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President's Corner

We Rally...and Caravan...Together



As I write this, I'm enjoying the absolutely beautiful scenery, warm friendship and amazing food which make up the Columbus Day and Canadian Thanksgiving Day National Event Rally in Leicester, VT. Since I'm someone who has an oven simply because it came with my Globetrotter, I am very appreciative of the hard work involved in executing a "foodie rally". Bravo Tye Mott & RJ Dominic and the members of Region 1 on a fantastic rally!!

It's hard to imagine that just a week ago, I was at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally surrounded by hundreds of balloons and 150 Airstreams along with countless new and long-time friends. Even harder to believe - yes, Jay & Elna Thompson - I participated in a Club caravan! Okay, not the entire caravan but, through the graciousness of RoseMarie & Gary Anderson and Carol & Winston Montague, I was able to spend over two weeks having the time of my life on the 2019 Southwest Adventure Caravan.

My adventure began with an impromptu Jam Session, an early morning hike near Hanksville, UT and then rappelling down a 90' drop followed by a day on Lake Powell with two new friends from Bordeaux, France (now that's a courtesy parking opportunity!), a wonderful tour to Rainbow Bridge, river rafting down the Colorado, a jeep tour filled with awe and laughter through Canyon de Chelly, a fun day spent in Gallup, NM at Richardson's Trading Post and

drooling over stunning jewelry designed by Calvin Begay, a visit to El Morro National Monument and a tour of the Acoma Pueblo - the oldest continuously inhabited community in North America... culminating with our arrival in Albuquerque.

How do I even begin to describe my first caravan experience other than to say that I went places I would never have gone, did things I never would have done and take with me a lifetime of memories packed into those 16 days. I can't thank everyone enough for welcoming me to your "tribe", your friendship and for checking in on Izzy - I miss you all dearly and hope to see you soon. To Gary, RoseMarie, Carol, Winston, Jay, Elna, and all of our Caravan Leaders past and present - thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do on behalf of our members. Simply put - WE DO CARAVANS RIGHT!!

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Potlucks and Cooking for 70 People

I've been asked to submit recipes for 2 people and for 70 people. Can they be the same?

In many cases they can be. But first, hold on a minute here, if there are 70 people on a caravan, am I cooking for all of them to eat a full serving? The answer is no. You can expect that if you make enough for everyone to have a spoonful or two, you're covered. I'm notorious with my family for making too much food. Leftovers can be great, but with food sitting outside for hours and touched by many hands (and possibly flies), not so much. Unless your dish is completely covered between servings, and doesn't need to be refrigerated, it's not safe to keep it around very much longer. Making the correct amount means less waste. If your dish is completely eaten up, great! They loved it and you don't have to try to save a huge dish of food in your tiny fridge. I've never been to a potluck where anyone went away hungry, have you?



"Potluck" is derived from the word "potlatch," which means "to give." A

Chinook tradition, their events could be raucous and competitive based on who could eat the most. Potlucks are practical for traveling in groups. You share what

you have, and they with you. You find new dishes, new tastes, something you have never made, and best of all you share the conviviality of eating with friends.

Dishes that are best for groups fall into several categories: Finger food, dips (you supply the crackers or tortilla chips), cheese and vegetable plates, crockpot foods that can be ladled onto a plate, breads, desserts and salads (including pasta, rice, and fruit salads). If your dish requires a bowl, don't forget to supply the bowls. Guests bringing their own plates and utensils may not know to bring a bowl. Think about the weather and what would be most appealing. Cold or wet means warm foods will be a hit. Don't be afraid to change your planned dish if the weather changes. In Doswell, VA at the International Rally, I made a "day of" decision to change one of my presentation

Spinach Coconut Rice

Easy, fast, can be doubled, one pan. All ingredients are easily stored for whenever needed.

In a large pot or sauté pan on the stove (cast iron or Dutch oven or Insta-pot works too), add:

- ½ tsp cumin
- ½ - 1 tsp curry powder
- 2 cups rice (any kind, but basmati is nice)
- 1 ½ to 2 cups of water or vegetable stock (start with 1 ½ if using white rice)
- 1 14 ounce can of coconut milk (full fat)
- 1 tsp salt and a couple grinds of pepper

Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Add:

- 1 10 oz package of frozen spinach (or fresh, chopped)
- Juice of 1 lime (if you don't have a lime, use half a lemon)

Re-cover the pan and cook until rice is done. If you're using brown rice, you'll probably have to add more water.

Top with cashews or toasted coconut or nothing. It all works.

meals. It was hot, so hot that preparing anything using much heat was out of the question. I always have a back-up plan. And most importantly, be proud of your dish! Display it on the nicest dish you have in your trailer!

Gina Eggers and boyfriend Mark Kasten are owners of a 27' FB International Serenity, "Something Shiny." Gina has been a lifelong camper and foodie, attending classes and seminars around the United States on breads, grains and vegetarian/vegan and raw foods. She has been teaching classes at a kitchen store in Wisconsin and in hers and other homes. She is a member of the Bread Baker's Guild of America. You can reach Gina at upnorthbread@icloud.com and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.



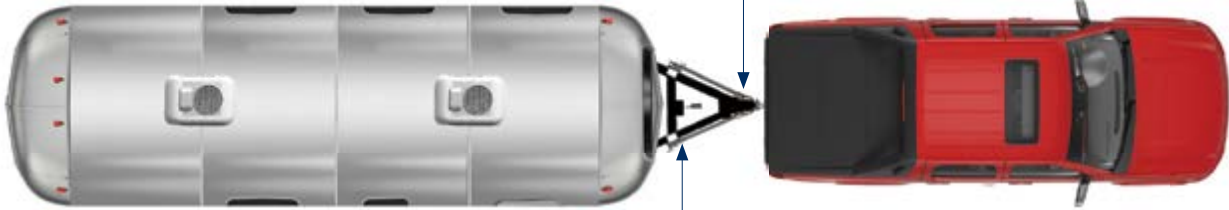
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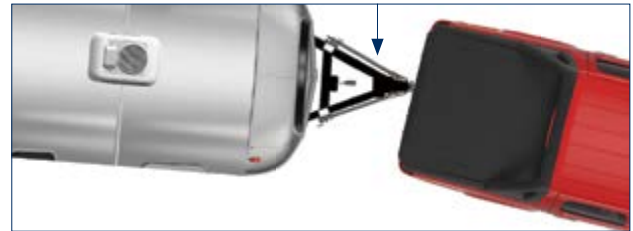
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Have you ever given thought to what makes one local Airstream club run successfully and another that needs to shut down for lack of participation? I've been thinking quite a bit about this and thought I would share some ideas in my membership column this month.

For purposes of this article, I am going to use the term "club" vs. "unit" as more and more units are becoming clubs. Why, you ask (and I have been asked repeatedly why the change) would a unit become a club? Take for example my club, the Oregon Airstream Club. If someone wants to find a local club, they will Google "Airstream Club", not "unit #90 of the WBCCI". "Unit" has traditionally been a military designation and as we move toward a more recreationally focused organization, the term club vs unit seems more friendly, somehow. More than 60% of our local "units" are now "clubs". But enough about that. Let's talk about my ideas about qualities that make a successful local club.

The first and most obvious one would be **activities**. These are an essential reason that someone might join a club – things to do with fellow Airstreamers. We seek out people with whom we have things in common, right? And when we have Airstreams in common, that's something really special. Rallies are the first thing that comes to mind and there are so many ways that this can be done. I gave a talk at Doswell titled "More and Better Rallies". Yes, I had my perspective to share, complete with a slide presentation, but I also learned so much from the audience about how other clubs do successful rallies. For example, our club reserves all sites ahead of time and people register online, based on a description of the rally. But others have members reserve their own sites. Meals vary from the host cooking three course dinners and breakfasts for two days to all potluck meals to reserving restaurants for the group. Some rallies are highly structured with events and/or tours planned throughout the event while others are

far more laid back. Some larger clubs, like ours, have 20 or more rallies per year while smaller clubs might only have 5 or 6 in a year. Other activities might include a monthly breakfast or lunch held at a central location. Some clubs offer special holiday gatherings and some hold smaller gatherings at the home of club members, perhaps a BBQ or picnic. Some will offer flash rallies, a last-minute sort of thing where someone gets an idea to go to a particular camping location and invites others to join them. And certainly local clubs can also run caravans, be they numbered and formal or not numbered and far more casual.

Communication with members is the next essential component. For many clubs, this means a newsletter, filled with pictures of past events, a schedule of upcoming ones, news about members, a welcome to new members, recipes, etc. When they are filled with color and good pictures, they are a joy to read. Cara Goedeking of the Idaho unit is especially good at newsletters – I love to read what she sends because it is visually charming, and the content is interesting and upbeat. Other communication that I have found to be helpful is using a service like Survey Monkey to assess what it is that club members want from their organization. Giving multiple choice options about such things as rally locations or size of rallies or costs or other activities can clarify if those who are planning events for the club are right on about their instincts of what people want or are they way off? Sometimes we think we know what people want but it's easy to check out those perceptions through a tool like this. Some clubs will send out a last minute email about openings in a rally that come about as a result of cancellations and a note to all members might interest someone who would grab a last minute spot that opens up.

But without **leadership**, the club cannot exist. As Region 10 president, I had to preside over the closure of a unit (yes, a unit). Though there were many interested members, no one would

agree to step up and serve as officers. The same people had rotated in and out of the officer positions for years and they finally said "enough!" So in spite of member interest, the club folded due to lack of leadership. And I would say that it isn't enough just to have warm bodies to fill the spots, we need leaders who are engaged and excited and enthusiastic about their roles – that's infectious to members as well. However, one mistake I have seen is approaching new members too quickly about becoming officers. It's probably not cool to say, "Hi Susie and John, welcome to the XYZ Airstream Club, we need officers, and I hope you will sign up soon". People need time to get a feel for the organization, see if it fits for them, let them get acquainted with the structure and other members and THEN ask.

The final component that is far more nebulous is the concept of **inclusivity**. The history of this club is one of formality and specific rules and wonderful traditions. But we've definitely come a long way to being more relaxed and open. Our members are slightly more diverse than they used to be and now include all sorts of different folks. Young members with children should be welcome. People with both old and new rigs should feel welcome. Gay and lesbians couples should feel welcome. Aging folks who appreciate a bit of help with their rigs should feel welcome. People of color should feel welcome. People of all religions or no religion should feel welcome. Democrats and Republicans should feel welcome (though best to leave politics at home). People who want to climb mountains and hike for miles in the woods and kayak should feel welcome. And people who want to just hang out with friends and enjoy happy hour should feel welcome. Clubs with a heart that welcomes all of these people and more have a far greater chance for success.

I would love to hear your thoughts about what makes a club or unit successful. Feel free to email me at twestover@mac.com

We Rally Together

**but we can only do that if
you renew your WBCCI
membership now**

We are offering less “we’ve always done it this way” or “here are the rules you need to follow”. And more “tell us what you would like to see in your Airstream club” and “we’re so glad you’re here!” Kindness and just plain camping fun will be our guides.

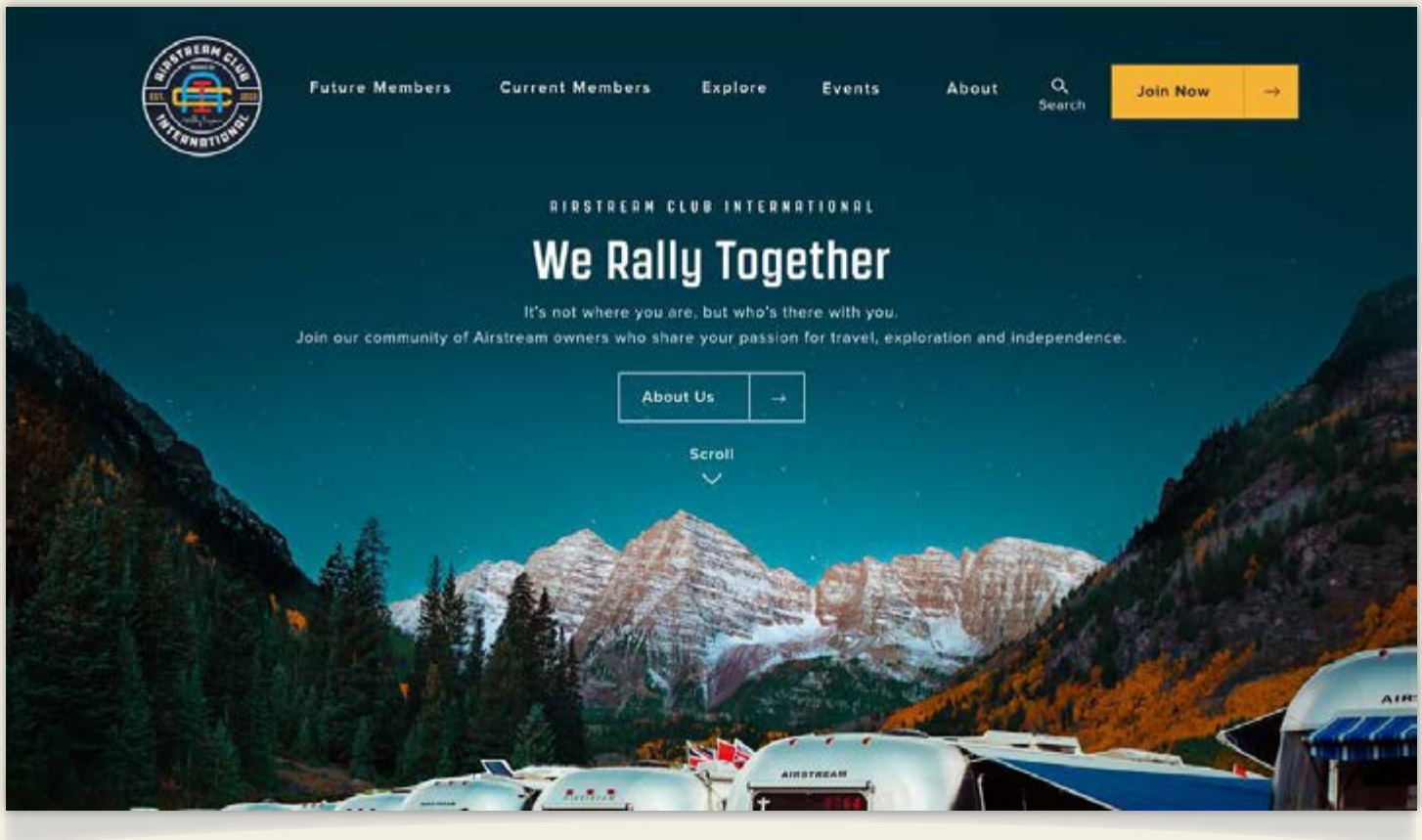
Oh yes, we still have the Blue Book for rules and club structure but that’s secondary to our basic tenets listed above. As membership chair, I earnestly want to know your thoughts about the club – what do you really love, what could be better or added, what you strongly dislike. I’m listening.

Write me at twestover@mac.com.
Terri Warren, Membership Chair



We Rally Together

Mona Heath, International President



I was invited by my dear friend Steve Hingtgen, founder and owner of Vintage Trailer Supply, to participate in a panel of industry experts at the Grand Opening of the stunning new brick & mortar location in Santa Fe, NM.

What an incredible honor to be surrounded by dear friends from the vintage trailer community and, even more incredibly, to meet and share the stage with Forrest Bone from Tin Can Tourists (TCT) as well Maurrie Sussman, Founder and Sister #1 of Sisters on the Fly (SOTF). Imagine, the leaders of the three largest camping clubs - each with a rich heritage, strong brand identity (TCT, SOTF and WBCCI) and passion for remaining true to their founding principles while evolving to connect with the changing marketplace.

After a quick trip to the garden isle of Kauai, I joined the last portion of the Southwest Adventure Caravan where I had the opportunity to share my presentation, in a less formal environment, with members of the caravan and attendees of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally.

BRAND POSITION 2

Our Brand Position:

We Rally Together

Whether it's your first adventure or your hundredth, being a part of Airstream Club International means that a neighbor is never too far away to lend a hand, share an experience or shoot the breeze.

We make the most out of life when we rally together.

Our Brand Promise:

When you're part of Airstream Club International, you're supported by a network of like-minded travelers who are eager to help you stop worrying and start relaxing.

Re-branding a legacy club, while steering the legendary Wally Byam Caravan Club International into an era of growth and modernization, did not occur overnight. In keeping with Wally Byam's philosophy to "not make changes, only improvements" our Club remains true to our core of camping, caravanning and friendship.

Our Brand Position and Brand Promise clearly and passionately communicates to all Airstream owners in a common voice and with the same commitment inspired by Wally and led by Helen Byam Schwamborn.

What exactly is a Brand? It's not just a logo - a brand is essentially a container for a person's complete experience with your product or service.



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The Airstream Club International (ACI) marketing logo, using one of eight previously approved doing business as (dba) names, was critical in the development of a Creative Expression. It's a visual expression of our brand, which is more than just selecting colors and shapes. It is a language, like music, that speaks to people directly with great meaning.

Our Club creative expression comes to life in a compelling manner with consistent messaging, fonts and color palates across multiple platforms: an updated new member welcome packet & welcome letter, recruiting materials, and a compelling, easy to navigate website allowing access on your desktop, mobile phone and tablet.

Since launching the website and marketing logo on August 23, 2019, renewals have increased from average of 35 a week to 208 a week. New member registrations grew from 25 a week to 30 a week, providing incremental growth since the launch of 40 new members, and our Facebook Group audience has doubled the trend through August 22nd from 20 new likes a week to 41 a week.

The energy and enthusiasm amongst our members is palpable and we are working to make the ACI logo accessible to those of you who wish to use it on your newsletters, Facebook pages and even business cards. Should you wish to add this as an approved logo for display on your Airstream and/or your local club badges and flags, please be sure to communicate your wishes to your Region Officers.

Rest assured, we are and will remain registered with the State of Ohio as a 501C7 under our chartered name of WBCCI and will continue to honor our heritage and those who worked to build the longest-rolling, single-branded RV Club.

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Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager

HQ is looking for some “Airstream Antics”! Do you have a funny story involving your Airstream or about your travels? Do you want to share it? If so, email your story to blueberet@airstreamclub.org. Stories can be between 200 to 800 words and high resolutions pictures if you have them.

Getting to Know Our New Membership Coordinator, Amanda Hughes

Jim Cocke, #4822, Contributor



If you stop by the club office in Jackson Center, you may notice a new face. Amanda started working for the Airstream Club at the beginning of October. Her responsibility area is Membership. She's in charge of Big Red Numbers, putting together and sending new member packets, helping with front desk and phone calls, and anything else to help us provide great customer service.

I asked her a few questions to get to know her better and wanted to share her answers with you.

Jim: Where'd you grow up?

Amanda: Piqua, about 40 minutes south of here. I also have lived in Columbus and Sidney.

J: What's your favorite thing about your new job so far?

A: Learning about the different aspects of the Club, and the inner workings of it all. This is so different and interesting. I have a retail background and before that I was a preschool teacher. My degree is in early childhood development from Edison Community College in Piqua.

J: What musical instruments do you play?

A: Trumpet in marching band, and French horn in concert band. Not so much now.

J: What's your camping/RVing experience?

A: Mom and dad had a camper when I was growing up. We went places, staying pretty much in Ohio, mostly Indian Lake. It was okay. I'm into glamping. I liked the comfortable parts of it, not so much the rest.

J: How many children do you have? Ages?

A: We have seven children, and their ages are 13 to 36.

J: What previous experience prepared you for this job?

A: My experience in education taught me so much that helps in everything I do, especially patience, organization, and flexibility.

J: What did you know about Airstreams before you started working here?

A: I knew where they were made, and Matthew McConaughey has one. But when I was offered the interview I started learning about Airstream and Club history. I'm so surprised how long they've been around.

J: What are your hobbies?

A: I'm a city girl and a mom. I enjoy attending sporting events and piano recitals. I like making things with bead work and doing pencil and charcoal drawings.

J: Who's your favorite musical group?

A: Toughest question yet! If I had to narrow it to just one, The Beatles, but Pink Floyd and Janis Joplin are favorites also.

J: What do you do for a fun day off?

A: What's a day off? My son has activities seven days a week. And he's still thinking of adding another sport. That's a good thing, right? Maybe he'll not have time or energy to get into trouble. I'm enjoying every minute of his growing up. I blinked and suddenly he's thirteen.

There you have it – everything you wanted to know about Amanda. If you get to Jackson Center, stop by and say hello to her and the rest of the WBAC team. Just be careful, they may put you to work!



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The club was chartered by and for the members, so each membership will have a voice both locally and Internationally. Members should be notified by their local club/unit each spring to participate in the annual voting process either electronically or at your local club/unit business meeting.

Our European Road Trip - Part 4

More Swiss Mountains, Walks and National Days

Don Lewis, #16592

I continue the story of our wonderful trip through France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium in the summer of 2018. Hopefully you read the first three episodes in previous *Blue Beret* issues where after travelling down the west coast of France, across to the Midi-Pyrenees, Provence and then to Lake Annecy in the West of France. I continue our travelogue still camped in Lauterbrunnen in Switzerland in Ali, our 2015 International 684 Airstream, similar to a 27ft US model but 8ft 3ins wide.

To remind you of who was travelling, we are the Lewis family - Don (me), my wife Amanda, Abigail our 15-year-old daughter and, with us on every trip so far, Amanda's mum, Betty. And of course we can't forget Barkley, our wonderful Golden Doodle dog – the only one on the trip who doesn't answer back!!

Every day, Switzerland lives up to expectations and, to be honest, we may not have gone there had we not got into the camping lifestyle when we did the motorhome trip in 2014 to Yellowstone, Glacier and Canada where we first saw and fell in love with Airstreams – and now we have one of our own...we love our Airstream!!



What a view to wake up to!

I hadn't really appreciated how much there is to do in the summer in the Alps. Day 29 had finished in Birg where there was a cliff walk - a metal path bolted to the side of the cliff with glass and wire floors and other fun challenges like wire ropes and a net



Abigail trusting the netting

pipe all very high above the valley floor. Abigail had a go on them all!!

Day 30 continued with hiking in the hills and, after waking up to the sun shining down on our Airstream, we drove first to Grindelwald in the next valley along. It is about twice the size of Lauterbrunnen and is the starting point of quite a few cable cars and trains that take you up into the mountains around. The North Face of the Eiger dominates the scenery from the town with the Mönch and the Jungfrau beyond. We headed up to a cable car station called 'Grindelwald First'. Barkley was getting very used to cable cars and quite happily sat as the world disappeared from under him! There are lots of activities up there including zip wires and three-wheel scooters that you can race down the mountain on. There are also some great walks.

We headed to Lake Bachalpsee, which was about a 70-minute walk from the top of the cable car. It was worth it to see the reflection of the mountains in the lake. The flowers along the route were fantastic and the scenery around was stunning. We even got up close and personal with some of the not-so-wildlife...although I wouldn't want to mess with mountain goats!!



I wouldn't mess with him!

Betty wandered into town. Me - well I did all the cooking, cleaning and tidying up... seriously?...no, honest, really...ok, I lied - I chilled!!

When it got dark the rain stopped and we wandered down to town where there was an event with the town band and a bonfire to celebrate the Swiss National Day - lots of balloons and Swiss flags. And what better way to finish the day but with some great fireworks with waterfalls as the backdrop - a nice day with the family just taking it easy around Ali - our home from home.

Our next day consisted of more hiking and steep train rides back into the mountains near our campsite in Lauterbrunnen. We headed to Wilderswil which is about 10 minutes drive from Lauterbrunnen and is the starting point for the Schynige Platte Mountain Railway, which was the first one to go into operation in 1893. It was built for the well-healed Victorian visitors on their 'European Grand Tour' who would stay at

the grand hotels in Interlaken. It is also one of the steepest mountain railways and they still use the original rolling stock, so we really experienced it as the early tourists did. Barkley got used to the mountain railways but this one was quite amusing as it was so steep he was sliding down the centre of the carriage and we had to wedge him in place.

The 7.2km journey once again was breathtaking with the views of the mountains and down into the valley to Lake Thun beyond Interlaken. Of course, at the top of Schynige Platte the views were fantastic, but there was also an alpine garden with hundreds of different species. We got up close and personal with Edelweiss - which is actually an ugly plant in my view, BUT it did provoke memories of Julie Andrews singing the song in The Sound of Music. Naturally Amanda and Abigail had to sing a verse.



Lake Bachalpsee

I mentioned the North Face of the Eiger - just looking at the enormity of this almost sheer rock face raised my admiration for climbers everywhere, but especially those that had conquered this mountain ... something I remember reading about in my childhood comics. To see it was something else!!

Day 31 was the Swiss National Day - 1st of August. We had been pretty busy up to now and, as we woke up to a pretty damp day, we decided to chill and relax. Amanda got on with the cardigan she was crocheting. It was just a bunch of knots to me, but I was told that it's 'macramé'...still a bunch of knots!! Abigail read another book and



If only I could get Ali up here - what a picture!



Edelweiss - quite an ugly plant!

Now, at this point in the trip, I actually had a few comments on Facebook saying that friends were concerned for my welfare because I had been lacking in ice cream intake. Well, for those who cared, there was no need to worry as we did finish the day with an ice cream...when we got back to the Airstream fridge. Yum!!

Day 33 – We woke to bright sunshine and...well, I am running out of superlatives!!

We went to the Top of Europe - to the Jungfrauoch. This is the highest publicly open observation point in Europe at a height of 3454m above sea level. It overlooks the UNESCO World Heritage Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch...and if you look at the pictures (even though again they don't do it justice) you will see why it has World Heritage site accreditation - The Alps longest Glacier - the Aletsch glacier.

The Jungfrauoch observation deck was opened in 1912 and to get to it meant another (expensive but worth it) train journey to the highest train station in Europe. We got a very early train 8 AM (!!!! We're on holiday so that is early!) from Lauterbrunnen first to Kleine Scheidegg where we changed to the Jungfraubahn to take us the last 40 minutes to the top. And wow was it worth it!!



The Alps longest glacier - The Aletsch Glacier

The highest point is the Sphinx observation terrace where you get views into Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France as well as a Birdseye view of the Aletsch Glacier.

There are numerous things to do such as visiting Europe's highest watch shop and also a Lindt chocolate shop - we didn't buy any due to the stupid prices!! There is also an ice tunnel where there are numerous ice carvings. The funniest for me was the frozen character - Scrat and his acorn, from the film *Ice Age*!!

The highlight of the day for me was to walk to a climbers' hut that was at the end of an ice (or slush) walk up hill. The views were just amazing. Even if all you were able to do on a visit to Switzerland was come to Jungfrauoch then it would be worth the time, energy and expense.



Ice walk with the Sphinx observation deck just right of centre



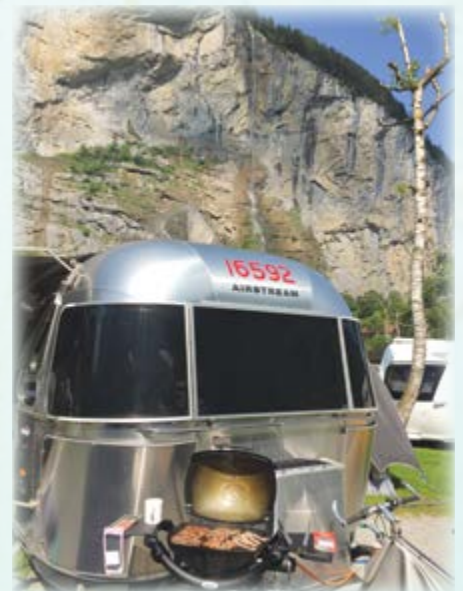
The North face of the Eiger

On the way back down, we stopped for a while at Kleine Scheidegg and took in some more magnificent views of the Jungfrau, Mönch and the Eiger. The latter for me is the one that stirs the emotions when you look at the sheer wall of the North Face.

Further down the mountain we also stopped for an hour at Wengen. I am sure it is a great place to visit in the winter where it is most famous for the Lauberhorn downhill ski race - on the list for the future...after all we do have to test out the Airstream's winter capabilities sometime eh!!

Of course, we finished back at the Airstream with BBQ bratwurst and a glass of wine!! Its been such a tough day we had to replenish our fuel cells.

Day 34 and after the excitement of yesterday climbing mountains and riding the highest railway in Europe, we had another rest day. We woke up to Blue sky again, but this was even bettered by having BBQ bacon sandwiches for breakfast cooked on our BBQ. Just something about the little



What a view for breakfast...and the waterfalls aren't that bad either!

features of the Airstream – like being able to attach our BBQ to the gas outlet on the side of the Airstream just makes everything work together.

Today I did something I have not done all of this trip - I sat in front of the Airstream this afternoon and fell asleep. Of course, I am always the fall guy when Abigail fell about laughing when my own snoring woke me up!!

The day got even better when Abigail took over the BBQ AND we had ice cream. As my fellow Airstreamer Joe Harris (#16000) would say... “a balanced diet is an ice cream in each hand.”

Day 35 was our last day in Lauterbrunnen so some of the day was spent packing up the awning etc. Our surrounding waterfalls looked lovely this morning and so we decided to visit the Trümmelbach Falls - these are the waterfalls that alone act as the drain for the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau throwing out 20,000 litres



Part of the Trummelbach Falls

of water a second and over 20 tonnes of debris and boulders per year.

The Trümmelbach Falls are also inside the mountain and made accessible via a tunnel lift and stairs. The noise was deafening and again the pictures just can't show the amount of water that was pouring out - it's amazing there is any glacier left!! Both Amanda and I did get very wet from the waterfall spray...very, very wet!

The falls were only a short distance from our camp, so we walked through the valley to them and back again along the river created from all the water from the falls. This really has been a perfectly placed campsite. It has been the longest stay in a location on our trip – 10 days and we even had the grass growing up the wheels. It was a good choice.

Our evening was spent packing up, putting bikes back on the roof of the car and doing all we could for a quick departure in the morning. - off to Germany tomorrow!!

This excerpt was only a few days in Switzerland. We have exhausted every superlative in trying to describe the scenery and couldn't recommend it high enough... excuse the pun.

I hope you are enjoying this series and will join us again for the next episode as I tell you about some more beautiful European cities as we head north through Germany and back home via Belgium. Of course we eat some more ice cream and enjoy more Airstream family time. See you next time.



Under every cloud, there is a Silver Lining



An ice cream to end the day

To be continued...

Introducing a Region 4 Community Service Opportunity

Dan Bihary, #24260

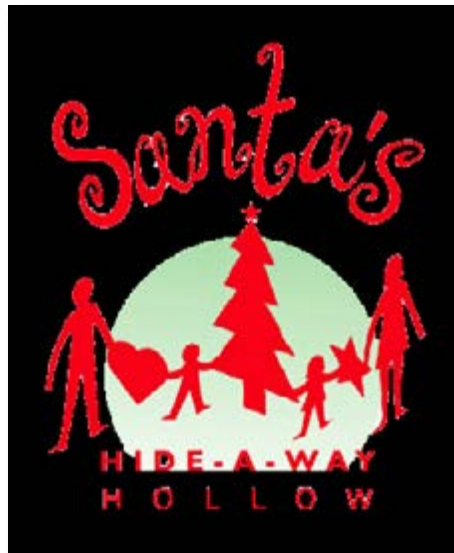
At the 2019 International Rally in Doswell, my wife and I accepted the position of Region 4 Community Service Chairman. A special project has been selected and we invite all Airstreamers to join us in giving back to our community while enjoying the Airstream lifestyle.

The Beneficiary

Shortly after the International Rally, a partnership was created between Region 4 and a very special organization named Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow.

This non-profit organization founded in 1981, is dedicated to working with seriously and terminally ill children and their families to provide comfort and support throughout the final stages of the child's illness. Many children ask to see Santa for a last Christmas as they near the end of their struggle. Santa's Hide-Away is committed to meeting that very need any time of the year. Santa gives his healing Spirit to all!

Terminally and seriously ill children face incredible personal challenges throughout the progressive stages of their illness. The mythology and folkways of Santa Claus represents a very special form of support for these children. Santa Claus is about listening and supporting a child's dreams, wishes and emotional and spiritual needs. A day of excitement being with Santa is a statement about the child's worthiness. A child is encouraged to ask for what it is he or she wants and participates in the Spirit of Christmas with their family and friends. Santa also provides joyful and fond memories for the families that will support their healing needs after the loss of their loved one.



The compound naturally has a large workshop for Santa, a tailor shop that specializes in making either red suits or green suits, and a barber shop to keep Santa and his elves looking spiffy.

There's a full-scale wooden lookout tower for the elves to watch for the first signs of snow and a garage for Santa's sleigh, which along with Santa, was at the North Pole. The grounds also have a heliport for Santa to land his helicopter.

Of course, there's a working train and there's also an ice cream shop.

A fishing pond is stocked with full-sized fish to catch for that photo opportunity, and a nearby pavilion provides shelter for a Christmas in July picnic for Santa's special guests.

A nurse's station, complete with beds, is available for sick children to rest for a while or receive a needed shot of medicine.

The 93-acre property has nearly everything Santa could want in a perfect hideaway, including a school for Teddy bears as well as a cabin for Bernard, when the chief elf visits.

The crowning building is an incredibly beautiful 100 seat chapel that was just completed. Families asked for a chapel to hold services for children who have died. There are 600 Christmas trees planted on the property by families who have lost a child. That is, except for one tree. It was planted by a girl whose father died from complications after giving her life-saving bone marrow.

Wally's Christmas Tree Farm

Picture a scene reminiscent of a small-town corner lot where families select the perfect tree to tie to the top of the car, take home, and decorate in preparation for Christmas. The lot is contained by an old wood and wire snow fence. Strands of exposed lights are hung above. Various evergreen trees stand ready for selection. And of course, an old, silver Airstream trailer is in the corner where 'Wally' is awaiting a sale!

Our chosen lot is about 150 feet square. Many Christmas trees will be permanently planted, decorated, and lit. Various garland,





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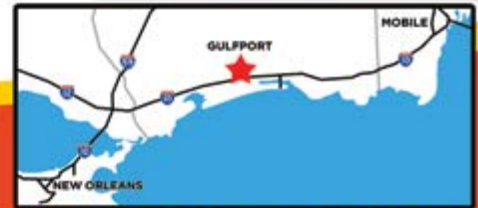
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fun signage, and other appointments fill the lot. An ADA compliant path and small ramp will lead into an Airstream that contains a warmly decorated interior. The modified layout will allow for children to cool off and relax while enjoying a movie. The rear of the Airstream will be employed as a volunteer workspace where various tasks can be completed, and communication radios are charged and stored.

How does this become a reality? Tasks include initiating a campaign to raise funds from our membership and beyond, acquiring and modify a trailer, and planning and executing an early springtime work rally. This is a lot of work, but I really believe we have many great people in the WBCCI that will be excited to help.

We are budgeting about \$6,000 for our end of the project. Santa has agreed to the same

amount. Seems he has a lot of elves that pitch in with supplies and services! Today we visited the project site. Santa has been busy! The lot is already rough graded, the drive has been placed and will be paved soon.

The largest item to acquire will be the trailer. Unfortunately, many Airstreams can be found that have been gutted by big dreamers without the proper resources to complete their project. As we are looking for an Airstream that does not have working 12-volt, propane or water/waste systems, the search will be easier and less expensive. Additionally, the trailer will be permanently placed, so good running gear isn't critical. If you are aware of an Airstream that may fit our needs near Ohio, please do contact us.

Your assistance may be financial, physical or both. We do promise you that any support will be appreciated!

We are currently setting up methods to communicate with Airstreamers interested in Wally's Christmas Tree Farm. Email, Facebook and a website will be used. Feel free to email us to be included in communications.

Links of interest include: <http://www.santashideawayhollow.com/> and Facebook Group "Wally's Tree Farm".

The project website is: www.wallystreefarm.com

Our contact information is: Dan & Dawn Bihary, WBCCI #24260, 440-453-9782. Email is best at dan@bihary.com

A Summer of Firsts 2019

Judy Barrett, #12814

This was a summer of “firsts”. Rosie, my 20-foot Flying Cloud, and I took off for the summer toward the end of May. The main goal of my trip was to attend Alumapalooza at the factory in May and end up at the International Rally in Doswell, VA in the middle of July. I had five weeks to spend in the middle and decided to explore New York and Pennsylvania for the first time.

Since it takes me three days to get to Ohio from Florida, I had my first Harvest Host experience at a wonderful winery in Adel, GA, Horse Creek Winery. The weather was still good enough that I could sleep without having to worry about air-conditioning or fans since no electricity was available. The hosts were exceptional, plus beautiful views of the winery.



Horse Creek

My next stop was in Cove Lake State Park just north of Knoxville, TN for one night. A nice park with large spaces, and lots of geese. :-)

By day three I was in Celina, OH at the Mercer County Fairgrounds for Memorial Day weekend. There I met up with my good friends from Texas, fellow Airstreamers, who were also attending Alumapalooza. It was a perfect weekend until Memorial Day. Storms rolled in across the plains

that evening, including bad weather causing tornadoes. Warning sirens went off, phone calls came in from the manager of the park, and we and our Airstreams took shelter. For a girl from Florida who has experienced hurricanes with days of warning, this tornado was quite an experience. The first, and hopefully, last time for one of those. Too close. It passed just north of the park. (It was the one that caused all the damage in Dayton, OH and along I-75, and the ones that made people nervous at Jackson Center who had come in early for the event.)



Safe Inside

Alumapalooza started officially on Tuesday. Due to all the rain, we had to get towed in by tractor to our spots and park tow vehicles down the road. The first day or two required rainboots to maneuver the field to the seminar tents and happy hours, but nothing stopped us from having a great week there! As always, a well-run event with something for everyone. Good information, lots of food, and a big shout out to the parking team for all their hard work in the mud.



Alumapalooza

Next, when that was over, I headed to Pennsylvania to join a short caravan with the NORVA group. By chance, I heard about this caravan while at my first Region 3 rally in April. So glad I found out about it, and they had a spot for me, as every place they were going were places I had planned on already going in the summer by myself. What a treat to join 15 other units and experience my first caravan. I joined them in Lancaster, PA, then on to Watkins Glen, Cooperstown, NY, and finally just outside New York City in Plattekill, NY.



Campground in Lancaster

Ahhh, the Baseball Hall of Fame, 9/11 Memorial, West Point, Corning Museum of Glass, Lancaster Food Tour, the Erie Canal, the beautiful gorge at Watkins Glen, magnificent homes of the Vanderbilt's and Roosevelt's, and lots of camaraderie amongst the group. It was a perfect length for a first timer and included all wishes on my bucket list for the couple weeks.



At the Roosevelt Library



9/11 Memorial and Tower



NORVA Caravan Group at West Point

But, now to backtrack and see the states of New York and Pennsylvania at leisure as earlier planned.

First stop was around Saugerties, NY where I stayed at Blue Mountain Campground using my Passport America pass. (Great value that pass.) This spot enabled me to visit Bethel Woods and Woodstock, and in a very timely manner as they were getting ready to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival. I had a great time exploring everything Woodstock related: the museum at Bethel Woods, funky little shops, art stores, Byrdcliff, cemeteries, and seeing lots of old hippies. I guess some have never left. What a great vibe the area has.



Next, headed north to the Adirondacks. Stayed at Golden Beach State Park on Racquette Lake. The first night the blackflies were horrendous. But it is a beautiful park on the lake as many of the areas are up there. The best part was the weather, which was in the 50s at night with the days pleasant and sunny. Visited a few breweries and had some local foods, hiked a little, and drove some pretty amazing roads, luckily not towing. The roads skirt the Hudson River most of the way and the views from the bluffs were breathtaking. Remember again, I am a flatlander so anything with mountains and valleys is awesome.



Golden Beach State Park

Leaving there, I enjoyed a train ride from Thendara to Otter Lake to relax and soak up the colorful sights while gently rolling over the Moose River to Otter Lake aboard vintage train coaches. Too cool.



Afterwards, heading now south on the loop around the mountains, I spent another night at a HH, Foothills Brewery. Another great host who left a campfire set up for those of us staying that evening. And in addition to great brews and mustards to purchase.

Next, back to the Fingers Lakes district. The Lakes are spectacular and some of the homes alongside are magnificent examples of how the New York elite must have lived. The lakes are all surrounded by breweries and wineries too so had to visit plenty and taste the foods of the region while at it. Also stayed at another HH in Geneva who let me camp two nights!! I like this group. (HH).

Next took me back to Pennsylvania. Erie and Presque Isle State Park, Punxsutawney and Phil the Groundhog, Pittsburgh for a quick day trip, and a couple relaxing nights at Penn Wood Airstream Park.



Caught up with my friends from Texas again plus met some new friends to be. It's always good to settle in for a few nights to catch my breath.



Penn Wood

From Penn Wood I headed down to Rockwood, PA and another Passport America park, with my main goal to see Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's beautiful

home. So glad I finally made it to cross that off my bucket list. A must-see place for everyone. It is a showcase of his inspiration by nature.



Fallingwater

And the next day was a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial. No words can express how that site makes you feel.

It is now heading into the 4th of July weekend, so into Virginia to visit with family. And for this week, moochdocking. It was good to see all the nephews and their wives. Ate good food, drank great wines, slept in a real bed, and had quality family time together while visiting the area around Williamsburg, Chesapeake and Leesburg.

And now, the major reason for this northern trip. I needed to be in Doswell, VA for the International Rally, my first one!! I was going to part of the rally greeting/parking team. Another first. May as well jump in with both feet, right?



Doswell



Spent a couple days getting oriented, meeting the team, visiting thrift shops, Richmond, and getting ready for the 750 Airstreams. We girls met the incoming units, handed them the registration paperwork, and sent them off to be escorted into park. It was hot. Over 100 degrees every day. But no complaints here. I met such nice people, was welcomed into new groups and old groups, and had a thoroughly great time. The seminars were informative, Region 3 BBQ luncheon was delicious, vintage tours inspirational, swap meet/flea market yielded all sorts of goodies, the evening entertainment was enjoyable, and everyone had a super time, especially at happy hours. It was a great venue and being the home of Secretariat was a plus. The only scary thing was one night big storms (oh no, not again) came through. This time ripping a tree limb off and landing on my neighbor's trailer. :(Luckily no severe damage nor anyone hurt.

The highlights of the event were the final nights when the new president, Mona Heath, was inducted, along with her team; the new logos

and marketing were presented; and then we were ready to sign up for next year's rally in Loveland, CO. And yup, I'm definitely going. Time to head West with Rosie. That will be her first trip across the Mississippi.

But now to head home. That took another couple weeks, stopping at COE parks in Virginia and Tennessee, Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park, visiting more friends in the Smokies, niece and family in Chattanooga, COE park in Alabama, and house sitting in the Panhandle of Florida.

Returned home after 82 nights on the road, another first. 5421 miles towing, 7157 driving. It was my longest time out at once. (And it actually started in April with a trip to the Keys for a few weeks, then heading to the Region 3 rally in NC, back home for few days then heading out for the summer.) My neighbors don't recognize me.

It was good to finally be home, as always, but looking forward to the next adventure.

"I travel because I would rather have amazing experiences than a house full of things."



Airstreamers in the Valley Luncheon

Airstream owners and friends' luncheon in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. Mark your calendars: Winter Texan Airstream owners and folks who just love everything about Airstreams. Time and date: 11:30 - 2:00, Tuesday, February 11. Place: China Seas Buffet, 4901 W. Expressway 83, McAllen, TX. Easy to get to and ample parking.

So that I have a count, please email me with the number in your party, and call me with any questions: Joe Massey, 936-933-0373, massey1064@gmail.com



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The 1959-60 African Caravan Part 6: Eritrea and Sudan

We continue our 1959-60 African Caravan review following the caravanners thru Eritrea and Sudan.

Eritrea
December 14-27, 1959

On December 14, the caravan drove the last 100 miles in Ethiopia and entered Eritrea, a territory loosely federated with Ethiopia under the sovereignty of Emperor Haile Selassie. They made it to Senafe by nightfall and arrived in Asmara the following day.

After arrival at their pre-arranged campsite in Asmara, the caravan was permitted full use of the facilities at the U.S. Army's Kagnev Station, including the Officer's Mess, the GI's Oasis Club, the Guest House (for baths and showers), Snack Bar, and Movie Theatre. The caravanners took advantage of all these facilities and decided to

extend their stay through Christmas Day, finally enjoying the company of Americans after a long time in native areas.

During their stay in Asmara, the caravanners took a bus trip to Axum (now Aksum) in northern Ethiopia, the ancient capital city of Ethiopia, center of the Coptic Church, and the supposed burial site of the Queen of Sheba. They saw many ruins and had the chance to view the old Crown Jewels of Ethiopia. The men were able to enter a church to see the jewels, however the women were not, so the jewels were brought outside for the women to see, something that probably would not have happened had it not been for the power of the caravan.

Many caravanners took a train ride down the mountains to Massawa to see the Red Sea. Some even pulled their Airstreams there. They found Massawa to be a very Arab city, in



Photos from Eritrea and Axum



#767 Henry and Nina Gustafson in Asmara



Asmara, Eritrea Campsite



Caravan Children Decorate Christmas Tree



Photographing Crown Jewels at Axum



Agordat, Eritrea Campsite

contrast to the African cities they had seen so far. The caravanners attended the Christmas pageant at Kagnew and had Christmas dinner there, including turkey with all the trimmings. A couple of caravan families missed the Christmas dinner due to illness. The most serious was Dr. Andrew, who was recuperating in the hospital after having a stroke a couple days after the caravan arrived in Asmara. 85-year-old Dr. Monroe was also sick and missed Christmas dinner.

The day after Christmas, the 30 Airstreams still with the caravan pulled out to head west to Khartoum, Sudan, accompanied by U.S. Army guards. Dr. & Mrs. Andrew remained behind in the hospital, while their two daughters drove their rig to Khartoum. 14-year-old Carmen Andrew, who had learned to drive and pull the Airstream during the African caravan, was joined by older sister Charlotte, who had recently flown to Africa to join the rest of the family. In two days, the caravan reached Tessenei (now Tesseney) near the Sudan border.

Sudan

Dec. 28, 1959 – Late Jan. 1960

On December 28, the caravan entered Sudan at Kassala. Clearing customs was slow as the officials searched every trailer. The caravan now faced 325 miles of semidesert, the southern reaches of the Nubian Desert, on the way to Khartoum. Many crisscrossing roads made navigation difficult.

#342 Ralph Douglass was very sick, so Ralph and Lillie and #2476 Dr. Anthony and Helen Reiger and a guide familiar with the roads sped ahead of the main caravan to try to get Ralph to a hospital in Khartoum as quickly as possible. At 4 o'clock in the morning, after driving 16 hours at breakneck speeds, the two rigs made it to Khartoum, where Ralph spent a week in the hospital before being discharged, though he was too weak to drive for several more days.

The two caboose rigs for the first day in Sudan, #360 Harry and Grace Zeigler and #2375 Norman and Era Totten, drank tea while the caravan departed. When they finally hit the road, they took a wrong turn and ended up going an extra 150 miles and were not seen again until they arrived in Khartoum.

The caravan arrived in Khartoum on December 31, taking 3 days to travel the distance that the Douglass's and Reigers had driven in 16 hours. Damage included a broken spring on the trailer of #2421 John and Ruth Edgar and a fallen sink in the #2058 Andrew trailer pulled by daughters Carmen and Charlotte. After arrival at their beautiful campsite on the bank of the Blue Nile, most caravanners began the task of cleaning great amounts of sand and dust out of their Airstreams.

The caravanners spent about 2 weeks in Khartoum. Many took boat rides on the Blue Nile and White Nile Rivers that merged in Khartoum. Others visited Omdurman, the native section of town, and visited various museums and markets, took camel rides, etc. Some caravanners attended a Sudanese Wedding Celebration. The city band gave the caravanners a concert in camp.

#1986 Gen Christie burned her hand in a fire in their trailer. While cooking, she experienced a small stovetop fire that flashed when gasoline was accidentally thrown on it instead of water. Other caravanners quickly rushed over and put out the fire.

#2209 Adam and Helen Mackay, sold their rig in Khartoum and flew home, dropping the number of Airstreams continuing with the caravan to 29 of the original 41. #2380 Art and Ellen Martin flew home to Iowa temporarily after learning that Art's father was gravely ill. A young dentist that had been traveling with the caravan since Nairobi, took the Martin's rig to Cairo, Egypt

Photos from Khartoum



Joe Bos and Tony Grabowski Play Checkers
20 miles from Khartoum



Arrival at Khartoum Campsite



Riding Camels at Khartoum Campsite



Loading onto Train Cars at Khartoum



Ready to depart Khartoum on Train Cars

where the Martins planned to reunite with the caravan.

The caravanners had a big choice to make for the next leg of the journey, with about half electing to load their rigs on rail cars for a 3-day train ride to Wadi Halfa, their last stop in Sudan. The first twelve rigs departed Khartoum on January 10 after a full day of loading on train cars, secured in places with frayed ropes. The rest would follow as soon as train cars were available. The train cars were exactly two inches wider than the trailer wheels, which made entering the trailers difficult, yet that is where the caravanners typically rode on the 50 mile stretches between train stations. The first rigs arrived in Wadi Halfa on January 13.

The other half of the caravanners wanted to get the fullest possible African experience and decided to drive 200 desert miles north to Atbara where a further decision would be required before they entered the most desolate part of the Nubian Desert. This group drove out of Khartoum on January 12. The first day the road was generally passable in 2-wheel drive and they saw a few small towns and very little traffic. The major trouble of the day was a broken spring shackle on the #616 Halbritter's trailer. After camping in the desert overnight, the road became sandier and 4-wheel drive was often required. A few rigs got stuck and had to be pulled out. Along the way they visited the ancient Pyramids of Meroe. At Atbara, it was decided that seven Airstreams, the three support trucks, and Dr. Andrew's truck with Gene Ritchie riding shotgun would drive across the Nubian Desert to Wadi Halfa while the rest, including Dr. Andrew's Airstream and family and Gene Ritchie's rig, would load onto train cars at Atbara. Many thought it unwise for Dr. Andrew to go so soon after his stroke, but he wanted the full experience and felt that the winch on his truck would prove invaluable to the group and he could not be dissuaded.

On January 14, eight rigs remained at Atbara to ship to Wadi Halfa as soon as train cars became available, while the following caravanners drove into the deep Nubian Desert:

- #50 Louis & Mildred Mousley
- #165 Oscar & Etta Payne
- #692 Virgil, Grace & Lee Golden
- #1986 Don & Gen Christie
- #2186 Nick, Ruth & Gregory Germann
- #2201 Elmer & Ida Benham
- #2375 Norman & Era Totten
- #2058 Dr. Earl Andrew & #1199 Gene Ritchie (truck only)
- Scouts Dale Schwamborn & Nick Charles
- Mechanic Arturo Ruiz
- Photographer Pete Turner

By dusk this group had made it 22 miles past Atbara. In the days that followed, each rig took turns getting stuck in the sand and damage included flat tires, broken trailer and truck springs, and many less serious issues. Dr. Andrew and Gene Ritchie turned down offers to sleep in others' Airstreams and bedded down each night in trenches they dug in the sand.

On January 16, the caravanners were told they were on the wrong road and many got stuck crossing over the railroad tracks to the correct road on the other side. On January 17, before departing Abu Hamad, two rigs got stuck trying to get into the fuel station and all caravanners had to sign papers acknowledging that there would be no water or fuel available until they reached Wadi Halfa. On January 18, the Golden's broke the rear axle in their truck and Dr. Andrew began towing their trailer while they limped forward in front wheel drive. On

Photos from the Nubian Desert



Stopped at the Ancient Pyramids of Meroe



Muscle Power in the Nubian Desert



Even the Women Pulled



And Pushed



Digging to Insert a Sand Truck

January 19, mechanic Art Ruiz sped ahead to Wadi Halfa to get spider gears to repair the Golden's truck. Other rigs were experiencing a variety of other breakage issues but continued on. On January 20, the group stopped because the Golden's truck could not make it through the soft sand without assistance. Art returned in the afternoon with the necessary parts and had the Golden's truck repaired within an hour and a half. On January 21, the #2375 Tottens jackknifed and ripped the propane bottles and

battery box off the front of their Airstream. On January 22, the Totten's trailer came unhitched and punched a hole in the back of their truck. Later in the day they finally pulled into Wadi Halfa.

This group was the last to reach Wadi Halfa, having taken 9 days to drive 580 miles across the Nubian Desert from Khartoum. Dr. Andrew had used his winch 33 times to help extricate stuck rigs. Mechanic Art Ruiz lost count of how many times he used his winch.

The caravan had trickled into Wadi Halfa, Sudan over the period of January 13 to 22. They were not permitted to drive any further, so over the next few days each rig would depart for Aswan, Egypt via the Nile River as soon as barges became available. One more country to traverse and their Cape Town to Cairo dream would be complete.

To be continued next month.

More Photos from the Nubian Desert



Dr. Monroe Winches the Mousley's Rig from Deep Sand



Dr. Andrew Gets Stuck While Towing the Golden's Airstream



The Totten's Airstream Becomes Unhitched in the Nubian Desert

African Caravan Advance Scout Dale Schwamborn Talks About Adventures in Eritrea and Sudan

Shangri-La: The oasis has always been a respite for the traveler. Our oasis was Kagnew Station, an American military listening station located in Asmara, Eritrea. We received permission to shop and eat at the PX (Post Exchange). For the young set it was hamburgers, French fries, soft drinks, milk shakes, and ice cream once, twice, and again and again and again. The base radio had pop music, a time to catch up on the top forty hits from home. Human contact with Americans, a very special sojourn.

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Riding Shotgun: The Kagnew Station commander knew we would be travelling through an area controlled by bandits when we left Asmara. He provided a military escort of three Jeeps with mounted 50 caliber machine guns that stayed with us until we were past the point of attack.

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Water Hole: The eastern part of Sudan is the southern Nubian Desert. Miles from Khartoum is a water hole frequented by camel trains and nomads in search of water. The caravan was



Dale with Camel at Water Hole

a hit. Without words the camel drivers provided hours of camel rides for the caravanners. No guide pulling the camel, just a real “hands on”, “giddy up”, rompin’, stompin’ ride as the jockey. Encounters like these discard the barriers of politics, class and ulterior motives. This is another memory of a lifetime.

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One if by Rail, and Two if by Sand: Overnight condensation created a thin paving on the sand. If momentum was kept up vehicles maintained their speed and direction. Slowing down and stopping was the same as skating on thin ice - down you go up to the axle in fine sand.

Several of the Caravanners wanted to take their trucks and trailers over each inch of Africa by road, so we hired Sudanese sandrunners to help us. They came with a truck and many heavy, six-foot-long steel sand tracks. The tracks provide a solid surface for a truck to drive over soft sand. As a rig passes by, you pick up a track from the back, run to the front and place it down again. You do this over and over again until you have passed through the treacherous sand. Not only did the Sudanese run and place tracks, so did caravanners, the mechanic and the scouts.



Inserting a Sand Track Under a Moving Truck

Several caravanners fed up with getting stuck in the sand drove on the railway tracks. The severity of the bumps from the railway ties wasn't any worse than the washboard roads in the Congo. The Sudanese National Railway had extreme displeasure with the caravan. The trucks and trailers loosened the ties and rails such that a maintenance train was required to re-secure them. An apology soothed the angry railway officials.

The photographer's truck, mechanic's truck and advance scout truck chose to not ride the rails. It took hours and hours and the right combination of gears, direction, speed, and driving skill to get each vehicle through.

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Winterizing

WINTERIZING. This item has been written about by various authors over the years. This is a compilation that includes the items to be considered when winterizing your trailer or motorhome. You may note some duplication – this should add clarity and emphasis as to what to do and how to do it.

Winterizing is not only important but a necessity. If you are in an area that freezes, you will almost certainly blow up a water pipe, water pump and/or a fixture if you do not do this properly. If you are unlucky, you might even have a pipe blow that is under the belly skin that will require drilling rivets to remove large sections of the aluminum at great expense.

First - To be most effective you should have a hot water heater bypass kit installed so that you can bypass the water heater tank. Otherwise, you will need six or seven gallons of antifreeze to fill the tank, so you can fill the hot water lines. With a tank bypass, you will only need about one gallon of antifreeze. In the summer just run clean water through everything and you are ready to go. **HINT** - Make a sign "Heater Bypass Valves," indicate the direction the three valves should be turned to enable or disable the bypass and tape it over the switch. In bypass the cold-in valve should be closed, the hot-out valve should be closed, and the by-pass valve (the one in the middle) should be open.

1. Drain and flush your black water tank.
2. Drain and flush your grey water tank.
3. Drain and flush your fresh water tank.
4. Drain and flush hot water heater. Reinstall drain plug.
5. If you have low point drain lines under your trailer/coach:
 - Open the hot and cold faucets in your trailer/coach.

- Uncap the low point drain lines under the trailer/coach– let water drain completely.
- Recap/close the drain lines.
- Close the hot and cold faucets.
- Remove any water filter cartridge, if applicable.

Note: The above items need to be completed before winterizing with compressed air or antifreeze.

6. Winterize by blowing out water lines with air pressure – compressed air method:

- Screw on compressed air adaptor into the city water connection.
- Apply compressed air, keeping pressure between 50 - 60 psi.
- Open each faucet one at a time to force water out of lines.
- Depress toilet valve. Depress toilet hand spray, if applicable.
- Depending on your unit, you may have an ice maker, washing machine, etc. The lines to these appliances will also need to be drained and blown out (consult owner's manual).
- If you have an exterior shower, be sure to blow compressed air through this.
- If you have a black tank flush, be sure to blow compressed air in this fitting.
- Purge the water pump by turning it on and allowing air pressure to clear any water that may be trapped in the pump itself.

- Remove the compressed air adaptor from the city water connection.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains, and, to the toilet.

Summary: You can use an air compressor to blow the water out of all the lines. We recommend about 50 to 60 psi and a clamp on air fitting. You can obtain a male-water-hose connector to air-valve-hook-up. Hook up the air hose and open at least one faucet before you turn on the compressor. Make sure that there is always one open faucet. We recommend you start with the hot water heater; after it is blown out, shut off the compressor, turn off the heater bypass valves and close the heater clean out valve. Then open the bathroom hot water outlet and turn on the compressor. Make sure you open each individual outlet, including the spray hoses and water filter outlets, and allow them to completely drain. You should also blow out your external filter system and all the hoses that have been used. Throw out your old water filters and add antifreeze to each sink, shower and toilet drain to protect them. This approach is the fastest and if done correctly, will completely protect your water lines, fixtures and appliances. Be sure you have removed all the water from the water pump.

7. Winterizing using antifreeze:

- Use RV non-toxic antifreeze only. You will need approximately one to two gallons.
- Make sure the water pump is off and faucets are closed.
- Close the water heater bypass valve if applicable.
- Purchase an antifreeze 'T' kit to install on the inlet side of the water pump connection. This will allow you to pump the antifreeze from the jug into the water system.
- Switch on the water pump. It will start to pump the antifreeze through the water lines.
- Open each hot and cold faucet lines one at a time until you see the noticeable red color of the antifreeze flowing from each valve.
- Open the toilet valve and the shower valve until antifreeze flows through.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains, and to the toilet.
- Shut off the antifreeze 'T' valve installed near the water pump.

Summary: Using a special valve and hose input, pump non-toxic antifreeze through your water pump to all outlets in the RV. You turn on the pump and open each individual faucet one at a time until pure antifreeze is coming out. This includes the toilet valve, its spray hose, the kitchen spray hose and any external faucets. You must do this for both the cold and hot water outlets. Then some antifreeze should be poured into each drain and the toilet to keep them from freezing. Open the hot water heater drain and fresh water tank valves and leave them open during winter storage. Also leave all faucet valves open.

NOTE: Blowing out the lines and then pumping antifreeze through all parts of the system is the safest approach but may be considered overkill if you have a trailer, depending upon where you live. However, if you have a motorhome with an Aqua-hot heater, fridge with icemaker, washer/dryer, dishwasher etc. you need to pump antifreeze to make sure all these units are thoroughly winterized. Check each appliance instruction manual for winterizing recommendations.

8. Winterizing an Alde system:

Drain all the water from the WATER system. It takes a while, especially from the 2.5 gallon hot water tank. **Do not touch the actual Alde glycol system.** You will need about three to four gallons of RV antifreeze.

Close all valves and put 50 - 60# of air pressure into the lines. Then one by one open faucets and blow them out, including the low point drains and the drain for the Alde hot water jacket, which is a flip valve – that may be located under the front dinette end cap.

Install an antifreeze 'T' kit just before the water pump. You may need additional clear 1/4" line if the supplied line with the winterizing kit is not long enough. Put the valve in the winterizing mode and turn on the fresh water pump and start pumping RV antifreeze through the system. Open faucets/sprayers one at a time, including the hot water jacket and the outside shower and the toilet to make sure the antifreeze is through the system. Once done, drain the whole system and capture the antifreeze by draining it from the low points and back into the gallon jugs. Blow out the lines again to get as much of the antifreeze out as you can. Clean up all the residual antifreeze, pour some of the captured antifreeze down the drains and the rest into the gray and black holding tanks.

This whole process takes just about an hour. This method drains the antifreeze used for purging the water lines and the hot water jacket and reuses it in the drains and in the gray and black holding tanks. You could also just leave the antifreeze in place for the winter and purge the lines with water in the spring. Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains, and to the toilet. Shut off the 'T' valve when done.

Winter storage for your Airstream.

Here are some quick tips that you may want to consider:

- Wash and wax your Airstream (this will give you an opportunity to inspect for any areas in need of attention).
- Make a list of any items that you may find during your inspection that need to be repaired but that you feel can wait until spring. Place inside unit where you will find the list next spring.
- Inspect the roof of your Airstream, check all vents, skylights and covers for any cracks or to make sure the covers are not missing; this can prevent damage from leaks over the winter.

- Correct any areas where the sealer appears to be degrading or fill any visible voids.
 - Store your Airstream inside a building whenever possible (an environmentally controlled building would be best). Don't store under trees or where there are weeds or tall grass. Airstream does not recommend using a cover for trailers because it can leave marks in the finish due to the cover moving when windy.
 - Park your Airstream on a concrete pad or a level area. If you are parking on bare ground, put something between the tires and the ground.
 - Check the tire pressure; fill the tires to the maximum sidewall cold pressure while being stored.
 - If your Airstream is being stored outside cover your tires to prevent damage caused by UV rays.
 - Charge lead acid batteries to full charge. A weak battery can freeze and damage the case or reduce battery life.
 - You may want to disconnect the batteries and remove them from your Airstream; you can keep them charged up by using a battery maintainer. If you leave the batteries in the RV, you should activate the converter at least once a month to keep batteries charged. With the proper converter (three to four stage) you can just plug your unit into shore power and forget it.
 - Drain all water lines and water systems including any holding tanks and the water heater. Also drain any water filters you may have in the system; don't forget your exterior faucets or outside shower.
 - Winterize your Airstream by blowing out the water system with compressed air and putting antifreeze in all traps and toilet or pumping antifreeze through the complete plumbing system.
 - Lubricate hinges, awning brackets, step hinge points (this should help prevent rust and corrosion during storage period).
 - Clean and apply a lubricant to all gaskets to keep them pliable over the winter. (We have recommended 303 Aerospace Rubber Seal Protectant in the past.)
 - The vent for the range hood should be latched using the travel lock clips.
 - Clean the interior of your Airstream, as well as range/oven, microwave. Also clean out refrigerator and leave doors open several inches to prevent mildew.
 - Remove all non-sealed food from the RV so you are not encouraging any winter guests.
 - You may also want to install some moisture control in your Airstream, such as Damp-Rid or No-Damp dehumidifiers. If you have shore power available use a 1500 watt electric heater set at about 40 degrees F and open anything inside that you can to allow the warm air to reach all areas.
 - If you have a motorhome, check all fluid levels; change the oil; check antifreeze (cooling system and windshield washer) and filters prior to storage.
 - Make a point to start your motorhome and generator each month. It is suggested running both at least 15 to 30 minutes at a time monthly. This will allow for circulation of the engine fluids as well as testing of the batteries if you do not remove them for the winter.
 - You may also want to add a fuel stabilizer to keep your gasoline or diesel fuel from becoming stale, or to remove moisture.
- WINTER HINTS:** If you are closing the door of your RV for a winter layover period, don't walk away satisfied that all will instantly return to full operation when you are ready to go. After you complete the winterization basics with water systems, etc., it is time to consider other items that also need attention. Walk around your rig and squirt a few drops of WD-40 onto every door and cabinet hinge inside and outside your RV. Take the time to lay on a cloth full of furniture preservative on all wood surfaces inside to maintain those surfaces and to prevent "brittleness" and surface stain. Don't forget to lubricate your outside folding entrance steps. Turn all gas (propane) valves OFF. Cover all tires with wheel covers to protect against freezing dry rot and sun damage. In the case of motorhomes, fill the gas tank and add a few doses of gasoline preservative to maintain the chemical balance of the fuel in the tank (refer to preservative can label for dose requirements - available at auto supply stores). Lubricate both ends of your hitches whether you tow a trailer or automobile. Spray an antibacterial deodorizer into your grey-wash water drain hose and into its storage tube. Take the time to run a cloth containing rubber gasket preservative over your outside window gaskets to preclude winter dryness and summer leaks. (We have recommended 303 Aerospace Rubber Seal Protectant in the past.) Don't forget the vent gaskets and include the Fantastic vent gasket if installed. After checking your propane valve(s) for OFF, open all your range burners (stove) to drain off the trapped gases (do the same for refrigerator valve) as it assures easier relighting when needed. Leave open all water faucets to vent out during nonuse periods. Periodically recharge your rig's batteries to maintain the wet cells and prevent sulfation and costly battery replacements. Lube your battery terminals to prevent rust coating. Your attention to the above items can make your return to the road much easier.

Thank you all for participating in the technical process by writing in with your questions and suggestions. We wish you all a happy and joyous holiday season. Happy New Year! See you, **safely**, down the road.

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63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
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REGISTRATION

LOVELAND2020 logo, apparel & accessories are available
EXCLUSIVELY on our [Club Lands' End Store](#)

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 20 amp electric, water and pump outs; \$130 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state issue placard and supporting documentation with you to the Rally.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registered prior to the start of the rally will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of \$2,000 in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the flock moving, you will receive a rally arrival date towards the end of March 2020. If you can't make it by that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you fly in from 8:00am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests emailed by April 25, 2020 will be assessed \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after April 26, 2020 will be assessed 50% fee. NO refunds after June 6, 2020. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

PAYPAL FUNDS

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RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$130.00	\$	Vintage	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	Kiddo Village	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
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Habitat for Humanity Project at Loveland 2020 Rally

Lucius & Danielle Herrmann, #16771

WBCCI members have an opportunity to volunteer with the Loveland community to build decent, affordable homes in the area. You can choose to volunteer on a construction site or at the ReStore. Our club president, Mona Heath, is very excited for the club to be involved with Loveland Habitat for Humanity at the 63rd International Rally.

Construction site assignments will be available on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The tools and safety equipment you need for the job will be provided. Typical tasks include framing, drywall, soffit installation, interior and exterior painting, as well as landscaping. If you don't want to climb a ladder or operate a power tool, there are a variety of other activities on the job site to keep you busy. Previous construction experience is not required, any skill level is welcome. Remember, Habitat builds homes almost entirely with volunteer labor. Tuesday and Thursday hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Friday and Saturday hours are 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Volunteers bring their own lunch, but snacks and water are provided. Construction site volunteers must be 18 years or older.

ReStore assignments will be available Monday through Saturday. ReStore tasks are typically indoors and the physical demands are less than required on a construction site. Volunteers help receive and process donations, price and display merchandise, test electronics and appliances and assist with customer service. The income generated through ReStore sales is very important to the Habitat mission of improving the lives of families in the Loveland area. ReStore assignments have flexible hours from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If you choose to volunteer at the ReStore, please plan to be there for a minimum of 2 hours. ReStore volunteers must be 15 years or older.

More details will be provided in future issues of the *Blue Beret* and on the Loveland rally web page. Additional information about the Loveland Habitat affiliate can be found at www.lovelandhabitat.org



Northern Lights and Polar Bears

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

Bruce and Gail Harrower invite you to visit Manitoba, Canada and its farms, businesses, breweries, golf courses, the town of Churchill and the Tundra Buggy Lodge!

On September 14, 2020 at the International Peace Garden at the Manitoba/North Dakota border, there will be a welcome dinner and a tour of the gardens including the beautiful WBCCI's Promise of Peace statue (www.peacegarden.com). On the third day of the caravan, carpooling to Boissevain, visiting the 22-foot-high Tommy the Turtle statue located only a few feet north of the U.S-Canada border and local museums are on the schedule. Travelling north to the city of Minnedosa (a Sioux word meaning "flowing water") tours of a working dairy farm and working canola farm are scheduled. On to Neepawa, MB on the Yellowhead Highway the next day (Day 6) there will be a tour of the family run Farmery Estate Brewery (www.farmery.ca).



Promise of Peace

Travelling to the next stop at Dauphin on Day 7 will end in a catered dinner and entertainment. On Day 8 there will be tours of the Dauphin Railway Museum and CNR Station (www.tourismdauphin.ca), Fort Dauphin Museum (www.fortdauphinmuseum.wordpress.com) a

local church and then a catered dinner. On Day 9 after carpooling in the afternoon to Riding Mountain National Park there will be a guided tour of the park.

Day 10 takes the caravan to Swan River, Manitoba. The next day will be a tour of Spruce Products Limited sawmill (www.slp.mb.ca), the manufacturer of lumber and wood products for the construction industry since 1942.

On to The Pas and a tour of the Sam Waller Museum (www.samwallermuseum.ca) dedicated to preserving the history and artifacts for this region of northern Manitoba. A golfing opportunity can be had at the Halcrow Lake Golf & Country Club (www.halcrowlakegolf.ca). Dinner will be at Good Thymes Restaurant & Pub (www.goodthymes.ca).

Day 14 the caravan travels to Flin Flon – the home of Josiah Flintabattery Flonatin, the only city named after a science fiction character from a 1905 book *The Sunless City*. Flin Flon is the home of the Hundred Stairs. In 1935, these stairs were built for pedestrians as a short cut to get to downtown. Rebuilt in 1993, are there really 100 steps? Come along and count for yourself! At the top of the 100 Stairs is the Lest We Forget Memorial (www.gov.mb.ca) and a wonderful view of Flin Flon. A visit to the Rotary Wheel, a log pavilion that has a center firepit and is the community's social center, is on the schedule. Another stop is Far North Wild Rice (www.far-north-wild-rice.com) is a certified organic farm with OPAM. In the late fall, crews can be seen on the shallow lakes in light flat bottom boats harvesting the rice.

Day 17 takes the caravan to Thompson and Day 18 is scheduled to give caravanners free time to get ready for the trip to Churchill. The McCreedy Campground has been the host for previous Polar Bear Safari caravans. After a group lunch on Day 19, the schedule calls for caravanners to board the VIA rail train to Churchill.



After an overnight train trip, the caravan arrives in Churchill. A motor coach tour of Churchill will take in the Polar Bear Jail (www.churchillwild.com), a holding facility for rogue bears, Miss Piggy Plane Wreck (www.mysteriesofcanada.com) and the Itsanitaq Museum (www.itsanitaqmuseum.com), an exceptional collection of Inuit carving made of whalebone, soapstone and caribou antler and lots more.



Tundra Buggy Lodge Northern Lights - Photo by: Simon Gee/Canuk Images



Tundra Buggy Tour



Lodge Observation Deck



Tundra Buggy Lodge Interior

Day 21 will include a dog carting adventure - only because there shouldn't be any snow yet - and a tour of Parks Canada Visitor Centre (www.travelmanitoba.com) featuring exhibits about the history of the area both human and natural. Overnight will be spent at the Tundra Inn (www.tundrainn.com) in Churchill.

Day 22 will be a full day of the Tundra Buggy Adventure (www.frontiersnorth.com) exploring the Churchill Wildlife Management Area (www.churchillpolarbears.org) including lunch and refreshments served onboard! Overnight will be spent at the Tundra Buggy Lodge with a delicious dinner. Gail says, "Look to the skies in search of the 'dance of the northern lights' from the Lounge or rooftop observation deck."

Day 23's breakfast will be at the Lodge and then a full day on the Tundra Buggy with lunch and refreshments served onboard. Late in the



Observation

afternoon, caravanners will take the overnight train back to Thompson.

The day in Thompson will allow everyone to reunite with left behind pets and get organized for the return trip south and have dinner.

Day 25 takes the caravan south to Grand Rapids, Manitoba for a 205-mile drive and then Day 26 all are headed to Winnipeg - a 269-mile drive.

In Winnipeg, there will be a carpooling adventure to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights (www.humanrights.ca) – it contains exhibits of human rights stories from Canada and around the world. Day 28 will include the Farewell Dinner and on the 29th Day, there will be a farewell continental breakfast at the campground and lots of "so-long" and "see you down the road"!

Meet the Caravan Leaders

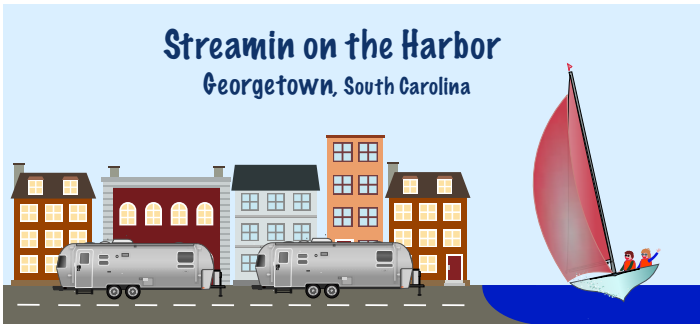
Bruce and Gail Harrower met at Central Collegiate High School in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. They have been married for 46 years and have been Airstreamers for 40 years. Bruce worked for CP Rail Ltd for 39 years, starting off in Moose Jaw and then transferring to Winnipeg, MB in December 1983. Gail worked in Winnipeg for Superior Technologies for 23 years as their Financial Administrator. Being retired for 14 years, they have travelled south for the winters since 2006, taking in the mid-winter IBT meetings and enjoying the countryside. The years of 2010 to 2014 kept them busy as Gail was Region 7 Vice President and then Region 7 President from 2014-2016. They hosted the WBCCI Region 7 National Event Rally – Around the World with Folklorama in 2014. Then for 2016-2017, she was the International Treasurer for Richard Girard, International President. They enjoyed their travels with their Airstream all over the USA and parts of Canada, meeting many new Airstream owners and enjoying the rallies. At the Doswell International Rally in 2019, they attended the Caravan Leader Training and after discussing caravans with Jay Thompson, decided to bring back the caravan to Churchill for 2020 and 2021 – calling it the WBCCI "Northern Lights & Polar Bears" National Caravan.

"We'll send you a list of MUST things to bring to Churchill!"

Streamin on the Harbor

**Georgetown, South Carolina
March 5 - 8, 2020**

Henry Knight



The SC Coastal Airstream Club has partnered with the Georgetown Business Association, Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and the City of Georgetown to host a Special Event Rally in Downtown Georgetown, SC. The event will start with everyone gathering for a social and dinner on Thursday. There will be a Grand Entrance/Cruise through the Historic District Friday morning to a staging area for parking. There will be three nights of dry camping on downtown streets.

There will be a Mayor's Welcome on Friday at Francis Marion Park. John's RV will have a new Airstream on display Friday afternoon and Saturday. The Airstreamers will have an "Open House" on Saturday. There are museums, bakeries, gift shops, retail stores and all type of restaurants. All within walking distance of our Airstreams. You can also take a stroll on the boardwalk along the Harbor.

The SC Coastal Airstream Club will also be supporting "Miss Ruby's Kids" by making a donation to help local kids. We want to invite everyone to come and see this hidden gem on the South Carolina Coast.

Pre-Registration is required. Registration will start September 2019. Contact Henry Knight (carolinasc100@homesc.com) or 843-697-5350)

Silver on Mainstreet

**Havana, Florida (near Tallahassee)
March 26 - 29, 2020**

**Sponsored by the Big Bend Florida
Airstream Club**

Jay Thompson

What's Happening?

Downtown Havana will again be open for Airstream parking in 2020. We had such a good time at the first Havana Rally that we have decided to do it again. 70 rigs will park downtown and 30 at the city park. This is boondocking rally, so generators are permitted 7:30 AM-4:30 PM. You should not need air-conditioning or heat this time of year. Arrive with a full fresh water tank and empty grey and black tanks. There will be dumping locations set up Sunday morning. There is no rally fee and parking is free. We want you to patronize the local restaurants for your meals. Havana Mainstreet and the merchants are providing rally entertainment and music.

Video of 2019 rally <https://youtu.be/rDAIsKHxZzk>

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REGION 1

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

According to the calendar, camping season is pretty much done with here in New England. And of course, the holiday season is in full swing around every corner you walk. I find it amazing that it is already time to start thinking about red roses, heart shaped candies and trinkets from the local jewelry store. Yes that's right; Valentine's Day is only twelve weeks from now. Never really thought about chocolate having a shelf life of ten months! Speaking of holidays, I do have a question for our Airstream friends who headed down south for the winter. How does it work wrapping holiday lights around a palm tree listening to Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas" while the ice cubes are melting in your Manhattan? It just doesn't fit in with that good old New England feeling. Heck, I have a hard enough time with only a few inches of snow on the ground let alone having to mow a lawn on December 25th.

Hopefully everyone in Region One was able to get all of their important paperwork into JC on time this year. I can't wait to see the rally sheets for 2020 so Sandi and I can start making up our vacation schedule for the year. While others are making lists for the holidays, we are getting our vacation requests into the office as quickly as we can. No time for Santa when there is Airstream planning to do.

I would like to take this opportunity for Sandi and me to wish everyone a joyful and happy holiday season no matter how you celebrate the season. All too often we lose touch with the promise of peace and goodwill. The days slip through our fingers and we realize we hadn't taken the time to think of those who are less fortunate. We have been blessed with many friends whom we have shared great adventures with and I would to thank each and every one of you for those memories. We look forward to making new Airstream friends in the coming year and a whole new set of adventures. Peace and love to all and keep the shiny side up.

REGION 2

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It's mid-September as I write this and I'm on PEI (Prince Edward Island) with the Ontario Canada Unit caravan. We are parked at Bayside RV Campground which is owned and operated by two great Airstreamers. We certainly received a warm welcome on arrival and we could not be treated better!

Before coming to the Island, we were parked in Bathurst, NB. We experienced the heavy rain and forceful winds of the tail end of hurricane Dorian and a few short-lived power outages, but that was it. Here on PEI, in the path of the weakened storm, the situation was much worse. Prolonged power outages and downed trees forced early closure of some businesses on the Island. However, the Islanders consider that minor compared to what people directly in the path of the hurricane had experienced. Our hearts go out to everyone who were affected.

At the risk of sounding like a travel blogger, PEI is a destination that should be on everyone's bucket list. It's a small Island that's big on experiences, history, adventure and food! Bayside RV Campground is a great, central location to explore the entire Island. It's also a super caravan and rally location for Clubs wanting a little slice of heaven. Check out the Bayside RV Campground Facebook page or website to see drone footage of all they have to offer. With winter coming, it's a good time to plan your Island getaway for next year.

In the September issue of the *Blue Beret*, I wrote about the "Exploring Central Pennsylvania Caravan". Unfortunately, it could not take place due to an injury sustained by the caravan leader. I'm sure it'll be rolled out another time. The planned itinerary was great.

In Region 2, many members have already arrived at their southern roosts. Those of us who stay north will move our fall and winter club gatherings indoors as snowfall begins.

President Rich reminds us that if you haven't already done so, don't procrastinate and renew your membership now. Online is the best way to renew as it expedites the process, saves time and money and provides unit/club Treasurers an easier transaction and transfer of funds. Go to AirstreamClub.org.

The "Help Wanted" sign is still out in our Region. President Rich Short is looking for a couple of teammates to help lead the Region and its members. It is an exciting time to be part of the Airstream Club and Rich is ready to speak with you about how you can contribute to the growth and success of our Club. For a better understanding of what is involved in being a Region officer, please reach out to Rich by email at region2president@airstreamclub.net or on his phone 609-618-0355. He's looking forward to speaking with you. The Region needs your assistance as we continue to *Renew Region 2*.

REGION 3

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November is the month to be thankful – thankful for our country, our family, our friends, our Airstreams and many, many more things that make our lives wonderful, useful and interesting. But aside from the bigger things in life, we need to be thankful for the small things that we are able to appreciate.

Such as vanity license plates – yes, vanity license plates. Driving can be a boring, monotonous and a very tiring ordeal. Long distances on open highways can cause drowsiness that can lead to impaired driving skills. So, vanity license plates can help alleviate the drone of long distances!

Vanity plates are otherwise known as personalized license plates. Vanity plate specifications vary by state and there are many designs to choose from: college logos; medical causes; animal causes; wildlife and conservation themes; health issues; and sports teams. And then there are the seven or eight numbers or letters that are meant to say something – but many times it is a puzzle to the non-owner!

The following vanity plates were seen in Region 3's five states. Can you decipher the message the vehicle owner is trying to tell you?

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CHANTA	INFRONT	SEASBUS
PLUM CZY	10QUILTS	HATCH8
DBQ IA	NEW SYS	BLEVE24
ULOOKIN2	4 JACKS	8 OF 8
LVMYLEXS	RENNY	SFTYCAR
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EBONY	WOOD 64	LIL RIC
GATR FAN	TERRINME	CUTS OFF
MY TOY	DELA FRA	INJS MOM
LAKE BTR	SPTS IMG	COOK 4
ALMIGHTY	HHAUS	OY VEY
NURSE JB	ALSARAF	SJS
2BON2B	PLM KRZE	
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Let vanity plates help you stay alert while driving or navigating!

REGION 4

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The Region 4 2019-2020 Community Service Project
Chairs, Dan and Dawn Bihary

Shortly after the International Rally, a proposal for a project was sent to Region 4 President Karen Fisher. Following review, Dan and Dawn Bihary received the go-ahead to create a partnership with a very special organization named Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow. Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow, a non-profit organization founded in 1981, is dedicated to working with seriously and terminally ill children and their families to provide comfort and support throughout the final stages of the child's illness. Many children ask to see Santa for a last Christmas as they near the end of their struggle. Santa's Hide-A-Way is committed to meeting that very need any time of the year. Santa gives his healing Spirit to all! You can read more about this special project in this issue of the *Blue Beret*.

Attention snowbirds: You can look up the area activities wherever you go. Look at the WBAC website or keep in touch with local clubs to meet up with other snowbirds.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events:

June 3-6, 2020 - Just prior to the caravan to Loveland, CO, Region 4 President Karen Fisher will be hosting a rally in Coldwater, MI. It will be open to everyone, whether you go on the caravan to Loveland or not.

June 7-17, 2020 - Region 4 Caravan through America's Heartland to Loveland, CO.

The caravan kicks off in Coldwater, MI at the Branch County Fairgrounds on June 7. We will travel from Coldwater to Hollywood Casino, Joliet, IL on June 8. Then on to the Amana Colonies for two nights. We leave the Amana Colonies and travel to Lincoln, NE and camp at the Eugene Mahoney State Park for four nights. From there we are off to the "wild west" town of Ogallala, NE, camping at Lake McConaughy SRA until we travel to Loveland for arrival at the International. Join us for our caravan through the Heartland.

Contact Will and Pat Franger, williamfranger@aol.com or 559-641-8604.

REGION 5

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region5.airstreamclub.net

Hello again Region 5 Members! Artie Martin here! Yes, that's right...I'm back again after some time away from the *Blue Beret* Editor for Region 5. First, I want to thank Bob Whitesell for being the editor for the past year and a half or so. Writing these articles can be challenging. Plus, there is a hard deadline every month or you risk not having an article in the *Blue Beret*. I would like to ask all the officers of our six units/clubs to send me news updates around the first of every month. This makes it a lot easier to gather and publish the article.

It's November now. I can't believe how the year has flown by. The Kentucky Airstream Club has had a great camping season again. From the Kentucky Horse Park in May for the Derby, to Owensboro, KY for the Buddy Rally, then the Grandkids Children's Rally at Levi Jackson State Park, followed by the Capital Rally in Frankfort, KY, we have had great fellowship with our friends! We will wrap up the season in Bardstown, KY for our "Spooky" October Installation Rally.

For those who were not able to attend, you missed a great Region 5 Rally at Lee County Fairgrounds, Amboy, IL! They had a great time with great weather. Lots of nice local attractions and the food was good, ending with a great banquet dinner with three meats!

I may as well plug next year's Region 5 Rally while I am on the subject. Chris and Nancy Seplak are bringing us together in Columbus, IN September 2020. This will be a great rally location! More details will come soon.

As I said before, this article is about Region 5. Let's make good use of it by telling all of our members all over the world what an honor it is to be part of such a wonderful Club!!!

Send your news to your unit/club Presidents and have them forward to me!

See you next month!

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
region6.airstreamclub.net

Just wondering if anyone out there cooks a Thanksgiving turkey in their Airstream? The approaching holidays remind us that 2019 and another year of adventure is coming to a close, much too quickly.

Region 6 just completed five days of musical fun at its rally October 10-14 in Muscle Shoals, AL. Muscle Shoals has a rich music history from the 1960s which continues today, and the region's theme was "Where Music is Made!" The rally included the Rattlesnake Saloon and Swampette tours of record studios where Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, Percy Sledge, Cher, Lynyrd Skynyrd, to name just a few, have recorded hit songs.

Officer and director elections were held the last couple of months in our clubs and units, and congratulations to those who continue Wally Byam's legacy! It's the dedication of volunteers who make things happen for everyone to enjoy that makes Airstreaming what it is.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will hold its final rally of the year on November 7-10 at America's first national river – the Buffalo River, for their sixth annual rally to take in wildlife, changing colors of leaves, hiking and Dutch oven cooking.

Members of the Louisiana Airstream Club will be looking for Santa Claus at their Christmas Rally set for December 5-8, 2019 at Payne's RV Park in Theodore, AL.

The Music City Airstream Club will have its Fun in the Fall Rally, November 7-10 at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill, TN.

Many of the clubs in Region 6 will be holding Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons in the coming months. Happy holidays!

REGION 7

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

Good Morning Region 7 and Airstreamers All. Well, Region 7 has done it again. The unit members have elected a new slate of unit officers for the next year. These new officers are installed and ready with plans to carry their respective units thru the next year. I see fine programs that will give members lots of fun and fellowship. We all must remember that these folks are volunteers. Each and every one of them have stepped up and taken a unit officer job. Now it is up to the rest of us to step up and cheerfully assist on the several committees. From what I have seen, the officers will get lots of help. If you have not already been asked, call the president or one of the other officers and tell them - I have not been assigned a job yet - I am a volunteer. On a side note, this is the quickest way that I know to meet many new friends.

Some of our rigs are getting winterized as we already have had Region 7 temps dip into the 30's or lower. Other rigs are getting loaded for the trip to a warmer place. This white stuff up here just gets harder to shovel every year. Region 7 has had a fantastic year. Plans are in place for next year's Region 7

rally in beautiful Marquette, MI. I am assured that the temps will not be in the 103-degree range. We must always talk membership. In your travels, when you see a rig with no big red numbers, stop and say hi and tell them that Region 7 units have lots of room for new members. At the International Club

level, changes are happening everywhere. Many volunteers are working overtime to improve the Wally Byam Airstream Club systems. Please get online and look for changes to the website, Blue Book, etc. Thanks, and as always be safe.

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
region8.airstreamclub.net

Hello Airstreamers,

It's hard to believe that just a few months ago we were feeling the heat and humidity in Doswell. Now the cooler fall temperatures have arrived, and the leaves are changing color. Camping season is all but over in Nebraska. We winterized our trailer, joining many others in this annual ritual, after our last installation rally in mid-October.

Cheryl and I just returned from the Black Hills in South Dakota. We stayed in a cabin at the Hart Ranch where we are members. In late December, we will head to the warmth of Arizona with some other Region 8 members and friends we've met during our winter sojourns there. I know many others are heading to Florida and Texas. Some of you may already be at your winter home away from home. To those staying home, have a pleasant winter.

All of our Clubs have new officers and they are busy planning their activities for the coming year. I look forward to seeing what rallies are in store for the region in 2020. The Region 8 Rally will be held in Fremont, NE April 22–26, 2020. Our theme is "Find Your Path."

Our Region's Second Vice President position is vacant. fun. So, please, if you have an interest in this or would like more information, contact me!

Safe Travels and Happy Thanksgiving!

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor
region9.airstreamclub.net

Howdy! The refrain "Over the river and through the woods..." begins to run through my head every year at about this time. Last month we observed Halloween which signals the start of the annual holiday season. Now the pace picks up and we will have one holiday celebration after another until the arrival of a new year, 2020.

According to the calendar, the next holiday is Thanksgiving, which may be our most beloved national holiday. As celebrated in North America, Thanksgiving Day is a time to gather with family and friends to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. As Thanksgiving Day approaches, make time to ponder and consider the many wonderful blessings you enjoy. Where do we even begin? We have so much for which we are thankful.

When we think of Thanksgiving, we think of family, friends, and good health, for all of which we are very grateful. We are also grateful for those who protect and defend us, in some cases sacrificing their own lives so that we may be able to enjoy our wonderful lifestyle as Airstream travelers in this country that we love so much. We are filled with gratitude for having had the ability to spend another year traveling and sharing good times with wonderful Airstream friends. We have experienced new adventures on caravans; traveled to new places; made new friends; attended fun unit, region, and international rallies and events; and managed to do a few things from our Bucket List. We are grateful for all that we have been able to do.

As the start of our busy holiday season begins, let us be thankful for what we have and the life we have been given. Let us also say a prayer for family members or friends who are facing difficult challenges in their lives. W. T. Purkiser once said, "Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

We wish you all a wonderful, blessed holiday season. We hope you enjoy the time you spend with your families and friends during this holiday season, reflecting on and sharing the many blessings you have. Happy Holidays!

Save the Date! The 2020 Region 9 Rally will be held on April 14-19, 2020, in Mineola, Texas. The theme is *The Roaring 20's!* Plan to come have fun with us at the next Region 9 Rally.

This month the spotlight shines on the Texas Alamo Unit. The Unit was founded on October 30, 1977, specifically to accommodate Airstream owners who were not able to routinely travel great distances. Unit rallies are typically held within a 150-mile radius of San Antonio, but occasionally this rule is stretched. All rallies are scheduled to start late in the afternoon on the fourth Friday of each rally month, and end after breakfast and a devotional on the following Sunday. A Dinner Club Meeting is held on the first Saturday of each month, September through May, at a local San Antonio restaurant. If you own an Airstream product, the Alamo Unit invites you to become a member of their local family.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: The first Region 9 Guidelines were unanimously approved on March 18, 1989. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: What is the name of the newest Unit to join Region 9, and when did it join the Region? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, enjoy your travels during this festive holiday season, and be safe!

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor
region10.airstreamclub.net

This is the season of transition. For many in our Region, it is the end of the Airstreaming season. Our rigs are winterized or moving to warmer locations. But wait! It does not need to be the end of Airstreaming adventures. It is time to plan and dream of what to do next!

Have you considered "winter camping"? Consider taking a caravan to Mexico. Think about joining your friends to rally in Texas, Arizona, or California, even Florida or the Gulf states gatherings.

All our local Clubs have weekly coffee or/and monthly lunches. A great time to get to know new members, to share ideas on "over the winter" renovations and "who has a rivet tool"; to compare GPS or new "must haves"; to plan next season's events and renovations. Share your dreams, plans, and adventures.

Conversations which start with "I would like to" then a response of "I would too" can become "let's do it". That is how a new adventure is created.

A huge **Thank You** to all the outgoing officers of our local Clubs for your volunteering, spirit and leadership, and we welcome all the new incoming officers. Please support them by attending and helping at their planned events. They will enjoy your support.

Enjoy your time planning next year's adventures. There are Region and Club caravans and rallies to fill your travel plans for next season. Adventures for you to try!

As you begin planning 2020 rally events, mark your calendar for July 21-26, 2020 for the Region 10 Rally in Lynden, WA, hosted by the Washington Unit and Region 10.

Watch for details on the Region 10 website and Facebook and the local Club's sites.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
region11.airstreamclub.net

The Colorado Airstream Club is having a luncheon on November 9, but the location is TBD.

The Arizona Airstream Club (AAC) is having a dry camping Rally at Lake Pleasant on November 14-17. The campsite is in the Maricopa County Park system and provides great amenities for dry camping. The AAC will be camping at the Racoon site which will provide space for 35 rigs. The rigs surround a covered ramada that has electric, grills and tables. Campers should bring their bikes, paddle boards, kayaks and fishing poles. The lake is located just west of I-17, a few miles north of Phoenix and in the city of Peoria. This is not an RV park, but it is a beautiful place to just do what our Airstreams do best, CAMP! Register online on the AAC webpage.

The Four Corners Unit (4CU) is having two rallies in November. Catalina State Park on November 14-17. The park is a few miles north of Oro Valley on Arizona 79. Hiking and biking are the featured activity and what a place to try off-road biking.

The 4CU is also having a members only Thanksgiving Rally at Lake Pleasant on November 27-December 1. They will be meeting at the Coyote campsite but have only 18 camping sites. Outdoor activities around the lake and preparing and eating a turkey Thanksgiving dinner are on their agenda.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
region12.airstreamclub.net

Hello California and Nevada. Cecelia and I just got home from a really cool event held in Region 12. Every year the San Diego "Bayfair" committee puts on a hydroplane boat racing event. It is the final race of a yearlong series that is held at various locations across the nation. It is also one of the very few races held on salt water. There are several classes of boats, both piston and jet driven. Speeds regularly surpass 150 miles per hour.

The Bayfair weekend is the only time RV's are allowed to park next to the beach in Mission Bay. Thanks to Abe and Veronica Hernandez and the San Diego Unit, 26 Airstream rigs and their owners were allowed to attend. This was a 4-club event involving the San Diego Club, South Coast California AC, Las Vegas AC and the Greater Los Angeles AC.

What a great event. Not only did we have ringside seats for the races but we also had our own entertainment. Right next to our trailers was an encampment of Sea Doos. These were special as they were attached to water hoses. The watercraft pumped water through these hoses and shot riders 15 to 20 feet in the sky. They were able to perform all sorts of acrobatics and competitions. There was also a watercraft shaped like a dolphin that was able to go under water and speed across the surface. This show went on all day Saturday and Sunday. How great to have that many clubs cooperate and attend a rally.

2020 is going to be loaded with special events for Region 12. I will talk about these as the time for them approaches. I am hearing talk about several caravans forming to trek to the International Rally. I also want to congratulate the NorCal club for doing a fall rally along the Oregon Coast next September. So long for now and we will look for you down the road.

EUROPE

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

Autumn has arrived, the temperatures are cooler, and the kids are back at school, but European club activity is still lively. There are a surprising number of people on the road catching Autumn colours, festivals and also taking advantage of the much quieter campsites around the European mainland and the UK.

Communication is also lively and there are plenty of exchanges of emails and Facebook posts between members, mainly exchanging information about vintage projects, new Airstream purchases, Airstreams for sale and travels. Repair and maintenance are getting under way too.

There is of course another rally set up in October near Interlaken in Switzerland, where activities like a cruise on the lake, funicular rail trip up into the mountains, food truck, etc. are arranged.

The 2020 rallies are already getting locked in with plans for England, the Netherlands and Belgium getting finalised. This year we have enjoyed six rallies with number seven in Switzerland. Check out the website for details of the 2020 dates. As usual we expect to see some visitors to our rallies from the US and Canada.



Courtesy Parking available at Thones in the French Alps -
submitted by Ian Jamieson, #24514

From the Vice President of Sales



Lenny Razo

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH. It is hard to believe we are in the last two months of 2019. Airstream was very busy this year with new product introductions, busy retail shows and the production facility finishing completion.

In the month of October, Airstream had the opportunity to showcase product in Fontana, CA. This new location was extremely busy for the 10 day event. This is the largest RV Show in the West Coast and we had a great show with our 2020 model year products. The new Bambi and Caravel were very well received. Airstream also showed a full line up of our all new 2020 Touring Coaches. Both Atlas and Interstate new features and product updates were very well received.

Airstream was also very busy in October hosting 70+ Airstream salespeople from all of our dealers as well as 40 dealer service staff members. The sales event encompassed new product training in addition to a sneak peek of the new production facility. During the service event, technicians and service staff learned diagnostics, gained technical knowledge and had an opportunity to practice their skills with our experienced trainers. We are very fortunate to have some the best Airstream dealers across the country.

The production facility is right on schedule to open just after our Christmas shutdown. The final touches are being done on the production areas as work continues on the offices and Heritage Center. The offices and Heritage Center should open in March/April of 2020. The excitement is growing in Jackson Center, OH for this historic timeframe. This new production plant will allow more space for our great people to do their work. The new plant will not just increase our output but increase our overall build quality as well. We are proud of our hard-working families and look forward to watching all of them walk through these new doors.

The month of November also brings my last letter for the *Blue Beret* until February. Airstream would like to wish all of you a great holiday season. This is a great time of year to be thankful and to spend time with family. Airstream is very thankful for all of you! We are excited about the 2020 calendar year with a lot of excitement building in Jackson Center, with the new production facility.

On behalf of 953 hard working families in Jackson Center, OH, thank you for your business and passion for our products. It means the world to each of us here at Airstream!

Happy Holidays!

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International Rally

- 2020
Jan 20-24 2020 Mid-Winter IBT, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Jun 20-27 2020 International Rally, Loveland, Colorado

National / Special Event Rallies

- Dec 28-
Jan 1, 2020 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA
- Jan 2-5 Can Opener 2020, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
- Mar 5-8 Streamin on the Harbor, Georgetown, SC
- Mar 26-29 Silver on Mainstreet, Havana, FL
- Aug 2-9 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
- Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisted, Branson, MO



REGION 1 Activities

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

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

Dec 8 Holiday Luncheon 12:30 PM, Dakota Steakhouse, Rocky Hill, CT, Wiley & Gail Downing 203-790-8592, email: ctnanabug@comcast.net

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

Nov 1-3 Echo Lake Rendezvous, Cannon Mountain RV Park, 2750 Profile Rd, Franconia, NH, Earl Duesel, email: erduesel@verizon.net

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

REGION 2 Activities

Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

2020
May 20-26 Region 2 Rally, Kingston, ON, Canada

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

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

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

Delmarva Unit - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

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

Nov 9 Harvest Luncheon Noon, Ripe Tomato, 2721 Rte 9, Malta, NY, Bill/Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565, email: HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM

Dec 7 Holiday Party 12:30 PM, Moscatiello's Italian Family Rest., 99 N Greenbush Rd (Rt 4), Troy, NY, RSVP by Dec 1, Pat Steen 518-441-5280, email: dmsteen@gmail.com

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- Keystone Pennsylvania Unit** - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net
 Dec 14 Holiday Luncheon Noon, Plumsteadville Inn, Plumsteadville, PA, Peg Spahn 215-598-3081, email: pspahn1@verizon.net
- Metropolitan New York Airstream Club** - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net
- Mid-Atlantic Unit** - mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net
- New Jersey Unit** - newjersey.airstreamclub.net
 Dec 7 Christmas Social 2 PM, McFadden Residence, 282 Llewellyn Rd, Chester Heights, PA, Patrick McFadden 610-529-6560, email: mcfaia@gmail.com
- New York Finger Lakes Unit** - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net
- Ontario Canada Unit** - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net
- Penn-Lehigh Unit** - penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net
- Pennsylvania Unit** - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net
- Washington DC Unit** - wdcu.airstreamclub.net
- Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club** - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net
 Nov 10 Luncheon (Food Drive) 12:30 PM, Chimney Rock Inn, 41 NJ Rt 31, Flemington, NJ, Barbara Taylor 609-915-9834, email: allofus1989@gmail.com
 Dec 8 Installation Luncheon Noon, Warrenside Tavern, 511 NJ Rt 173, Stewartsville, NJ, Chris Beddiges 908-528-7656, email: mompopb@verizon.net

- Northern Virginia Airstream Club** - northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net
 Oct 31-Nov 3 Oyster Festival Rally, Urbanna, VA, Lew Brodsky 703-451-0122, email: norvanews@cox.net
- Palmetto State Airstream Club** - <http://palmettostate.wbcc.net>
 Nov 8-10 Thanksgiving Rally, Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Rd, Cleveland, SC, Pam DeVine 704-282-4570, email: pjdstreamer@gmail.com
- Piedmont North Carolina Unit** - piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net
- Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit** - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcc.net>
 Nov 1-3 OBX Rally, Camp Hatteras, 24798 Hwy. 12, Rodanthe, NC, Chris Regan 804-651-2510, email: csregan@msn.com
- South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club** - southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net
 Nov 1-3 Givhans Ferry Rally, Givhans Ferry, 746 County Rd S-18-30, Ridgeville, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com
 Dec 3-6 Pre-Rally, Huntington Beach SP, 16418 Ocean Hwy, Murrells Inlet, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com
 Dec 6-8 Christmas Rally, Ocean Lakes CG, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, Perry Wallace 843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com
- South Florida Airstream Club** - southflorida.airstreamclub.net
- Southeastern Camping Unit** - southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net
- Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club** - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net
- Top of Georgia Airstream Club** - <http://topofgeorgia.wbcc.net>
 Oct 16-20 Buddy Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email: togpres@gmail.com
- Virginia Airstream Club** - virginia.airstreamclub.net
- Western North Carolina Unit** - westernnc.airstreamclub.net

REGION 3 Activities



- Region 3 Website:** region3.airstreamclub.net
- 2020
 Mar 5-8 Streamin On The Harbor 2020 Georgetown, SC
 Mar 26-29 Silver on Mainstreet, Havana, FL
- Big Bend Florida Airstream Club** - <http://bigbendflorida.wbcc.net>
 Nov 8-10 Installation Rally, Torreya SP, Bristol, FL, Craig Brinkley 850-447-1457, email: cbrink@fairpoint.net
- Carolinas Airstream Club** - carolinas.airstreamclub.net
 Oct 31-Nov 3 SC Beach Rally, Ocean Lakes Family CG, 6001 S Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC, reservations 800-238-5636, email: 0021@wbcci.net
- Coastal Georgia Airstream Club** - <http://coastalgeorgia.wbcc.net>
 Nov 21-24 Autumn Rally, Blythe Island, Brunswick, GA, Barry Fuller 229-269-7770, email: barfull7@aol.com
- Florida Airstream Club** - <http://floridaunit027.wbcc.net>
 Nov 14-17 Rally, Mary's Fish Camp, 8092 Mary's Fish Camp Rd, Weeki Wachee, FL, Steve & Deb Oppel 763-670-8771, email: oppels@gmail.com
 Dec 4-8 Cracker Christmas Volunteer Rally, Fort Christmas Park (limited electric & water, no sewer), 1300 N Fort Christmas Rd, Christmas, FL, Steve Kane 407-267-2294, email: stevekaneproductions@gmail.com
- Florida Springs Airstream Club** - <http://floridasprings.wbcc.net>
- Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit** - floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net
- Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club** - floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net

REGION 4 Activities



- Region 4 Website:** region4.airstreamclub.net
- 2020
 May 13-17 Region 4 Rally, Adrian, MI
- Akron Ohio Airstream Club** - akronohio.airstreamclub.net
- Appalachian Unit of West Virginia** - <http://ww.wbcc.net/>
- Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club** - <http://cincinnati.wbcc.net>
 Nov 2 Fall Harvest Brunch 10 AM, Golden Corral Rest, 3350 Village Dr, Middletown, OH, Darren Baker 937-339-9451, email: darren.baker65@frontier.com
 Dec 1 Christmas Brunch 12:30 PM, Manor House Rest. in Maple Knoll Village, 600 Maple Trace, Springdale, OH, Darren Baker 937-339-9451, email: darren.baker65@frontier.com
- Columbus Ohio Unit** - email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com
- Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit** - mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net
 Nov 11 Luncheon 2 PM, Eat'n Park, 5451 Mahoning Ave, Austintown, OH, Bob & Eileen White 330-792-9669, email: bewhite@ameritech.net
 Dec 7 Luncheon 1 PM, Dutch Country Inn, 15015 Kinsman Rd, Middlefield, OH, Dave & Nancy Brett 330-774-1287, email: dbrett@zoominternet.net

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Miami Valley Unit of Ohio - miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 6 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com
- Dec 4 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com

Michigan Airstream Club - michigan.airstreamclub.net

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 7 Dinner Meeting 5:30 PM, Der Dutchman, 720 St Rt 97 W, Bellville, OH, Dona Garner 419-566-4951

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

- Oct 31-Nov 5 Leaf Peeping in Great Smoky Mountains Rally (see campNOVA.com), Elkmont CG, Elkmont CG Road A, Gatlinburg, TN, Ella Brown 419-203-9574, email: ellabrown1952@gmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club -

southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 9 Luncheon & Museum Tour 12:30 PM, Sidetrack Bar & Grill, 56 E Cross St, Ypsilanti, MI & Michigan Firehouse Museum, 110 W Cross St, Ypsilanti, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: cdeleeuw@comcast.net
- Dec 7 Christmas Luncheon 12:30 PM, Black Rock Rest, 3776 S State St, Ann Arbor, MI, Chip & Lori DeLeeuw 517-250-5060, email: cdeleeuw@comcast.net

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

- Oct 30-Nov 3 Winterizing Rally, Noble Farm, 10489 Pekin Rd, Newbury, OH, Dale Ferguson 440-477-9351, email: dalefrgsn@yahoo.com

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

- Dec 5-8 Christmas Rally - Lights Bellingrath Gardens, Payne RV Park, 7970 Bellingrath Rd, Theodore, AL, Dale Spillman 225-405-4057, email: lau15880@bellsouth.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 7-10 Fun in the Fall Rally, Henry Horton SP, John/Merirae Jackson 931-639-0974, email: jack9443@bellsouth.net
- Dec 14 Christmas Luncheon 11 AM, Mrs. Bobo's, Lynchburg, TN, Tom/Joan Ward 931-703-2562, email: jtw0522@icloud.com

Pensacola Florida Unit - pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 15-17 What's in Your Airstream Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com
- Dec 12-15 Spreading Cheer Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

West Tennessee Airstream Club - westtennessee.airstreamclub.net

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

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

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

REGION 7 Activities



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

- 2020 Aug 20-25 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 10 Left Behind Activity: A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Old Log Theatre, 5185 Meadville St, Excelsior, MN, Cordell Woods 320-732-0923, email: cordellwoods169@gmail.com

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

Wisconsin Unit - wisc-up.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 1-3 Birthday Bash Campout, Potawatomi SP, Daisy Farm CG, 3740 Park Dr, Sturgeon Bay, WI, Sandy & Ed Emerick 920-475-7893, email: semerick4425@gmail.com

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

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

REGION 8 Activities



Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

- 2020 Apr 22-26 Region 8 Rally, Fremont, NE
- Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisited, Branson, MO

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

- Dec 14 Holiday Mid-Afternoon Luncheon 2:30 PM, Blue Owl Rest & Bakery, 116 2nd St, Kimmswick, MO, Judy & Barry Johnson, 636-464-5457, email: ctajohnson@aol.com

For the most current information, go to airstreamclub.org/events

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozk.airstreamclub.net

Oct 31-Nov 3 Fall Fun Fest Rally, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park 417-546-3000, 11020 MO 76, Forsyth, MO, Brian & JoAnn Peterson 417-331-1135, email: bpeterson007@centurytel.net
 Dec 7 Christmas Luncheon 11 AM, Pitch Pizza & Pub, 2924 E Sunshine St, Springfield, MO, Lavern & Margo Kohl 417-849-1417, email: mjkohl66@sbcglobal.net

Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club - <http://kansascityunit.wbcci.net>

Nov 2 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Six Mile Chop House, 4931 6th St, Lawrence, KS, Henry & Kerstin Roberts 785-893-2352, email: annekrob39@gmail.com
 Dec 7 Christmas Luncheon 11:30 AM, June's Northland, 614 Pottawatomie St, Leavenworth, KS, Tim & Paula Timmons 785-691-7112, email: ttbikes@aol.com

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

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

North Iowa Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

REGION 9 Activities



Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

2020
 Apr 14-19 Region 9 Rally, Mineola, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Nov 15-17 Rally, Caddo Lake SP 903-679-3351, 245 Park Rd 2, Karnack, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109
 Dec 13-15 Christmas Rally, Tyler SP 903-597-5338, 789 Park Rd 16, Tyler, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109

Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net

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

TBA Monthly Activities TBA, please visit our website

North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Nov 8-10 Installation Rally, NTAC, 200 Walnut Hill Ave, Hillsboro, TX, Mike Mack 817-371-3507, email: mis2t@aol.com

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Nov 27-Dec 1 Thanksgiving/Christmas Rally, Johnson Creek RV Resort, Ingram, TX, Bruce Wood 210-365-4441

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

Nov 7-10 Best Airstream Adventure Ever Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzqe6@gmail.com
 Dec 12-15 Looking Back & Looking Ahead Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzqe6@gmail.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net

Nov 7-10 Out with the Old - In with the New Installation Rally, Cleburne SP, 5800 Park Road 21, Cleburne, TX, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: peter@homesofaustin.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Nov 14-17 Officer Installation Rally, Top of the Hill RV Resort & Cabins 830-537-3666, 12 Green Cedar St, Boerne, TX, Ed & Sandy Brogan 703-395-1820, email: brogan.ed@gvtc.com

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

Dec 7 Installation of Officers 1 PM, Lubbock Women's Club, 2020 Broadway, Lubbock, TX, Susan Poff 806-790-3848, email: susanpoff@suddenlink.net

REGION 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

2020
 Jul 21-26 Region 10 Rally, Lynden, WA

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

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

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

Dec 7 Christmas Luncheon 11 AM, Ptarmigan Country Club, 5416 Vardon Way, Ft. Collins, CO, Susan Campbell 970-449-3059, email: susan@nighthawknest.com

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

Nov 14-17 Tucson: Unplugged Rally, Catalina SP <https://azstateparks.com/catalina> - Group Area, E off N Oracle Rd (AZ Hwy 77), Tucson, AZ, Bonnie & Alan Bobman, email: baambi7as@gmail.com

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

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

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

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REGION 12 *Activities*



Region 12 Website: region12.airstreamclub.net

Dec 28-
Jan 1, 2020 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA
Apr 16-19 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA

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

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

Nov 14-18 Rally, Cava Robles RV Resort, 3800 Golden Hills Rd, Paso Robles, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
Dec 12-15 Rally, Emerald Desert RV Resort, 76000 Frank Sinatra Dr, Palm Desert, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - laketahoe.airstreamclub.net

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Nov 5-10 Rally, Santa Cruz Redwood RV Resort, Felton, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com
Dec 11-15 Rally, 49er Village RV Resort, Plymouth, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

San Diego California Unit - www.airstreamsandiego.com

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net

Nov 1-3 Rally, The Springs at Borrego RV Resort, 2255 Di Giorgio Rd, Borrego Springs, CA, Mark Miller 714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com

EUROPE *Activities*



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

50 Years with the Quebec Canada Unit

Michel Bedard, #1013, President of Unit 125

Founded in 1962, Unit 125 in Region 1 had the privilege to recruit Jean-Guy Deschênes and Rita Murphy in 1969. They owned a 1965 Airstream 26-foot Overlander. Over time they enjoyed camping with their four children in their travel trailer. And Jean-Guy judiciously took care to keep it as it was when the unit left Jackson Center factory. Even the two propane gas tanks are original (circa 1965); they are re-certified each 10 years!



President of his Unit, President of Region 1 and actively participated in International, Region and Unit Rallies. He acts as "Election President" position for the annual Unit's Board of Officers election. Group leader of numerous "Bull Sessions", his knowledge and technical advice are greatly appreciated from all the Unit members. His regular participation to the monthly "Airstream Express" Unit's Newsletter is essential.

A special celebration happened at the Unit's annual "President Rally" on September 15, 2019 to celebrate their 50th anniversary membership.

Theatre tickets, a stained-glass piece representing his trailer and a gorgeous "Airstream" anniversary cake for more than 50 people: A "delicious" reduced size (not miniature) of their Overlander.



Jean-Guy is very active in Airstream Club officer's positions:

Rita actively collaborates to the coordination of numerous events in our Airstream Club. Her knowledge, experience and professionalism to support rally coordinators are part of the success of these activities. All of us can count on Rita's advise in any occasion!

Unit 125 can be proud to have this crew as members with a commitment and fidelity to the Airstream Club!

Congratulations Rita and Jean-Guy and long life with us!



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2017 - AIRSTREAM 27' FB FLYING CLOUD, original and only owner, 30 Amp, ducted HVAC, no smoking, kids, or pets in camper, queen mattress never used, never "#2" or toilet paper in commode!, no shoes worn in camper, clean title w/no liens, Reese hitch system & surge protector included. Retail \$89,734, selling price \$70K, photos available. Contact: Dani 423-710-3041 or danitravels@interpretingassociates.com (Chattanooga, TN)

2017 - AIRSTREAM 28' INTERNATIONAL SIGNATURE, rear queen bed, convection microwave, cooktop, walk-in shower separate from stool, leather sofa and dinette, no pets, non-smoker, stored inside, backup camera, used only three times. Selling due to health crisis. IMMACULATE. \$69,000. Call 989-239-1509, email: amberlynreed@icloud.com (Saginaw, MI)

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Three Mexican Gems

2/7-4/7

Start: Nogales, AZ

Stop: Nogales, AZ

Enjoy a unique Mexican experience like no other. We have selected three Mexican gems that simply must not be missed: A 4-day trip by rail up the Copper Canyon, 3 days in Mexico City and a stay in Mazatlán in time to see a carnival.

Georgia Plantations and More

3/8-3/24

Start: Madison GA

Stop: Blakely, GA

This short caravan takes place in Southwest Georgia visiting four different types of plantations, attending 'Swamp Gravy' a folk-life play, visiting some unusual museums and enjoying fine Southern food.

Cajun Country

3/10-3/25

Start: Breaux Bridge, LA

Stop: Lafayette, LA

On the Cajun Caravan you will experience Cajun culture and hospitality at its roots. Enjoy dining on jambalaya, crawfish pie, gumbo and all the other dishes that make Cajun cuisine popular.

Springtime in Kentucky

4/22-5/16

Start: Bowling Green, KY

Stop: Renfro Valley, KY

Join us as we show you the beautiful state of Kentucky. During Kentucky Derby week feel the excitement of the "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" and ladies be sure to bring your derby hat.

Golden State

4/30-5/16

Start: Chula Vista, CA

Stop: Petaluma, CA

Tour favorite California destinations from San Diego to San Francisco including Yosemite and Lake Tahoe.

Taste of the Blue Ridge

5/19-6/12

Start: Bryson City, NC

Stop: Greenwood, VA

Bring your camera, binoculars, fishing gear, hiking poles and – most importantly – sense of adventure and come vacation with us in the Blue Ridge Mountains!

Springtime in the Rockies

5/21-6/16

Start: Estes Park, CO

Stop: Gardiner, MT

Come share in the adventures of traveling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from Rocky Mountain National Park to the many splendors of Yellowstone National Park.

Canadian Rocky Mountain

6/19-7/7

Start: Drumheller, Alberta

Stop: Cochrane, Alberta

Travel through the four contiguous National Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. Attend the world-renowned Calgary Stampede where we will see the "greatest outdoor show on earth."

Smidge of the Blue Ridge

7/7-7/16

Start: Bryson City, NC

Stop: Boone, NC

A short version of the Taste of the Blue Ridge caravan.

Nor by Nor'East

7/7-8/17

Start: Ashaway, RI

Stop: Cornwall, PEI

The caravan begins in Rhode Island, visits Mystic Seaport and Boston then travels through Canadian maritime provinces before ending in Prince Edward Island.

North to Alaska

Approx. 7/12-9/12

Start: Dawson Creek, BC

Stop: St. George, BC

We will travel the Alaska Highway and will experience the majestic scenery of British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alyeska "The Great Land".

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It's a New York (State) State of Mind 8/10-9/4

Start: Grand Island, NY Stop: Croton on Hudson, NY

This is a caravan for the independent traveler – there will be many planned activities but also ample free time to explore your individual interests as we travel through the “Empire State.”

SouthWest Adventure 8/18-10/6

Start: Albuquerque, NM Stop: Albuquerque, NM

We will visit the four corners region of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona exploring sites other tourists may not see ending with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Sho-Me the Ozarks 9/2-10/25

Start: Mountain View, AR Stop: Van Buren, MO

The region of America known as “The Ozarks” is a cultural and geographically distinct area centered in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sights, events, and food not to be missed.

Watch It Made in America 9/8-10/12

Start: Jackson Center, OH Stop: Milwaukee, WI

Discover how some well-known products are manufactured starting at the Airstream factory.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East 9/12-9/27

Start: Manistique, MI Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops including a day on Mackinaw Island and lunch at the Grand Hotel.

Highway 61 Revisited 9/12-10/12

Start: Duluth, MN Stop: New Orleans, LA

Inspired by Bob Dylan's album “Highway 61 Revisited”, we travel to southern places known for their musical heritage.

Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond mid Sept-mid Oct

Start: Bowling Green, KY Stop: Frankfort, KY

Experience the wonders of bourbon and the beauty of central Kentucky. You will leave with a more refined bourbon palate, ready for more tasting opportunities.

Northern Lights and Polar Bears 9/14-10/12

Start: International Peace Garden MB/ND Stop: Winnipeg, MB

Tour Manitoba starting at the International Peace Garden including a six-day tour to and from Churchill on Hudson Bay. Spend two days and a night on the tundra viewing polar bears and the Northern Lights.

Gone to Texas est 9/24-10/27

Start: Amarillo, 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.

Southeast Coast 10/6-11/7

Start: Bethany Beach, DE Stop: Jekyll Island, GA

If you love seafood and want to explore the historic southeast coast of the country, come along with us and immerse yourself in some of the culture and traditions of the Old South.

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Date of Application: _____ Caravan # _____ Caravan Name _____

WBCC# _____ # 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

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

**LAKE HAVASU RALLY "SPRING BREAK FOR GROWNUPS"
Lake Havasu State Park
699 London Bridge Rd, Lake Havasu City, Arizona
7-day Rally: March 2 - 9, 2020
4-day Rally: March 5 - 9, 2020**

Enjoy water sports, dining, golf, hiking, fishing, off-roading, shopping, gaming, car shows, and Bluegrass with Arizona Airstream Club and Airstream of Scottsdale.

Activity Highlights:

- Monday, host dinner
- Tuesday, Tour London Bridge and the Museum of History
- Wednesday, Pontoon boat regatta and picnic
- Thursday, Airstream Golf Tournament at Bridgewater Links and host dinner
- Friday, Lake front patio happy hour and dinner by the Bridge
- Weekend, 18th annual Blue Grass on the Beach

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4-day Dry Campsites, Festival Tickets, Rally Fees and Activities - <https://form.jotform.com/aactreasurer/lakehavasurally-2020-registration>

(\$25 per day early check-in payable at park without reservation)

7-day campsite with electric and water \$258 (\$299 waterfront)

7-day Campsites with hookups and Festival Tickets - <https://bluegrassonthebeach.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Early-Bird-Ticket-Form-2019-1.pdf>

Call 209-480-4693 October 1st between 7:01 am and 8:00 AM Pacific to get in the call-back queue.

7-day or 4-day rally fees are \$32 or \$21. Music festival passes are \$65 per adult. Activity costs vary.

Additional Details - <https://arizona.airstreamclub.net/files/2019/09/Lake-Havasu-Rally-Promotional-Flyer-2Rev-1.pdf>

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American Revolution, Southern Campaign Caravan at St. John's Church, Richmond, VA - submitted by Lew Brodsky, #2585



Our beautiful Airstream with new solar lights sitting on the shore of Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada - submitted by Teresa Dunnigan & Ron Wright, #4265



Sunset reflection at 2017 Region 8 Rally in Osceola, IA - submitted by Brian Peterson, #4218



Florida Treasure Coast at Region 3 Rally in Marion, NC - submitted by Alicia Rafter, #4092, photo by Lew Brodsky, #2585



New York City Base Camp Rally - submitted by John Holly, #1045



At Jersey Shore Haven, Cape May, NJ in May - submitted by Pat McFadden, #202

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