloths

NEW twin size bed sheets

NEW twin size blankets

NEW standard size pillows

NEW and gently used furniture

Men's adjustable belts

School and craft supplies

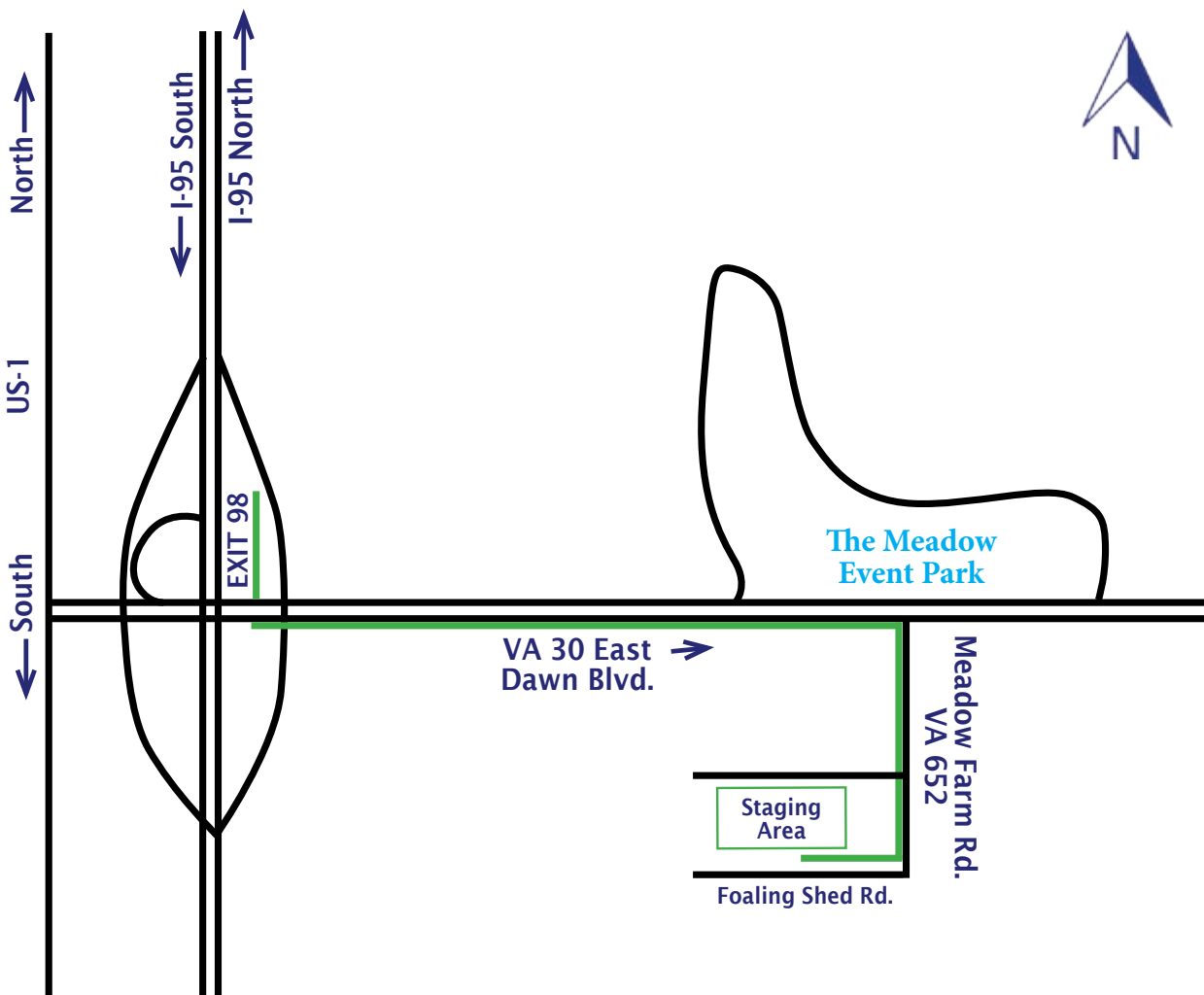
Household cleaning supplies

Kitchen and cooking supplies

**THANK YOU!**

# International Rally

## Doswell, Virginia – 2019



### Directions to the Doswell VA International Rally Arrival area.

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



## Golden State Caravan

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

"California, Here I come", though not the official state song of California, conjures up images of the "Golden State" and all it has to offer for residents and visitors alike.

Join Mike and Phyllis Minadeo as they take a caravan from San Diego to San Francisco. As residents of California, they would like for you to join them to see their state from the southern to the northern areas of interest. There will be 12 stops on this 41-day long caravan, there will be lots of time to explore, learn and make memories!

Starting in La Mesa on April 30, 2020, touring the San Diego area will be the first area of exploration. Hop-on, hop-off tour of San Diego will make a stop at the USS Midway Museum where veteran pilots give talks on the flight deck ([www.midway.org](http://www.midway.org)). In the San Diego area is La Jolla, the home of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography ([www.scripps.ucsd.edu](http://www.scripps.ucsd.edu)), Cabrillo National Monument ([www.nps.gov/cabr](http://www.nps.gov/cabr)) at Point Loma with beautiful views of the harbor and Mexico's Coronado Islands, Coronado Island with the famous Del Coronado Hotel, Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo ([www.zoo.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.zoo.sandiegozoo.org)) and the historic Gaslamp Quarter/District ([www.gaslamp.org](http://www.gaslamp.org)) known for its restaurants and shopping.

Next stop is Newport Beach and a narrated harbor tour of Newport Bay's multimillion dollar celebrity homes. A day on Catalina Island hiking, eating in great restaurants or shopping in quirky shops will pass quickly. The Wrigley Memorial and Botanic Garden (chewing gum tycoon) is definitely worth seeing ([www.catalinaconservancy.org](http://www.catalinaconservancy.org)).

Touring the Ronald Regan Presidential Library ([www.reaganlibrary.gov](http://www.reaganlibrary.gov)) and enjoying lunch under the wings of Air Force One located in the beautiful Simi Valley is planned for the next stop in the Los Angeles area. A tour of LA will include visits to Hollywood, Sunset Blvd, Beverly Hills and celebrity



Mountain View - submitted by Mike Minadeo

homes. A visit to one of California's most famous art museums the Getty, with its stunning architecture, gardens and views of LA ([www.getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu)) another scheduled stop.

For the fourth stop, the caravan goes to Santa Barbara and the Solvang area. Santa Barbara is promoted as the "American Riviera" with its Spanish and Mexican history and influence. Solvang is known for its Danish-style architecture and many wineries. La

Purisima Mission ([www.lapurimamission.org](http://www.lapurimamission.org)) is considered the most completely restored mission in California with 10 of the original buildings fully restored and furnished to the 1820s.

Moving north, the caravan heads to Morro Bay/Pismo Bay and Hearst Castle – one of America's 10 most amazing castles ([www.hearstcastle.org](http://www.hearstcastle.org)). A visit to the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo for dinner or a slice of pie is always a treat – recommends Phyllis!

Stop 6 takes the caravan to Monterey Bay area and Steinbeck country. A visit and lunch at his birthplace, childhood home and museum are planned. The amazing Monterey Bay Aquarium's ([www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org)) mission is to inspire conservation of the ocean. Elkhorn Slough has playful sea otters, curious harbor seals, boisterous sea lions and hundreds of bird species. Other areas of interest include Carmel, Cannery Row, Pebble Beach's 17-mile drive, Big Sur and Big Basin Redwood State Park.

The California Delta and the historic small town of Locke is the next stop on the continuing route to the north. Locke housed many Chinese immigrants hired to drain the Delta wetland and build levees to regulate flood control. Lodi, home to more than 80 wineries, is known as the "Zinfandel Capital of the World" because the local wineries produce 40% of the premiere Zinfandel in California.

Stop 8 will bring the caravan to Yosemite in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Yosemite National Park ([www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)) is famous for its giant Sequoia trees, Tunnel View Overlook, Bridal Veil Falls, the cliffs of El Capitan and Half Dome. Springtime is peak flow for many of the waterfalls in Yosemite.

Moving on to Gold Country, the caravan will go to Columbia – a living gold rush town located in the heart of the California Mother Lode. Here the history of the gold rush comes to life – pan for gold, explore exhibits, ride the stagecoach and learn about the rich history of the gold rush. ([www.visitcolumbiacalifornia.com](http://www.visitcolumbiacalifornia.com))

At stop 10, the caravan will be visiting Lake Tahoe, the largest alpine lake in North America known for the clarity of its water and the panorama of surrounding mountains on all sides. There will be a lake cruise to visit Emerald Bay which features Eagle Falls and Vikingsholm, a 38-room mansion that is considered one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the United States. ([www.vikingsholm.com](http://www.vikingsholm.com))



Golden Gate Bridge -  
submitted by Mike Minadeo

Onto Sacramento and the capital of California. While there will be time to take advantage of great dining in the city, there will also be time to visit Old Sacramento ([www.oldsacramento.com](http://www.oldsacramento.com)) – the riverfront historic district that has many Gold Rush era buildings, shops, cobble stone streets and

museums including the Sacramento History Museum and the Railroad Museum ([www.californiarailroad.museum](http://www.californiarailroad.museum)).

The last (12<sup>th</sup>) but certainly not least stop is San Francisco Bay area! Phyllis and Mike will be introducing caravanners to the popular San Francisco highlights including Chinatown, Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf, cable cars, the Golden Gate Bridge and nearby Sonoma and Napa valleys renowned for vineyards and wine production! No visit to San Francisco would be complete without seeing the hilarious production of Beach Blanket Babylon, an iconic theatre production for 50 years.

For more information/questions about the Golden State Caravan, please contact Mike at [minadeo@gmail.com](mailto:minadeo@gmail.com) or Phyllis at [pminadeo@gmail.com](mailto:pminadeo@gmail.com).

## Meet the Caravan Leaders

"Mike and Phyllis were married in 1969 in the San Francisco bay area and have two children, a daughter and a son and one granddaughter.

"Phyllis was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas and grew up in Carlsbad, New Mexico, later moving with her family to Concord, CA. Phyllis retired in June of 2015 after 42 years as a dental hygienist at the same dental practice.

"Mike was born in San Francisco, CA and moved with his family to Concord, CA a few years later, Mike retired from Xerox Corporation in January 2013 after close to 42 years, enjoying many positions – Service Technician, Team and Region Specialist, Trainer, Training Manager, Manager of Training Centers in the Northwest Area and Operations Manager.

"In 2013, we purchased our first Airstream. We didn't know at the time you should always 'Buy your third Airstream first'.

"We are members of the Northern California Airstream Club in Region 12 and have enjoyed many Club, Region, Special Event Rallies and Caravans with this great group of Airstream enthusiasts.

"The two National Caravans that we have attended were led by Margie and Phil Glassey and, needless to say, were wonderful events. During the last caravan we met Jay and Elna Thompson who offered to put on a Caravan Leader class for us and we jumped at the opportunity.

"Since there has not been a California Caravan for some years, we decided that this was a challenge that we would like to take on and would love it if you could join us on the Golden State Caravan 2020."

## Thinking Ahead...

Doreen and Joshua Simmonds (#8801) are thinking about a caravan with a focus on endurance bicycle riding each day. The 7 to 10 day caravan would have 3 stops at adventurous places for bike rides, to be outdoors and meet like-minded people.

Please contact: [joshuaissacsimmonds@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaissacsimmonds@gmail.com)





## Classic Airstream Club

Pat Shaw, President

What an unusual winter this has been. We have had blizzards, floods and tornadoes throughout the country. It reminds me of winter 2010. We had an over abundance supply of snow, and had to hire an end loader to clear a path for our Airstream to join a CAC caravan in Louisiana. It was the "Let the Good Times Roll" caravan led by John Landry. It was a short seven day caravan filled with information, entertainment and camaraderie. What a great time we had! John led us around the Cameron area where we discovered so much history, ate interesting southern dishes and saw sites that cannot be viewed in the north. It was one of our favorite caravans, and we would love to see such a caravan offered again.

The Classic Airstream Club will host a gathering at the International Rally in Doswell, VA. More details coming soon on our website [classicairstream.wbcci.net/](http://classicairstream.wbcci.net/). Whether you are already a member or just want to learn about our club, we look forward to seeing you at Doswell.



## Vintage Airstream Club

Rachel Payne, 1st Vice-President

### Flamingo Ago-Go

VAC Rendezvous is July 17-20 in Powhatan, VA at Cozy Acres Campground. Call the campground at 804-598-2470 to make your reservations and tell them you're with the VAC. Rally fee is \$25.00 per person; includes dinner with entertainment and a flamingo lawn ornament. We will have a decorating contest for the best looking flamingo and bring clothes depicting your decade of your trailer. (Example: I have a 1962, so I would wear hippie clothes). So dust off your poodle skirts, bell bottoms, high top shoes and polyester pants! Potluck and social hour will also be going on as well. For more info call Rachel Payne at 816-274-2532 or email [paynerj30@hotmail.com](mailto:paynerj30@hotmail.com)

## Storytelling Special Events Rally

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

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 2019 will be the 47<sup>th</sup> 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 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. You can also purchase extra tickets for midnight cabarets that are late night storytelling concerts for adults (cabarets begin at 10:30 p.m. and go until midnight Friday and Saturday nights) and ghost stories, which are offered on Friday and Saturday nights from 8 until 10 p.m.

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 (4916) 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'.

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# Swiss Festival Rally

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

Cindy Conant

The 57<sup>th</sup> Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio is the longest continuously running rally in the world and will take place September 21-29, 2019. You will learn about the Amish way of life and about their history and businesses and enjoy the beautiful rolling hills and farms in Southeast Ohio.

The "Day in the Park" on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream, fresh popcorn, delicious apple butter and bean soup cooked in huge kettles over open fires. Students from the Amish schools the group will tour are invited to lunch at the park and will have the fun opportunity to drive a golf cart. That evening you will be in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

Enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner in an Amish home or nearby restaurant. Shop in the many furniture, gift, antique and craft shops in the area. Buy world-renowned Swiss cheese to take home to share with friends and family. Bring your motorcycle and enjoy the back-roads tour planned for you.

Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the 67<sup>th</sup> annual Swiss Festival September 27-28, when you will be shuttled downtown for the festivities and parades.

There is so much to do that you will want to return year after year to this rally that is packed with fun and interesting things to do.

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The East TN Unit makes it easy for you to bring your Airstream 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 are available at 800-952-8392 or online at [www.storytellingcenter.net](http://www.storytellingcenter.net)

# REGION 1

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

Welcome all to the month of May, finally! Just seemed that spring time weather was never going to settle into the New England and Canadian region at all. If I had made such a bad call at work as Punxsutawney Phil did on an early spring this year, I would be out of a job. Anyway, Region One members have already participated in several events and rallies so far this year along with our Region One Gathering happening this month. Hope to see many of you there in the infield of the race track. Put on your driving gloves and enjoy the ride.

Apart from all of the planned events in our region this year, New England has so much to offer. Country fairs, flea markets, museums along with farm stands and great points of interest. Very tempting to put together an impromptu meetup with your Airstream family. I would like to also remind all of our region members that you are more than welcome at any WBAC event anywhere across this great country of ours to make new adventures and new friends.

I would like to share two quotes from Wally; "Adventure is where you find it, any place, every place, except at home in your rocking chair". And one of my favorites; "If you don't know what else to do, drink beer". And with that, have a great month of May and remember, keep the shiny side up.

# REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor  
[Region2.Airstreamclub.net](http://Region2.Airstreamclub.net)

Our Region 2 Rally – "Red, White and Blue" – being held in Biglerville, PA, from June 6-9 is promising to be an outstanding event! The Central Maryland Unit, with help from several other units, has planned something for everyone – check out the itinerary on the Region 2 website under "Region Rally 2019". There's still time to register and it's easy. Go to [region2.airstreamclub.net](http://region2.airstreamclub.net) and sign up with PayPal.

We are so excited about Doswell! Every one of our 16 Units will be represented and over 160 rigs from Region 2 are registered! Mark your calendars for the Region 2 luncheon scheduled for July 22. With such a huge presence at the Rally, we are hoping for a big turnout at the luncheon. Details are being worked out.

In a previous article, I mentioned that there are a couple of milestone anniversaries in Region 2 this year. In fact, 2019 is a banner year in our Region with seven units having something special to celebrate! Here's the lineup of milestone Anniversaries:

Washington DC Unit	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Delaware Valley NJ	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Pennsylvania Unit	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
DelMarVa Unit	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Hudson Mohawk	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Keystone	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Ontario Canada	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In the words of Region 2 Vice President Rich Short, "What an accomplishment! Not just to be in existence for these extended years, but to be passing on the fun of friendship and Airstream adventures, of camaraderie and community and the love of all things Airstream. Congratulations to these units and their members! Keep on rolling!"

## REGION 3

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

Do you remember when we had our Region 3 Rally in Doswell in April of 2016? Matt Hackney, our Region President at that time, and his Rally team did a memorable job! In fact, a little bird said, that our current International President, Barry Bell, had such a good time that he made the Meadow Event Park his site of choice for this year's International Rally!

Doswell, VA is located in a very historical and entertaining area of Virginia. Just north of Richmond, the site itself is historically important as the birthplace of the 1973 Triple Crown champion Secretariat. The park is on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service and the designation includes the foaling shed where Secretariat was born on March 30, 1970 and his training barn. Many consider Secretariat to be the greatest thoroughbred racehorse of all time. Tram tours of the park are available for visiting to the farm mansion and learning about the famous racehorse. ([www.meadoweventpark.com](http://www.meadoweventpark.com))

Settlers came to central Virginia in 1617. Today, visitors will find that touring north, south, east or west of Doswell is full of history including: America's Historic Triangle – Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown ([www.colonialwilliamsburg.com](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com)); Richmond's State Capitol Building, White House of the Confederacy and Civil War Museum ([www.RichmondVA.com](http://www.RichmondVA.com)); Fredericksburg's boyhood home of George Washington and

National Park Service Battlefield Visitor Center ([www.Fredericksburg.com](http://www.Fredericksburg.com)); Charlottesville's Monticello ([www.visitcharlottesville.org](http://www.visitcharlottesville.org)) and Washington, D.C.

And there is family entertainment nearby! Kings Dominion is a major amusement park ([www.kingsdominion.com](http://www.kingsdominion.com)) with thrill rides, family rides, shopping and live entertainment. Tickets can be bought online at their website. A mobile app will give you information about the park, wait times, show times and special offers.

The best of the 62<sup>nd</sup> International Rally are the memories and new friendships made with your fellow Airstreamers from all across the country.

## REGION 4

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

The exciting 43<sup>rd</sup> Region 4 Rally will be held May 15-19, 2019 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 OH-163 Oak Harbor, OH 43449. It will be a great time for everyone. We are looking forward to our event.

Three nights of entertainment on-site:

- Thursday: "Feud Night" based on the popular Family Feud game show. 1-6 person teams for great prizes. **Put your team together.**
- Friday: Country/Pop cover band with your favorite beverages
- Saturday: Popular Port Clinton/Marblehead guitarist & vocal star (Margaritaville /Put-In Bay Style)

Daytime activities:

Food: Catered Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast, and Saturday dinner provided.

Get a hot cup of "joe" to get the day started by our hospitality committee.

On-site Fun: crafting, hobby show, flea market, learning events, unit training.

Off-site Fun: Our Tours Committee has done a wonderful job of identifying a wide variety of exciting places for birding, boating, top 10 tours, top 10 restaurants, Watercraft Museum with fully operational PT109 style operational boat.

This year's Region 4 Rally offers two fun crafting options:

1. Pat Badgero's Awesome Gourd Painting class with room for 15 participants, cost \$4.





2. Lori DeLeeuw's Wool Applique' class has room for 10 participants, cost \$6.

Materials for both classes will be provided. If you are interested in participating, sign-ups will be available on-site, on a first-come, first-served basis. If you plan to participate in the wool class, please e-mail Lori at: [cdeleeuw@comcast.net](mailto:cdeleeuw@comcast.net) and let her know. She can buy more materials if she knows you will join the class. Please bring your basic crafting supplies (i.e. scissors, needles, pins, etc.).

Activities at the rally include campfire, entertainment, hobby show, Karaoke, flea market and fellowship.

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

With questions or for registration information contact: Don and Marian Hetzler at [pophetzler@hotmail.com](mailto:pophetzler@hotmail.com) or call 937-335-3301. To register, mail the registration form and check to Steve Rhodes, 1121 Bogey Drive, Ontario, OH 44903.

Please come for a great time at the Region 4 Rally. It is not too late to sign up.

## REGION 5

Bob Whitesell, Contributing Editor  
[Region5.Airstreamclub.net](http://Region5.Airstreamclub.net)

Hello to all members of Region 5 and I trust this letter finds you well. I'm delighted to say that the weather is finally getting better here in Chicago. It was a very windy 50 degrees here last Saturday and we took the opportunity to visit our rig. Like most of you perhaps, our unit is stored on a seasonal site about an hour drive from our home in Chicago. We have full hook up and we leave the electrical power plugged in during the winter. So far we have had no issues with the batteries doing this so I think we have been lucky. The winter did not seem to dim the shiny finish and the rig seemed happy to see us.

Our unit had a pizza party at Lou Malnati's a couple of weeks ago. We had about 12 couples attend. It was nice to observe that we had four new couples attend and this was their first experience with our club. With Airstream sales booming, we are fortunate to see our number of members increasing. Please be sure to provide a warm welcome to your new members and be prepared to share all the legacy knowledge we have regarding all things Airstream.

Now I need to get our rig back in shape and ready for a new season. The first outing I will attend will be at Lee County Fairgrounds located near Amboy, IL. This rally will be held April 26-28 and we are looking forward to it. Please keep in mind that this is also the location for our Region 5 Rally to be held starting September 4-8 and we hope to see you folks at this Rally. I will be providing the agenda and cost for this rally soon.

Be safe out there and see you all soon.

## REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor  
[Region6.Airstreamclub.net](http://Region6.Airstreamclub.net)

April showers bring May flowers, and the clubs in Region 6 are getting busy!

The Alabama Airstream Club is holding its Alabama State Rally, April 25-28, 2019 at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley, AL. They are gearing up to host the Athens Old Time Fiddlers Special Event Rally, October 1-6, 2019, which includes the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Athens, AL.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will hold its second annual Buddies, Bikes & Brew Pubs Rally, May 16-19, 2019 at the Downtown Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock. They will dine at Restaurant 42 at the Clinton Library, visit three local breweries in a pub crawl, and ride the 16-mile trail along the Arkansas River ending at the Capital Hotel Bar & Grill, complete with valet parking for bicycles. Next, they will be canoeing on the Elk River and touring Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art at their Summer Crystal Float Rally, June 20-23, 2019 at Big Elk Campground in Pineville, MO.

East Tennessee Airstream Club will hold its Moonbow Show-Biz Rally, May 16-19, 2019 at Kentucky Splash Waterpark and Cumberland Falls State Park in Williamsburg, KY. There will be a presentation on how to professionally photograph a moonbow at night and a private tour of Cumberland Falls to catch the famous "moonbow" and photograph it. On June 6-9, 2019, the club will be Boondocking By the Lake at Little Oak Campground in Bristol, TN. There will be seminars on boondocking and fishing.

The Louisiana Airstream Club will hold its Spring Fling Rally, May 2-5, 2019 at La Pay E Bas Campground in Eunice, LA. Fun includes fishing and an auction to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities. On May 9-12, 2019, the club will hold a Swing in the Pines Rally Symphony Rally at Fontainebleau State Park on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain near

Mandeville, LA., traveling to nearby Bogue Falaya Park for an outdoor performance of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Mississippi Airstream Club will hold its Spring/Joint Rally, May 16-19, 2019, at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville, MS. In Choctaw Indian language, Lake Tiak-O'Khata means "Lake of the Pines."

The Music City Tennessee Airstream Club will hold a Buddy Rally May 16-19, 2019 at Dale Hollow in Byrdstown, TN. Six of the top-10 world record smallmouth bass have been caught in Dale Hollow Lake. Take your fishin' poles!

Pensacola Florida Airstream Unit will hold it's Around The World Rally May 17-20, 2019. The unit holds its rallies at Mystic Springs in McDavid, FL.

The West Tennessee Airstream Club members will hold a May Rally on May 10-12, 2019 at John Kyle State Park in Sardis, MS, and a Sliding Into Summer Rally on June 14-16, 2019 at David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg, TN. The park commemorates the historical activities of famous frontiersman David Crockett.

## REGION 7

Gail Harrower, Contributing Editor  
<http://region7.wbcci.net>

Way up here in Region 7 (it's March right now); we are still waiting for Spring to come. Major snowstorms have blown through Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and on towards the east. It's dumped lots of rain and snow. Flooding is anticipated in most parts of the Red River Valley. The great Red River of the North flows from Fargo, ND right into Winnipeg, MB. Don't worry about that in August when ya'all come to Winnipeg to participate in the only WBCCI Canadian National Event Rally for 2019. The water will be gone, the temperature will be rising and all the music and entertainment of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Folklorama will be in full swing.

What a great seven days are planned for you. Full hookups at Town & Country Campground will keep your rig cool in the warm Manitoba sunshine while you are out touring the many museums, restaurants and Folklorama pavilions. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is a spectacular building to see and the exhibits inside are amazing. The Nelson Mandela exhibition - Mandela: Struggle for Freedom looks at Nelson Mandela and the movement that formed around him. The Manitoba Museum features the Nonsuch ship. Come and enjoy Celebrations Dinner Theatre and be entertained by the cast featuring Buddy Holly Happy Days. You won't want to miss this edition of

Folklorama – Canada's Largest and Longest Running Multicultural Festival. It's the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this amazing event. Be sure to check the Region 7 website for more updates on this rally.

Online Registration in Canadian or US Funds is now available at [region7.wbcci.net](http://region7.wbcci.net). Register NOW!

## REGION 8

Beth McCall, Contributing Editor  
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In the spring is when we really think about new experiences, new growth, rebirth and all that stuff. Our yard is now yielding the usual spring and early summer flowers, some of which you forgot you planted. Our world and our lives are full of unexpected surprises. Sometimes those are happy surprises and other times they are trials and challenges.

David and I have had many challenges this past year and a half and they are not over. Therefore, this is my last region article for the Blue Beret. Our future is uncertain but we will continue to work together to get through whatever is thrown at us.

Our memories with our Airstream family are many and run the course from hilarious to downright weird, but we will remember each and every one of them.

From excessive heat warnings to dust storms to floods at International rallies, to hail to snow to foot deep mud at region rallies, we have survived them all. So what if you can't do an open house because it's pouring down rain - you do a fashion show of rain gear instead - but not just regular gear, creative Airstream gear from what you have in your rig! So what if your entertainment for the rally both show up on the same night? No problem, you have a heck of an evening! And the next night you have a wonderful talent night put on by the members. So what if your neighbor (new to Airstreaming) forgot his leveling blocks - you share yours because you always carry extra just for that reason. So what if the detour sends you down a back road that now has a one lane bridge that looks like it was built during Sherman's retreat - you spot the mailman who just happens to be on this road at the same time and he directs you, and the other two trailers following you, how to get back on the main road safely. So what if a member of your caravan gets stuck at the fairgrounds - the local tractor pull just happens to be that weekend and the farmers are more than happy to help to just show they can do it!

I could go on and on with the "so what" experiences, but we have had these and many more during our years of being an Airstreamer. It's

been wonderful being a member of this family. Region 8 has been our immediate family with all the trials that a family can have. But the good times outweigh the bad and that's what I'll remember.

## REGION 9

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Howdy! April showers bring May flowers! Let's take a walk. When you stroll through a garden, do you really notice its beauty, or are you just quickly passing through to appease someone? A garden should be a place for us to find enjoyment, solitude, inspiration and solace. For some it is a place to be creative and to nurture. For others, it is a place to be nurtured, and to enjoy and appreciate the labors of someone else's work.

The colorful flowers we may see in the garden cause us to reflect on our past, be thankful for the present, and plan for the future. We may see Forget-Me-Nots which remind us of friends we have made and hope to see again, places we have visited, and exciting adventures we were lucky enough to experience. Farther along the path we stop to breathe in the lovely fragrances of the Lilacs and Lilies of the Valley which cause us to become nostalgic and reminiscent of the good old days. Our thoughts and memories help us realize how lucky we are to be healthy and to have the good fortune to share in wonderful travel opportunities. The Lavender, Daisies and Forsythia we see fill us with expectations and the anticipation of making new friends and participating in new travel adventures this year and in the future.

These are just a few of the beautiful flowers we have noticed on our stroll through this garden. Perhaps the next time you have an opportunity to visit a garden you'll observe these lovely gifts of nature with a different perspective. Enjoy your next stroll and give some thought to your summer travel plans. Summer is almost here!

This month the spotlight shines on the Oklahoma Airstream Club which was organized on November 18, 1961. Congratulations to this club who just recently had its name officially changed from Oklahoma Unit to Oklahoma Airstream Club. Currently the state of Oklahoma only has one WBCCI sponsored Airstream Club. Most of its members are located in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and surrounding communities. Their rallies and campouts are planned for the participation of entire families. The members have two annual rallies that are 4 to 5 days long, and several weekend campouts for those who can only get together for short outings. Occasionally there will be a boondocking trip so members can learn and experience all their Airstreams have to offer. The Club President is Larry Walters.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: Before there were twelve (12) Regions, there were only seven (7) Regions. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: When there were seven (7) Regions, which Region included Texas and Oklahoma? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, continue to travel safely!

## REGION 10

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It's a beautiful March day in Olympia, WA where I live, as I write the May article. It's the kind of day that makes you want to get your rig out, hit the road have rallies and go camping!

The Washington Unit is having a Hawaiian Luau May 2-5. Complete with Polynesian dancers, the rally will be held at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor. Hosts are Terry and Carol Miller. So, dig out your Hawaiian shirts and muumuus and expect to have fun!

May 7-16, the Washington Unit has planned a Fishing Caravan. It's held every year in eastern Washington near the Canadian border. This year, it will be at Lake Curlew. Many folks go for the relaxing atmosphere, however awards are given for the largest trout caught and for the goofiest action that happens. Hosts are Paul and Charli Westerfield and Lee and Jan Wyman.

Don't forget the exciting June 1st "Be a Buddy" event planned as a fundraiser for Northwest Battle Buddies who provide service dogs to Veterans suffering with PTSD. Sponsored by the Washington Unit, who hope to fund one dog for one veteran, it will be from 1-4pm at Harmony Hall, Washington Land Yacht Harbor. Live music! USO-style food! Fun! Free admission! Donations to NWBB expected!

Be a Buddy and Bring a Buddy rally will be held in Granum, Alberta by the Alberta/Saskatchewan Airstream Club, May 16-20. It will be at the Grandview Recreation Park where they will have a Flamingo Fashion Show. In addition, they will tour a cheese processing plant and a hog farm. Hosts are: Susan Huntley and Stephen Fairley.

The British Columbia Airstream Club is holding the 2nd Annual Riverside Rendezvous Rally, May 21-25. Brian & Lynn Jackson and Al & Terry Gamache are the hosts at the Riverside RV Park in Enderby, BC. My guess is that this is beside a river??

May 16-20 are the dates for the Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort Rally in Bend, OR by the Idaho Airstream Club. Hosts Kim & Michael Schanze and Jerry & Marilyn Collins promise amazing scenery, history, craft beer,



alpacas and more! They also promise smoked pulled-pork. Yum! My mouth is watering.

The Montana Airstream Club is waiting until June to break out their rigs for a rally. They've had a lot of snow this year. Ron & Tobe Green sent me a snowy picture so I could see and believe. Mike Gao, President, says that the June Rally will be in Deer Lodge, MT so watch for details in the next newsletter.

Three rallies and a caravan are planned in May (or start in May) by the Oregon Airstream Club. Three events are full, but I will provide the contact address if you want to be on the wait list.

May 3-5 (Full) Boring Rogers Rally at Barton County Park, Oregon City, OR Hosted by Mike & Lisa Rogers and Mike & Judy Rogers. Contact: [cvrogersm@gmail.com](mailto:cvrogersm@gmail.com)

May 6-17 (Full) Oregon's Four Corners Caravan - SW Coast, Leaders: Bruce & Joanne Sorte. Contact: [sorteb@peak.org](mailto:sorteb@peak.org)

May 17-19 Tom Sawyer Rally, Mountain View RV Park, Baker City, OR Hosts: Brad & Susan Taylor plan to help/work, Friday, at the Historic Churchill School purchased by members Bruce & Corrine Vegter to be their home and a meeting place for the community.

May 30-June 2 (Full) Maryhill Park, Peach Beach RV Park, Maryhill, WA Host: Terri Warren. Contact: [twestover@mac.com](mailto:twestover@mac.com)

Calling all Region 10 members! Put the last week of July 2020 on your calendars for the Region 10 Rally at the Fairgrounds in the Dutch town of Lynden, WA!

## REGION 11

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The Colorado Airstream Club is having their All Things Possible Maintenance Rally on May 2-5 at the Fort Collins Lakeside KOA, Fort Collins, CO. An expert on Dometic appliances will be presenting as well as resident veterans, Luke Bernander and Von and Susan Campbell.

The New Mexico Unit will be meeting at the KOA in Las Vegas, NM on May 2-5. Las Vegas is located east of Santa Fe on US 84, but it is also a railroad town. The Castaneda Hotel, the first Harvey House and now 118 years old, is being restored and the New Mexico Unit will be getting a tour of this historic landmark. The Dwan Light Sanctuary on the United World College campus will also be included in the tour. This reflective light thru glass prism is a spectacular display of color. Joann and Jack Palmer are hosting the Rally.

The Utah Wasatch Unit is having an On the Rocks Moab Part 2 Rally on May 9-12 at the Moab Valley RV Park Moab, UT. This is a high demand Rally destination in one of those special places. Deadline for registration is April 1.

The 4CU Unit is having a Capital Reef Rally at the Thousand Lakes RV Park, Torrey, UT. The RV Park is located near the entrance to the Capital Reef National Park. The rally dates are from May 10-15 and has a full schedule of events and activities.

The Arizona Unit is having their Aritah Rally at the Wahweap Marina RV Park on May 17-20. Located on Lake Powell and filling up Glen Canyon with water, Lake Powell is a destination for thousands as it is located in the middle of an almost circle of stunning scenery. The 4CU and the Utah Wasatch Units are both having Rallies in that circle. Activities include a tour of the Dam, a tour of Lower Antelope Canyon and a Moonlight cruise on Lake Powell. This rally is sold out but more sites may be available. Rally co-host Rick Carmichael is asking for interested Airstreamers to contact him at 480-231-7925 for late sign up information.

## REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor  
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Hello Airstreamers from the Golden State and the Silver State. I have a few shout-outs and several bits of information for you this month. We begin by congratulating the El Camino Airstream Club for updating their Constitution and Bylaws. This is done every five years by every club and helps to maintain our non-profit status. It also keeps the state of Ohio happy, since this is where our club is chartered.

Next, is a shout-out to Mike and Marsi Peterson for putting together a great newsletter each month called the "Tattler." Of course, this is used by the Central Coast California Unit to communicate with their members. I have judged club publications at the International Rally many times and this newsletter ranks up there with the best of them.

We have a new club name in Region 12 that was approved this year at IBT. The former Golden West Unit from Northern California is now the Sacramento Valley Airstream Club. This was approved by all of their members including their co-founder, Marian Bechthold. She lives in Woodland, CA and is in her mid-nineties. The South Coast unit also changed their name to the South Coast California Airstream Club.

The 2019/2020 Rose Parade Rally is sold out at this time but you can still put your name on the waiting list. This is the earliest point on the calendar that anyone can remember where this rally was closed. Plans change over time so get your name on that waiting list if you want to attend.

Hopefully, all of you have sent your ballots in for the Region 12 officer slate. Whomever wins will be installed at the Doswell Rally this summer. We wish the best of luck to Greater Bay Area Airstream Club member Eric McHenry. He will be running for 3rd Vice President of WBCCI and could be elected this summer.

As I often mention, an annual mid-winter International Board of Trustees meeting is held in various parts of the country. The next one will be held in Region 12. It will be at the Oasis RV Park in Las Vegas, NV from January 20-24, 2020. Club business will be conducted with several officers from around the country and Canada. Every member is welcome to attend. If you would like to help with the rally while attending, R12 First Lady Lynda Polk would love to hear from you. She is putting together a team that will facilitate the event. You can sign up at <https://region12.wbcci.net/region-12-calendar/2020-mid-winter-ibt/>.

The R12 Region Rally coupon and brochure can also be found on the R12 website. You can read about and sign up to attend this event being held at the Bakersfield RV Resort on October 9-13, 2019. I hope to see you at all these gatherings.

## EUROPE

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<http://europe.wbcci.net>

Plans are well under way for the seven European rallies of 2019. Already it is looking like some of them will be better attended than our previous summer rallies. This year we have more rallies spread over more countries, giving more people a chance to attend one without crossing the entire continent! In past years, we have had rallies near Toulouse in the far south, Bavaria in the east and England in the far West. This year we have them in France, England, Norway and Switzerland.

Numbers are growing and it looks like at least three of the rallies this summer will exceed our previous record. The attractions and sponsorship are also increasing and we have events from fjord cruises, helicopter rides and balloon flights to a motor museum, BoHo glamping and meeting the American Ambassador in Norway! Of course the best thing at rallies is meeting other Airstreamers.

Interest in the European branch among North American members has also steadily increased since we started in 2015. We now have 35 Affiliate Members and this year four member couples from various Units across the US will attend our European rallies! We continue our advice to American members who plan European adventures by either making summer visits or bringing their rigs across the pond. Some even want advice on buying their own European-specification Airstreams to keep as a second trailer in Europe!

In May, we meet in Germany and later, the south of England. In June, join us at our big summer rally at the amazing Moulhouse in eastern France. In early July, travel on the "caravan" through Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway and then in late July, see us at the biggest hot air balloon festival in the world. In August we return to the superb BoHo glamping experience that is Ettie's Field in central England. Last, but not least, in October, we go to an amazing rally bathed in autumn colours by a Swiss lake. Anyone not yet registered for a rally should be acting now. Look at the rallies page on the website, contact the rally leader and follow the instructions for the individual rallies.



# From the Vice President of Sales



**Lenny Razo**

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH! Airstream remains very busy as we head into the summer months

The second week of May, Airstream will head to Boston, MA where we will hold our annual National Dealer Meeting. The event is shaping up to have great attendance from our dealers and suppliers. This meeting is held every year to update our dealer partners on the current state of Airstream, future activities with the company, and to hold individual meetings with each of the dealers in attendance. Airstream has many exciting things to present at this year's meeting; including new features and programs, in addition to showing our new model year products. I'm excited to share more about our 2020 Model Year products in the June Edition.

The new plant is moving right along thanks to the warmer weather. The main section of the production floor is now under roof and everyday more of the concrete floors are being poured. For those of you coming to Alumapalooza this month, be sure to drive by west of the current facility to get a glimpse of the new plant. I will continue to update you over the coming months as we make progress.

I look forward to a fun filled week with many of you as you make your way to Jackson Center later this month for Alumapalooza. As always, we plan to offer feedback sessions with our management team. We feel these feedback sessions provide a great educational experience as well as a way for Airstream to stay directly connected with all of you. Airstream wishes you all safe travels as you make your way to Ohio.

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

Happy Airstreaming -





Rick March, General Manager  
Customer Relations Group

Greetings! As I write this article in early April, the weather here in Ohio has finally turned the corner. We have had some nice early spring days. That gets us excited about the summer season by getting out of the house for a while and taking a vacation. I hope you are all making your plans!!

In this article I will be covering the door hinges we use in the travel trailers. We get questions concerning how to adjust the hinges, as well as owners telling us sometimes they do not stay connected to the hinge base if they are bumped while getting items in and out of the cabinet.

### Grass Euro style hidden door hinges

Airstream has used two different Euro style hidden hinges. The earlier models will have a black plastic cover while the later models will have a chrome cover. This change took place in the 2014 model year and all 2015 models would have the chrome cover. The removal of this cover will give you access to the adjustment screws on the hinges. The newer style is a direct replacement if for some reason one would have to be replaced. Below I will show you a picture of each hinge.



Earlier style with black cover

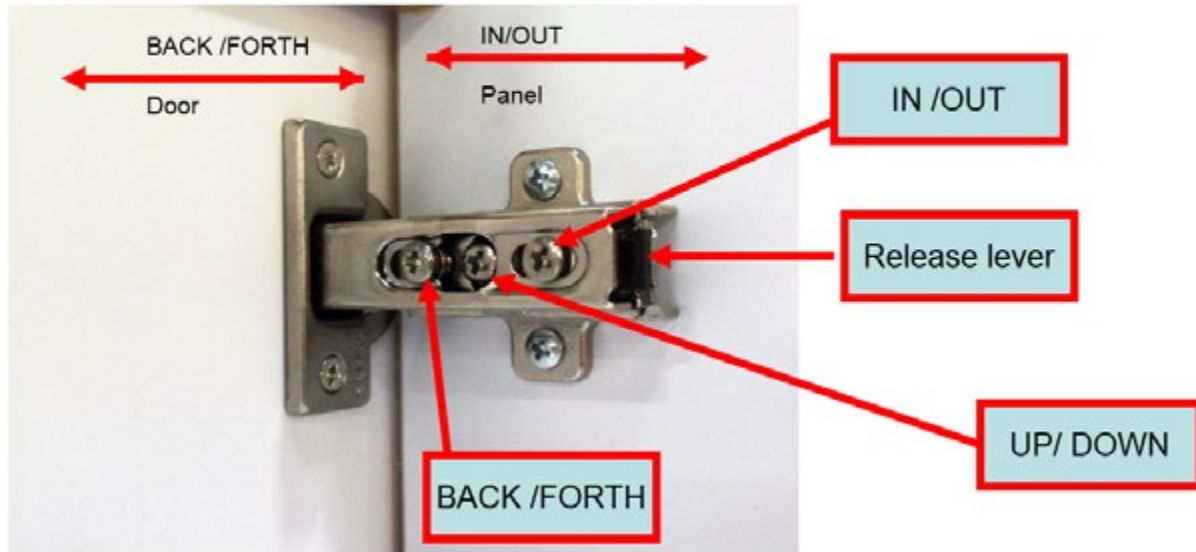


Current style with chrome cover

## Adjustment points on the hinge

Interesting to note that whether you have the earlier style with the black cover or the newer style with the chrome cover the adjustment points are the same. I will show you a picture detailing the three adjustment points on the hinges with a closed cabinet door view.

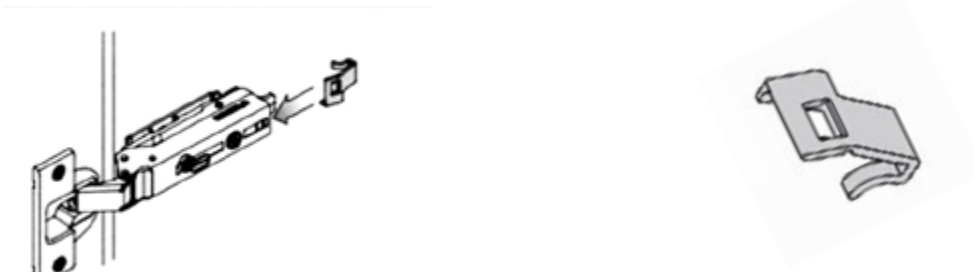
**The three center screws do not tighten latch!**



## Gray release button lock

The question we get asked frequently is that their cabinet door hinges are always coming apart or even falling off. The hinge comes detached from the base. Is there a fix or should I just replace the hinges?

The answer to this question is that the quick release lever (pictured above) is not protected and that sometimes just by bumping them, or even rough roads can cause them to come detached from the hinge base. There is a fix however as there is a release button lock that can be installed so that you cannot accidentally release the hinge from the base. It locks it in place and can be installed in seconds. I capture the grey lock in the first pictures of this article but I will show another picture of how it installs.



Grass F072135807540, Tiomos Hinge Clip Protector, Plastic Grey SKU: 11289919 F072135807540 by GRASS AMERICA

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I have discussed this topic at a few rallies where I have given seminars and usually bring a few extra grey clips with me to give to any audience members that may be having this issue. If you need a few for a door that you are experiencing this with, send me an email with your address and I will send you a few through the mail.

### International Rally in Doswell Virginia

Kim Britt our Parts Manager and I plan to attend the International Rally this year in Doswell, Virginia and will be setting up our retail store for parts and accessories. If there are any specific parts you need and would like her to see if she can bring them to the rally for you, please contact her by email at [kbritt@airstream.com](mailto:kbritt@airstream.com). We look forward to seeing you there!!

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](mailto:rmarch@airstream.com).

Have a great month!



## International Rally

2019 International Rally, Doswell, Virginia

## National / Special Event Rallies

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



## National Caravans

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

For the most current information, go to [wbcci.org](http://wbcci.org) → Activities → Calendar → Event Calendar

## REGION 1 Activities



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

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

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - [capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net](http://capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net)

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - [charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net](http://charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net)

May 17-19 Spring RV Maintenance Rally, Waters Edge CG, 271 Leonard Bridge Rd, Lebanon, CT, Bard Fuller 860-302-1365, email: [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)  
Jun 21-23 Green Mountain Getaway - Again Rally, Bald Mountain CG, 1760 State Forest Rd, Townshend, VT, Gail & Wiley Downing 203-241-2537, email: [ctnanabug@comcast.net](mailto:ctnanabug@comcast.net)

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

May 17-19 Chillyman XIII Rally, Salisbury Beach Reservation, 1 Beach Rd, Salisbury, MA, Garvin Louie 603-828-1834, email: [iclimb\\_2@yahoo.com](mailto:iclimb_2@yahoo.com)  
May 24-27 Memorial Day Rally, Travelers Woods CG, 152 River St, Bernardston, MA, Tovah Raphaelson Bleakney, email: [tovahrhoda@gmail.com](mailto:tovahrhoda@gmail.com)  
Jun 21-23 Lake Pemaquid Rally, Lake Pemaquid CG, 100 Twin Cove Lane, Camariscotta, ME, Heather & Jared Lawler 207-831-4732, email: [airstream4998@gmail.com](mailto:airstream4998@gmail.com)

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

Quebec Canada Unit - [quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net](http://quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net)

Jun 14-16 Encounter w/Marie Victorin Rally, Camping des pins, 379, rue Kingsey, Kingsey Falls, QC, Michel Bedard/Chantal Le Blanc 450-443-0041/514-704-3745, email: [michel.bdard3@sympatico.ca](mailto:michel.bdard3@sympatico.ca)

## REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: [Region2.Airstreamclub.net](http://Region2.Airstreamclub.net)

Jun 6-9 Region 2 Rally, Biglerville, PA

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit - [al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net](http://al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net)

Central Maryland Unit - [centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net](http://centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net)

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - [centralpa.airstreamclub.net](http://centralpa.airstreamclub.net)

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

Delmarva Unit - [delmarva.airstreamclub.net](http://delmarva.airstreamclub.net)

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - [hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net](http://hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net)

May 10-12 Shakedown Rally, Arrowhead Marina & RV Park, 2 Van Bruen Ln, Glenville, NY, John/Wendy Vettovali 518-848-8023, email: [wendymv1@yahoo.com](mailto:wendymv1@yahoo.com)  
May 30-Jun 2 Whittle Buddy Rally, Lake George RV Park, 74 St Rt 149, Lake George, NY, Geoff/Sue Whittle 518-783-1606, email: [whittleg06@gmail.com](mailto:whittleg06@gmail.com)

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - [keystonepa.airstreamclub.net](http://keystonepa.airstreamclub.net)

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

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - [metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net](http://metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net)

May 9-12 Hither Hills Rally, Hither Hills SP, Kerry Aspinall, email: [ker32@gmail.com](mailto:ker32@gmail.com)

Mid-Atlantic Unit - [mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net](http://mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net)

New Jersey Unit - [newjersey.airstreamclub.net](http://newjersey.airstreamclub.net)

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

New York Finger Lakes Unit - [newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net](http://newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net)

May 18 Welcome Back Luncheon Noon, Parkers Rest., Seneca Falls, NY, Jim & KC Gillio 585-752-6030, email: [jkgillio@hotmail.com](mailto:jkgillio@hotmail.com)  
May 30-Jun 1 Ithaca Rally "When You Find It, You'll Love It", Pine Creek CG, 28 Rockwell Rd, Newfield, NY (near Ithaca), Chris & Mary Beth Martini Lyons, 607-280-8522, email: [cplyons@hotmail.com](mailto:cplyons@hotmail.com)

Ontario Canada Unit - [ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net](http://ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net)

Penn-Lehigh Unit - [penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net](http://penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net)

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

Pennsylvania Unit - [pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net](http://pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net)

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

Watching New Jersey Airstream Club - [watchungnj.airstreamclub.net](http://watchungnj.airstreamclub.net)

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

## REGION 3 Activities



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

Aug 4-10 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA

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

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

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

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

Jun 6-9 West Virginia Rally, Pipestem Resort SP, 3405 Pipestem Dr, Pipestem, WV, reservations 833-989-2757, email: [pipestemsp@wv.gov](mailto:pipestemsp@wv.gov)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- May 22-27 Memorial Day/Buddy Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: [togpres@gmail.com](mailto:togpres@gmail.com)
- Jun 19-23 Youth Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: [togpres@gmail.com](mailto:togpres@gmail.com)

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

- May 16-19 Almost Heaven Rally, Shepherdstown, WV, Gary & Sue Shepard 304-261-7360, email: [shepard.gr@gmail.com](mailto:shepard.gr@gmail.com)
- Jun 1-16 PA-NY Pot Pourri Club Caravan, Pennsylvania-New York, Gerry & Patsy Nagel 703-963-4143, email: [gnagel@verizon.net](mailto:gnagel@verizon.net)

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

- May 17-19 What's Cooking Rally, Lake Wateree SP CG, 881 Statepark Rd, Winnsboro, SC, reservations: 866-345-7275, Rich Sabo 864-399-9221, email: [richnkay3@yahoo.com](mailto:richnkay3@yahoo.com)
- Jun 7-9 Kids Rally, Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Rd, Cleveland, SC, Rich Sabo 864-399-9221, email: [richnkay3@yahoo.com](mailto:richnkay3@yahoo.com)

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

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

- May 17-19 Rally, Shenandoah River SP, 350 Daughter of Stars Dr, Bentonville, VA, Greg Heuer 434-298-4650, email: [gheuer@umich.edu](mailto:gheuer@umich.edu)
- Jun 7 HoustonFest 11 AM, 601 S Main St, Galax, VA, Janie Tarrant, email: [janietarrant@comcast.net](mailto:janietarrant@comcast.net)

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

- May 3-5 A Dose of Vitamin Sea Rally, Edisto Beach SP, Live Oak section, 8377 State Cabin Rd, Edisto Island, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: [purry65@gmail.com](mailto:purry65@gmail.com)
- Jun 7-9 Hot Summer Nights Rally, Sesquicentennial SP, Loop 1, 9564 Two Notch Rd, Columbia, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: [purry65@gmail.com](mailto:purry65@gmail.com)

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

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

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

#### Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - [www.tidewater.wbcci.net](http://www.tidewater.wbcci.net)

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

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

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

- Jun 6-9 Antique Tractor & Machine Show Campout w/Miami Valley of Ohio, Poor Farmer's CG, 7211 N Lost Creek-Shelby Rd, Fletcher, OH, Darren Baker 937-339-9451, email: [darren.baker65@frontier.com](mailto:darren.baker65@frontier.com)

#### Columbus Ohio Unit - email: [christopher.b.lang@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.b.lang@gmail.com)

#### Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit - [www.mvou.wbcci.net](http://www.mvou.wbcci.net)

- Jun 20-23 Joint Rally w/Mohican Valley, Hocking Hills SP, 19852 OH 664, Logan, OH, Don & Betty Burkholder 440-576-6560, email: [catmar@embarqmail.com](mailto:catmar@embarqmail.com)

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

- May 1 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: [lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com](mailto:lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com)
- Jun 5 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: [lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com](mailto:lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com)
- Jun 6-8 Joint Summer Rally w/Cincinnati, Poor Farmer's CG, 7211 N Lostcreek-Shelby Rd, Fletcher, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: [lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com](mailto:lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com)

#### Michigan Airstream Club

- Jun 6-9 Summer Extravaganza Rally, Northwestern MI Assoc. FG, 3606 Blair Townhall Rd, Traverse City, MI, Wally & Karen Fisher 248-672-0353, email: [fisherjan23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fisherjan23@sbcglobal.net)

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

- May 9 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Warehouse, 320 W Center St, Marion, OH, Vicki Ettenhofer 614-571-6841
- Jun 6 Dinner Mtg, 5:30 PM, Village Rest., 435 N Warpole St, Upper Sandusky, OH, Sid & Bev Kelly 419-957-6571
- Jun 20-23 Hocking Hills & SE Ohio Rally, Steve Rhodes 567-303-9644

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

- May 2-5 Urban Air Astronomical Adventure (see campNOVA.com), downtown Logan, OH, Brad Briggs 614-207-1241, email: [bbriggs57@yahoo.com](mailto:bbriggs57@yahoo.com)
- May 9-12 Share the Dream at Haydocy Rally (see campNOVA.com), Haydocy Airstream & RV, 3865 W Broad St, Columbus, OH, Terry Baughman 614-499-2107, email: [tbaughdad@gmail.com](mailto:tbaughdad@gmail.com)

#### Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club -

#### [southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net](http://southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net)

- May 15 Caravan to Region 4 Rally 11 AM, meet behind Cabela's, RV Parking, Lot L, 110 Cabela Blvd E, Dundee, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: [cdeleeuw@comcast.net](mailto:cdeleeuw@comcast.net)
- Jun 14-16 Birthday Bash Rally/Gilmore Car & Miniatures Museums, Markin Glen Park, 5300 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: [cdeleeuw@comcast.net](mailto:cdeleeuw@comcast.net)

#### The Western Reserve Camping Unit - [www.westernreserve.wbcci.net](http://www.westernreserve.wbcci.net)

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

## REGION 4 Activities

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

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

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

- May 2-5 Wakeup Downtown America Rally, Rally Point/Bull Pen, Hocking Cty FG, Logan, OH, Dennis Kiehl 330-294-1005, email: [as27050@akr.net](mailto:as27050@akr.net)

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

- May 20-22 Niagara Falls Trip/Rally (after Region 4 Rally, Ottawa Cty FG), leave from Oak Harbor, OH, Wayne Barth 304-320-7717



## REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: [region5.airstreamclub.net](http://region5.airstreamclub.net)

- Sep 4-8 Region 5 Rally, Amboy, IL

#### Central Indiana Airstream Club - [centralindiana.airstreamclub.net](http://centralindiana.airstreamclub.net)

- May 3-5 Rally, Brown Cty. SP, Nashville, IN, Charles Mason 317-525-7897, email: [mason.charles@comcast.net](mailto:mason.charles@comcast.net)
- Jun 5-9 Meet Me in Montague! Rally, Trailway CG, 4540 Dowling St, Montague, MI, Ken or Sandy Langell 317-408-6798, email: [kslangell@me.com](mailto:kslangell@me.com)





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#### Indiana Airstream Club - [indiana.airstreamclub.net](http://indiana.airstreamclub.net)

- May 9-12 Spring Rally/Nomination of Officers, Angola/Hogback Lake KOA, 5251 W US Hwy 20, Angola, IN, Branko Mijatovich 260-402-8987, email: [nined2yk@gmail.com](mailto:nined2yk@gmail.com)
- May 11 Spring Luncheon/Nomination of Officers Noon, Blue Gate Rest. & Bakery, 195 N Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN, Branko Mijatovich 260-402-8987, email: [nined2yk@gmail.com](mailto:nined2yk@gmail.com)
- Jun 18-26 Joint Caravan w/Lincolndale, Jackson Center to Kentucky Horse Park, Wapakoneta KOA Holiday, 14719 Cemetery Rd, Wapakoneta, OH; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Famcamp, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, Kentucky Horse Park CG, 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY, Branko Mijatovich 206-402-8987, email: [nined2yk@gmail.com](mailto:nined2yk@gmail.com)

#### Kentucky Airstream Club - [kentucky.airstreamclub.net](http://kentucky.airstreamclub.net)

- May 1-5 Derby Rally, Kentucky Horse Park CG, 4089 Ironworks Pike Rd, Lexington, KY, Dawn 859-259-4257
- Jun 5-9 Buddies, BBQ & Bluegrass Rally, Diamond Lake Resort RV Park, 7301 Hobbs Rd. Owensboro, KY, Campground Office 270-229-4900

#### Northern Illinois Airstream Club - [northernillinois.airstreamclub.net](http://northernillinois.airstreamclub.net)

- May 17-19 Starved Rock SP Rally, Starved Rock SP, PO Box 509, Utica, IL, Dolores Mayo 630-587-2690, email: [mayo.internet@gmail.com](mailto:mayo.internet@gmail.com)
- Jun 7-9 Shabbona Lake SP Rally, Shabbona Lake SP, 100 Preserve Rd, Shabbona, IL, John Sanders, email: [john@mbjengineering.com](mailto:john@mbjengineering.com)

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

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

#### WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - [illinoislincolndale.airstreamclub.net](http://illinoislincolndale.airstreamclub.net)

- May 3-6 Artisan Fair Rally, Camp Lakewood CG & RV Park, 1217 W Rickelman Ave, Effingham, IL, Susan Swearingen 309-824-5085, email: [smsflyfisher@hotmail.com](mailto:smsflyfisher@hotmail.com)
- Jun 18-26 Joint Caravan w/Indiana Airstream Club - 3 Modes of Transport-Land, Air & Sea, Ohio & Kentucky, Susan Swearingen 309-824-5085, email: [smsflyfisher@hotmail.com](mailto:smsflyfisher@hotmail.com)

### REGION 6 Activities

#### Region 6 Website: [region6.airstreamclub.net](http://region6.airstreamclub.net)

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

#### Alabama Airstream Club - [alabama.airstreamclub.net](http://alabama.airstreamclub.net)

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

- May 7 North Alabama Munchin' Bunch Dinner 6 PM, Francesco's Italian Rest., 2613 US Hwy 31, Decatur, AL, Andrea Patterson 256-679-7039, email: [anote@knology.net](mailto:anote@knology.net)
- Jun 11 North Alabama Munchin' Bunch Luncheon 11 AM, Ro's Grille, 300 Hobbs St E, Athens, AL, Andrea Patterson 256-679-7039, email: [andreasnote@knology.net](mailto:andreasnote@knology.net)

#### Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - [arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net](http://arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net)

#### East Tennessee Airstream Club - [easttennessee.airstreamclub.net](http://easttennessee.airstreamclub.net)

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

#### Louisiana Airstream Club - [louisiana.airstreamclub.net](http://louisiana.airstreamclub.net)

- May 2-5 Rally, LaPaye Bass RV Park, 669 Arpent Dr, Eunice, LA, Charlie Davis 504-615-6363, email: [cwd1947@gmail.com](mailto:cwd1947@gmail.com)
- May 9-12 Swing in the Pines Symphony Rally, Fountainbleau SP, Gerald Peltier 504-388-5537, email: [biggyiggy@aol.com](mailto:biggyiggy@aol.com)

#### Mississippi Airstream Club - [mississippi.airstreamclub.net](http://mississippi.airstreamclub.net)

#### Music City Airstream Club - [musiccity.airstreamclub.net](http://musiccity.airstreamclub.net)

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

#### Pensacola Florida Unit - [pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net](http://pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net)

- May 16-19 Celebrate May Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: [mystic.springs@yahoo.com](mailto:mystic.springs@yahoo.com)
- Jun 20-23 Are You Ready? Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: [mystic.springs@yahoo.com](mailto:mystic.springs@yahoo.com)

#### West Tennessee Airstream Club - [westtennessee.airstreamclub.net](http://westtennessee.airstreamclub.net)

### REGION 7 Activities

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

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

#### Minnesota Airstream Club - [minnesota.airstreamclub.net](http://minnesota.airstreamclub.net)

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

#### North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - [www.nodak.wbcci.net](http://www.nodak.wbcci.net)

- Jun 20-23 Spring Rally, Bry-Mar CG, Brandon, Manitoba, Chris Wells 204-461-1675, email: [cwell@mymts.net](mailto:cwell@mymts.net)

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

- May 17-19 Dells Campout, Wisconsin Dells KOA, S 235A Stand Rock Rd, Wisconsin Dells, WI, Bob & Heidi Manak 262-524-8711, email: [bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)
- May 18 Dells Luncheon & Spring Business Mtg 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co, 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI, Bob & Heidi Manak 262-524-8711, email: [bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)
- Jun 20-23 Pictured Rocks Campout, Munising Tourist Park, E8518 W M-28 W, Gino Eggers 906-201-2299, email: [bikingskiing@mac.com](mailto:bikingskiing@mac.com)

### REGION 8 Activities

#### Region 8 Website:

<http://region8.wbcci.net>

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

#### Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - [greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net](http://greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net)

- May 16-19 Rend Lake Rally, Whittington Woods CG, Whittington, IL, Barry & Judy Johnson 636-464-5457, email: [ctajohnson@aol.com](mailto:ctajohnson@aol.com)
- Jun 20-23 Family & Friends Rally, Ozark Mountain Springs Park, Mountain View, MO, Larry & Jackie Weidle 573-694-7642, email: [grandpa1shot@hotmail.com](mailto:grandpa1shot@hotmail.com)

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

- May 15-18 Explore Dubuque Rally, Miller's RV Park, 1851 Admiral Sheely Dr, Dubuque, IA, Mike Donahue 515-229-7881, email: [niceguyia@aol.com](mailto:niceguyia@aol.com)
- Jun 13-16 Rally, Lucas County FG, Chariton, IA, Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, email: [cdcabalka@juno.com](mailto:cdcabalka@juno.com)

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

- May 4 Luncheon 11:30 AM, District Pour House, 7122 Wornall, Kansas City, MO, Charles Colbert 913-484-9864, email: [ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net)
- Jun 1 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Big Biscuit, 5400 W 95th, Prairie Village, KS, Julee Shields & Bud McFie 913-908-7500, email: [frckls26@gmail.com](mailto:frckls26@gmail.com)

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### Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - [mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net](http://mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net)

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

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

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

### North Iowa Airstream Club - [northiowa.airstreamclub.net](http://northiowa.airstreamclub.net)

Jun 6-9 Rally, Buena Vista County Fair Iowa, 5800 55th Ave, Alta, IA, Jeff & Jeanette Peterson 712-253-0245, email: [jp6896@q.com](mailto:jp6896@q.com)

## REGION 9 Activities

### Region 9 Website: [region9.airstreamclub.net](http://region9.airstreamclub.net)

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

### East Texas Lakes Unit

May 24-26 Rally, Fairfield Lake SP 903-389-4514, 123 State Park Rd 64, Fairfield, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109

### Greater Houston Airstream Club - [greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net](http://greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net)

May 23-27 Memorial Day Rally, Sonny's RV Park, 8816 US 77, Lexington, TX, Jerry Goodwin 281-787-6687, email: [jl79@comcast.net](mailto:jl79@comcast.net)

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

TBA Monthly Activities TBA, please visit our website

### North Texas Unit - [northtexas.airstreamclub.net](http://northtexas.airstreamclub.net)

### Oklahoma Airstream Club - [oklahoma.airstreamclub.net](http://oklahoma.airstreamclub.net)

### Texas Alamo Unit - [texasalamo.airstreamclub.net](http://texasalamo.airstreamclub.net)

May 30-Jun 2 Kick Off to Summer/Buddy Rally, Lagoons RV Resort, Rockport, TX, Cathy Willis 210-744-4555, email: [capwillis@yahoo.com](mailto:capwillis@yahoo.com)

### Texas Gulf Coast Unit - [www.texasairstreamharbor.com](http://www.texasairstreamharbor.com)

May 16-19 Nostalgia & Vintage Airstream Rally, TAMI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: [nefitzge6@gmail.com](mailto:nefitzge6@gmail.com)

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

Jun 7-9 Crazy Crocks or Gators Rally, Brazos Bend SP, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, TX, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: [peter@homesofaustin.com](mailto:peter@homesofaustin.com)

### Texas Hill Country Unit - [texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net](http://texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net)

### Texas Plains Airstream Club - [texasplains.airstreamclub.net](http://texasplains.airstreamclub.net)

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

## REGION 10 Activities

### Region 10 Website: [region10.airstreamclub.net](http://region10.airstreamclub.net)

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

### Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - [albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net](http://albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net)

### British Columbia Airstream Club - [www.airstreambc.com](http://www.airstreambc.com)

May 21-25 Interior BC Rally, Riverside CG, Enderby, BC, Gamache 250-549-7303 / Jackson 250-488-9940  
Jun 7-9 Othello Tunnels Rally, Hope, BC, Wheeler/Soucy 604-209-7970 / Millard 604-536-6372

### Idaho Airstream Club - [idaho.airstreamclub.net](http://idaho.airstreamclub.net)

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

May 16-20 Bend, OR Rally, Bend, OR, Michael Schanze 208-424-0431, email: [schanze.boise@gmail.com](mailto:schanze.boise@gmail.com)

Jun 20-24 Rally, Henry's Lake SP, ID, Mim Davidson 208-859-2921, email: [mimad@cableone.net](mailto:mimad@cableone.net)

### Montana Airstream Club - [montana.airstreamclub.net](http://montana.airstreamclub.net)

### Oregon Airstream Club - [oregon.airstreamclub.net](http://oregon.airstreamclub.net)

May 3-5 Boring Rogers Rally, Barton City Park, 150 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City, OR, Mike Rogers 503-313-7987, email: [cvrogersm@gmail.com](mailto:cvrogersm@gmail.com)

May 6-17 4 Corners of Oregon Caravan, Central & SW Oregon Coast, Rovers RV Park, Waldport, OR to Four Seasons RV Resort, Gold Beach, OR, Bruce Sorte 541-231-6566, email: [sorteb@peak.org](mailto:sorteb@peak.org)

May 16-19 Tom Sawyer Rally, Historic Churchill School, 2485 Hughes Lane, Baker City, OR, Brad Taylor 503-871-7860, email: [merc52man@comcast.net](mailto:merc52man@comcast.net)

May 30-Jun 2 Maryhill Rally, Maryhill SP, 50 Hwy 97, Goldendale, WA, Terri Warren 503-701-2798, email: [twestover@mac.com](mailto:twestover@mac.com)

Jun 27-Jul 1 Ashland Theater Rally, Emmigrant Lake Jackson Cty. Park, 5505 Hwy 66, Ashland, OR, Wendy Ware 971-219-2167, email: [wenware@gmail.com](mailto:wenware@gmail.com)

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

Apr 7-May 16 Fishing Caravan Rally, Curlew Lake, Republic, WA, Charli Westerfield 360-485-7837, email: [charli300@msn.com](mailto:charli300@msn.com)

May 3-5 Hawaiian Luau, WLYH, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia, WA, Terry Miller 360-259-3758, email: [terrymiller5622@gmail.com](mailto:terrymiller5622@gmail.com)

Jun 21-23 Good Old Summertime Rally, Glen Ayre, Hoodport, WA, Donna Bryson 360-271-6868, email: [clarkbryson@comcast.net](mailto:clarkbryson@comcast.net)

## REGION 11 Activities

### Region 11 Website: [Region11.airstreamclub.net](http://Region11.airstreamclub.net)

Sep 26-30 Region 11 Rally, Albuquerque, NM  
Oct 4-8 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

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

### Colorado Airstream Club - [colorado.airstreamclub.net](http://colorado.airstreamclub.net)

May 2-15 Maintenance Rally, Ft. Collins Lakeside KOA, 1910 Lakeside Resort Lane, Ft. Collins, CO, Rich Nortnik 303-947-0062, email: [rnortnik@comcast.net](mailto:rnortnik@comcast.net)

Jun 3-6 Just Campin' at Ridgway State Park, Ridgway SP, 28555 Hwy 50, Ridgway, CO, Virgil Turner 970-595-1093, email: [virgil@vsturner.com](mailto:virgil@vsturner.com)

Jun 6-8 Montrose Urban Rally, City Plaza, Montrose, CO, Virgil Turner 970-595-1093, email: [virgil@vsturner.com](mailto:virgil@vsturner.com)

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

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

#### New Mexico Unit - [newmexico.airstreamclub.net](http://newmexico.airstreamclub.net)

- Jun 6-9 Rally, Ski Mountain Resort, Chama, NM, Tom & Barb Stallings, email: [casacornice@hotmail.com](mailto:casacornice@hotmail.com)

#### Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - [utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net](http://utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net)

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

## REGION 12 Activities



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

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

#### Central Coast California Unit - [www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net](http://www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net)

- May 3-5 Rally, Lake Lopez Recreation Area (Quail Loop), Arroyo Grande, CA, Bob & Linda Minder 805-258-3901, email: [rkminster@msn.com](mailto:rkminster@msn.com)

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

- May 9-12 Rally, Paradise By the Sea, 1537 S Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA, call in your reservation to resort 760-439-1376, Betty 714-719-4901, email: [gnordgren@msn.com](mailto:gnordgren@msn.com)

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

#### Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club -

[www.greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net](http://www.greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net)

- May 9-13 V6 Ranch Bluegrass Festival, V6 Ranch, Blue Horse Camp, 70410 Parkfield-Coalinga Rd, Parkfield, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: [events.glaac@gmail.com](mailto:events.glaac@gmail.com)
- May 23-27 Mule Days Celebration, Tri-Counties FG, 1234 Sierra St, Bishop, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: [events.glaac@gmail.com](mailto:events.glaac@gmail.com)

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

- May 17-20 Rally, Nevada Beach SP, Elks Point Rd, Zephyr Cove, NV, Linda Maddox 714-393-9858, email: [linda7915@gmail.com](mailto:linda7915@gmail.com)
- Jun 21-24 Rally, Nevada County FG, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA, Dorothy Farinha 530-906-2050, email: [erndott@att.net](mailto:erndott@att.net)

#### Las Vegas Airstream Club - [lasvegas.airstreamclub.net](http://lasvegas.airstreamclub.net)

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

- May 8-12 Rally, Black Oak RV Park, 19380 Toulumne Rd, Tuolumne, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: [plazzereschi@gmail.com](mailto:plazzereschi@gmail.com)
- Jun 4-9 Rally, Meadowcliff RV Resort, Coleville, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: [plazzereschi@gmail.com](mailto:plazzereschi@gmail.com)

#### Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - [sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net](http://sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net)

#### San Diego California Unit - [www.airstreamsandiego.com](http://www.airstreamsandiego.com)

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

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

- May 3-5 Rally, Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina, 1131 Back Bay Dr, Newport Beach, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: [markmlr880@gmail.com](mailto:markmlr880@gmail.com)
- Jun 7-9 Rally, Pinezanita RV Park & CG, 4446 CA 79, Julian CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: [markmlr880@gmail.com](mailto:markmlr880@gmail.com)

## EUROPE Activities



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

- May 23-27 Chicken Cock Rally, The Lodge, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington, West Sussex, England, Andrew Newell 44 1798813322, email: [andrewn@lekiaviation.com](mailto:andrewn@lekiaviation.com)
- Jun 20-24 Main Midsummer Rally, 1 rue Pierre de Coubertin, F-68100 Mulhouse, France, Nigel Preston 44 7817780314, email: [nigel.preston1@ntlworld.com](mailto:nigel.preston1@ntlworld.com)





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## **N-48-A AMERICAN REVOLUTION – SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN**

**4/10-5/20/2019**

**START: NEW BERN, NC STOP: WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

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

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

**4/2-5/9/2019**

**START: CHESTERFIELD, VA STOP: NEWPORT NEWS, VA**

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

## **STANDBY ONLY**

### **N-48-F SOUTHWEST ADVENTURE**

**8/18–10/8/2019**

**START: ALBUQUERQUE, NM STOP: ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

The 2019 Southwest Adventure Caravan will be in August, September, and October capturing the awesome beauty of the fall landscapes. Beginning in Albuquerque, NM, we will visit the Turquoise Museum, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and savor local cuisine. What is around the bend in the Four-Corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico,

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

## **N-48-G SPRINGTIME IN KENTUCKY**

**4/25-5/15/2019**

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

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

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

-From backroads to rowing hills and small towns.

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

-From distilleries to a family flour mill.

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

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

Come join us during Kentucky Derby week and feel the excitement of the 145th 2019 race. "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports". Ladies bring your derby hat (the bigger the better). Hear the music, taste the food, meet the people and enjoy the 15th State of the Union. Leaders: Karl & Cindy Weisenberger, WBCCI #1885, Cell Ph. 859-653-5519, Email: [springti-meinky@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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### **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



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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](mailto:bobsueheist@gmail.com) Mailing address: 6401 Rainier Dr, Lincoln, NE 68510; Co-Leaders: Doug & Amanda Hewins, WBCCI #2184, Cell Ph. 941-229-3070, Email: [doughewins@gmail.com](mailto:doughewins@gmail.com) Mailing Address: 6652 Primrose Dr. Unit E, USAF Academy, CO 80840. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 25 Total With Leaders, Total Number of Nights: 25, Number of Stops: 8. Total Cost: \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,500, Guest: TBD, Deposit Amount: \$400 Due with Application, Dates of Payments (if applicable): ½ of remainder by 5/1/18, Date Balance Due: 12/1/18. Cancellation Fee: \$50 plus any non-refundable deposit prior to 1/1/19. Leaders discretion after (date) 3/1/19.

## STANDBY ONLY

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

Have you ever wanted to hike on the Appalachian Trail, fly through tree-tops on a zip line, tour gardens on a Segway, fly fish in rushing streams, go horseback riding on mountain trails, explore caves, bicycle (downhill) along an old railroad bed past waterfalls and scenic vistas, see Monticello and one of the oldest public universities in the US, whitewater raft the Nantahala Gorge, enjoy a world class spa, tour America's greatest "castle", and listen to true, old-time bluegrass music? Then bring your camera, binoculars, fishing gear, hiking poles, and - most importantly - sense of adventure and come vacation with us in the Blue Ridge Mountains! We will begin in Cherokee, NC, home of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, then make our way to beautiful Asheville. From there we will boondock three nights at Linville Falls before coming back to civilization in funky Boone, NC. Next is Galax, VA for a bluegrass festival, and two more boondocking nights at Peaks of Otter. We will end our journey just outside the historic towns of Charlottesville and Staunton, Virginia for a total of 500 caravan miles. Leaders: Ray & Carol Combs, WBCCI #2994, Ph. 336-558-5532, Email: [raycombs100@gmail.com](mailto: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 "Plymouth 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](mailto:trevorlake@verizon.net) Address: 315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 23, Total Number of Nights: 41, Number of Stops: 11. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,900, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit: \$200 with Application, Date Due: 2/1/19: \$800, Date Final Balance Due: 5/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$100 after 2/1/19. Leaders' Discretion after 2/1/19.

## STANDBY ONLY

### N-48-M CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN START: DRUMHELLER, AB, CANADA

6/21-7/12/2019

#### STOP: COCHRANE, AB, CANADA

Judy and Deane would love to vacation with you in some of our favorite places in the Canadian Rockies and Alberta prairies. Traveling through the backcountry, we will have some secluded dry camping, cookouts, and hiking. We will travel through the four contiguous National Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. We'll swim in the beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs. Over 100 glaciers line the spectacular Icefields Parkway where you will ride a snow coach on the Athabasca Glacier and experience the newly constructed glass-floored Skywalk. We'll cruise 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](mailto:deane.collinson@rogers.com), [judy.collinson@rogers.com](mailto:judy.collinson@rogers.com) Mailing address: 10 Strath Ave, Toronto, ON, Canada M8X 1P9. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 20, Total Number of Nights: 21, Number of Stops: 8, Caravan distance: 900 miles/1450 km. Total Cost: \$3,200, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,200, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD. Deposit Amount: \$1,000 11/10/18 (\$0 for standby), Dates of Payments \$1,000 1/5/19, Date Balance Due: \$1,200 3/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$100 until 1/5/19. Leaders discretion after 1/5/19.

## STANDBY ONLY

### N-48-N VIKING TRAIL START: NORTH SYDNEY, NS, CANADA

7/10-8/31/2019

#### STOP: NORTH SYDNEY NS, CANADA

The Newfoundland caravan is back! Starting near the Cape Breton ferry the caravan will spend over 50 days in Newfoundland. Visit the first settlements inhabited by Europeans in North America. Immerse yourself in a culture which developed isolated by its rugged terrain. Unique geologic features abound. See puffins, moose, and salmon jumping in unspoiled nature. Kiss a cod! Plan on lots of good food and music from the communities we visit. Trips including whale, iceberg and fjord boat tours, visit a Viking village, zip line over falls, and see historic sites that capture this island's stories. Our focus will be enjoying the wonderful people who live on the island and all they have to offer. You will feel you've gone back to a better time. Make the trip yours with opportunities for breathtaking hikes and beach combing, cod and salmon fishing opportunities, day trips to Labrador and Fogo Island. So much to see and we will do our best to make it amazing! Your rig should be in good working order and equipped to handle Airstreaming travel maintenance in more remote areas. Although we will plan most stops for hookups, be prepared to manage without for a few days. 50 amp not always available. You may appreciate having a CB. Be prepared to learn a new dialect "Where ya 'longs to?" Be prepared to get wet, walk and drive in rugged terrain, find out why there is a place call 'Blow Me Down'. Weather can get cool. Check websites for typical weather so you can plan accordingly.

# 2019 WBCCI National Caravans

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Bring your binoculars so you can be the first one to see the whales and icebergs. If you enjoy fishing, think about bringing your equipment. Learn to love seafood. Leaders: Murray & Pat Leggatt, WBCCI #11489, Email: [ps67.fcas@gmail.com](mailto:ps67.fcas@gmail.com), and Chuck & Maggie Helwig, WBCCI #2868, Ph. 302-270-7618, Email: [helwigcw@icloud.com](mailto:helwigcw@icloud.com). Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 30, Total Number of Nights: 53, Number of Stops: 17. Kitty Fee w/2: \$7,000 CAD, Kitty Fee w/1: \$6,300 CAD, Guest: additional \$1,000 CAD. Deposit Amount: \$700 CAD - payments to be made in Canadian dollars. Dates of Payments: 1st deposit once caravan position offered, 2nd payment 11/1/18, Date Balance Due: 2/1/19. Cancellation Fee: \$50 CAD plus any non-recoverable costs. Leaders discretion after: 1/1/19.

## **N-48-O SOUTHEAST COAST** **10/8-11/9/2019** **START LOCATION: BETHANY BEACH, DE**

### **STOP LOCATION: JEKYLL ISLAND, GA**

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

## **STANDBY ONLY**

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

Short caravan; perfect for your summer vacation! Rendezvous for this caravan is on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Manistique, MI. See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops. Last night of the caravan and the closing banquet will be on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at St. Ignace, MI. Key activities/outings include: Ferry ride under the Mackinac 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](mailto:cdeleeuw@comcast.net), Address: 906 Wright Lane, Milan, MI 48160. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 17. Total Number of Nights: 15. Number of Stops: 5, Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,600, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,200, Guest: \$500, Deposit \$200, Date Balance Due: 5/1/19, Cancellation Fee: \$50. Leaders discretion after 5/1/19.

### **N-48-R KENTUCKY BOURBON & BEYOND** **9/15-10/12/2019** **START: BOWLING GREEN, KY** **STOP: FRANKFORT, KY**

On the Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond Caravan, you will experience the wonders of bourbon and beauty of central Kentucky. We begin our journey in Bowling Green touring the Corvette museum and reopened factory and a boat ride in the Lost River Cave. We'll stop at Lincoln's birthplace with optional stops at Lincoln's boyhood home and the Kentucky Railway Museum. STOP 2: In Bardstown, the Kentucky Bourbon Festival has a full range of events. We'll visit the Cooperage, Barton, Lux, Maker's Mark and Limestone Distilleries with options for you to visit several other area distilleries on your own. We have planned two special events: My Old Kentucky Dinner train and a special festival event at Wickland, Home of Three Governors. This is a private festival event featuring cozy bonfires,

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

## **STANDBY ONLY**

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

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

The region of America known as "The Ozarks" is a cultural and geographically distinct area of mountains, valleys and fresh water springs, rivers and lakes which centers in northern Arkansas and south Missouri. Although educationally and economically progressive, the people value and retain the influences of a pioneer heritage. The caravan leaders' families were original pioneer settlers who have lived in the same place over 170 years, going to the same school for seven generations....livestock traders, sheriffs, bootleggers, teachers, lawyers, judges, blacksmiths, merchants, laborers and village characters. You will meet, spend time with, and share stories with local folks. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sites, events and food not to be missed.... concluding with a traditional riverbank fish fry. Great group meals are a priority, but no food committee. Expect pig roasts, church dinners on the grounds, Dutch oven cobblers, Amish feasts, ham and beans with cornbread and much more. While some roads are narrow and twisty the daily trek distances will be short. Music will abound, from porch fiddles to an internationally famous vocal choir. Ranger Talk presenters are from a special roster of historians, locals, and conservationists. You will visit the number one new attraction in the US, Bass-Pro Shops and Aquarium, Laura Ingalls Wilder home and museum, the Daisy museum, Crystal Bridges Art Museum, Silver Dollar City international food, music and craft fair, and much more. See the magnificent fall scenery and nature's beauty. Leaders: Jack & Kay Garrett, WBCCI #4232, Cell Ph. Jack: 417-293-2487, Cell Ph. Kay: 417-293-7283, Email: [rjackgar@hotmail.com](mailto:rjackgar@hotmail.com), Mailing address: 10302 County Road 9030, West Plains, MO 65775. Co-Leaders: Bob George, WBCCI #2682, Ph. 443-605-3398, Email: [bobgeorge2682@gmail.com](mailto:bobgeorge2682@gmail.com); Anna Janesko, WBCCI, #31788, Ph. 816-820-3071, Email: [66204annajean@gmail.com](mailto:66204annajean@gmail.com). Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25, Total Number of Nights: est. 32, Number of Stops: 8. Level of Exertion: Moderate, but very light/disabled options at most sites/events. Kitty Fee w/2: est. \$4000, Kitty Fee w/1: est. \$3450, Guest: TBD, Deposit Amount: \$400. Dates of Payments (if applicable): 1. TBD, 2. TBD. Cancellation Fee: TBD. Leaders discretion after (date)

# WBCCI / The Airstream Club International

## National Caravan Application

(Please print clearly)

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Caravan # \_\_\_\_\_ Caravan Name \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children \_\_\_\_\_ # of Pets \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ham # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped: Y / N

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

**Make checks payable to: (Caravan Leader's Name) WBCCI Caravan (Caravan Name)**  
**Example: Roy Rogers WBCCI Caravan Travels with Trigger**

**Mail to the Caravan Leader**

### SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY

Sugar Creek, Ohio  
 "In the Heart of Amish Country"  
 September 21 - 29, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Region/Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Timer \_\_\_\_\_ Caravan Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Caravan: \_\_\_\_\_

MH / Length \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer / Length \_\_\_\_\_ M/C Size \_\_\_\_\_

Region or International Officer? (specify title): \_\_\_\_\_

# of? Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Guests over 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Interest to Participate: \_\_\_\_\_ Hobby Show \_\_\_\_\_ Flea Market \_\_\_\_\_ Golf \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Musical (Bring your instruments)

**Rally Fee:**

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

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

Karin & Larry Kurkowski, 2019 Rally Chairmen

Rally email: [SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com)

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

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



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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI #	Unit
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Handicap parking? (Yes) Golf? (Yes) Volunteer? (Yes!)

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

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

## Rally Fee:

Ages 13 and up  $\$65 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \$\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

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

Total Enclosed \$

RSVP by May 1, 2019

Make check (USD) payable to: Region 2 WBCCI

Mail to: Will Kushto, Treasurer

114 Flagstaff Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19115-3410

Children and pets welcome!

Contact: Rune Moeller 443-286-3114, email: [gpickr@icloud.com](mailto:gpickr@icloud.com)

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

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

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

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

website address is: <http://coolbreezecampground.com> and phone number is 276-236-0300.

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

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

The Region 3 website [region3.wbcc.net](http://region3.wbcc.net) will have a page about the rally as will the region calendar. Rally directors are Julian & Lynne Clements [dandylynne@gmail.com](mailto:dandylynne@gmail.com) 706-244-2129.

**REGION 11 RALLY**  
**Route 66 RV Resort**  
**14500 Central Ave SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico**  
**September 26 - 30, 2019**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Children \_\_\_\_\_

Trl/MH \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Slide: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking? Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee \$40 pp (children \$10) # of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If staying off site, pay rally fee only)

Nightly Rate \$35 # of nights \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (circle nights) Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Amount Enclosed: TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Route 66 RV Resort is NEW! All sites are 30/50 amp on concrete pads and have full hook-ups with picnic tables and fire rings. Amenities include: free Wi-Fi, two dog parks, free shuttle service to the Casino, propane available, pickle ball court, volleyball, horseshoes and a resort style pool! The Clubhouse has showers, laundry, exercise room and game tables, free access to the indoor pool and hot tub at the Casino Hotel. We will have full use of the open air rally barn with picnic tables, gas grills, sinks and restrooms. Pets allowed, no fee.

Rally activities include a welcome dinner buffet on Thursday, a Saturday night catered dinner and a pancake breakfast on Sunday, all on site. Also planned, a private Black Jack seminar at the Casino, a potluck breakfast on Friday and an **optional** guided tour (\$5.50 pp) of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center with a museum, native arts shop and Pueblo Harvest Cafe for lunch. Also in the planning is a tour of the Hispanic Cultural Center. If you are planning on attending the Balloon Fiesta, start your fun with us!

Questions to Region 11 President, Patti Reed,  
 email: [pvreed1@mac.com](mailto:pvreed1@mac.com) (add note if needed)

Do not call Route 66 for rally reservations.  
 (Call them for additional nights before or after rally.)

Make Checks Payable to: Region 11 WBCCI  
 Mail to: Patricia Reed, 4235 Crystal Dr, Broomfield, CO 80023



Along the Oregon Coast in Nehalem, OR - submitted by Larry Owens, #1600



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



At the Le Mans, France Rally - submitted by Johan Blauwblomme, #5767



How many Airstreamers can you fit in an Airstream? Answer: 12 - submitted by Marshall Hall, #12121



Circle the Wagons! Rally, Ridgeway, CO - taken by Patti Reed, #250, submitted by Carolyn Beardshear, #7982



Touring the Wings Air Museum, Chino, CA - submitted by Jim Howard #6292



Death Valley Caravan - submitted by Eric McHenry, #2242



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