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President's Corner

The Best Way to Predict the Future



For the 18th time together, Debbie and I watched Frank Capra's *It's A Wonderful Life*. Do you remember the special gift Angel Second Class Clarence was able to provide George Bailey? George thought the world would have been better if he hadn't lived at all. The angel-in-training provided George with a view of what the world would look like if George hadn't been born.

The movie shows a world without George Bailey's influence upon Bedford Falls and beyond. George then understood that every person's little actions have positive influences locally and in the wider world. What if you didn't contribute anything or try to improve anything? It's a pretty unlikely prospect. Airstreamers impact people in ways we might never understand. You help create the future by your daily actions.

The Club's seen change over its sixty plus years. It evolves just as Airstreams continue to evolve. For example, Airstreams improved from gas lamps, to incandescent bulbs, to LED lighting. We may agree not all changes are improvements but I like the new mattresses, flooring, fixtures and lighting, to name a few. Two big Club changes are in communications and membership records yet even these can continue to be improved. In Durango I recently saw a bumper sticker, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." It's an old quote, but remains relevant.

Leadership created a long-range planning committee three years ago to improve the Club and find ways to implement changes. Planning for the Club's future isn't just a role for leadership or the Long-Range Planning Committee. Anyone with opinions and wishes regarding improvements, whether a better cookie recipe, a more engaging Airstream Club local unit, or an attractive and enduring International Club can help

"predict the future" by getting involved. By helping create the future of the Club, you can shape what we become. It's your Club! Do you want to follow the changes made by others or influence our Club as it changes?

We are spectators or participants. When the club began, people corresponded on paper, something a few of us still do occasionally. All their news was printed or on the radio. Television, for those who cared, had two or three stations in most locales. There were no cell phones, no email addresses, no banking ATMs and trucks were basic. Everything changes.

We wish sometimes things didn't change, it would be easier to plan for our future. It's a fact of life, change is inevitable. Banking's different. Communication has changed. Newspapers are struggling to remain relevant. Many changes are improvements and not all spell the end of predecessor elements. Change is not good or bad by itself. We Airstreamers prefer, as Wally said, improvements over change for the sake of change.

Let's make improvements in how we serve our membership and community. Let's identify and implement ways that allow new members to readily find the many ways the Club can help them enjoy their Airstream. Let's live the dream with a focus on our club with rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel, fun, and personal expression. I'd like to know how you think the club can help you in living the dream. Please let me know by writing to me at President@wbcci.net (or by letter to the central office). Remember, it's your Club and the best way to predict its future is to help create it.

Jim Cooke
President

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Club Membership Update



**Teresa Taylor
Chairman**

Many of you have asked me to do membership updates like Membership Chair 2010-2013 Don McKelvey did every year and I'm happy to do so. It's nice to see where the club is going membership wise.

This last year January 1, 2017- December 31, 2017, we have welcomed 1,434 new members into our Airstream family. Total membership as of December 31, 2017: 5,807 members. As of press time January 6, we have 1,488 members who have not renewed yet. We always have some late renewals, so I will update in March.

Our renewal percentage this year so far is 81%. Thank you to everyone who said yes to another year. Kudos to those who reminded us to renew and those of you who created the memories and adventures that make this club what it is today, the Airstream Club for Airstream owners worldwide!

I'm looking forward to another year of working with regions and units on membership. This spring we'll introduce updated membership guidelines for both the regions and units/clubs to use that will have marketing materials to order from Headquarters with ideas to share successful rallies and how they are promoted. How you promote a rally is just as important as the campground or activity.

We'll have ideas and "how-to" on using social media and websites to engage our members and prospective members also. New Airstream owners research

online whether to join the Airstream Club and which unit to join. A unit's image on the internet and social media correlates with growth in their membership, so it's vital to maintain a welcoming, current website that attracts prospective members and encourages them to join your unit. Many of our units/clubs have "About the WBCCI" on their website and we have updated information, engaging content and images of Airstreaming with the club from 1955-2018. We'll have it available to download for your website.

We'll also have both onboarding/welcome info for new members, renewal ideas and material to make renewals easy and more effective. Along with this, we have CPC, (new Airstream owners) list ideas and materials for units to use. Look for the updated Membership Guide in your email inbox or link on the airstreamclub.org website.

We have another year ahead of us; let's make it a year of Airstreaming memories with family and new friends in the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Make your rallies and get together engaging, fun and full of adventures for everyone, be it a rafting trip, maintenance class, sitting around a campfire telling stories and enjoying the company of friends or a community project to help others. Let's make this the best year yet for Airstreaming Adventures.

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BALLOON FIESTA FIRST TIMER

Mike & Lynne Mack WBCCI #2696

We were so excited to get our money in and be one of the lucky ones chosen to go to the 2017 Balloon Fiesta!

Time ticked away and the time to go finally arrived. We got to the Enchanted Trails RV Park, a few days early I might add, and got all ready to go to the Fiesta.

On Friday morning we lined up at Camping World as instructed, and then drove to where we were to park, pretty seamlessly. That afternoon we were all gathered for announcements and got any questions we might have, answered. A Mexican feast was served and we got our bag of goodies with all the parking passes as well as our field passes in it.

As it said in our instructions we might awaken at 5:00 in the morning to the whirling of helicopters, SO true. Luckily we set the alarm for that time anyway. We went down to the field where the balloons were to be launched. Who knew EVERYONE would also get up and go to the field, there must've been thousands of people. It was VERY exciting to watch the pilots inflate their balloons in anticipation of a launch.

First up was the dawn patrol, they launch in the dark and check conditions for the rest of the balloonists. At 6:45 the National Anthem was sung by a choir and



2 balloons were sent up with American flags attached, what a sight. Then shortly after balloons started inflating everywhere and launching, talk about mind



blowing, it was spectacular! There were so many different sizes and shapes of balloons, Penguins, Smokey the Bear, Darth Vader and Yoda, Spaceman, Cows, just to name a few. It was hard to choose a favorite; they all were so colorful and unique.

Later in the day we had announcements again and even a little entertainment, then off again to the field to see

the evening glow, which was really fun. The balloons are tethered and every so often a countdown from 10 to 1 would happen and all the pilots would fire their burners, all the balloons would light up and "GLOW". Then they would all deflate and a wonderful fireworks show would begin. Off to bed early cause it all would start again in the morning.

After a couple days it almost became routine, from where the Airstreams were parked you could just sit in front of your trailer and watch all the balloons launch and float by, it was so much fun and amazing to see. There was a lot to see around Albuquerque and even on the grounds, lots of vendors and the Balloon Museum was very interesting.

There was also water and pump-out available, it did get pretty cold a few mornings, but we had prepared and we stayed warm. With all the excitement of balloons floating overhead, the cold wasn't really a problem.

It was sad to leave Tuesday morning, but we had such a great time and the weather pretty much cooperated so our time spent went quite fast.

We are hoping to get to go next year; we will be anticipating the email that says registration is OPEN. Thanks to Region 11, Ken Johansen and all his helpers for all the hard work that they put in every year! Hope to see you next year, October 5-9, 2018.





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Results of the 2017 WBAC Survey

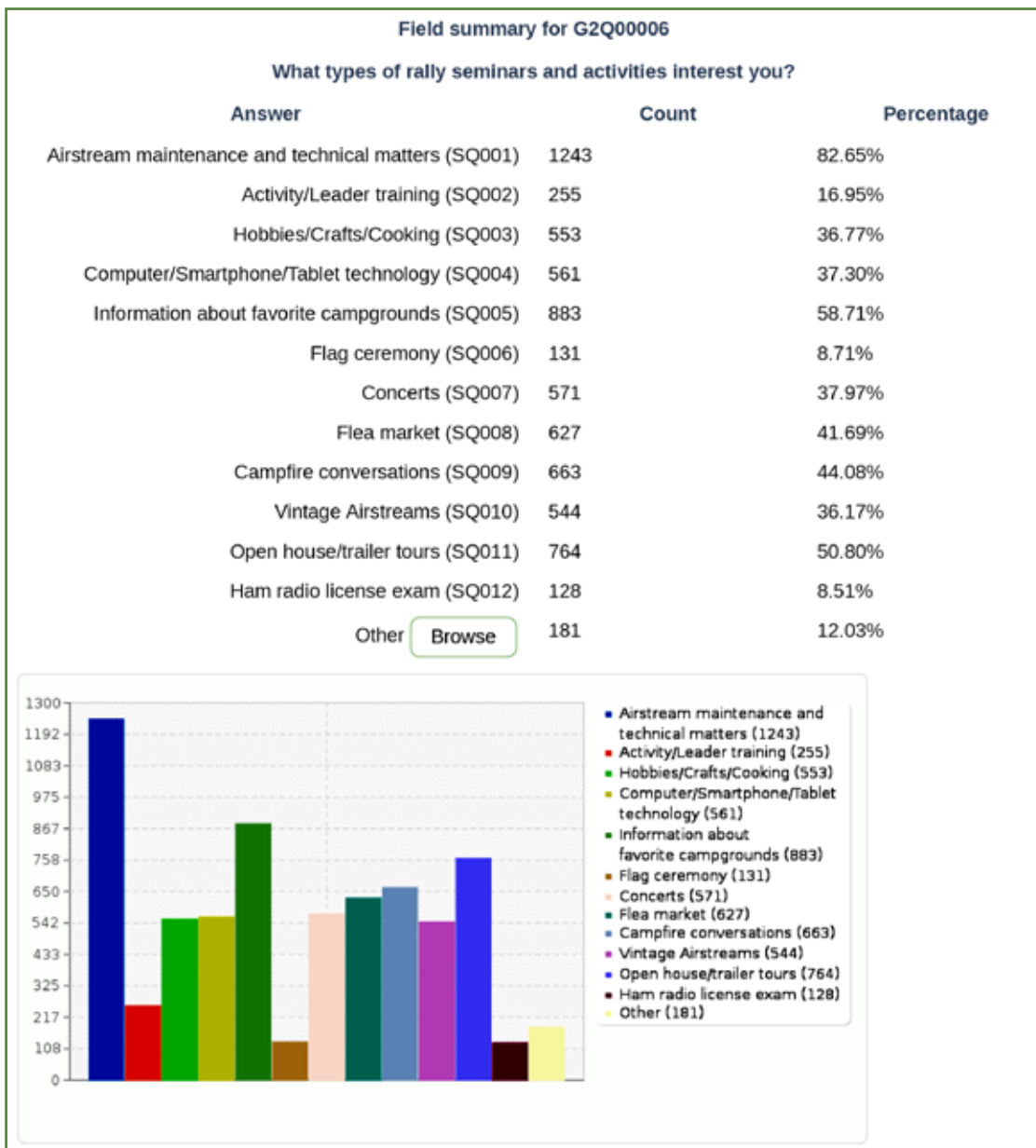
Jim Johnson, WBCCI #4183

First of all, the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) would like to thank the 1,629 members (and one non-member) who responded to the latest survey. That was a 22 percent response rate, considered by the survey team to be very good. The team consisted of current and retired survey professional members of WBAC. The LRPC also thanks them for volunteering many hours to this effort.

This latest survey asked questions in four broad categories; demographics, club activities, communications and opinions. This month, we are reporting results from demographics and club activities.

We are an active club, with a total of 72 percent of members attending at least one WBAC event in the past two years. The vast majority of these were local unit activities. As for rallies, almost half of the members indicated they attended local rallies, while participation in Region and International Rallies was 18 and 17 percent respectively.

When asked what types of rally seminars and activities interest you, the most popular answer by a wide margin was Airstream maintenance and technical matters, at 83 percent. The following graphic depicts the answers to this question.

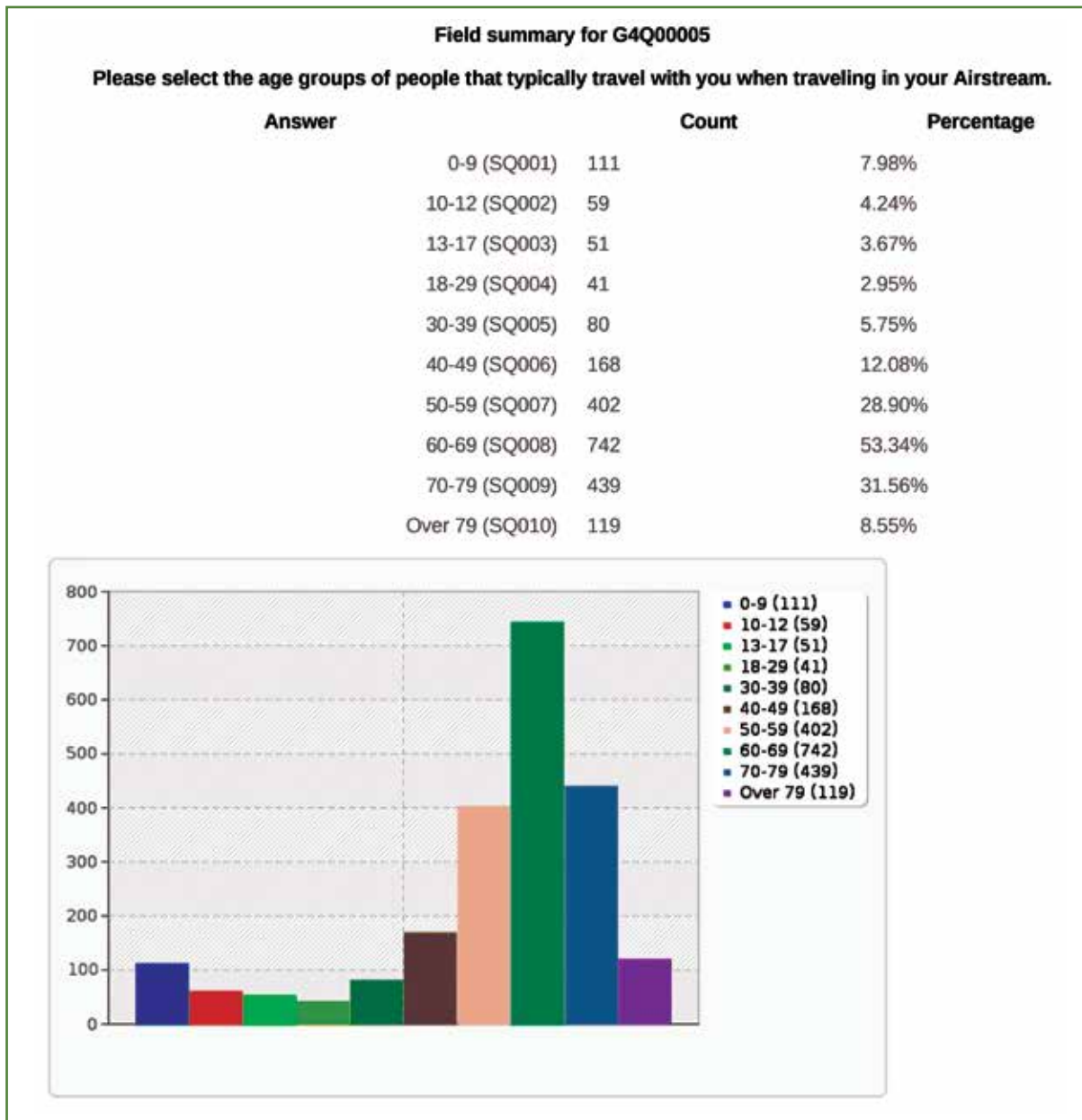


One question addressed the desired length of the International Rally. The average response was just over seven days. It should be noted that the Salem International in June is slated for eight days.

As a club, caravan participation was somewhat lower, with 7.5 percent of members joining a local unit caravan, less than one percent region caravans and six percent national caravans. The top four reasons for not going on a national caravan were lack of interest, not available for the length of time required, too expensive and work commitments.

One question asked if you planned to join a caravan in the next five years. 76 percent stated either yes or maybe. When asked what maximum length of caravan they would consider, the answer was two-fold. Retired members answered 20 days; those still working answered about 14 days.

The demographics of our club didn't come as much of a surprise, with one exception. That exception in a minute. 70 percent of us are retired. Another 22 percent work full time, with another 8.5 percent working part time. When asked what ages travel with you in the Airstream, the answers were pretty much what we expected (see graphic below). However, the answer to the question about how many nights you stayed in your trailer last year was surprising to the team. 72 nights is a much larger number than we expected. Maybe this number was skewed upward by full timers or folks who winter in warm climates in their Airstreams.



Next month, we'll cover how we get our club news, find out about club activities and other general RV information.



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The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was established as an International Standing Committee in June 2015 during the Farmington International Rally. Its Charter is to develop a long-range vision for the Club; facilitate attaining that vision through strategic planning; and develop strategies for long-term growth in added values for Club membership.

The committee is chaired by the International 3rd Vice President elected in an even-numbered year, and is composed of two Region officers, two Club members and ex-officio participants. Members of this committee are dedicated to long-range improvements that will increase the value of membership for Airstream owners; enhance the ability of the Club to attract and retain new members; and improve club operations and governance.

At this point some of you may be thinking, *“Why do we need a Strategic Plan in a camping and caravan club?”*

A Strategic Plan provides a platform to look into, and plan for, the future of the Club with focus and direction. Since the inception of the LRPC, many minds have provided input into the attached Strategic Planning Document (SPD) with the goal that it will be used to improve the Club.

This document was crafted under the principles of the committee Charter and contains fluid, dynamic goals, objec-

tives and strategies that provide opportunities for continual Club improvement. It is supported by a comprehensive task roll-up and a wealth of reference materials, and guided by the member-focused Vision and Mission statements developed during Joe Perryman’s presidency.

The focus of the LRPC has shifted from Conceptualizing and Development of the SPD to encouraging Adoption of, and Engagement in, the following goals:

- Value to our Members
- Service to Members at Local Club Level
- Rally / Caravan experiences that support membership goals, member participation, and create a strong organization consistent with WBCCI objectives
- Focus on Regional Support of local Clubs
- Sustain an environment that is welcoming to volunteers and that encourages overall member support for volunteers’ efforts
- Streamline International Operations to Provide Effective and Inspirational Leadership

Accountability for selecting and reaching the goals rests with the International Board of Trustees (IBT) and the Executive Committee (EC). During the Sarasota Mid-Winter IBT members of this committee:

- Met with the incoming International President and Vice Presi-

dents to review their respective Goals. This meeting has proven to be an invaluable opportunity for the LRPC to recommend inclusion of key Goals/Tasks which may not have been a part of the EC goals, as well as to continue leadership commitment to a cohesive, collaborative and member-focused team;

- Led round-table discussions with Region Officers and Standing Committee Chairs to help encourage adoption of relevant and timely Goals/Tasks contained in the SPD. Both groups were encouraged to base their selections on areas that their Region(s) or Committee(s) could focus on in an effort to meet the needs of the Club membership.

Throughout 2018 and beyond, the LRPC will continue to audit the Strategic Plan for opportunities to enhance the Goals/Tasks based on current membership and marketplace direction, and will update the document annually each May.

Success for the LRPC is not measured by checking things off a list; rather, it is reflected through advocacy and adoption of the opportunities identified in the Strategic Plan; through the continuity of leadership goals and, ultimately, in the growth and satisfaction of the soul of the Club – our Membership.

Strategic Planning Document

Version 1.0 - 12/15/17

Introduction

Ongoing and continuous planning, shaping, and evolving are paramount for the future growth and livelihood of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) Strategic Planning Document (SPD) articulates the WBCCI plan for the future, and acknowledges and addresses the challenges and opportunities we face. The SPD provides goals, objectives and tasks

to build a roadmap that expresses where we want to be in the future. The Plan includes goals designed to strengthen the organization, the leaders, and the member base to improve and move the WBCCI forward while providing a quality, one of a kind, experience for members of all ages and ensuring the WBCCI’s future.

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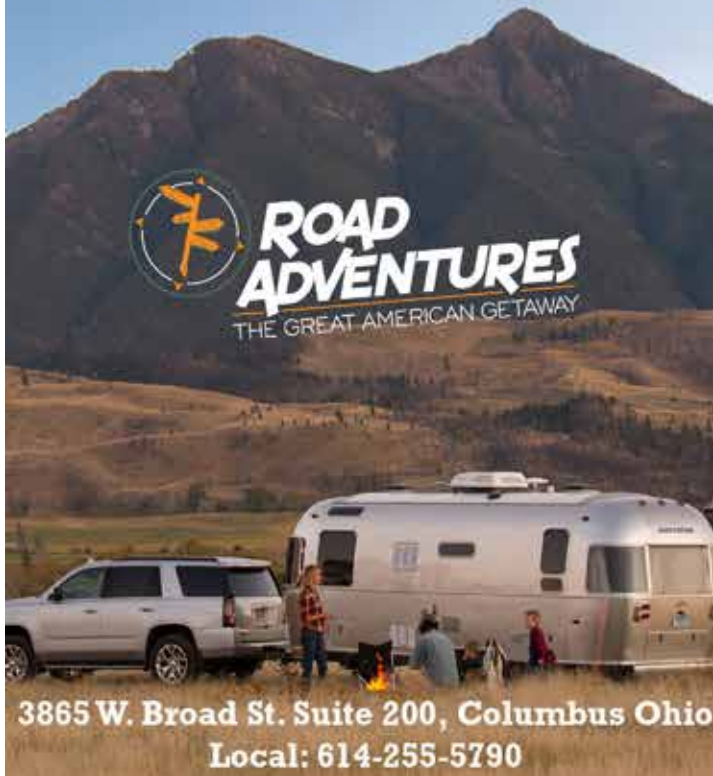
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Responsibilities

The LRPC is responsible for maintaining and updating this document.

Background

Many International Presidents recognized the need for a cohesive strategy in moving the WBCCI forward. Numerous excellent initiatives, such as the 2020 Committee, were prompted by the International Board of Trustees (IBT) and Executive Committee (EC) as early as the Mid-Winter IBT in Gonzales, LA, in 2008. These studies and reports were the basis for proposed and subsequently approved, revised Vision and Mission Statements in the WBCCI Constitution. Then in 2015, a committee commissioned by Joe Perryman generated a Long Range Planning Committee Report, dated July 5, 2015, which led to IBT approval of formation of the LRPC. This committee will report to the IBT and derive any authority to act (and spend) from the IBT.

Our Vision

As we look at the club through 2026, we see Airstream owners focused on effective communications, continual improvement, responsive leadership and universal appeal as the Airstream Club of choice. We value our ICONIC Airstream RVs, positive forward thinking, personal involvement and volunteering, equality and respect among members, responsible stewardship of club resources, a club that is affordable, and a club that respects traditions and past accomplishments. Our club provides and promotes our unique offerings in a way that makes club membership an absolute “must have” for all Airstream owners.

Summary Goals

This document identifies a set of goals, objectives and tasks that are pertinent to the development of a Strategic Plan as defined in the LRPC Vision document. While the listed goals are not in priority order, all of them require some level of planning, research and developing positions for the operation of the club, leadership elements, member support, communications, and rally/caravan execution. To achieve these goals the LRPC anticipates the possibility of changes to the WBCCI Constitution, Bylaws and Policy, and looks forward to working with the IBT in that effort. The goals are:

1. Provide Value to Our Members
2. Streamline International Operations to Provide Effective and Inspirational Leadership
3. Increase Focus on Regional Support of Local Clubs/Units
4. Improve Service to Members at Local Club/Unit Level
5. Provide Rally/Caravan Experiences that Support Membership Goals, Member Participation, and Create a Strong Organization Consistent with WBCCI Objectives
6. Sustain an Environment that Is Welcoming to Volunteers and that Encourages Overall Member Support for Volunteers' Efforts

Adoption and Engagement

Accountability for selecting and reaching the goals rests with the International Board of Trustees (IBT) and the Executive Committee (EC). The LRPC will meet with the incoming President and Vice Presidents at the Mid-Winter Meeting prior to their installation to review their respective Goals. This provides an opportunity for the LRPC to recommend inclusion of key goals/tasks not contained in the EC goals as well as to identify possible additions of goals/tasks not reflected in the SPD.

The LRPC will also create adaptive communication platforms to present the SPD to Region Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and members on an on-going basis at Mid-Winter IBT and the International Rally. Success can only be achieved through adoption of the SPD at all levels, led by a cohesive and collaborative EC.

The LRPC will continue to audit the SPD for opportunities to enhance the Goals/Tasks based on current membership and marketplace direction, and will update the SPD annually each May.

Long Range Planning Strategic Planning Goals, Objectives and Tasks

Goal 1. Provide Value to Our Members

Objective: Make membership attractive and valuable to Airstream owners. Provide a great value for the membership dollar by recruiting and retaining members willing to support club activities. Provide enthusiastic support of the club's traditions and ideals through effective use of resources.

Task 1. Analyze the profile for a member through examination of club best practices, past successes, other clubs' successes, club existing and visionary demographics.

Task 2. Revise the WBCCI Vision based on the member analysis to include new member profile.

Task 3. Actively pursue new members through advertising, open events and a renewed publicity effort.

Task 4. Work with other related Airstream groups to pool resources, ideas and fun activities.

Task 5. Promote and advertise rallies, caravans and other events to make the club the premier choice for Airstream owners and members.

Task 6. Determine a set of benefits that support membership in the club as a great value. Assess relativity and then pursue national level discounts, camping discounts nationwide, and cost comparisons for caravan and rally activities.

Task 7. Provide membership with effective tools to operate as a club member using modern technology

Goal 2. Streamline International Operations to Provide Effective and Inspirational Leadership

Objective: Optimize Club leadership focusing on providing the greatest value to the members. Provide forums for member communication, executive communication, and improve club management business processes.

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Task 1. Determine the ideal club organizational structure to best serve future composition of the membership. Review and improve office processes, equipment, software systems, accounting, and publications. Select easy changes with maximum benefits for early implementation.

Task 2. Assess and support implementation of recommendations provided by the International Rally Site Selection Committee and the associated process and procedure improvements that support our members.

Task 3. Provide Blue Book/Club brochure or on-line training to educate members on available communications methods.

Task 4. Assess the impact of revising the Blue Book, Ideas Book, Caravan Guide and other documentation to include a more modern look and feel. Implement recommendations.

Goal 3. Increase Focus on Regional Support of Local Clubs/Units

Objective: Foster the idea of the Region Officers as a basic element of the Unit Support Network. Recommend changes, provide ideas and develop a communications network based on Regions supporting Units. Identify and develop future officer candidates to fit the club's needs.

Task 1. Improve the Region-to-Unit communications process to allow a Unit to Region question/response or idea/comment blog that is searchable.

Task 2. Assess and determine a viable solution to the problem of obtaining Region Officer Candidates.

Task 3. Determine the effectiveness of Region rallies and provide support for improved/modernized Region level business processes.

Goal 4: Improve Service to Members at Local Club/Unit Level

Objective: Improve Unit Operations effectiveness. Where possible simplify the process of operating the club. Streamline and modernize processes to include updated communications tools, and external social media exposure.

Task 1. Examine current Unit level operations and streamline processes, as appropriate, to minimize time spent managing club "business" and increasing time available for fun.

Task 2. Assess the existing Unit level documentation that supports Unit Officers and update as needed. Provide where needed, on-line leadership training, operation guides, and include a process for reviews, updates and frequently asked questions.

Task 3. Develop effective communication channels at all levels: International, Region and local.

Goal 5: Rallies and Caravans - Provide Rally and Caravan Experiences that Support Membership Goals, Member Participation, and Create a Strong Organization Consistent with WBCCI Objectives

Objective: Improve Club rally/caravan experiences to cover the entire WBCCI member domain with emphasis on simpli-

fied Unit level planning requirements and communication. Provide guidance and educational programs to help the units succeed in matching their membership requirements to fun and exciting travel and fellowship. Improve the International Rally experience and seek ways to improve communications and marketing of other rallies and caravans as appropriate (Region, National, Special Event, Special Interests).

Task 1: Assess the current International Rally (stem to stern) for areas of improvement. Provide detailed recommendations in areas of finance, attendance, program, duration, location and other areas as identified in the IR Assessment.

Task 2: Review surveys and member suggestions to determine, if possible, what WBCCI members and future members want from a rally/caravan program. Develop an initial set of action items to improve, where needed, training, processes, procedures, education and documentation required to implement appropriate changes.

Task 3: Assess the value added of creating rally/caravan data repositories/archives to assist the rally planning activities and of developing a succession plan for rally managers and caravan leaders. Implement as deemed appropriate.

Task 4: Update pertinent support documents for use by the rally/caravan planners.

Task 5: Improve Special Event Rally and Caravan planning and coordination. Provide special event rallies and caravans that the membership will enjoy and support.

Task 6. Maximize the use of digital media to advertise and communicate upcoming and new special event rallies and caravans.

Goal 6: Sustain an Environment that Is Welcoming to Volunteers and that Encourages Overall Member Support for Volunteers' Efforts

Objective: Our club depends on volunteers to operate. We must develop a club culture that perpetuates and nurtures involvement by volunteers and where needed, improve existing programs and create excitement around the importance of becoming involved with making the WBCCI concepts work.

Task 1. Assess existing club volunteer requirements with concentrations at each level of management. Provide suggestions for improvements where they are needed.

Task 2. Provide a process to educate club membership about the value added by volunteers and the benefits of volunteering (at all levels). Work on the "enjoyment" factor.

Task 3. Ensure volunteer requirements are updated as the club support requirements change. Invoke needed evaluations and transitions through transparent processes that assure members that leadership is attending to our "value added" philosophy and their well being.

Task 4. Establish a responsive feedback process and/or reward system for working committees that makes volunteering a "benefit" and acknowledges their contributions.

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Recall date: November 2, 2017

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Plastic handle fire extinguishers:

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For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.

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International Rallies - The First 10 Years

The approaching 60th anniversary of the first WBCCI International Rally and the upcoming 61st WBCCI International Rally in Salem, Oregon, make it an appropriate time to review the history of some early WBCCI International Rallies, specifically 1958 to 1967, the first 10 years. Here are some highlights, year by year:

1958 – 1st International Rally – Bull Shoals, AR, July 3-6, 1958 – 300 Airstreams:

In early 1958, Airstream decided to host a rally to celebrate Wally Byam's birthday. Since Wally was born on July 4th, the dates of July 3-6th, 1958 were selected and a central location at the Bull Shoals Dam was found. The rally was patterned after the International Rallies Wally Byam attended in Europe in the mid-1950s, with invitations sent to special guests and trailer clubs across Europe as well as to all Airstream owners in the U.S. and Canada. The village of "Byamville" was created with a colorful Market Street lined with small stands and booths operated by local merchants who sold food, groceries, handcrafted items, souvenirs, and trailer supplies. There were no buildings or tents, no electricity or water. Programs were held on a large open stage. The star entertainment was Pat Boone's father-in-law, Red Foley. After its successful completion, WBCC leadership decided to make the rally an annual event.



Wally's Birthday Party - 1958

1959 – 2nd International Rally – Wisconsin Dells, WI, July 1-6, 1959 – 515 Airstreams: The Rally Fee was \$1.50 per night per trailer and this was the first International Rally to use a partial "Wagon Wheel" parking formation.



The rally theme was "Welcome to Alaska, our 49th State", because July 4, 1959 would be the day the U.S. flag with 49 stars became official. Each Unit was asked to prepare a 5-minute skit on the rally theme. Special boat trips to the Wisconsin Dells in WWII era amphibious "Ducks" were enjoyed by many. Other tours, including fishing, boating, riding, and golfing were provided in addition to "in camp" activities. A "Teen Queen" (beauty) contest for the daughters and granddaughters of club members was offered for the first time. This contest would remain a fixture of International Rallies into the early 2000s. Wally and Stella flew in for his July 4th birthday party, received the first ever "Key to the City" from the mayor of Wisconsin Dells, and then flew to Cape Town, South Africa to begin the 1959-60 African Caravan.

1960 – 3rd International Rally – Colorado Springs, CO, July 1-6, 1960 – 868 Airstreams: This International Rally was hosted by the Colorado Unit and was called the "Traveling WBCC

Ranch". It was the first International Rally to ask club members to spend only \$2 bills to demonstrate to the area the financial impact of hosting the Rally. Activities included a Wally Byam's Birthday Dinner Party on July 4th, followed by the showing of African Caravan movies. Wally's birthday cake was constructed from cupcakes for the first time - 3000 in total! Wally gave Government Savings Bonds to the top three Teen Queen contestants. This was the last International Rally that Wally Byam personally attended as he was already feeling the effects of the illness that would take his life in 1962.



Wally, Stella, Teen Queens and Cupcakes

A WBCC registration book was positioned at the top of Pike's Peak to be signed by members. One member even pulled his Airstream to the top!

1961 – 4th International Rally – Hershey, PA, July 1-5, 1961 – 960 Airstreams: The rally theme was "More Fun in '61". The Hershey Chocolate Factory provided tours for club members on June 30th, and all Hershey Estates activities, including the amusement park, were open to club members. July 4th was "Early American" Costume Day as well

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as the day for Wally Byam's Birthday Party Barbecue, but Wally was unable to attend due to his illness. Movies of the 1960 European Caravan were shown one night. The International Rally was getting bigger, as evidenced by the first appearance of a trailer locator board and an on-site U.S. Post Office, as well as the ability to attract top-tier entertainment. On the final night, Duke Ellington and his band performed, courtesy of Airstream.

1962 – 5th International Rally – Auburn, WA, June 30-July 5, 1962 – 1717 Airstreams: The 100-acre rally site was open to club members from June 15 to July 10 which allowed the opportunity to attend the "Century 21 Exposition" 1962 World's Fair in Seattle, just a 40-minute drive away. Chartered busses took club members to the Fair each day during the official rally. The rally theme was "International Fair", with each day having an individual theme: 6/30 – Mexican, 7/1 – Canadian, 7/2 – European, 7/3 – Oriental, 7/4 – American, and 7/5 – All Nations. The Rally Fee was only \$10 and parking, for the first time at an International Rally, was in a complete (though oval) Wagon Wheel formation, with the event tents located in the center. Sixty different committees were needed to organize and run the rally. Wally's July 4th birthday cake was now up to 6000 cupcakes, each with an individual candle!



1963 – 6th International Rally – Bemidji, MN, June 29-July 5, 1963 – 1882 Airstreams: Bemidji, in the "Land of Paul Bunyan", provided a rally site at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds. The rally theme was "Vacationland". Rally activities continued to offer the types of events that had been provided every year since the 2nd International Rally,

including a 4th of July Parade, unit skits, meals, hobby shows, and Teen Queen, square dancing, horseshoe, and golf contests. The top name entertainment was comedienne Phyllis Diller. The July 4th Fish Fry, possibly the largest ever, was followed by Wally Byam's birthday cake made of 6500 cupcakes.

1964 – 7th International Rally – Princeton, NJ, June 22-July 6, 1964 – 1969 Airstreams: The Rally site, in a large field in the Princeton suburb of Skillman, NJ, opened early on June 15 to allow club members to take advantage of the proximity to the 1964 New York World's Fair and the New Jersey Tercentenary and Fair. The rally theme was "300 Years of Progress". Planned rally activities began on June 22, but the official Opening Ceremony was not until June 29. June 30 was officially declared Wally Byam Caravan Club Day at the World's Fair and 80 busses were chartered to transport 3500 rally goers to the Fair. Airstream provided a "hospitality center" in New York City's Astor Hotel from June 22-30 to serve as a temporary meeting place for club members touring Manhattan. Wally's birthday cake on July 4th consisted of 10,000 cupcakes. A daily rally newspaper was organized

for the first time. It was called the "Blue Beret" and in 1965 it would evolve into the monthly club magazine of the same name.

1965 – 8th International Rally – Laramie, WY, June 29-July 5, 1965 – 2592 Airstreams: A rally site of approximately 150-acres was located next to the University of Wyoming, which opened the doors of some of its buildings for use by the club. The rally theme was simply "Western". Lynda Bird Johnson, daughter of the current U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, attended the rally at the end of a 5-week tour of the U.S. west in an Airstream trailer. Arrangements were made so that WBCCI members could attend the Shrine Circus in Laramie for free by merely displaying their ID badges and blue berets. There was a special tribute to Wally Byam on July 4th by Airstream Company President Art Costello, but no birthday party or cupcakes.

1966 – 9th International Rally – Cadillac, MI, June 29-July 5, 1966 – 2828 Airstreams: The 150-acre site used for the rally required the erection of a building large enough to seat 10,000 persons. The nearly 10,000 attendees doubled Cadillac's population for the duration of



10th International Rally - Santa Rosa, California - 1967

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the rally! The rally theme was “Funderland” to highlight the promise of fun in all of Michigan’s wonderlands, including lakes Cadillac and Mitchell, just a short distance from the rally site. This was the last International Rally to utilize a complete (though oval) Wagon Wheel parking formation and the Rally Fee was now \$15 including early parking starting on June 22. Representatives of the British and French Caravan Clubs attended the rally making it a truly international affair. Evening entertainment included the Teen Queen contest, various caravan films, square dancing, and ballroom dancing.

1967 – 10th International Rally – Santa Rosa, CA, June 29-July 5, 1967 – 2156 Airstreams: Airstreams were parked in a big “X” formation on the run-

ways of the former McClellan Air Force Base, which had been constructed in 1942 to mimic the deck of the aircraft carrier “Hornet”. To date, this was the only International Rally held in California. A San Francisco style cable car was used to transport attendees around the rally site. Most activities were in a 40,000 square foot tent that sat 7,000 and was claimed to be the largest tent in the world. The 1st Caravan America Tour sponsored by the Wally Byam Foundation, a 4-week tour of the U.S.A by a group of 25 English families in Airstream trailers, ended at the rally. A group of 20 French families began the 2nd Caravan America tour of the U.S.A. at the rally.

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Hello to all. We hope you had a good winter and have begun to think about getting your Airstreams out to do some camping. In Oregon we normally have a leak-test rally in January. It will be time soon to de-winterize your trailer or motorhome. Here are some articles that will assist you with your de-winterizing projects. Go to www.wbcci.org and scroll across to the heading "Maint Info", click on it, and scroll down to the sources for the articles, click on it, and go to: "hints" date Oct, 2003, de-winterizing - and read the article. OR go to: "Schus" date April, 2014, de-winterizing - and read the article. OR go to: "March" date April, 2015, de-winterizing your trailer - and read the article. OR go to "Schus" date March 2011, de-winterizing, pumps - and read the article. OR go to "March" date March 2015, water heater de-winterization - and read the article. These articles will provide most of the answers you need. If you don't find what you need, we are only a few computer strokes away at techhelp@wbcci.org.

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Sometime next year we hope to have all the articles categorized and listed in the "Maint Info" heading on the www.wbcci.org page. In the meanwhile, we have a file that includes all 389 articles, sorted by category, as shown above, that we will be able use to direct you to categories and articles in which you may have an interest, just like I have done in the first paragraph of this article. I looked up "de-winterizing" and found those 5 articles. We hope to be ready for online access before International in 2018. In the meanwhile, please be patient, just give us the category for what you are looking for and the specifics of your need and we will get right back to you with some great sources for information. Most of the issues you are having have been sorted out before. This is an effort to give you online access to all this data to help answer your questions. The 389 articles range from a paragraph long to 77 pages long!

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Salem capitol building at night

Salem is Oregon's state capital. As 2018 is an even-numbered year, state legislators won't be in session during the Rally but any month of June is a great time to visit the Capitol. Learn about Oregon history, the Capitol building, and the legislative process during a tour with a knowledgeable guide, then climb up to visit "the gold man" at the top - a twenty-two foot bronze figure named the Oregon Pioneer - and view the whole city below and the mountains beyond from his vantage point.

The Capitol grounds are verdant and colorful - hundreds of varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers will be blooming in June. The mall is one of Oregon's newest State Parks and includes the Oregon World War II memorial - a 33 foot tall, 15-ton obelisk.

Beavers and Ducks!

Not a sports fan? Want to fit in, and fast? Here's a short tutorial on what you need to know when confronted by fans of either team in one of the oldest feuds in the Pac-12: Oregon vs. Oregon State. The college rivalry, while customary in many states, is intensified in Oregon due to the physical proximity of the teams, whose respective stadiums are only 41 miles apart.

Oregon State University, home of the OSU Beavers, plays at Reser Stadium in Corvallis. Fans wear orange. Their last conference championship was in 2000. They're the underdog, as rival U of O seems to be supported by a neverending infusion of alumnus Phil Knight's Nike money. When you're around Oregon State fans, make fun of the Duck's uni-



Riverfront Park in Salem, OR

forms. Say, "Dennis Erickson should never have left."

The University of Oregon Ducks play at Autzen Stadium in hippie-friendly Eugene. U of O wears green. The Ducks fought at the Rose Bowl in 1995 and 2015 and at the 2011 National Championship game. Flash the Oregon symbol by making an O of your thumbs and forefingers, and call the Beavers "hayseeds". If you really want to stir up trouble, say "I think Taggart had every right to ditch the Ducks for Florida State right before bowl season."

Peaceable Oregonians are generally thrilled by the national accomplishments of either team. The much anticipated Civil War game takes place on the last day of the season. (The miserable "Toilet Bowl" game - final score: 0 to 0 - was played in 1983.)



Oregon State Beavers, by Karl Maasdam

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**61st Wally Byam Airstream Club
INTERNATIONAL RALLY
June 23-30, 2018 ★ Salem, Oregon**

REGISTRATION

**ONLY DRY CAMPING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
You may choose to be on a Stand By list for 30 amp electric sites by checking the box below.**

Rally Fees – \$195 total for an RV On-Site with water and pump outs; \$110 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth (13-17); Free for Children (12 & Under); Lifetime Member Discount \$20 (limit 1 per registration). There will be two (2) sections for Dry Camping: #1 – **Solar Area** (no generators permitted) and #2 – **Generator Area** where usage will be allowed between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm. Payments by PayPal or Credit Card will be assessed a \$12.00 service fee.

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.

Early Registrations – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registering for the rally on or before January 1, 2018 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.

Bull Pen – Extended parking hours will allow us to make every effort to park you on the day you arrive. If at all possible, please try to arrive by 8:00 pm. If you cannot be parked when you arrive, you may spend the night in the “Bull Pen” at no cost, but with no services.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests must be postmarked by April 30, 2018 and **must** include the Rally pass if issued. All cancellations are assessed a **\$50.00** administrative fee. Refund requests after May 1, 2018 are subject to a 50% penalty. **NO** refunds after June 1, 2018.

Checks payable to: “WBCCI” US Funds Only

Rally Parking: Passes will be sent Spring 2018

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

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 #:** _____



61st Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally

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WBCCI #: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount
RV On Site –Dry Camping	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$195.00	\$
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
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$ -20.00	\$
PayPal or Credit Card Fee	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ 12.00	\$
		GRAND TOTAL:	\$	

Information	Yes	No
VAC Parking:		
First Time:		
Handicap:		
Dry: Solar OR		
Dry: Generator		

Check here to be added to Stand By list for 30 amp electric sites

Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____

Registration Source: Mail Online Officer Rally **Handicap Permit:** On File Update Requested Updated

Payment Type: Cash Check Card PayPal **Amt Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #:** _____

A & W Designs

A & W Designs will not be able to make the trip to Salem but you can STILL order your official Salem Rally shirts by contacting them.

Go here to get an order form <http://wbcci.org/home/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2018-salem-or/2018-salem-or-2>.

They also can still do ALL your custom embroidery work. Contact Wes or Allison Hurner at 615-655-5515 or email awhurner@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed! These Committees need help in Salem:

Cargo - Gary Shelton macdgary69@icloud.com
Member Services - Betty Foley bettyjayfoley@gmail.com
Property Control - Jim Kubalic jkubalic70@gmail.com
Sanitation - Wilfred Schexnayder corv1990@eatel.net

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the chairman by email or Julie at Headquarters at 937-596-5211.

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Rally Update

The Planning Committee has added more 30amp sites! Many are already spoken for through the standby list, but they're still working to make more available.

The "standby list" is comprised of members who would like 30amp sites but didn't register in time to snag one of the 600 powered sites. Here are the standby options:

1) Register for the Rally and privately arrange to hold a nearby off-site camping location - and ask to be placed on the standby list to move later to the first available 30amp site on the Rally grounds.

2) Register on-site for solar or dry camping, and ask to be on the standby list.

3) Ask to be on the standby list without first registering for the Rally, then register and attend once your powered site is reserved.

Please contact Julie Rethman at 937-596-5211 if you or someone you know would like to join the standby list.

MAIL AND PACKAGES IN SALEM

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

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

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

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

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

Highway 61 Revisited

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

A new caravan is waiting for you! Named Highway 61 Revisited it is a combination of the sights and sounds found along the Mississippi River from Duluth, Minnesota to New Orleans, Louisiana – a total of 1,400 miles! Starting on September 8, 2018 amid the colorful northern fall foliage and ending on October 8, 2018 in America's Jazz Capital, it will be a spectacular journey along the Mississippi River with all types of music in your heart, mind and ears!

The caravan leaders, Ingo and Mary Werk, were inspired to organize the Highway 61 Revisited Caravan by the



Dachshund brothers Coco & Dino invite you to a new caravan along the Old River Road

1965 Bob Dylan album of the same name. Duluth, MN is the birthplace of Bob Dylan – singer, songwriter, musician, artist and writer. He was the recipient of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature for “having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition.”

While in Duluth, the caravan will tour all Bob Dylan sites of significance as well as in Hibbing, MN, where he grew up. As Highway 61 has a musical connection to the south, so will the caravan travel to southern places along the way known for their musical heritage. Next stop will be the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Here is where the caravan will tour the private estate and production complex of Prince outside of Minneapolis and then on to Prairie Home Companion in St. Paul.

Highway 61, also known as the Great River Road, follows the Mississippi River and is part of a 10-state tourism network. Go to www.experiencemississippi.com for more information about what is along the route.

Memphis, Tennessee is a music explorer's delight: Elvis Presley's Graceland; Beale Street with Jerry Lee Lewis' Café and Honky Tonk; Sun Records where Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash cut their first records; Stax Museum

of American Soul Music – the recording studios of Otis Redding and the birth of Soul Music.

Crossing into Mississippi, Highway 61 becomes the Blues Highway. This stretch of road is an education of the Mississippi Delta Blues and the rich history of this unique art form. Visits to the BB King Museum, the Blues Museum and to Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club are scheduled. There is also a GRAMMY Museum Mississippi focused on the continuing musical achievement of Mississippians that is located in the middle of nowhere and the caravan will go there!

Heading south takes the caravan to Louisiana with its own musical traditions. New Orleans, LA is the birthplace of Jazz and Dixieland music as well as known for Louis Armstrong, Al Hurt, Fats Domino, Bourbon Street and the French Quarter. The Big Easy is the Caravan's last stop.

Though the caravan is primarily intended for lovers of modern American music, there are non-musical stops: Greyhound Bus Museum (Hibbing, MN), Red Wing Shoe Museum (Red Wing, MN), John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum (Waterloo, Iowa), Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum, and the Coca Cola Museum (where the very first Coca Cola was bottled)! As possible, camping will be along the waterfront and the caravan is definitely pet-friendly.

Contact Ingo and Mary Werk at ingowerk.hwy61@gmail.com for more information.



Visit Mississippi's Grammy Museum on Highway 61

Photos by Ingo Werk

Meet the Caravan Leaders

Mary and Ingo Werk married 37 years ago in San Francisco, California. According to Ingo: “Ingo was and is Mary's dream-come-true, and the rest is history.” Mary is a native Cajun and LSU graduate, and worked as the Chief Hospital Architect at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center before retiring from Los Angeles County. Ingo is a German-American and manufactured a wide range of products before selling his LA-based company. Their son Cory runs his own Wildlife Adventure Kayak business on Bayou Teche in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana: Airstreams always welcome!

After the Werks' first Airstream (1956 Flying Cloud), they graduated to a 1987 Excella and now they travel with their two dachshunds in a 2007 International 28' towed by a Ford F-250 Power Stroke.

Their home unit is the El Camino Real in Region 12, and until 2017, they were associated with the former Acadiana unit in Region 6.

The Werks' primary residence is in Los Angeles, CA and their secondary residence is in Breaux Bridge, LA. This means they commute from “LA to LA”.

The Werks' passion is the music created along the Mississippi River Road near Highway 61, from Bob Dylan in the north to Louis Armstrong in the south. They're looking forward to seeing y'all on this new Airstream Trail.

NATIONAL RALLIES

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta National Rally

Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 5 - 9, 2018

Kenneth Johansen



Join us for our 12th annual Balloon Fiesta National Rally! Ask those who have been with us in previous years and they will tell you what a great event this is.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta got its start in 1972 when 13 balloons launched from a local shopping center. It has grown into the world's premier ballooning event.

In 2017, over 900,000 spectators attended Balloon Fiesta, the most photographed event in the world. Over 700 balloon pilots representing 19 countries came to experience the famous Albuquerque Box, cool morning temperatures and the geography of the Rio Grande Valley cause lower winds to blow south and higher winds to blow north. By adjusting altitude, skillful pilots can make several passes and return to the launch field to land. During the Mass Ascension, hundreds of balloons, including 108 special shapes, filled the clear, early morning skies.

On Saturday afternoon, people will gather to watch preparations for the America's Challenge, a distance race for gas balloons. Gas balloons can stay aloft for two to three days. The winning team in 2017 set a new flight record that flew 2,278 miles to land in Monroe, MO, more than 59 hours 35 minutes later.

The best way to experience Balloon Fiesta is, without a doubt, by attending the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta National Rally. For 2018, we have again secured 150 premium dry camping sites. Attendees can be on the launch field in minutes after getting out of bed and can walk up right next to the balloons as they launch. Alternatively, you can sit in lawn chairs by their trailers and wait for the balloons to drift by overhead. Watch for registration information on our website www.balloonfiestarally.wbcci.net. The 2018 rally runs from Friday, October 5 to Tuesday, October 9. Check us out on [Facebook/balloonfiestarally](https://www.facebook.com/balloonfiestarally) for more information.

SPECIAL EVENT RALLIES



Bend Classic Rally

25th Anniversary
VAC Rally
Bend, OR
June 17 - 20, 2018

Dal Smilie

This rally will be held June 17-20 with campers pulling out by the morning of June 20. It will be held on the J Bar J Youth Ranch at 62895 Hanby Road, Bend, OR 97701. Fees are \$25 per night the proceeds of which go to the Youth Ranch, a 501c3.

There is limited water and 110 electric available but there will be porta potties. But consider this as dry camping. Propane fires only! The ranch is on a paved road and about 3 miles from the center of town.

The rally is open to all vintage Airstreams, Argosys, Byam Holidays and Curtis Wright trailers and any other Airstreams on their way to the International Rally. It is a way point for the 2018 Baker City-Salem VAC Caravan.

The Bend Classic is urging all Airstreamers who play acoustic roots music to bring their instruments and play. We expect to have some of Bend's bluegrass/old timey music community there also. If you don't play, come and tap your toes.

Flytecamp will host us at an open house and BBQ on June 18.

Bend has 140 restaurants, 36 micro-breweries, a river running through it and lots to do.

Contact Dal Smilie, Rally Host at dalsmilie@aol.com or 406-461-3714.

VACation in Oregon!

INTRA CLUBS



Vintage Airstream Club

Larry Scovotto

May 17 - 21, 2018: VAC Region 3 Southeast Rally and Florida Airstream Club Rally, International RV Park and Campground, Daytona Beach, Florida. To view the program, register online or download a registration form and make your campsite reservations, go to vintageairstreamclub.com/events Full hookup is \$45 per night including tax. Rally fee is \$20 per person and will be collected upon arrival. We are excited to announce that this Rally will be a joint rally with the Florida Airstream Club. Rally hosts are Larry and Linda Scovotto, VAC Region 3 Representatives. For more information, contact Larry Scovotto at vacregion3@vintageairstreamclub.com or call 386-405-0160.

REGION 1

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

February, an odd little month when it comes to Airstreams and camping. Why you may ask? I haven't a clue! If anything I may not be the best person to write about February and how that fits into our wonderful club. But there are a few things I would like to share that have absolutely nothing to with anything.

According to a popular legend, July was named after Julius Caesar and hence it had 31 days. Later, when Augustus Caesar took over the Roman Empire, he wanted August, the month named after him, to have 31 days as well. So two extra days were taken from February, which was then left with 28 days. However, some historians don't agree with this reasoning. They believe February always had 28 days ever since the time of King Numa Pompilius. He decided that a year would have 355 days, the length of 12 lunar cycles. Back then, even numbers were considered unlucky. So, he created seven months with 29 days, and four with 31. Since he now needed one short even-numbered month, he chose February, as it was considered the least favorite month for it arrived during the middle of winter. And hence, it was given only 28 days.

Before 2002, Super Bowl Sunday was held the last Sunday in January, but since 2002 it is more commonly held the first Sunday of February. Now that's pretty exciting. First Lady Louisa Adams along with Abraham Lincoln were born in February. However when in 1879 Frank Winfield Woolworth opened his first 5 cent store in Utica, NY neither were still alive. Other than the obvious, President's Day, Ground Hog Day and Valentine's Day, there is always the opportunity for a New England Nore'Easter. That's when everyone runs to the local grocery store to purchase milk, eggs and bread. I always found it very strange walking down the bread aisle and not a single loaf to be found. It wasn't until recently did I discover that in New England during a winter storm you are supposed to eat French Toast!

Well I have probably worn out my welcome by now and I do look forward to an exciting camping season for Region One 2018. Of course we have our Regional Rally being hosted by the New England Airstream Club along with a very busy calendar of rallies from all of our Regional Clubs. Also worth noting, several of the Region One Clubs do have open spots rank and file. Please do consider stepping forward to fill one. I know you will be rewarded with knowing that you too are helping keep our great club alive. Till next month, Keep The Shiny Side Up!

REGION 2

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

Fellow Airstreamers! I have concrete proof that members actually read these columns that we contributing editors laboriously write each month – with at least a six week lead time to totally confuse us as to what we are saying!

Region 2 received a wonderful holiday gift in the form of Richard Short of the Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club

volunteering to be the First VP of Region 2. Rich and wife Kathi have received nothing but accolades from his Unit, of which he was a recent President. The vote of the Presidents of the Region 2 Units was unanimous! Region President Mark is looking forward to working with Rich on the upcoming Region 2 Rally and the International Rally in Salem in June.

More updates on the Region 2 Rally will be forthcoming. The dates are May 31–June 3, 2018 and the venue is the Ulster County New York Fairgrounds. This is an area replete with mountains for climbing, bridges for walking and vineyards and distilleries for sipping. Some lively music is on tap for Saturday night and, if there is enough interest, there may be a bus trip to Bethel Woods (Woodstock) and/or a caravan leaders' seminar.

Time to start planning for a summer of Airstreaming!

REGION 3

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

Winter is the time we dream, enjoy cooler if not cold weather, and plan our camping trips. Be sure to include Airstream Rallies on your 2018 calendar! The Region 3 Rally April 25– 29 will be in beautiful Myrtle Beach, SC at Ocean Lakes Family Campground. The International Airstream Rally *Living the Dream* will be in Salem, Oregon from June 23-30. Be sure to check the *Blue Beret* for applications and more information about these rallies.

Winter is also time to be considering camping hacks - shortcuts to increase productivity efficiency or ease - in and out of our Airstreams. Some hacks are free or very inexpensive. For example, use only square or rectangular containers in your pantry for the most efficient use of space. Small amounts of seasonings can be placed in Tic Tac boxes while larger square boxes easily hold cereal, flour and sugar. Another easy and effective hack: Pool noodles are wonderful for covering awning arms to alert walkers to avoid walking into them when your awning is open. The more colorful the better! Hanging shoe organizers organize more than just shoes - in the bath it can hold varieties of shampoo, conditioners, shower gels, razors etc. that are required by each member of your family. Hung on the inside of a closet door, a shoe organizer can hold rain ponchos, sun lotion, collapsible umbrellas, gloves, hats and scarves.

When asked about useful hacks for fellow Airstreamers, here is what members of Region 3 recommended:

Sheila Skipper (Big Bend Florida): While leveling your Airstream, place a can of vegetables on the floor in the middle of the Airstream. If it rolls to the front or the rear - adjust!

John Carriker III (Carolinas Unit of North Carolina): If you have a shower door that swings out, try hanging a shower curtain inside the door to keep the door dry, so after your shower, no drips from the door!

Eileen Frerking (Region 3 First Lady): Don't use antibacterial soap in camper - it will counteract with the waste water system.

Jan Werner (Florida Treasure Coast): Command hooks are great for hanging up dishtowels, keys, etc. The clip type is good for notes, potholders and rally schedules.

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

In Region 4's neck of the woods, there are rallies, caravans and luncheons galore awaiting our members. Be sure to check out the activities section of each month's issue in the Blue Beret and don't forget the coupon for the Region 4 Rally that may be found in this issue.

The Region 4 Rally now has a presence on Facebook. It's another great resource for asking questions, forming friendships and planning events to attend. Go online and take a look: https://www.facebook.com/groups/Region4Rally/?ref=group_header. This year's Rally is on my list and I hope to see you there. Contact Don Hetzler, pophetzler@hotmail.com or Steve Rhodes, onerhodes15@gmail.com.

If you are interested in a caravan to Salem, OR you may want to consider "MAC Across the Top", contact leaders, Pat and Will Franger, WBCCI #17800, Ph.: 559-641-8604 (c), Email: williamfranger@aol.com Address: 45810 Griffin Ct., Oakhurst, CA 93644. The caravan includes 12 stops and 24 nights starting at Pioneer Trail Park, Escanaba, Michigan, on May 28.

Planning to attend the International Rally this year, please visit <http://salem.wbcci.net/frequently-asked-questions/> for answers to the Frequently Asked Questions about the Rally. Don't see your question? Let us know! Email Salemquestions@wbcci.net. Follow us on Facebook for updates and more, <https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamClub2018SalemRally/>. The International Rally Planning Committee is working diligently to make your experience a memorable one.

Once you return from the International Rally, plan on attending the Michigan State Rally, hosted by the Metro Detroit Unit this year. "We're Rolling Again" will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, MI, July 25-28. We will tour the U of M Stadium aka The Big House and the Yankee Air Museum, catered meals, nightly entertainment. Contact Ken and Susan Stigleman, kenneth.stigleman@comcast.net or 586-781-9030.

As you can see there is something for everyone, we hope to meet you there.

Until next time, Safe Travels

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

Happy New Year Region 5!

Welcome to a brand new year of Airstreaming! All of the corks have been popped! All of the toasts have been made! I'm looking forward to warmer weather under a tree in the shade. But here in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, we have been swallowed by a frozen tundra! When I looked at a new globe the other day, I thought I saw the Arctic Circle moving further south. We have been lucky with mild winters the past few years, so I guess this is our payback.

But that's ok. Pam and I are headed for Sarasota in 2 days for the Winter IBT Meetings. I will be armed with more motions for name changes for more of our units.

The following motions will be considered:
 Indiana Unit will change to "Indiana Airstream Club."
 Central Indiana Unit will change to "Central Indiana Airstream Club."

Illinois Lincolnland Unit will change to "Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club"

In addition, Northern Illinois Airstream Club and Kentucky Airstream Club have their new names already in place.

Southern Indiana Unit has elected to stay unchanged for the time being.

Remember, as we move forward, the clubs will need to design new flags, and we will need to put in motions for their approval as well.

Having the opportunity to use Airstream's copyrighted name in the WBCCI organization is a privilege! We must NOT do anything to abuse this privilege or it can be taken away. Officers of our clubs need to pay attention to communications from Headquarters at Jackson Center. It has become increasingly important that we sign and return all documents in a timely fashion. Non-Profit tax reporting must be done promptly and accurately. Our Constitutions and Bylaws need to be updated on a timely basis.

Should anyone have concerns about anything you see in your email coming from Headquarters, I am here to help anyone who asks! If I don't know the answer to a question, I will find the solutions and resolve any issues!

I have seen all of our Clubs schedules for 2018 Rallies and it looks like a lot of fun is about to happen!

I just wish it wasn't so Gosh Darn Cold! See you down the road!

Let's all congratulate Terry Esrael of the Kentucky Airstream Club! His photo of his Airstream #6640 made the cover of the January 2018 Membership Book! Yay! Yay! Yay! Way to go Terry!

REGION 6 Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
<http://region6.wbcci.net>

Surely by now, the holiday leftovers have been eaten and the decorations are in storage for another year. I'm guessing many of you had Airstream ornaments on your trees. Our thoughts turn to the year ahead, camping with old friends, meeting new ones, and experiencing new adventures along the way.

Now is the time to mark your calendars for the Region 6 Rally set for Oct. 15-19 in Lebanon, Tennessee. It will be held at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center at the Wilson County Fairgrounds. The address is 945 E. Baddour Parkway in Lebanon. From cider to pottery to racing, there is a lot to experience in the area.

Several from Region 6 attended the 12th annual Canopener, an Airstream event in January at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park at Santa Rosa Beach, FL. Chili cooking, breakfast with park rangers, games and music were some of the activities.

One of the most popular WBCCI national caravans this spring takes place in Region 6 - Cajun Country Caravan, March 6-21. The caravan will make its way through cypress swamps, rice fields and crawfish farms in southern Louisiana,

on the way to Cajun cuisine including jambalaya, crawfish pie and file' gumbo. They know how to let the good times roll in Cajun country!

Spring rallies in Region 6 include Irish cousins, eagles, baseball and crawfish -

Alabama Unit, official state rally, April 19-22 at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in South Foley, AL.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club, Take Me Out To The Ball Game rally, April 6-8, at Roadhog Park, Fayetteville, AR. Campers will watch the Arkansas Razorbacks v. Auburn Tigers baseball teams at the University of Arkansas Baum Stadium.

East Tennessee Unit, Tunnel to Adventure come-and-go rally, June 8-10 at Natural Tunnel State Park Campground in Duffield, VA.

Louisiana Airstream Club, Eagle Expo in Morgan City, LA, February 22-25 with a boat ride to see bald eagles on the Atchafalaya, and a tour of an oilrig. On April 5-9, the club will hold its Crawfish rally at Isle of Iberia RV Park in New Iberia, LA.

Mississippi Airstream Club, the Early Spring rally will be March 20-24 at Indian Point RV Resort in Gautier, MS.

Music City Airstream Club, Eagle Fest rally, February 22-25, at Reelfoot Lake State Park near Tiptonville, TN, followed by a rally April 12-15 at Bledsoe Creek State Park near Gallatin, TN.

Pensacola Florida Unit, will hold its Mystic Jesters Ball, February 15-18 and My Irish Cousins rally, March 15-18 at Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park in McDavid, FL.

And finally, many from Region 6 are planning to attend the 2018 International Rally in Salem, OR, June 23-30.

REGION 7

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

Winter has come to Region 7. There is hope during this time of hibernation. As I was driving home on the eve of the winter solstice, the snow started to fall. I spied a line of RVs waiting to get into the local civic center. Someone was going to be dreaming and planning of what that summer camping season will bring. They are no different than most of the members of our units.

We have an advantage. We go out and socialize with our unit members or other WBCCI members we have met. We talk about our plans for the upcoming season. The rallies, caravans and parties. Unit Christmas parties have come and gone. Some of us will hunker down for the duration. Others are lucky enough to be off to warmer climates. No matter if you are here or there, check the website calendar or the *Blue Beret* for upcoming gatherings. Remember, as part of the WBCCI, you are welcome at any function. Go meet some new friends.

With the coming of the new year, there are RV shows all around the country. I know that we will be attending and helping out our local dealer at the Minneapolis show. We don't sell, just talk about the joys, and some frustrations, we have with the RVing experience. Check into doing the same for your local dealer.

Registration is still available for the International in Salem. Check the website as additional hook-up sites do become available.

Plans are moving ahead for the Region 7 rally in August. Don Thomson will be having more information in the near future.

As Always...Travel Safe

REGION 8

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

Greetings from the Heartland!

After having 60 degree weather clear up to a few days before Christmas, winter finally decided to arrive. Of course, many of our members are lapping up the sunshine in parts of the south. A few of our members in Region 8 found that their normal favorite places for winter vacations had been badly damaged by the hurricanes last fall. As for my hubby and I, we spend our winters around the wood stove, popping corn, watching old movies, doing genealogy, keeping the wild birds fed, working on the honey-do list and going to doctor appointments.

Our favorite thing to do though is make plans for the spring. It seems as though each year we make another improvement to our vintage trailer. This year it will be putting hard wired lighting into two more of the cabinets. I love it when I open a door and a light comes on. We update the calendar and write in all the rallies and caravans we want to attend. We also begin planning our route to International.

Our spring rally in Region 8 is at Branson, Missouri, this year. We have sold out, acquired more spaces, and sold out again. America's Best Campground in Branson has been amazing to work with over the last year getting this organized. If any of you are traveling through the Branson area, I can't say enough about the owners and staff of this campground. It is north of downtown in the hills. It is away from the noise of the strip, has beautiful trees and full hookups including cable. Our rally will include a BBQ on site, a tour of the local college, a matinee show, an evening show and other meals. All this being said, there is a standby list and if you would like to join us April 26-29, please contact me at bpooh49@gmail.com to be put on the list.

And remember, as you are making your plans to travel to International this year, remember that the Region 8 states (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa) are full of wonderful parks, lakes, historical venues, museums and amazing one of a kind things to do and see. Get off I-80 and I-70 and see what we have to offer!

REGION 9

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

By the time you read this, my new year's resolutions have long been forgotten and I was able to cancel my recently purchased gym membership. The guy I hired to exercise for me has his own gym membership.

Surprises never cease in Region 9. We have had hurricanes with 30 plus inches of rain, which caused flooding in the Southern part of our Region. December came and brought more surprises. It snowed all the way to the Gulf. The new year brought freezing temperatures down to the mid 20's. I know, I know, Airstreamers in the North are still in T-shirts and shorts when temperatures hit the mid 20's but down here...no way.

All of our new Region 9 officers have been installed and looking forward to a banner year for our region. As I write this, we are on the road to Sarasota to attend IBT. Hopefully we will get some warmer weather there.

I hope you keep our Region 9 get together in Abilene on your schedule. Grady and Keith have a great rally planned. We also have a new location for the Texas Country Air special events rally. It will be held in Brownwood, Texas. The Gone to Texas Caravan will run this year with new co-leaders Ronn and Rae Gilbert along with Lyle and Peggy Snow. Ronn and Rae plan to take over the Caravan next year. I have seen most of the planned unit rallies for 2018. It looks like some great rallies are planned so if you are passing through, check our rally schedules, give them a call and plan to attend.

This is all I have for now so, see you down the road.

REGION 10

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

"Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" was the theme of a Washington Unit recent rally. Indeed, snowing is what is happening in February, all over Region 10! Unless they have headed south for the winter, most Region 10 members have winterized their rigs and will wait until at least April to start camping again.

In the meantime, there are many luncheons, some breakfasts and a dinner or two. The Alberta/Saskatchewan Unit hopes to have some winter luncheons in three locations: Edmonton, AB (check with Darlene Caldwell) and Calgary, AB (check with Kim Decorby) and Saskatoon, SK (contact TBD). The British Columbia Unit has a February 14 Valentine's Day Dinner on the calendar for 5:30 pm at Ricky's Country Restaurant (upstairs) in South Surrey which is where they meet for breakfast frequently. (call Tom Akam for dates and times). The Idaho Unit meets for breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Golden Corral in Boise.

The Montana Unit is waiting for spring to come. Every third Saturday at 1 pm, the North Cascade Washington Unit meets for lunch at Denny's in Arlington. Take Exit 208 off of I-5. On February 3, the Oregon Unit will have breakfast at the Old Market Pub in SW Portland from 9 am-11 am. In the planning for the Washington Unit, is a February 10 Valentine Event.

In addition, Washington Unit members are all very excited about an Alaskan Cruise Rally which is on the calendar for July 8-15 just after the International Rally in Salem, OR. Many have already made their cabin reservations to cruise the inside passage and see the many wonderful sights of SE Alaska, like Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau with a stop in Victoria, BC and more. These are places you cannot get to by road.

The Washington Unit members are hoping that many more Airstreamers will join them. For more information, check this issue of the *Blue Beret* and/or call Pat Latimer (360)459-8508. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for those coming west for International!

REGION 11

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

The Arizona Airstream Club is the only Region 11 Unit having a rally in February and it should be a BLAST as they have their Western Winter Blast Rally on February 15-18 at the Crazy Horse Campground located on the shore of Lake Havasu. The main attraction will be to watch the Western Pyrotechnics Association's Winter Display of Fire Works. The campsite is on the east shore of Lake Havasu in Lake Havasu City. The east shore of the Colorado River is a great camping destination with opportunities to visit state campgrounds on the way to this event. Call the campground at 928-855-4033 to make your reservations.

Reservations for the Arizona Unit April Rally will be held at Lo Lo Mai in Cornville, AZ and reservations need to be made by February 10, Phone 928-634-4700.

The New Mexico Unit is having a Valentine's Luncheon at Monroe's in Albuquerque on February 20. RSVP to the restaurant at 505-242-1117 and tell them that you are attending the New Mexico Airstream Club event.

The DENCO Unit will hold a luncheon on February 17 at the Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 Heather Garden Way, Aurora, CO.

REGION 12

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

What a great time to plan for the upcoming events of the year for Region 12. The Urban Rally and the Rose Parade Rally are now complete with both events being sold out. Don't forget that every Region 12 event has a waiting list and a lot of people on those lists get to attend as peoples' schedules change.

The International Board of Trustees meeting (WBCCI winter meeting) was held in Sarasota, Florida in January. The Polk's, Smithson's and Stansbury's were in attendance. Region 12 was well represented. The Lake Tahoe Airstream Club is hoping to get their flag approved for use at the International in Oregon.

The Cali Rally in Central California in April is sold out, but again there is a waiting list. This will be the third year for this event and it is in a new location at a ranch between Hwy 101 and Interstate 5, in Parkfield, California.

The 61st WBCCI International Rally in Salem, Oregon has 700+ attendees signed up. Check the WBCCI website for information. Every year this rally has 50 to 75 cancellations so there is always a way to get in. There will be several caravans traveling to this event from Region 12. Check it out and join us.

The Region 12 Rally in October is going to be in Las Vegas. It is NOT sold out. I know that several caravans will be

heading for this activity and you can find out more information on our website, region12.wbcci.net.

Finally, the Rose Parade Rally will be held, again, for the 2018/2019 holiday season. This is a bucket list event that all Airstreamers should try to attend.

EUROPE

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

2107 was a good year for WBCCI Europe. The profile of the club has been higher. More people know about us and more members have met each other. Our relationship with the club in the US has got stronger and we have met more American members. The rallies were well attended and the big summer rally in Bavaria saw Airstreams travelling in from eight countries! The rally in West Sussex England not only had about 20 Airstreams but had a visit from the first WBCCI caravan since Wally Byam's 1956 European Tour. We look forward to next year being even better. We already have three rallies planned (details on the website) and people are already making their bookings.

Membership continued to increase and got to 95 Airstreams across 13 countries with Airstreams from 1950 to 2017. The importers of new European-specification Airstreams have got involved with the club and we have seen a lot of their customers joining. Airstream Germany has played the largest part in this and we have even seen customers collecting their new trailers with the red numbers already applied! Swift Group, the new importer in the UK had an amazing launch at the Birmingham show and has shown a lot of interest in the WBCCI. They are making people aware of the culture and heritage of Airstreaming and they are also encouraging owners of vintage and new to meet at rallies.

The website has a new look with a new "theme" and format to make it look cleaner, more modern and easier to navigate. There is still work to do and there are plans to make it even better in 2018. It still has the same pages but courtesy parking, the member zone and photos is now appearing in the four languages. www.europe.wbcci.net

From the Publications Desk

Hedda Smithson, Publications Chairman

An Occasional Column for the Blue Beret

You have an Airstream? Then you have **STORIES!**

Winter has arrived and with it a chance for rest and rejuvenation. Some of us have stored our Airstreams while others have sought sun and warmth for relaxation. We at the Publications Desk are seeking zippy "from the heart" stories - from YOU!

Here are some ideas:

Travel: Have you organized and led a short caravan? How did you approach the planning as to where you would go and what you would do?

Newby Adventure: We learn to laugh at ourselves - and the Airstream first timer always has stories to tell. Please share!

Fellow Travelers: Does your trip include a four-legged friend? We would love to hear stories and please include photos!

Hidden Gems: Did you discover a spot "off the beaten path" that others might enjoy?

Canadian Companions: How does travel north of the border compare to the lower 48? (Be kind.)

Across the Pond: Who would like to share a travel adventure story from our Europeans friends?

How is your club unique? What traditions and/or culture does your group share that distinguishes it from others in your region or in the WB?

Have you re-modeled your home on wheels? Any tips?

We of the very large Airstream family love to hear about our "relatives."

Please send your submissions to publications@wbcci.org

In the words of Wally Byam, "Make no changes, only improvements." And that is the goal!



Airstream Dealer Update

New Dealer

South Bay Airstream Adventures
13635 Sycamore Ave
San Martin, CA 95046
Ph. 408-686-4882

From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

Happy New Year from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

Airstream takes the week between Christmas and New Year's off each year as it allows our associates time to relax and enjoy the holiday season with loved ones. During this shutdown week, it also affords us the opportunity to take physical inventory of parts in the plant and make any changes we deem necessary to the factory. In terms of retail sales, the market is still very much on a roll with our dealers selling a record number of Airstreams for the month of December. In fact, what is normally a slow month due to cooler temps and holiday distractions, ended up being in the top 15 of any months in the history of our company! It appears Santa is giving out Airstreams as presents more and more each year!

The big new for the factory in December is that we shipped our first wave of Atlas motor homes to our dealers. Production rates are ramping up nicely for this new product and we are excited to get into this new RV segment. Without shipping a single Atlas, we have taken many retail orders for customers who want to be first in line for this exciting new product. In addition to the Atlas, we are setting up a new production line for the new Nest travel trailer that we will be officially launching on April 12, 2018. As you can imagine, there is a lot of excitement at the factory these days!

In November and December, we had over 100 salespeople come to the factory for sales training. This is on top of nearly 40 service technicians who attended a four day training session as well. The new Five Rivet Dealer Standards program requires factory trained service techs and sales people which is driving attendance to record levels for both. This is a good thing and will hopefully provide each of you with better service at our dealers in the months to follow. Training is a very important initiative here at Airstream and I believe the key to improving the customer experience.

The month of January will be a busy one for Airstream as the RV show season kicks off across the country. In fact, Airstream will have factory personnel at 21 shows across the country in January alone and about that many again in February. I am personally attending the Denver and Tampa shows this January where I hope to see some of you! The dealers are very bullish about the upcoming show season and many are taking more units than ever before in anticipation of record interest in all RV's. The baby boomers, Gen X'ers and now millennials are all buying right now and driving the RV industry and Airstream to record highs. It is an exciting time to be in the RV industry.

On the international front, the launch of Airstream in the U.K. was very successful. The press coverage was beyond our expectations and sales during the NEC show in Birmingham were extremely strong. Our partner Swift is a very professional organization and great partner to have us re-launch our brand in this great country. In addition to the U.K., we continue to make strides in Australia. In fact, over Christmas, we shipped a new Basecamp that will be in the country in time for their big show in Melbourne in February. I intend to be at the show for the big re-launch of Airstream in the country and our partner, Jayco Australia, is a great partner to have. More to come on this exciting launch!

Airstream continues to invest in new quality systems and processes at our factory and we continue to see improvements across the board. Just a couple of examples is the fact that we have hired a training manager to make sure we are providing the needed training to both new associates and associates who are taking on new roles. Airstream has invested thousands of dollars in this training including an internal website for better communication and training. Recently, we also added a vinyl floor router that cuts all openings in the vinyl floor on a machine rather than by hand. This improves tolerances, tidiness and efficiencies in our factory. These routers cost

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

Greetings! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season as much as I have. The only thing that could have made the week better was some warmer weather. It is bitter cold as I write this article in January in Ohio!

I have had a question or two lately concerning power converters that we install in the trailers. In our 2018 model year line up, we replaced the single stage converter we have used for many years and started installing a three stage converter in all models. I will explain the three stages of charging. I will also explain the battery disconnect switch and the change that we made to this as well.

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

Single Stage Converter vs Three Stage Converter

There has been a lot of discussion over the last few years about why Airstream uses a single stage converter system in its products. With all the newer technology available today, why have we not switched to something better? This was always a tough question to answer. Some of our owners who have owned their Airstream for many years have enjoyed the reliability of the single stage converter and had not really experienced any issues. Why change? Most of this feedback from you, our owners, has come from men's and women's feedback sessions during Alumapalooza or the International Rally. Many of you have taken part in these sessions and hope you will continue. Great feedback! So the change was made. Here are the differences.



The Parallax 7300 series power center model 7355A had a single stage converter with an output of 55 amps. The battery charging portion will charge the batteries at 13.6 to 13.8 volts.

Single Stage Converter



The WFCO WF-8900 series power center has a three stage converter with an output of 55 amps. The three stages are listed below.

Three Stage Converter

Absorption Mode: This mode is the normal operation mode, this supplies 13.6 volts to the 12 volt appliances as well as a slow charge to the batteries.

Bulk Mode: In this mode if the batteries are low, the charger will switch to 14.4 volts for a maximum of four hours and then return to Absorption Mode.

Float Mode: In this mode the converter will trickle charge the batteries at 13.2 volts. When the converter senses a demand (by turning on lights) the converter will automatically return to Absorption Mode.

Note: I know the first question I am going to be asked. Can I replace my existing single stage converter with the three stage model? First, the three stage converter is 9 inches deep versus the single stage converter only being 7 inches deep. In many installations, there is not an extra 2 inches of space available for the change-out. You may be up against a wheel well, wall, or some other obstruction. Second, the new three stage converter that we purchase comes modified to have the battery disconnect solenoid installed in it. All single stage applications will have the battery disconnect solenoid installed in the front end of the trailer separate from the converter. You could order the WFCO three stage converter without the disconnect solenoid modification and then you could replace it.

Battery Disconnect Switch



In 2018 models, Airstream changed the wiring from the disconnect switch above to be able to charge the batteries from either the use or the store position. This was a big change as all previous years the disconnect panel had to be in the use position to be able to have the converter charge the batteries. The store position completely disconnected the converter from the batteries. By using the new three stage converter with the built in solenoid, it provides better control of battery charging by engaging as soon as the shore power connection is hooked up.

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

Have a great month!

From the Vice President of Sales

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hundreds of thousands of dollars, but is an example of our continued investment to improve quality. There are many more examples of other things we are doing, but I must say, I am very excited about the initiatives we have going on here at the factory!

Each year around the holidays, I am reminded of the many blessings I have in both my personal and business life. The one thing I am so thankful for is the great customers like each of you. The passion you each share for our brand and company is amazing and much appreciated. So on behalf of 901 hard working families here in Jackson Center, Ohio, I would like to thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts for your business. It means the absolute world to all of us and our families!

Happy Airstreaming -

In Memoriam

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

- Armour, Willard "Bill" (172-TX)#8628
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- Anderson, John (040-IN)#5475
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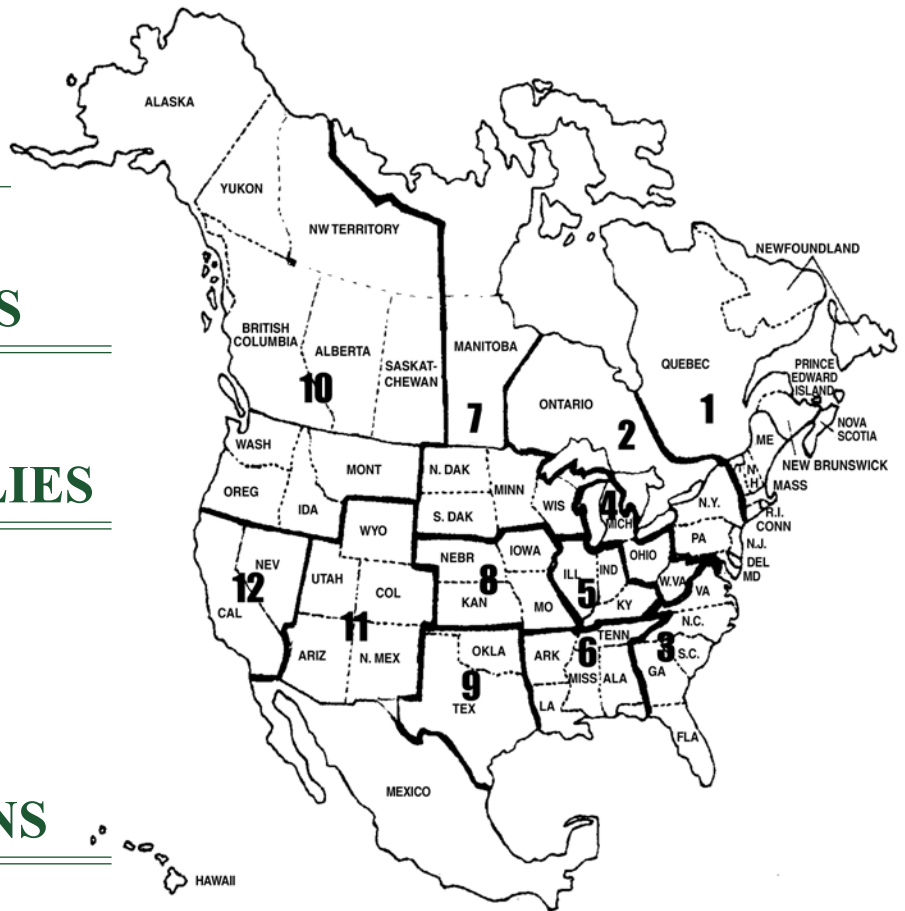
NATIONAL RALLIES

Sep 10-16 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
 Oct 5-9 Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM

SPECIAL EVENT RALLIES

Apr 19-22 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA
 Jun 17-20 Bend Classic, Bend, OR
 Aug 5-11 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
 Oct 3-7 Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
 Oct 15-22 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Ketchum, ID
 Oct 25-28 Texas Country Air, Brownwood, TX
 Dec 28-
 Jan 1, 2019 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA
 Jan 3-6 Canopener 2019, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

NATIONAL CARAVANS



2018				
Feb 10-Mar 28	N-47-G	Florida Fantasy - Leaders: Skipper/Buchanan Ph. 850-528-0437		
Mar 6-21	N-47-A	STANDBY ONLY Cajun Country - Leaders: Boudreaux Ph. 985-209-0376		
Mar 22-Apr 12	N-47-C	Georgia Plantations & More - Leaders: Anderson Ph. 850-896-0567		
Apr 4 - TBD	N-47-M	Civil War Part II - Leaders: Spillman/Racavich Ph. 225-405-4057	Sep 8-23	N-47-R Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights - East - Leaders: DeLeeuw Ph. 517-250-5060
May 23-Jun 16	N-47-J	STANDBY ONLY Springtime in the Rockies - Leaders: Heist Ph. 402-304-1843	Sep 8-Oct 8	N-47-W Highway 61 Revisited - Leaders: Werk Ph. 310-714-4646
Jun 3-Jul 30	N-47-O	STANDBY ONLY National Landmarks West - Leaders: Glassey Ph. 707-953-4299	Sep 10-Oct 7	N-47-S Bourbon in the Bluegrass - Skipper Ph. 850- 877-1729 / Wilson Ph. 270-782-6554
Jun 24-Jul 15	N-47-E	Canadian Rocky Mountain - Leaders: Collinson Ph. 416-232-2882	Sep 24-Oct 27	N-47-H Gone to Texas - Leaders: Snow/Gilbert Ph: 832-217-4508
Jul 11-Aug 20	N-47-K	STANDBY ONLY Nor' by Nor'East - Leaders: Lake Ph. 781-264-4550	Oct 2-Nov 3	N-47-L STANDBY ONLY Southeast Coast Spectacular - Leaders: Bacon Ph. 423-775-4237
Jul 12-Sep 12	N-47-B	STANDBY ONLY North to Alaska - Leaders:Thibadeau/Weisenberger Ph. 770-560-6410		
Aug 7-31	N-47-P	STANDBY ONLY It's a New York (State) State of Mind - Leaders: Hammer Ph. 516-437-2839		
Aug 17-Oct 9	N-47-I	STANDBY ONLY Southwest Adventure - Leaders: Montague/Thompson Ph. 850-212-3726		
Sep-Oct (approx)	N-47-D	American Revolution in the Northern Colonies - Leaders: Jones Ph. 703-780-6597		

EVENT SCHEDULE

REGION 1 Activities



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

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

Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit -
www.capecod.wbcci.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - www.connecticut.wbcci.net
Mar 18 St. Patrick's Day Brunch 12:30 PM, Fuller Home, 26 Luciano Dr, Southington, CT, Russ/Rhona Fuller 860-747-1193, email: fuller1745@att.net

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

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club -
<http://wmu0065.wbcci.net>

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

REGION 2 Activities



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

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

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit - <http://al-mon-o.wbcci.net>
Feb 17 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Bella Frutteto's, 2602 Brandt School Rd, Wexford, PA, SE of exit Rt 910 & I-79; Franklin Village, Eat N Park Plaza, Craig Jansen 412-738-0214 / Julie Jansen 216-973-3257

Central Maryland Unit -
<http://centralmarylandunit166.wbcci.net>

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

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

Delmarva Unit - <http://rebothboardwalk.com/wbdelmarva>
Feb 17 Valentine's Luncheon Noon, Buffet City, Brookville, FL, Mary Ann Parks 302-584-3215
Mar 10 St. Patrick's Day Party 11:30 AM, Sheridan's Irish Pub, 44 Commerce St, Smyrna, DE, Chuck Helwig 302-730-1206

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - <http://hudmo.wbcci.net>
Feb 10 Cabin Fever Luncheon 11:30 AM, Olive Garden, 178 Wolf Rd, Albany, NY, Geoff & Sue Whittle 518-783-1606, email: whittleg06@gmail.com
Mar 14 Snowbird Luncheon 12:30 PM, Olive Garden, 7300 W Colonial Dr (Rt 50), Orlando, FL, Bob & Claudia Stark 518-365-8510, email: bob.claudias@gmail.com

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - <http://keystone.wbcci.net>
Feb 10 Luncheon Noon, Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Rd, Plumsteadville, PA, Peg Spahn 215-598-3081, email: pspahn1@verizon.net
Mar 10 Luncheon 1 PM, Rockhill Filling Station, Perkasie, PA, Barb Hillegasse 215-536-8637, email: bthillegasse@gmail.com

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

Mid-Atlantic Unit - <http://midatlantic.wbcci.net>
Feb 10 Valentine Social, Jacobs' Residence, 1119 Old County Rd, Saverna Park, MD, Alex Jacobs 410-647-2197, email: alexcz2004@yahoo.com

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

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

Ontario Canada Unit - <http://ontarioairstream.wbcci.net>
Feb 3 Mid-Winter Dinner 6 PM, London, ON, John Gough 519-884-8061, email: 124registrar1@wbcci.net

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

Pennsylvania Unit - www.pennwood.org

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

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club -
www.watchungunit.org
Feb 18 Luncheon Noon, The Country Cottage, 1751 Macopin Rd, West Milford, NJ, L. Ward 862-377-9484, email: wardiel@earthlink.net
Mar 11 Luncheon Noon, Chimney Rock Inn, 800 Thompson Ave, Bound Brook, NJ, J. Elacqua 908-894-8622, email: jetelacqua@aol.com

REGION 3 Activities



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

Apr 25-29 Region 3 Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC
Aug 5-11 Galax Old Time Fiddlers, Galax, VA

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - <http://bigbendfl.wbcci.net>
Feb 16-18 Valentine's Celebration Rally, Eagle's Roost RV Resort, 5465 Mill Store Rd, Lake Park, GA, Tom Beyer, email: bucklake@hotmail.com
Mar 16-18 Daylight Savings Time Celebration Rally, Ft. Pickens CG, 1400 Fort Pickens Rd, Pensacola Beach, FL, Tom Beyer, email: bucklake@hotmail.com

Carolinas Unit of North Carolina - <http://carolinasnc.wbcci.net>
Feb 10 Luncheon Noon, Village Tavern, 2000 Griffith Rd, Winston Salem, NC, Rocky Johnson 336-971-0971, email: rjohnson153@triad.rr.com
Mar 17 Luncheon Noon, Cauble Creek Vineyard, Cauble Creek Farm Rd, Salisbury, NC, Rocky Johnson 336-971-0971, email: rjohnson153@triad.rr.com

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

Florida Airstream Club - <http://floridaunit027.wbcci.net>
Feb 1-4 Weekend in the Woods Rally, Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL, Ron Allen 904-534-9896, email: ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net / Jeff Krabel 352-796-8821
Mar 22-25 Blue Grass Volunteer Rally, Fort Christmas, 1300 Fort Christmas Rd, Christmas, FL, Frank Carson 321-704-2568, email: fc23343@aol.com

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

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

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - <http://ftcu.wbcci.net>
Mar 12 Luncheon 11:45 AM, Manero's Rest., 2851 SW High Meadow Ave, Palm City, FL, Alicia Rafter 561-965-2165, email: abrafter@bellsouth.net

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

EVENT SCHEDULE

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

- Feb 4 Super Bowl Rally 4 PM, 3448 Holly Springs Rd, Amissville, VA, Della Hoosier 540-270-9791, email: hoosierw@sprynet.com
- Mar 23-25 Joint Maintenance Rally w/Virginia Unit, Fredericksburg KOA, 7400 Brookside Ln, Fredericksburg, VA, Tom Carmichael 804-245-1710, email: tomc@sportsimageinc.com

Palmetto State Airstream Club -

<http://palmettostate.wbccinet>

- Feb 9-11 Sweetheart Rally, Barnyard RV Park, 201 Oak Dr, Lexington, SC, Bob Wilson 864-918-2430, email: bobwilson616@gmail.com
- Mar 9-11 Silver in the City Urban Rally, Main Street, York, SC, Terry Montgomery 803-242-6125, email: tmontgomery@yorksc.gov

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

- Feb 3 Catered Lunch & Guided Art Tour 11:45 AM, North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC, Lance & Shirley Perryman 970-420-0219, email: lance.perryman@colostate.edu
- Mar 15-18 Maintenance Rally, Lumberton/I-95 KOA, 465 Kenric Dr, Lumberton, NC (reservations: 800-562-0845), Bill & Shelley Townsend 910-734-5940, email: wctownsend48@gmail.com

Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit -

<http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbccinet>

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

- Feb 2-4 "To Have and To Hold" Rally, New Green Acres RV Park, Walterboro, SC, Parniece Dawson 843-259-1937, email: dawsonpt@gmail.com
- Mar 2-4 Roaring 20's: Mystery Murder & Costume Rally, Camp Lake Jasper RV Resort, Hardeeville, SC, Parniece Dawson 843-259-1937, email: dawsonpt@gmail.com

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

- Feb 8-11 Love Is In The Air Rally, John Prince Park CG, West Palm Beach, FL, Donna Laurie 954-798-2676, email: donna@ajlaurie.com

Southeastern Camping Unit - <http://secamping.wbccinet>

Tidewater Virginia Unit - www.tidewater.wbccinet

- Feb 10 Luncheon 2 PM, Two Drummers BBQ, 8864 Richmond Rd, Toano, VA, Rhonda Evans 757-357-7717, email: laweve@msn.com
- Mar 23-24 Breakout Rally, American Heritage CG, located off Rt 607 on Maxton Ln, Toana, VA, from I-64 take Rt 231B to Rt 758, Maxton Ln, follow signs, CG ph 888-530-2267, Ed Whitacre 757-566-4824, email: ednawhit@msn.com

Virginia Unit - <http://virginia.wbccinet>

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

- Mar 17 Spring Luncheon Noon, Mills River Rest., 4467 Boylston Hwy., Mills River, NC, George James 830-460-0628, email: georgejamesiv@yahoo.com

REGION 4 Activities

Region 4 Website: <http://region4.wbccinet>

- May 15-20 Region 4 Rally, Owensville, OH
Jul 25-28 Michigan State Rally, Belleville, MI

Akron Ohio Unit - www.akronwbccinet

- Feb 10 Valentine Luncheon 11 AM, Home of Elaine & Jack Ketterer, 1321 Buena Vista St. NE, Canton, OH, 330-494-2415, email: jketterer@neo.rr.com



- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 11:30 AM, Buehler's Medina River Styx, 3626 Medina Rd, Medina, OH, Alan & Nancy Jackson 330-635-8520, email: nljackson@zoominternet.net

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

- Mar 11 Luncheon 1:30 PM, Pasquale Rest., 224 Harper Park Dr, Beckley, WV, off exit 44 on I-77/I-64, Carroll Barth 304-425-6939, email: cwbar@suddenlink.net

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

Cincinnati Ohio Unit - <http://cincinnati.wbccinet>

- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Brunch, Golden Corral Rest, 3350 Village Dr, Middletown, OH, Mark Kennedy 937-609-9415, email: rmkennedy6@yahoo.com

Columbus Ohio Unit - email: pbadgero1@columbus.rr.com

Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit - www.mvou.wbccinet

- Feb 11 Luncheon 2 PM, Crow's Nest Rest., 1257 Harmon Rd, Ashtabula, OH, 2 blocks from end of 11 N in Ashtabula, Rick & Elaine Richardson, email: rickelainehq@gmail.com
- Mar 10 Luncheon 1 PM, Paul's Italian Grill, 36 S Main St, Columbiana, OH, .5 mi. S of roundabout on S Main St, Gary & Edna Todd, email: gwnetodd@att.net

Metro Detroit Michigan Unit -

<http://metrodetroitunit137.wbccinet>

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

- Feb 7 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest, 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Dan Eagle 937-654-6582, email: daneagle321@yahoo.com
- Mar 7 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest, 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Dan Eagle 937-654-6582, email: daneagle321@yahoo.com

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit

- Feb 25 Potluck Luncheon 1:30 PM (arrive after 10 AM to visit), Sam & Mary Lou Earl, 121 Quinn, Caro, MI, 989-673-4572

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club

<http://mohicanvalleyohio.wbccinet>

- Mar 7 St. Joseph Fish Fry 5:30 PM, 135 N Liberty St, Galion, OH, Marthalee Horning 419-468-5385

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit - www.campnova.com

- Mar 22-25 Mothball Rally, Hocking Hills SP, Logan, OH, Tom Brown 419-203-9479, email: tombrown1951@gmail.com

The Western Reserve Camping Unit

www.cleveland.wbccinet

REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website:

<http://region5.wbccinet>

- Sep 26-30 Region 5 Rally, Springfield, IL

Central Indiana Airstream Club - www.centralind.wbccinet

- Feb 3 Luncheon 11 AM, MCL, Township Line Rd, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN, Chris Dillow 770-713-7060, email: cdillow@me.com
- Mar 3 Luncheon 11 AM, MCL, Township Line Rd, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN, Chris Dillow 770-713-7060, email: cdillow@me.com



EVENT SCHEDULE

Illinois Lincolnland Unit - <http://lincolnland.wbcci.net>

- Feb 17 Sweetheart Luncheon 1 PM, La Tea Da Tea Room, 1100 S Madison, Clinton, IL, Carl & Ann Leslie 217-935-2548, email: sherrillannleslie@gmail.com
- Mar 25 Kickoff Luncheon 1:30 PM, Busy Corner, 302 S Eureka St, Goodfield, IL 309-965-2361, Carl & Ann Leslie 217-935-2548, email: sherrillannleslie@gmail.com

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

- 1st Mon each month except December: Dinner 5 PM, Ponderosa Rest., 5009 S Scatterfield Rd., Anderson, IN, Richard Parrish 765-378-7560, email: rparrish1932@icloud.com
- 1st Thurs each month except December: Dinner 6 PM, Sara's Family Rest., 5792 Coventry Ln, Fort Wayne, IN, Chris Seplak 260-409-4750, email: mama.pyrobear21@gmail.com

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

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - <http://northernillinois.wbcci.net>

- Mar 10 Brunch & Orchid Show 11 AM, Chicago Botanical Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL, John Sanders 815-762-2511, email: sandeje1@me.com

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

- Apr 14 Spring Luncheon Noon, Gasthof Village Inn, Montgomery IN, John Hays 270-268-0969 / 270-877-6298

REGION 6 Activities



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

- ?Apr 19-22 Tennessee State Rally, Crossville, TN (East TN activities)
- Oct 3-7 Storytelling Festival Rally Jonesborough, TN
- Oct 15-19 Region 6 Rally, Lebanon, TN

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

- 2nd Mon each month: Dinner 6 PM, Montgomery, AL area, call for directions, Paul Aehnlich 334-277-9647, email: pca2@charter.net
- TBA each month: Luncheon North Alabama, Andrea Patterson 256-679-7039, email: andreasnote@knology.net
- TBA each month: Birmingham area luncheon/dinner, John Burton 205-631-2895, email: jburton1601@gmail.com
- Apr 19-22 Rally, Anchors Aweigh RV Resort, 19814 Cty. Rd 20 S, Foley, AL, Russ Pry 256-348-2192, email: pry.russpry.g@gmail.com

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - <http://arkansasrazorback.wbcci.net/>

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

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

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

- ### Mississippi Airstream Club - <http://mississippiunit.wbcci.net/>
- Mar 20-24 Gulf Coast Getaway Rally, Indian Point RV Resort, Gautier, MS, I-10, exit 61, go S 2 mi. on Gautier Vancleave Rd, George McNinch 228-818-9784, email: mc30117@yahoo.com

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

- Feb 17 Sunshine Mtg 11 AM, Pop Joes, 6244 Spring Lake Hwy, Brooksville, FL, Linda Gough 615-400-3332, email: eegough@bellsouth.net

- Feb 22 Snowbird Rally 11:30 AM, Reelfoot Lake, TN, 2592 SR 21E, Tiptonville, TN, Eddie & Betsy Bowman 615-307-9115, email: betsy.bowman99@gmail.com
- Mar 22-25 Maintenance Rally, Piney Grove COE, MS (reserve sites 130-137), Jim Johnson 615-300-3002, email: jimjohnsonjr@gmail.com

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

- Feb 15-18 Mystic Jester's Ball, Mystic Springs Cove Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid FL, Cheryl Land 850-516-1836, email: acland53@bellsouth.net
- Mar 15-18 My Irish Cousins (Past President & Homecoming), Mystic Springs Cove Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid FL, Cheryl Land 850-516-1836, email: acland53@bellsouth.net

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

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

- Feb 10 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Sweetpea's Table, 8948 Mid S Dr, Olive Branch, MS, Walter & Judy Jones 901-826-5450, email: jjones45@yahoo.com
- Feb 22-25 Joint Rally w/Music City Airstream Club (view eagles), Reelfoot Lake SP, South CG, 2595 TN 21, Tiptonville, TN, Buddy & Cookie Bonner 901-619-6983, email: gbonner792@att.net
- Mar 9-11 Spring Rally, Pickwick Landing SP CG, 116 State Park Rd, Counce, TN <http://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/pickwick-landing> Walter & Judy Jones 901-826-5450, email: jjones45@yahoo.com

REGION 7 Activities



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

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

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

- Feb 10 Valentine's Day Party 1 PM, Green Mill, 4355 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Blaine, MN, Kay & Chris Olsson 763-786-4217, email: cwolsson@comcast.net

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

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

- Mar 10 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Erin's Snug Irish Pub, Madison, WI, Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad, email: dwsherman@wisc.edu / vengelstad@yahoo.com

REGION 8 Activities



Region 8 Website:

<http://region8.wbcci.net>

- Apr 26-29 Region 8 Rally, Branson, MO

Greater St. Louis Missouri Unit - <http://gslunit.wbcci.net>

- Mar 10 "Get Your Green On" St. Pat's Luncheon 11:30 AM, Culpepper's Rest., 3010 W Clay St, St. Charles, MO, John & Lyn Heald 314-803-3699, email: john.lyn33@yahoo.com

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

- Nov-Apr 1st Thurs each month: Brunch 10:30 AM, Golden Corral Rest., 1868 N. Power Rd., Mesa, AZ, Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, email: cdjcabalka@juno.com
- Feb 10 Sweetheart Luncheon 11 AM, Noah's Ark Rest/Captain's Table Room, 2400 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines, IA, Tom & Shirley Herron 515-988-4950, email: shirlscookin@gmail.com

EVENT SCHEDULE

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

- Feb 3 Luncheon, Perkins Rest., 11200 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS, Kay Corder 816-565-1722, email: bencorder@att.net
Mar 3 Luncheon, Smokehouse BBQ, 6304 N Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO, Mike Bedinger/Linda Bryant 816-729-5422, email: bedingerea@gmail.com

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit

<http://mogreaterozarkunit.wbcci.net>

- Feb 10 Valentine Luncheon 11 AM, Golden Corral, 2020 E Primrose, Springfield, MO, Mike & Joyce Allen 417-499-8097, email: mijo151740@sbcglobal.net

Nebraska Unit - <http://nebraskaunit.wbcci.net>

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

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

- Feb 3 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Saints Ave Cafe, 1312 Story Ave, Boone, IA, Dave/Pat Shaw 515-368-4379, email: theshaws1@gmail.com

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website:

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

- Apr 9-15 Region 9 Rally, Abilene, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Greater Houston Airstream Club - <http://tcpu155.wbcci.net>

- Feb 8-11 Mid-Winter in Texas Rally, Whispering Oaks RV Park, 2695 Hwy 90, Weimar, TX, Jim & Barbara Mercer 281-508-7575, email: jimmercer42@gmail.com

- Mar 8-11 Gator Heaven Rally, Brazos Bend SP, 21901 FM 762, Needville, TX, Tom & Caren Bundy 281-679-6319, email: tom-caren@sbcglobal.net

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

- TBA Monthly Activities TBA, please visit our website

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

- Feb 8-11 Where the West Began Rally, Cowtown RV Park, Aledo, TX, Stephen Woodward 972-896-4592, email: swood24078@aol.com
Mar 10 Luncheon, Spring Creek BBQ, Burleson, TX, Stephen Woodward 972-896-4592, email: swood24078@aol.com

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

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

- Feb 22-25 President's Day Rally, Oakwood RV Resort, 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX, David Willis 210-844-8167, email: dwillis@stic.net

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

- Feb 9-11 Mardi Gras Salute Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Pam Pearson 409-679-0220, email: ppear1224@yahoo.com
Mar 9-11 Garage Sale Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Pam Pearson 409-679-0220, email: ppear1224@yahoo.com

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

- Mar 1-4 Lake Athens -n- Canton Trade Days! Rally, Lake Athens Marina RV Park, Athens, TX www.lakeathensmarina.com, Ed Addicks 979-251-0602, email: edward.addicks@gmail.com

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

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

- 1st Sat each month: Luncheon 11:30 AM, Logan's Roadhouse Rest., 6251 Slide Rd, Lubbock, TX, Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921, email: bettyjayfoley@gmail.com
1st Sat each month: Dinner 6 PM, El Patron Rest., 3401-I-40 W, Amarillo, TX, Dick Lanham 806-674-9849, email: sdlanham@sbcglobal.net

- Feb 10 Valentine Luncheon & Charity Donations (reservations required) 11:30 AM, Lubbock's Women's Club, 2020 Broadway, Lubbock, TX, Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921

REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website:

www.region10.wbcci.net

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

Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit

<http://albertasaskatchewan.wbcci.net>

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

- Every Tuesday: Breakfast 9 AM, Ricky's Country Rest, 2160 King George Blvd, South Surrey, BC, Tom Akam 604-538-4149
Feb 14 St. Valentine's Day Dinner, Ricky's Country Rest upstairs, 2160 King George Blvd, South Surrey, BC, Chris & John Millard 604-536-6372 / Wayne & Genie Jeffrey 604-531-0092
Mar 3 New Member Meet & Greet 11:45 AM, Cranley Place Community Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr, South Surrey, BC, Alex & Arlene Matches, 604-535-4237

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

Montana Airstream Club

<http://www.montanaairstreamclub.com>

North Cascade Washington Unit

www.ncascadewairstreamclub.com

- Feb 17 Luncheon 1 PM, Denny's, Exit 206, I-5, Arlington, WA, Jim Kolhoff 360-297-2013, email: caravanner23533@centurylink.net
Mar 17 Luncheon 1 PM, Denny's, Exit 206, I-5, Arlington, WA, Jim Kolhoff 360-297-2013, email: caravanner23533@centurylink.net

Oregon Airstream Club - www.oregonunit.wbcci.net

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

REGION 11 Activities

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

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

Arizona Airstream Club - <http://arizona.wbcci.net>

Denver Colorado Unit - www.denco.wbcci.net

- Feb 17 Rendezvous Luncheon, The Rendezvous Rest, 2888 Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO, Forrest McClure 720-472-9250, email: forrestm@live.com

EVENT SCHEDULE

Four Corners Unit of New Mexico

<http://fourcornersunit.com/>

- Nov 22-26 Rally, Caballo Lake SP/Riverside CG Group Area, <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/caballolakestatepark.html>
Terry Rich, email: terry@tbrich.com
Dec 29-Jan 2 New Year's Rally, Picacho Peaks SP, Picacho, AZ, <https://azstateparks.com/picacho>, Louis Hall, email: lhall15690@aol.com

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

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club -

<http://utahwasatchairstreamclub.wbcci.net>

- Mar 24 Breakfast w/Service Techs 10 AM, 2651 S 600 West, South Salt Lake, UT, Julie Schofield 801-851-0178, email: utahairstreamers@gmail.com

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

REGION 12 Activities



Region 12 Website:

<http://region12.wbcci.net>

- Apr 19-22 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA
Oct 3-7 Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas, NV
Dec 28-Jan 1, 2019 Annual Rose Parade Special Event Rally, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Unit

www.centralcoaststairstream.wbcci.net

- Feb 23-25 Death Valley/Fiddler's Creek CG Rally, Fiddler's Creek CG, Death Valley NP, CA, Tom & Teresa Tighe 714-913-8510, email: tnorcal@gmail.com
Mar 9-11 Betabel RV Resort Rally, Betabel RV Resort, 9664 Betabel Rd, San Juan Batista, CA, Jim & Yvonne Savage 951-316-3635, email: ysavage4@yahoo.com

El Camino Real California Unit - <http://elcaminoreal.wbcci.net>

- Feb 1-4 Valencia Rally, Valencia Village RV Resort, 27947 Henry Mayo Dr, Castaic, CA, Betty Nordgren 714-719-4901, email: bnordgren21@gmail.com
Mar 15-19 Baseball Spring Training Rally, White Tank Mountain Reg. Park, 20304 W White Tank Mountain Rd, Waddell, AZ, JoAnn Kemist 650-465-1105, email: joann.kemist@gmail.com

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

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club -

<http://greaterbayarea.wbcci.net>

- Nov 9-13 Rally, Yank's RV Resort, 40399 Livingston Rd, Greenfield, CA

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club

www.greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net

- Feb 22-26 Palm Springs Modernism Week Rally, Emerald Desert RV Resort, 76000 Frank Sinatra Dr, Palm Desert, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
Mar 22-26 Alabama Hills Rally, Alabama Hills-BLM (first come, first serve), Lone Pine, CA, W onto Whitney Portal Rd, drive 2.5 mi., turn R on Movie Rd, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com

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

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

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

- Feb 28-Mar 3 Rally, The Lakes RV Resort, Chowchilla, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

San Diego California Unit - www.airstreamsandiego.com

- Feb 16-17 A Weekend in Paris Rally, KOA, 111 N 2nd Ave, Chula Vista, CA, Daniel Smith 858-699-7803, email: dipperhd@hotmail.com
Mar 15-17 Rally, Del Mar Beach, Oceanside, CA, Bobbi Kingsland 949-689-4378, email: vbwkngslnd@yahoo.com

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

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

EUROPE Activities



WBCCI Europe Website:

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

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N-47-A CAJUN COUNTRY 3/6-21/2018

START: BREAUX BRIDGE, LA STOP: LAFAYETTE, LA
On the Cajun Country Caravan you will experience Cajun culture and hospitality at its roots. Enjoy dining on jambalaya, crawfish pie, file' gumbo, and all the other dishes that make Cajun cuisine popular. Travel through the cypress swamps, rice fields and crawfish farms of South Louisiana. Dance the "Cajun Two Step" at world famous "Fred's Lounge" in Mamou. Tap your feet while swaying to the music at Savoie's Music Store Saturday morning jam session. Enjoy "Rendez Vous des Cajuns" performance at the historic Liberty Theater in the heart of Cajun Country. These plus many other adventures will help you understand the meaning of the Cajun phrase, "lasez le bon temps roulet", let the good times roll. Take a boat ride through a cypress swamp to watch alligators and bald eagles in their natural habitat. Tour the oldest operating rice mill in the United States. Visit Avery Island, home of Tabasco Sauce, and beautiful Jungle Gardens Park. Ride with a crawfish farmer on his unique harvesting boat while he brings in his daily catch. Ride a bus to Baton Rouge for a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the tallest state capitol building in the United States. Visit Evangeline Oak on the Bayou Teche, where in Longfellow's poem, Evangeline waited for her Gabriel. Beaucoup fun, food and adventure, packed into 16 days of excitement awaits you on the Cajun Country Caravan. Leaders: Larry & Judy Boudreaux, WBCCI #6534, 985-446-1931(H), 985-209-0376 (C), 985-688-3467 (C), email: larryjboudreaux@bellsouth.net, judyhboudreaux@bellsouth.net Address: 206 Parkside Dr., Thibodaux, LA 70301. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26. Total Number of Nights: 16, Number of stops: 5. Kitty fee w/2: \$1,325, Kitty fee w/1: 965, Guest: TBD, Deposit \$200, Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 12/1/2017. Leaders' discretion after 12/1/17.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-B NORTH TO ALASKA 7/12-9/12/2018

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

N-47-C GEORGIA PLANTATIONS & MORE 3/22-4/12/2018

START: BLAKELY, GA STOP: RUTLEDGE, GA
Join us as we explore the old South through Plantations small and unpretentious to large and ornate. This 22-day caravan will explore a variety of Plantations in South Georgia and North Florida. We will attend Georgia's Official Folk Life Play, Swamp Gravy, held in a former Cotton warehouse, marvel at the outdoor murals in a small town, enjoy a pig roast and try our skill at Skeet Shooting, dry camp at an old country store, listen to storytellers at the Uncle Remus Museum, visit the first capitol of Georgia where

succession from the union was debated, learn about the importance of forests and agriculture to SW Georgia, travel down country roads and through quaint towns, and of course have the opportunity to eat at a number of "Southern" establishments. On free days, there will be time to visit Jimmy Carters' hometown of Plains and see Andersonville, the Civil War prison camp. Spring is a colorful time to visit the area and enjoy the beauty of the South. Ya'll come and see us! This caravan adventure requires a good amount of walking in towns and sometimes on uneven terrain outdoors. Some of indoor venues have limited or no seating during tours. Leaders: Gary & RoseMarie Anderson, WBCCI #9181, Ph. 850-769-9181 (H), Ph. 850-896-0567 (Gary-C), Ph. 850-866-7658 (RoseMarie-C), Email: gary.rosemarie@gmail.com Address: 2800 W. 30th Court, Panama City, FL 32405. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 23, Total Number of Nights: 22, Number of Stops: 6. Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,500, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,200, Guest: TBD, Deposit: \$300, Date Balance Due: 11/1/17, Cancellation Fee: \$50 plus non-refundable deposits prior to 11/1/17; Discretion of Leader.

N-47-D THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN THE NORTHERN COLONIES EARLY SEPT - EARLY-MID OCT 2018

START: LITTLETON, MA STOP: ALEXANDRIA, VA
Dust off your tri-corner hat and mob cap and join us as we travel back in time to where the seeds of the American Revolution were planted and bore fruit. We will begin in Boston and see the Old State House where fiery debates occurred, walk where the Boston Massacre erupted, take part in reenacting the Boston Tea Party (prepare to heave ho some British tea into the Boston Harbor) and hear ranger talks on the Battle of Bunker Hill; we'll also visit other historic landmarks such as Faneuil Hall aka "The Cradle of Liberty", the Old North Church, Paul Revere's house and the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". From there we travel to Minute Man National Historical Park and follow the day (April 19, 1775) that marked the beginning of the war to independence from first blood on Lexington Green to the "shot heard round the world" at North Bridge in Concord. Then we travel to New York visiting Fort Stanwix National Monument in Rome, Oriskany Battlefield in Oriskany, and Fort Ticonderoga where Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold (before he turned traitor) led the "Green Mountain Boys" in an easy victory over British forces. Saratoga National Historical Park where a decisive American victory convinced the French to support the fledgling nation also rates a visit as does the Bennington Battlefield in New York as well as Vermont. We will charter a bus to West Point for a private tour and lunch at the Officers' Club followed by a visit to the New Windsor Cantonment, General Henry Knox's Headquarters, and an optional visit to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. We will explore General Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh then enjoy a tour-guided bus trip into New York City where some sites are now sky scrapers but others are alive and well such as Federal Hall and Fraunces Tavern and Museum where we'll have lunch. New Jersey is next with tours at Fort Lee, Morristown National Historic Park, Washington Crossing State Park (and Washington Crossing on the PA side), Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Princeton Battlefield State Park and Old Barracks Museum in Trenton. Then into Pennsylvania to Valley Forge National Historical Park in King of Prussia and Brandywine Battlefield Museum in Chadds Ford. The City Of Brotherly Love we'll see via charter bus taking into Independence National Historical Park for park ranger talks and tours of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, the new American Revolution Museum, and dining at historic City Tavern. Our final destination will be in Virginia at Washington's beloved estate, Mount Vernon, for a VIP tour and our final banquet. Leaders: Ed & Beth Jones, WBCCI #1515, Ph. 703-780-6597 (H), Ph. 703-475-0573 (Ed-C), Ph. 703-244-6384 (Beth-C), Email: thunderhorse16@yahoo.com Address: 3704 Washington Woods Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309, Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26, Total Number of Nights: TBD (approx. 35), Number of Stops: 7. Kitty Fee w/2: TBD, Kitty Fee w/1: TBD, Guest: TBD. Deposit Amount: \$350, Cancellation Fee: TBD.

N-47-E CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN 6/24-7/15/2018

START: DRUMHELLER, AB, CANADA STOP: COCHRANE, AB, CANADA

Judy and I would love to vacation with you in some of our favorite places in the Canadian Rockies and Alberta prairies. Traveling through the backcountry we will have secluded dry camping, cookouts, and hiking. We will travel through the four contiguous national Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. We'll swim in the beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs. Over 100 glaciers line the spectacular Icefields Parkway where you will ride a snow coach on the Athabasca Glacier and experience the

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newly constructed glass-floored Skywalk. We'll cruise Malign Lake to Spirit Island in Jasper and dine at the historic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. We'll hike to the Tea House above Lake Louise, canoe Lake Moraine, and photograph Takakkaw Falls. We'll hike the upper meadows to see wildflowers at the Banff Sunshine ski resort. We'll stay at the historic Bar U Ranch in Alberta and attend the world renowned Calgary Stampede where we will see the rodeo, chuck wagon racing and the "greatest outdoor show on earth". Your camera, your adventurous spirit and your love of laughter are a must for this vacation! Leaders: Deane and Judy Collinson, WBCCI #1077, Deane cell Ph. 416-232-2882, Judy cell Ph. 416-559-5354. Email: deane.collinson@rogers.com, Address: 10 Strath Ave, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M8X 1P9. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 20. Total Number of Nights: 20 nights, Number of Stops: 8 stops, Caravan distance: 900 miles/1450 km. Fees: Total Cost, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,200, Kitty Fee w/1: TBA, Guest: TBA, Deposit Amount: \$1,000 11/10/17 (\$0 for standby). Dates of Payments \$1,000 1/5/18, Date Balance Due: \$1,200 3/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$100 until 1/5/18. Leaders discretion after 1/5/18.

N-47-G FLORIDA FANTASY **2/10-3/28/2018** **START: TITUSVILLE, FL** **STOP: BIG PINE KEY, FL** **CRUISE DATE: 3/29-4/11/2018** **LOCATION: FT. LAUDERDALE**

The Florida Fantasy Caravan/Cruise is 61 days of travel around the State of Florida and cruising to the Panama Canal Zone. The cruise portion is open to everyone who wishes to cruise with family, friends, or other WBCCI members who want to take advantage of the group discount and travel with the premier cruise line, Princess. We will tour the Kennedy Space Center and travel by bus to "EPCOT" in Orlando, visit the Capitals of Florida and walk among animals and birds native to Florida. Experience Spanish settlements. Tour historic towns of St. Augustine, Apalachicola and Key West. Walk the pristine beaches of the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Pensacola. Visit historical museums on the early years of Florida. See manatees in their natural habitat. We will visit and see the Everglades National Park by trolley and experience the thrill of riding on airboats. See Mile Marker "1" known as "End of the Road" in Key West. This caravan is very active and has some long days away exploring. Join us and create your Fantasy in Florida. Leaders: Jim & Sheila Skipper, WBCCI #3178, Home Ph. 850-877-1729, Cell Ph. 850-528-0437 (J), 850-519-1976 (S), Email: floridafantasycaravan@gmail.com, Mailing address: 9150 Seafair Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32317, Co-Leaders: Al & Gracie Buchanan, WBCCI #800, email: grab10@juno.com. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25. Total Number of Nights: 60; Number of Stops: 13. Kitty Fee w/2:\$5,450; Kitty Fee w/1: \$4,000; Guest: \$1,650; Deposit Amount: \$250; Dates of Payments (if applicable) \$1,740 4/1/17; \$1,730 7/1/17; \$1,730 10/1/17; Date Balance Due: 10/1/17. Cancellation Fee: \$50 plus non-refundable deposits prior to 10/1/17, Leaders discretion after 10/1/17.

N-47-H GONE TO TEXAS **9/24-10/27/2018** **START: HILLSBORO TX** **STOP: KERRVILLE TX**

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

STANDBY ONLY **N-47-I SOUTHWEST ADVENTURE** **8/17-10/9/2018** **START: ALBUQUERQUE, NM** **STOP: ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

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

STANDBY ONLY **N-47-J SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES** **5/23-6/16/2018** **START: ESTES PARK, CO** **STOP: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WY**

Come share in the adventure of traveling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from the summit on Trailridge Road, to the Beauty of the Garden of the Gods, to the bottom of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, to the Teton Mountains and the geysers of Yellowstone. Be prepared for vistas that will take your breath away, literally. We'll travel at some of the highest elevations possible in North America. Stops in order are Estes Park, Manitou Springs, Gunnison, Cimarron, Grand Junction, Dinosaur NM, Flaming Gorge, Jackson Hole and Yellowstone NP. Because of the time of year, we could possibly run into snow at any location throughout the caravan with evening temperatures possibly in the lower 30's. The snow usually doesn't stick around long since daytime temperatures typically range in the 60's to 70's. We are attempting to find campgrounds with full service hookups or at minimum 30 Amp electrical services due to the cold evenings. However, we are planning two (2) days of dry camping close to the Dinosaur National Monument, one of the warmer locations. Good vehicle/trailer maintenance and appropriate accessories will be important due to our planned mountain traversing routes and high elevation camp sites. The route will require driving long distances with steep mountainous grades, many switchbacks and high altitudes. Some roads have no guardrails. Your familiarity with your rig and your ability to control it under these driving conditions is critical. This caravan should not be the place to learn. Campgrounds will range in altitudes from 6,000 ft. to close to 8,000 ft. in elevation and with mountain passes and self-guided auto tours as high as 12,000 ft. ANYONE with health issues affected by high altitude should think twice and check with their health care provider before joining this caravan. In order to gain the most from this caravan, hiking some distances (one to three miles round trip) may be required. If we haven't scared you off, come join us in the beautiful Rocky Mountains for a great adventure in spring 2018. This caravan will end at Yellowstone on June 16, 2018 with sufficient time for those who would like to extend their travel to attend the WBCCI International Rally at Salem,

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OR. Leaders: Bob & Sue Heist, WBCCI #16401, Ph. 402-304-1843 (H), Ph. 402-968-0823 (C), Email: bobsueheist@gmail.com Address: 6401 Rainier Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510. Co-Leaders: Doug & Amanda Hewins, WBCCI #2184. Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 25 Total With Leader, Total Number of Nights: 25 (Tentative), Number of Stops: 8, Total Cost \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,000, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,500, Guest: TBD, Deposit: \$400 Due with Application, Dates of Payments: ½ of remainder by 7/1/17, Date Balance Due: 1/5/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50 plus non-refundable deposits prior to 1/5/18. Leaders' discretion after 1/5/18.

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**N-47-K NOR' BY NOR'EAST
START: ASHAWAY, RI, USA**

7/11-8/20/2018

STOP: CORNWALL, PEI, CANADA

The Nor' By Nor'east National Caravan will begin in southern New England and end in Prince Edward Island, Canada. We begin the caravan in RI and visit nearby Mystic Seaport, CT and Newport, RI. Plymouth, of course is steeped in history; the "Plimoth Plantation", Plymouth Rock, Mayflower II, Jenny Museum are among the places we'll visit. Boston's stop is a busy one with 2 days of bus rides from Topsfield into the Capitol. All those sites you've read about in history books will be part of our journey. JFK Library, Bunker Hill, Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall, etc. are just part of what we'll see. Continuing up the coastline to an ocean-side campsite in Searsport, ME and then nearby Bar Harbor in Trenton will make you a firm believer that Maine is indeed, beautiful. We'll enjoy the Penobscot Marine Museum, Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Observatory and a Food Channel approved "Down East Style Lobster Bake". We'll camp near-by FDR's retreat at Campobello Island in NB, Canada, enjoy "Tea With Eleanor" and then another campsite up the road in Moncton where we will visit Hopewell Cape and see the exaggerated tides of the Bay of Fundy. Nova Scotia's 3 stops include campsites that will be home bases so we can travel to Peggy's Cove, Halifax, Louisbourg, Baddeck and of course the Cabot Trail. We intend on being in NS for 11 days and we will see everything and continue to eat too! A short trip across to Prince Edward Island on a ferry and you will think you're in Heaven. We have plenty of time here for exploring and enjoying some entertainment in Charlottetown, the warm waters along some of the most beautiful beaches as well as seafood-PEI style. We will have our Farewell Banquet in Charlottetown. Leaders: Trevor & Gale Lake, WBCCI #4688, Ph. 781-837-2539 (H), Ph. 781-264-4550 (C), email: trevorlake@verizon.net Address: 315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 23, Total Number of Nights: 41, Number of Stops: 11. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,900, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit: \$200 with Application, Date Due: 2/1/18: \$800, Date Final Balance Due: 5/1/18. Cancellation Fee: \$100 after 2/1/18. Leaders' Discretion after 2/1/18.

STANDBY ONLY

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

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

N-47-M CIVIL WAR PART II – WAR IN THE DEEP SOUTH

4/4-TBD/2018

START: LADSON, SC

STOP: SMYRNA, TN

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

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-O NATIONAL LANDMARKS WEST 6/3-7/30/2018

START: SANTA ROSA, CA

STOP: MEDORA, ND

Join us for the natural beauty of the Northwest and include a stop at the International Rally in Salem. OR. We visit our National Parks, discover other significant landmarks and learn some of the geology, culture, and history as we travel in six states. Beginning in Northern California Wine Country, we travel north near the coast into the Redwood Forests. National Parks will include Redwood, Crater Lake, Olympic, Glacier and Yellowstone National Park. We will be immersed in the natural wonders of the Rocky Mountains and explore the expanse of Montana's "Big Sky" country. Travel back to some of the Lewis and Clark forts and camps, spend a day in Victoria, BC and take in the beauty Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens. In all, we will traverse 19 National Forests, 12 National Parks or Monuments and several state parks. Be a part of savory cookouts, banquets or catered meals at most of our stops. Come join us for tours, boat rides, entertainment and of course, great fun and fellowship along the way. Leaders: Phil & Margie Glassey, WBCCI #5328, P. 707-953-4299, Registration Email: margiemicu@sbcglobal.net Address: 1367 Parkway Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-4747. Limit 28 rigs. Kitty fee w/2: \$5,150; w/1: \$4,050, Guest \$1,000. Registration deposit: \$250. 50% due by: 10/1/17, Balance Due: 3/1/18. Cancellation fee is \$50 before 2/1/18 plus non-refundable deposits. Leader's discretion after.

STANDBY ONLY

N-47-P IT'S A NEW YORK (STATE) STATE OF MIND

8/7-31/2018

START: NIAGARA FALLS, NY

STOP: CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NY

Starting from the magnificent Niagara Falls, we will boat on the Erie Canal and then head to the Finger Lakes for some wine tasting, hiking and flea/craft marketing with a visit to the Corning glass works. We then will stay in the 1000 Islands (actually 1864) and take a look at Boldt Castle. A drive through the Adirondacks (the largest publically protected area in the contiguous United States) will bring us to Lake Placid/Whiteface Mountain and the US Olympic Training Complex for a tour and an option to try out some Olympic events on your free day. Travelling down I-87, the Northway, we will stay in the Lake George area to explore Ft. Ticonderoga, Saratoga Springs (the city, the racetrack, the Battlefield and the charming towns along Route 9). Southward again to the Catskills Region to see an airshow at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, cruise the Hudson, tour the US Military Academy at West Point and have something to eat at the Culinary Institute of America, aka "the CIA." An extra day in the Catskills means you can choose your own adventure - hang gliding, parachuting, zip-lining, hiking the "Gunks", visiting Woodstock (Bethel Farms), shopping at Woodbury Commons Outlet Mall or just relaxing. Our final stop is Croton-on-Hudson, about an hour and a half from NYC and for the next two days our own motorcoach will take us into Manhattan in the morning and pick us up in time to return for dinner. Options in Manhattan are endless - some

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possibilities are a Dim Sum lunch in Chinatown, the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, the 9/11 Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, shopping on Fifth or Madison Avenues or even a Broadway matinee. The final day of our caravan will take us to the home of iconic New York author Washington Irving followed by a farewell banquet. Notes: Place to place travel is approximately 750 miles but there will be additional driving to get to specific attractions. Altitudes in the mountains do not exceed 5,000 feet. Weather may be hot and humid or chilly and rainy - can't tell! This caravan is suitable for children and teen-agers - please contact the leaders for fee info. And remember that everything is probably a bit more expensive in NY than you are used to - from campgrounds to candy bars. Leaders: Debbie & Mark Hammer, WBCCI #2437, Home Ph: 516-437-2839, Cell Ph: 516-330-3644, Email: Debbie@halimer.com Mailing address: 1647 Park Ave, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Kitty Fee w/2: \$2,900, Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,300, Guest: \$1,000. Deposit Amount: \$200, Dates of Payments (if applicable) \$1,000 due 12/15/17, Date Balance Due: 4/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50. Leaders' discretion after (date) 5/1/18.

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

Short caravan; perfect for your summer vacation! Rendezvous for this caravan is on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Manistique, MI. See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops. Last night of the caravan and the closing banquet will be on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at St. Ignace, MI. Key activities/outings include: Ferry ride under the Mackinaw Bridge in route to a day on Mackinac Island, horse carriage tour of the island, lunch at Grand Hotel, tours of lighthouses, a visit to Kitch-iti-kipi, a guided tour of Fayette Historic State Park, visits to numerous waterfalls, a boat tour of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, tour of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Tahquamenon Falls, Soo Locks boat tour, Oswald's Bear Ranch, and much more. Please send deposit, or questions, to Leaders: Chip & Lori DeLeeuw, WBCCI #2748, Ph. 517-250-5060, Email: cdeleeuw@comcast.net, Address: 906 Wright Lane, Milan, MI 48160. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 17. Total Number of Nights: 15. Number of Stops: 5, Kitty Fee w/2: \$1,600, Kitty Fee w/1: \$1,200, Guests: \$500, Deposit \$200, Date Balance Due: 5/1/18, Cancellation Fee: \$50 before 5/1/18. Caravan Leaders discretion after 5/1/18.

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

Join us as we experience Kentucky hospitality as we follow the Bourbon Trail, take part in the Bourbon Festival, and attend live races at the beautiful Keeneland Race Track. Along the way, we will take the dinner train through the Kentucky countryside just as leaves are beginning to change colors; visit lots of distilleries, craft breweries and wineries, spend the day at a BlueGrass Festival, have lunch on the Belle of Louisville and visit museums and historic homes. Something for everyone! Co-Leaders: Jim & Sheila Skipper, WBCCI#3178, Home Ph. 850-877-1729, Cell Ph. 850-

528-0437, Email: sskipper813@gmail.com, Mailing address: 9150 Seafair Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Co-Leaders: Larry & Shala Wilson, WBCCI #10298, Larry cell: 270-782-6554; Shala cell: 270-792-3814, Email: shalawilson@gmail.com, Mailing address: 1122 Old Main Street, Hartford, KY 42347. Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 25. Total Number of Nights: 27, Number of Stops: 6. Kitty Fee w/2: \$3,450; Kitty Fee w/1: \$2,450; Guest: \$1,300. Please send Deposit of \$250 to Sheila Skipper, 9150 Seafair Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Dates of Payments (if applicable) First - 50% due 1/15/18; Date Balance Due: 4/15/18. Cancellation Fee: \$50, Leaders discretion after 4/15/18.

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

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



Akron Unit Rally at Smolin-Gulf Covered Bridge, Ashtabula, OH - submitted by Betsy Ketchum, #1650

**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

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

Name(s) _____

WBCCI # _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____ Unit: _____

Address _____

Town _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

RV Make & Length: _____ State/License: _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ State/License: _____

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

Handicap Site ____ Vintage Site ____

Rally Fees U.S. Funds:

Airstream w/2 adults \$295.00 = _____

Additional Fees:

Kids 0-10 Free = _____

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

AMOUNT \$ _____

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

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

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

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

**42nd REGION 4 RALLY
Country Roads Meet City Lights
Clermont County Fairgrounds
1000 Locust St, Owensville, Ohio
May 15 - 20, 2018**

Last Name _____
 First _____ Spouse/Other _____
 WBCCI # _____ Unit _____
 Type RV TT/MH Length _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ TXT Y/N _____
 Email _____ # in Party _____
 Handicapped Parking? _____

Rally Fees:	Thru 2/28/18	After 2/28/18	
2 Persons	\$220	\$230	\$ _____
1 Person	\$180	\$190	\$ _____
2XWeekend	\$155	\$165	\$ _____
1XWeekend	\$135	\$145	\$ _____
Extra Adult	\$ 75		\$ _____
Add Child +12 yrs		\$ 58	\$ _____
		TOTAL:	\$ _____
Children 12 & under (free)			\$ _____

Contact: Don & Marian Hetzler
937-335-3301, email: pophetzler@hotmail.com

Checks payable to: WBCCI Region 4
Mail Registration & Check to:
Steve Rhodes, 2951 Hazel Brush Rd, Shelby, OH 44875

**Washington Unit's
Alaskan Cruise
July 8 - 15, 2018**

The Washington Unit welcomes you to the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Now that you have attended the Region 10 Rally and the International Rally in Salem OR, it is time for a little rest and relaxation.

The cruise leaves Seattle with stops in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria, BC.

Contact Connie Evans at Worldwide Holiday Cruises to reserve your stateroom soon. Phone: 360-956-9700 or 800-472-1767, email:

VIP@whcruises.com

Questions: Contact Pat Latimer 360-459-8508 or email:

wbccci2800ps@msn.com

**BALLOON FIESTA NATIONAL RALLY
Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 5 - 9, 2018**

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____

Email (only means of communication) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

Airstream model & length _____

Rally Fee:	
Cost per coach (includes 2 tickets to all the action)	\$360.00
Rally Fee	\$ 13.00
Total	\$373.00
First half (\$186.50) due 2/28/18	
Second half (\$186.50) due 7/31/18	

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Note: Balloon Fiesta refund policy NO EXCEPTIONS: \$10 charge through July 15; \$186.50 after July 16; no refund after September 1 for any reason.

Join Airstreamers from across the country at this colorful event as hundreds of balloons take to the sky! Water and honey trucks available. Bring your (quiet) generator. You are not sitting on the sidelines, but are part of the festivities beginning with the early morning Dawn Patrol through the evening Balloon Glow and fireworks. You will have in/out access in your car after arriving. Vendors are on the field serving tasty treats and coffee. Two tickets to the field provided per Airstream, additional tickets may be purchased at the event.

Questions? Please contact us through: <http://balloonfiestarally.wbccci.net> or Facebook/BalloonFiestaRally https://www.facebook.com/groups/1192442150821770/?hc_ref=SEARCH

Make check payable to: Region 11 - WBCCI
Mail coupon & check by February 28 to:
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and what would entice him/her to join the club. Please include a description of the picture, member names, specific rally/caravan, dates, etc. and send to dsailor@wbcci.org or WBCCI, PO Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. NOTE: Original photos or .jpg file formats are preferred.



Iowa Unit members in front of Dutch windmill in Pella, IA while attending the Pella Tulip Time Rally - submitted by Chuck Cabalka, #5816



Heading to an amateur rocket launch event on Black Rock Playa, NV - submitted by Eric McHenry, #2242



Airstream in Painted Desert - submitted by David Spahn, #4148



After spending 9 weeks on our Alaska adventure, we can affirm what fellow WBCCI members have always told us – it is indeed the "trip of a lifetime." - submitted by Ella Brown, #4048



Sunrise at Mesa Verde - submitted by Craig Jansen, #4764



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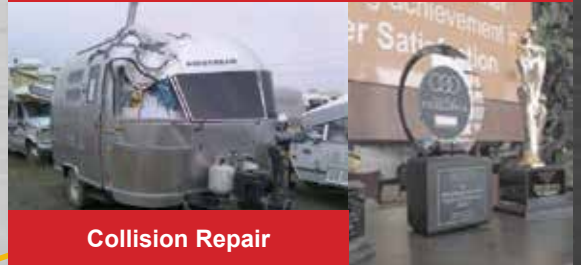
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