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Did you notice that I said goals, and not resolutions? According to Forbes Magazine, less than 25% of people stay committed to their resolutions after just 30 days, and only 8% accomplish them. Hmmmm, that explains why every year my personal resolutions are to “see last year.”

On June 30, 2015, I submitted my Club Resume and Letter of Interest for the office of International 3rd Vice President. Embedded in those documents are a core set of goals which have guided me through this journey and represent my unwavering commitment to the Airstream Club International.

It is my passionate belief that, in order to be relevant to future generations of Airstream owners and Club members, we must commit to:

- our members past, current & future;
- the continued longevity of the Airstream Club International; and
- embrace diversity and demonstrate inclusion at all levels.

The dictionary defines inclusion as “the action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure”. According to Ferris State University, “Inclusion is involvement and empowerment,

where the inherent worth and dignity of all people are recognized. An inclusive university promotes and sustains a sense of belonging; it values and practices respect for the talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and ways of living of its members”.

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Each of us has a role to play in advancing this mission. For some of us, it means summoning the courage to stand up and speak out, sharing opinions or experiences. For others, it means listening

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with patience and empathy, creating an environment conducive to dialogue. For all of us, it means asking questions, respecting answers, being open to fresh perspectives, and most importantly, appreciating one another's contributions to our PepsiCo family. In doing so, we will ensure that PepsiCo continues to thrive in the coming years and beyond."

Leaders of Fortune 500 companies embrace diversity and demonstrate inclusion at all levels; Stanford University Graduate School of Education (GSE) has a Chief Inclusion Officer whose goal is to help the GSE "become an intentional community of grace"; and Gucci - a 98 year old fashion brand - has recently

appointed a Global Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

You're probably asking why I'm using so much content from other sources rather than voicing my own thoughts. It's not about my thoughts, it's about a bigger voice, a broader perspective, a sustainable community. In reading the above; however, it's pretty easy to insert [members](#), [Airstream Club International](#) and [future generations of Airstream owners](#) to see the relevance.

Our Airstream Club, which will celebrate its 65th anniversary this year, is a Brand... a Global Brand. Yes, we are a camping and caravan club; however, we should also consider our heritage

and our future as one of the largest, oldest and single-branded RV clubs. It is my sincere hope that together our +16,000 members will help steward the legacy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International to one of a camping and caravan club which welcomes diversity: of thought; of lifestyle; of heritage and of tow vehicle, Airstream model & length and camping choices. All are welcome in our world, this world of happy campers.

To paraphrase Queen Elizabeth II in her 2019 Christmas Speech:

"...reminder of what positive things can be achieved when people set aside... differences and come together in the spirit of friendship..."

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The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

Gina Eggers, #3732



Cooking Without a Recipe (otherwise known as throwing together what you have on hand to make a meal)

Happy winter to everyone, and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Those of you who are somewhere warm for the winter would have missed the 3 feet of snow and 4 day power outage over the Thanksgiving weekend that I had. Lucky you! That weekend without power, and many times in the Airstream where I have tried to use up leftovers, is what prompted this article. How do you put together a meal that is satisfying, delicious, and nutritionally adequate with no recipe?

1. Colorful!
2. Different textures (crunchy, smooth, different size pieces, raw, cooked)
3. Different flavors (sweet, sour or bitter, tangy, tart, mild, spicy)
4. A balance of protein, carbs, grains, veggies, nuts, fruit or herbs.

Obviously, you are not going to put every one of these options in one dish but use it as a guideline to add something to give zip to your dish. Herbs and spices are easy to keep on hand and last a long time. You can use up every vegetable you have left in the fridge and mix them with a cooked grain such as wheatberries or

quinoa or farro or rice, add shrimp or chicken or canned tuna if you want, vinegar and olive oil or Italian dressing to mix it all together, scallions or sesame seeds or chopped herbs for a topping. Put it all on a bed of lettuce. Everything in one dish doesn't have to be cooked. Put together a mix of cooked or sautéed vegetables with some raw ones for crunch or add nuts or dried fruit. Hard boil a couple eggs and slice those on top for some extra protein. Here is a sample to get you started. The amounts of the ingredients are not important. The ingredients are not set in stone. Use your creativity and what you have on hand (and what you like).



Wheatberry Salad with Dried Fruit and Nuts

Cook 1 cup of dried wheatberries (boil in water until soft and drain, about 50 minutes)

Stem a couple of leaves of kale, and chop very finely

A half of a red pepper, chopped small (or a yellow pepper or jalapeño)

2 scallions, chopped

1 stalk of celery, chopped small

Slivered almonds (about ¼ cup), any nut works, try peanuts or cashews

Dried cranberries or cherries (about ¼ cup)

Dried apricots, chopped into small pieces (about 6 apricots)

1 apple, chopped into small pieces (I didn't peel it)

Chopped parsley for garnish or to mix in

For dressing: Whisk 1 clove minced garlic, chopped ginger or a ½ tsp. from a tube, a couple squirts of olive oil, lemon juice from half a lemon, a few tablespoons of vinegar (champagne or white wine or apple cider). Put all ingredients except dressing in a large bowl. Pour dressing over. Mix and eat. It keeps well for several days.

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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Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



First, I'd like to thank all of you who have written to me with comments and suggestions since my last column. You shared some good ideas and some stories about how things had and had not gone so well for you, in terms of membership and attendance at rallies. Here is what one person had to say about the concept of inclusivity:

"So what makes it for me is the sense of belonging and contributing to a group. The inclusivity thing is very important but belonging takes the feeling to a whole new level. Like...I'm good here. The others actually like me and want me to be here. I feel like a part of this group and that's what makes folks want to help. It's MY group! OUR group!"

The word unit has no human feel to it. You could have a unit of hats or sweaters. Club is better but still not quite right. I guess group is kind of ambiguous. Might have to get out the old Thesaurus! Gaggle, herd, flock or whatever... the word needs to imply people who are together with something in common, getting to know one another and having a really great time doing it."

And here is what another person wrote to me about her experience with rallies and inclusiveness:

"My first rally was the vintage rally in May, hosted by TX Highland Lakes club. Meals were included. Pork was served for dinner. Menu was published ahead of the trip (so I had time to plan my own meal). Snacks were shared before meals; there was plenty of alternative food. Pre meal prayer was said. It went something like this, "Dear Lord, thank you for bringing us all together. Amen". I met several people at my table, enjoyed conversation and had a wonderful evening. Repeat the next morning. Another Jew was at my table. That was unexpected. We all talked Airstream, and went about our business. I made several friends at that rally, and I look forward to the next one!"

Next I attended the Texas Urban Air rally in Brownwood, TX. There were not meals served, so that wasn't a concern. I was able to visit with some of the people I met at the vintage rally, friends I had from online, and some new friends made there. It was fine...until a prayer was said on the last evening. "Dear Lord, (fill in the rest), In Jesus name, Amen." Now, this isn't my first rodeo. I was born and raised in the bible belt. BUT, if you want Airstream groups to be inclusive, there is a really easy way to include all faiths. I know, for a fact, that the other Jewish family was there, and another non-Christian friend and her family. I suspect another couple was neither Christian nor Jewish, but I didn't know them. There are a lot of ways to go about saying a prayer, if you feel one should be said, and being inclusive. Saying it "in Jesus name" isn't inclusive. Lord, Father, or Spirit of the Universe, covers several faiths, without offending anyone and making everyone feel included.

I'm all for being inclusive. I don't care if a family is gay, straight, Christian, Hindu, black, white, or purple. I do care that everyone is treated with respect. I walked (towed) away from the Urban Air rally with a distinctly different feeling than I did from the Vintage rally. Now, I know that I'm a minority, but isn't that what this is about? Welcoming everyone? Trying to make everyone feel included? If a prayer is part of the local Airstream club tradition, it should be respectful of our differences."

And here are some thoughts from a newbie with our group:

"You asked for thoughts. I have a 2002 31' Classic, and I am also a single fulltime rv'er. Overwhelmingly, club members are married couples, and I have met some gay couples who were very welcoming. I've felt welcome in most instances, but if didn't also belong to the Escapees Solos group, I would be pretty isolated. I have just begun to explore the Airstream lifestyle, one year of ownership after

having a motorhome. I'm looking forward to spending the spring in California on the Golden State Caravan, then on to Loveland. No actual suggestions, just encouragement to welcome the single owners too."

So if you are at a rally and there are single folks there, it would be so nice to reach out, be sure they feel welcome and possibly make a new friend. We have several single members in the Oregon Airstream Club and they are so active – serving on the board, hosting rallies and being great members – we would miss them terribly if they were not part of us. And when we have a single person at a rally I think, "wow, what if Hal was gone and I was traveling in the trailer alone – how would that be, given how most people are traveling in couples?" The thought makes me so sad but it also reminds me that it takes some courage to travel alone, in so many ways, I respect that greatly.

The next thing I'd like to tell you about is a local club in Ohio that could use your help. Here are excerpts from a note I received from the past president, Dave Brett, who I have come to know better over these last several months:

"I am the Past President of the Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit. Our reputation has always been that we are a small but active Unit. . . Our Unit draws from the Ashtabula/ Youngstown/Columbiana area – essentially the North-East section of the state East of Cleveland/Akron. We have been a WBCCI Unit since 1964 and have been a small Unit for most of our time. Despite being a smaller Unit, we remain very active and have a full schedule of Rally's and Luncheons each year. An unexpected outcome of our size is over the last few years we have increased the number of Joint Rally's we do and have many friends in the Units adjoining our area. Some of our members participate in the Snow Bird migration and some remain in our area over the winter."



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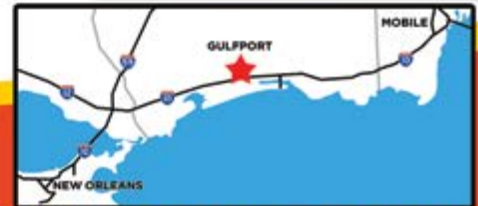


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Unfortunately, the small part of that has declined to where we no longer meet the required 10 families... We have no desire to disband and would happily continue as is, but as presented, the rules are indeed taking precedence over the kindness and just plain camping fun you mentioned (in your article)..."

While it is true that there is a minimum number of 10 trailers to form and hold a local club, they have been given some additional time to gather those members. More commonly, clubs fail due to lack of people willing to fill the leadership roles. But this club has all of that AND a full schedule of rallies. Their members are very active and from the emails I've received, they sound like great fun people to be around! So are you in the Ohio valley, maybe a member at large currently, maybe a new member, maybe just looking for a group that is active and friendly? I call this the Little Club that Could -

they are persistent, cheerful, and a joy to work with. And now, they are changing their club name to more fully represent their geographic area - the Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club. Great name, great club. If you are interested in finding out more about these folks, please contact Dave Brett, past president, at dbrett@zoominternet.net.

So the last thing I'd like to bring up is Lifetime Membership. Do you love this club? Do you feel like you'll continue to renew, spend time with other members, enjoy the rallies, can't imagine not belonging? Would you like to avoid paying that pesky renewal fee every year? Then consider purchasing a lifetime membership! You'll get a special badge with a gold surround, indicating a lifetime member, a special trailer decal and a separate listing in the membership directory. In addition, you'll receive \$20 off an International Rally registration and 10% off

purchases from the Airstream Club International store. You'll still have to pay for the local club membership, but this covers the International portion, which is currently \$65. So how much does it cost, you ask? The cost is based on the average of the ages of the owners of the trailer, and there's a table that will give you an exact number at the website, Airstreamclub.org/LifeMember. There's a form with the table on it where you can both look up the cost and submit the form to become a lifetime member. Once you join, you'll be looking at everyone's badges to see if they too have made the leap!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are starting off to a great New Year. As always, if there is something you'd like to say to me, feel free to write to me at twestover@mac.com. I love hearing what's on your mind.

Airstreaming with WBCCI Europe: As seen through the eyes of two American Airstream Affiliates

Joe & Ronnie Harris, #16000

"Airstreaming in Europe: many dream of it, but few have done it. My wife and I are lucky enough to be amongst those few. Since its founding in 2015, we have joined at least one **WBCCI Europe** rally each year. Meeting up with Airstreamers from all over Europe who speak many different languages makes for a wonderful and very different *Airstreaming* experience."

Part One of Two

My wife Veronica (aka "Ronnie") and I joined WBCCI when we bought our Airstream in early 2016. We also became WBCCI Europe affiliate members so we could join the very first WBCCI Europe rally, held at *BelRepayre Airstream Park* in Manses, France for four days in late July 2016. While our primary home is in Key Largo, FL, we have owned a second home just outside of Cannes, France for almost 2 decades.

At *BelRepayre* we rented "The Melody Maker," a vintage, stationary Airstream named after a British music journal. Driving the long, narrow, uphill road to the campground, barely wide enough for our small rental car, we wondered how people were going to get their Airstreams up (and down) this narrow road and then marveled at how each Airstreamer approached this challenge as if it were nothing more than a stroll in the park!

Some 14 Airstreams from Norway, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, England, France, Belgium, Holland and France gathered at this one-of-a-kind campground in Southern France for this first ever WBCCI Europe Rally. A mix of newer

European specification Airstreams manufactured in Jackson Center and vintage American specification Airstreams individually imported from the USA and renovated by their European owners, gathered in a circle like a group of shiny silver covered wagons.

Besides all the chatter in different languages, we were exposed to many other new and different rally experiences. There were these strange silver barrels, sort of like beer kegs, being rolled to and fro and attached to many of the Airstreams. We saw grey and orange "boxes" being pulled out of the side of some Airstreams every other day and dragged to some far corner of the field. Some Airstreams had two doors; one even had a matching silver tent attached to its side. And everywhere there were long reels of electrical cable running from Airstream to Airstream, terminating in large multi-outlet electrical panels that surely were not UL approved.



First Flag Raising

nations joined together to become part of WBCCI. Founding WBCCI European President Perry Balfour did the honors and we all felt WBCCI had become a truly international club!

Perry, along with his wife Coline had created *BelRepayre*, a sort of live-in museum offering a dozen vintage Airstreams set-up as camping cottages. A re-fashioned Airstream served as the "The Appollo Lounge," with Perry doubling



Appollo Lounge

as bartender and DJ. A remodeled Silver Streak was "Lucy's Diner" where Coline served as chef. The food, drink, entertainment and company were wonderful. Perry and Coline made sure everyone had a great time. As for us? Well, we got hooked on camping in Europe and promised ourselves to make camping with WBCCI Europe an annual part of our lives.

So, it was in June of 2017 we found ourselves in a crowded, disorderly grassy field, part of an even more crowded campground, in Viechtach, Germany. When we arrived at *Adventure Camp Schnitzmühle*, there were 18-20 Airstreams



Camp Schnitzmuhle

parked throughout the field. Again, there were long extension cords running helter-skelter from each Airstream to central power posts crowded

with plugs. And, again, there were those strange beer-keg like containers attached to almost every Airstream. At *Camp Schnitzmühle* there was no on-premise Airstream for us to rent, so before leaving our home in France, we rented what we dubbed our “faux Airstream Interstate” (a Possl Class B motorhome) and posted a copy of our WBCCI numbers on the windshield certifying we were “official.”



Joe & Ronnie's faux Airstream

It was gratifying to reacquaint ourselves with some of the folks we'd met the previous year at *Belrepayre* and to meet other members we had not met at *Belrepayre*. An Airstream food truck arrived that first night in Viechtach and served up a delicious dinner. The following night the new, and still current, WBCCI Europe President and “BBQ king,” Arne Myhre, along with his wife Bernadeta, cooked up some of the best BBQ ever! In a tradition new to us, everyone brought their tables and chairs together each evening to make one big dining table where we all ate, drank and chatted until the last of the beer and wine ran out. Although a bit warm, my wife and I felt the only thing missing was a campfire to gather 'round. Oh, perhaps a United Nations style translator would also have been nice, as everyone was speaking in their native tongue!

Yes, that's right - we needed to speak German, Italian, Swiss, Norwegian and we don't even remember what other languages. And there was that strangest of all languages, British English! We thought we'd surely understand the British members, but we discovered British and American English are sometimes worlds apart.

So, here we are in southeastern Germany, “Bavaria” to most, and we're with this wonderful crowd of Airstreamers all chatting away in at least 5 different languages - and we're loving it! It's exactly this unique mingling of cultures, countries and languages that make WBCCI Europe so very unique!

As at any Airstream rally, we made new friends. Two stood out that year. Because they were in the “pitch” next to us and spoke a language we could (mostly) understand, we quickly befriended Dom and Linds Such from England, who were in the throes of building “Ettie's Field,” a new glamping campground for Airstreams and other unique “caravans.” Elisabetta Ballerini and Pier Armanni, Italians with few words of English, had brought some brochures from a French Château near LeMans, France that just happened to also be a five-star campground. With Pier and Elisabetta's limited English and our almost non-existent Italian, we came to understand they were proposing the Château du Chanteloup as a 2018 rally site! We knew it was not to be missed!

Thus, in early summer 2018 we found ourselves at Sillé-le-Phillipe and the *Château du Chanteloup* in central France. This time our “faux” Airstream was a rented Class B Hymer ‘Grand Canyon.’ Appreciating the difficulties of bringing our Airstream across the Atlantic, the WBCCI Europe members again welcomed us as if we were in our own aluminum capsule. Beatrice Sorg from Switzerland, one of the WBCCI Europe members, even brought along a string of American flags for us to fly!



Chanteloup Camping

Château du Chanteloup “campground” was truly different. Unlike many European campgrounds, *Chanteloup* had no semi-permanent trailers with attached screened porches and no wooden chalets scattered amongst the lovely château grounds. *Chanteloup* offered only well groomed “grass pitches” along with a great lawn in front of the actual château, which is where all the Airstreams (and one Hymer) were invited to park, in circular “covered wagon” style.

While the actual chateau wasn't built until 1815, *Chanteloup* is a small noble fief dating back to 1400. *Chanteloup* 2018 was our third WBCCI Europe rally. It meant more new friends from countries like Holland and Sweden, along with many “old” rally friends. We're not sure how or why, but many club members were now speaking some English, so it was easier (for us at least) to share stories and experiences with them. A visit to the Le Mans Racetrack and Museum, a guided tour of the chateau, a great champagne aperitif evening, an afternoon pool party and a semi-formal dinner at the campground restaurant were all part of the rally. And, there was serious talk of a first ever WBCCI Europe Caravan - a trip through southern Norway. We eagerly awaited further word and it came in early fall 2018 - there will be a Norway Caravan in 2019!

Spurred on by attending these WBCCI Europe rallies, we took advantage of each trip to and from the rally by adding a few weeks of travel with our rented “faux” Airstream to tour Europe. We were seeing a lot of Europe by RV - something we never dreamed of before affiliating with WBCCI Europe. Each trip was more incredible than the last, so for summer 2019 we began planning a trip of 70 days. From our home near Cannes, France, we'd travel north through France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and on to Norway. Southbound we planned an alternate route taking us through Luxembourg to the Aérodrôme de Chambley airfield in Hagéville, France so we could attend the ten day, bi-annual, *Mondial Hot Air Balloon* event.

Back in Key Largo, we applied for the required "long stay Schengen visa" which would permit us to stay in Western Europe for more 90 consecutive days. We also confirmed additional health requirements for our two little dogs to enter Norway and contacted our Hymer friend to reserve his camper for a 70-day, 10,000 kilometer journey. Thus, on June 19, 2019, we found ourselves at *Camping de l'ill* in Mulhouse, France, rallying with 12 Airstreams. At *Camping de l'ill*, manager Alexandre Birrien, made sure we "Airstreamers" had everything we needed. Many Swiss members have restored vintage American cars to tow their restored vintage American Airstreams. They were invited to display their cars at one of the world's largest automobile museums, the "*Cité de l'Automobile*", while the rest of us were invited for an exclusive tour.



Old Blue Chevy with Rigs

Mulhouse and Rixheim trace their history all the way back to the 8th century and were thrilled to welcome "the Airstreamers." Adding to the historic theme of this rally, we also visited the "vielle ville," or historic center of Mulhouse and the incredible "*Cite du Train*" museum where, amongst so much more, we saw Napoléon's personal rail car.



Napoleon's Rail Car

However, it was our stop at Rixheim City Hall that was, surprisingly, the most fascinating. The Rixheim "Hotel de Ville," was constructed as the "Commanderie" for the Knights of the Teutonic Order in 1733. Today, besides serving as City Hall, it also houses the "*Musee du Papier Peint*," or, simply put, Wallpaper Museum. The Mayor of Rixheim, Ludovic Haye, along with other regional government officials, welcomed us with a tour of the restored and repurposed edifice, followed by a special guided tour of the wallpaper museum. We left amazed and fascinated at what one could learn about wallpaper.

Not everything Europe, or at every WBCCI Europe rally, is steeped in history. We wrapped up our four-day Mulhouse rally with an afternoon pool party at the campground. After so much history and learning, we all needed to cut loose in and around the pool. The following



Frolicking at the Pool

morning some of us headed for Norway. On July 2, many rigs assembled at WBCCI Europe members Harald and Monica's farm in Siegum, (Schleswig-Holstein) Germany, affording us some last-minute preparation and a great group dinner. The next day about 6 rigs headed north, through Denmark and Sweden, to arrive as scheduled in Magnor, Norway on July 4, Wally Byam's birthdate. Magnor was to be the starting point for the first Norwegian Caravan since 1956 and over 12 rigs were expected.

Waiting for us in Magnor, at Montebello Camping, was Caravan Leader and WBCCI Europe President Arne Myhre, his wife Bernadeta, the local news media, and a TV crew filming a segment for their syndicated Danish camping show. Arne, our BBQ whiz,



Montebello Camping Arrival

had a gourmet steak dinner with all the fixin's served for us at one long communal table. The next morning began 12 days of east to west travel, along the southern coast of Norway with



Arne's Dinner

stops at Oslo, Kristiansand, Stavanger, Bergen and lots of places in between. The weather was wonderful, averaging 70° during the day and 55° at night. Of course, being so far north, daytime began about 4am and ended about 11pm.

Traveling from campground to campground gave everyone opportunities to experience the Norwegian countryside. Norway is spacious, wide-open and beautiful, with mountains, valleys, forests and fjords around every bend. Speed limits of 50-55mph made it easy to enjoy the scenery. In Stavanger, most of us took a boat ride deep into the fjords, unique Norwegian



Norway Fjords

ocean inlets that go miles inland. Their tall rock cliffs and green mountainsides come right to the water's edge making for some very dramatic scenery.

Following a big final dinner at the Hallingdal campground restaurant, morning brought us together to say our goodbyes - until the next time. With two weeks to get to the next rally site in Jaulny, France, Ronnie and I took our time traveling south. We visited many west coast towns in Sweden; in Denmark we stopped in Copenhagen, then the Viking Museum in



Copenhagen Bicycles

Roskilde and the Lego museum in Billund. Continuing south, we visited Arnis, Germany's smallest town; then on to Germany's second largest city, Hamburg followed by more Rhine and Mosel River villages, their hillsides covered with grapevines from riverbed to hilltop. Finally, as we neared France, we stopped in Germany's oldest city, Trier. We could share wonderful memories and photos for pages more - but on to the *Aérodrome de Chambley* and hundreds of hot air balloons.



Hot Air Balloon Rally (3 rigs)

Our Balloon Fiesta rally wasn't much of a rally; besides our rig, there were only two other Airstreams. Both Mondial and Albuquerque claim title to "the largest hot air balloon event in the world." Both events have over 400 participating balloons, but at Mondials' *Aérodrome de Chambley* there are mass ascensions every morning and every evening for all 10 days of the event! That's 100% more ascensions than Albuquerque. As the surrounding territory is farmland, we were easily able to watch balloons travel for miles as well as follow the balloons by car to watch individual landings. *Mondial Air Balloons* is free to the public and parking wasn't difficult, especially for the 7am morning ascensions. Our experience has convinced us that we should return in 2021 for the next edition of the *Mondial Air Balloons*, perhaps with a few more Airstreamers!



Hot Air Balloons on Field in Mondial

After saying our goodbyes to the two other couples (from England and Germany) who were with us at this inaugural European *montgolfière* Airstream rally, we visited many of the World War One and Two sites dotting northern France. Almost every village has a memorial honoring those who gave their life defending freedom and liberty. Between some villages, we encountered preserved areas where we could visit actual trenches that were so much a part of WWI. Along our way, we also stopped at many cemeteries, German, French and American, to pay



WWI Trenches

homage to those who gave their lives in these terrible conflicts. Cementing our experience was the Verdun Memorial museum. Employing artifacts and multimedia, the museum traces the terrible carnage of the four years of World War One. This part of our 2019 summer trip was both sobering and disturbing, but we're glad we took the time to see a bit of what has been preserved so we might never forget.

Of course, no visit to Europe is complete without wine or beer. Throughout Norway, Sweden, Denmark and northern Germany, beer is the drink of choice - and although we didn't encounter the kind of micro-breweries popping up across the USA, the variety, selection and taste of the many different beers in Northern Europe was enough to boggle our minds. Heading south, we visited many wineries in the Mosel and Rhine regions of Germany, as well as the Jura, Alsace, Champagne, Chablis, Macon, Rhone and Provence regions of France. And, where there's beer, there are beer museums



Grape Fields on hillside in Mosel, Germany

and where there's wine, there are wine and corkscrew museums. A Teddy Bear Museum, a few castles and châteaux, the 16th century wooden churches of Norway and France, and so many other incredible sights, filled our 70 wonderful days. We'd need a week of nights around the campfire to tell you about them all. Perhaps at International 2020...

Watch for Part Two of Joe and Ronnie's story, where they write about the differences between camping in Europe and camping in the USA.

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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57th Annual Swiss Festival Rally

Cindy Conant, #3008
 Photos by Pam Watkins, #6426

The last week in September was when Airstream trailers and motorhomes made their way to Sugarcreek, Ohio for a week of sightseeing, learning and fun. The southeast part of Ohio has beautiful rolling hills, lovely Amish farms you can see across the hills, and small towns, each with interesting places to visit. The first three days of the rally, tours were offered for anyone interested in visiting local Amish businesses, homes and schools as well as other local points of interest. Many of the Amish stops were places that you wouldn't be able to see on your own. There was the man who had an extensive collection of Coleman lanterns and another who was a leather worker, a woodworker, a casket maker, a broom maker and so many more. The Amish life is fascinating to learn about. Have you had dinner in an Amish home? Or visited an Amish school? Probably not, unless you have attended the Swiss Festival Rally.

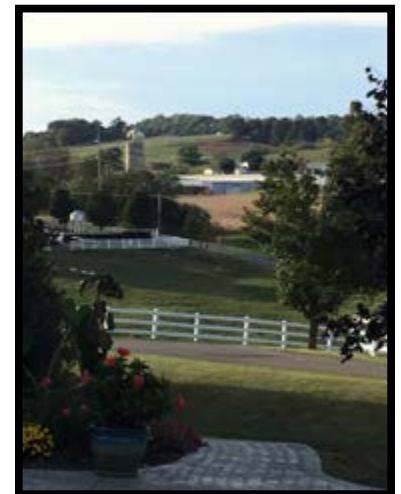
Each evening attendees were favored with good entertainment. Have you ever seen a professional spoons player? Rally goers joined him on stage for one tune. Mr. Beachy, a local Amish gentleman, came to talk about the Amish way of life. As a treat, he brought with him a choir of "young people." It was the same group that Mr. Beachy would take to New York City where they would sing in the subway and on the streets. He said that they always attracted attention, as you can imagine.

On Thursday was "The Day in the Park" that began with a lunch for the children from two Amish schools that allowed tours. Amish mothers sold baked goods to benefit the schools. An Amish couple made ice cream for everyone to enjoy. Bean soup was made in big black kettles over an open fire for rally goers and for folks in the community who helped with

the rally. Apple butter made outdoors over the fire was for sale. A special treat came through the gate that day - a team of 6 mules pulling a wagon so we could see something unusual and to give rides on the wagon. That day the Amish children were given the chance to drive a golf cart; campers were given rides in a horse-drawn buggy.

To cap off the week was the Ohio Swiss Festival in downtown Sugarcreek. Airstream rally goers were pleased to participate in the festival. They made and rode on a float in the parade, wearing traditional Swiss folk garb.

Area townspeople welcomed the Airstream group with open arms and smiling faces and asking, "Are you having that good bean soup again this year?"





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The 1959-60 African Caravan Part 7: Egypt

We continue our 1959-60 African Caravan review following the caravanners thru Egypt. Fittingly, our review of this historic caravan arrives in Cairo in February 2020, the 60th anniversary of the actual caravan arriving in Cairo in February 1960.

Egypt

Late Jan. – Late Feb. 1960

At Wadi Halfa, Sudan, without permission to drive any further, the caravanners loaded their rigs on barges to float down the Nile River into Egypt. They departed between January 14 and 24, 1960 as barges became available. Trailers were backed onto the barges with trucks parked next to them; both on planks over the tops of cargo holds.

As the caravanners floated out of Sudan, all they could see along the Nile was sand and rocks with no signs of vegetation or human settlement. After crossing into Egypt, they came to the ancient ruins at Abu Simbel, where many barges stopped and let the caravanners off to explore the ruins. Here they saw four colossal figures of Pharaoh Ramses II carved into the side of a sandstone cliff. Unfortunately, some barges did not stop so those caravanners could only view the carvings as they floated by.

After a 3-day float, the caravanners and their rigs disembarked at Shellal, near Aswan, Egypt, between January 17 and 27. Their campsite was on the bank of the Nile River. Due to their staggered arrival times, some caravanners had almost two weeks to explore the area, while others only had a couple of days because the caravan would depart Aswan as a group.

While at Aswan, the caravanners were able to tour the old low dam that was built in 1898, view a model of the new “high dam” that would be built, and take sailboats to tour some of the islands in the Nile River. Many caravanners made a trip to visit Begum Aga Khan, the widow of the late Aga Khan III, reportedly the richest man in the world at the time of his death in 1957. They found the Begum to be a most gracious and humble person who spoke excellent English with only the slightest accent. They visited her winter home on one of the islands at Aswan (being of French descent, her summer home was in France) and she visited the caravanners in their trailers.

On January 29, the caravan pulled out of Aswan, minus Wally Byam, who had flown ahead to Cairo. During the 5-hour drive, they occasionally saw green irrigated and cultivated fields along the banks of the Nile. They overnights at Edfu, parking their rigs next to the police station. Here they took sailboats across the Nile to tour the

Taking the Nile into Egypt



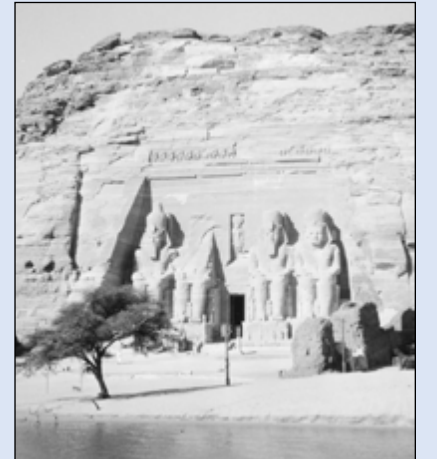
Backing onto a Barge at Wadi Halfa



Wally Helping to Move a Barge



Three Rigs on a Barge



Abu Simbel as Seen from a Barge



Caravanners Board Sailboats to Visit the Home of Begum Aga Khan at Aswan

5000-year-old Temple of Horus the Hawk on the west side, one of the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt as it had been covered in sand for centuries and only recently excavated.

The next day the 78-mile drive to Luxor took all day over sandy roads, but they were rewarded with a fantastic camping spot along the Nile on the grounds of a former Royal Palace. Wally Byam rejoined the caravan at Luxor, bringing bags of mail for the caravanners; the first mail they had received in two months, though some of it was censored by the Egyptian government.

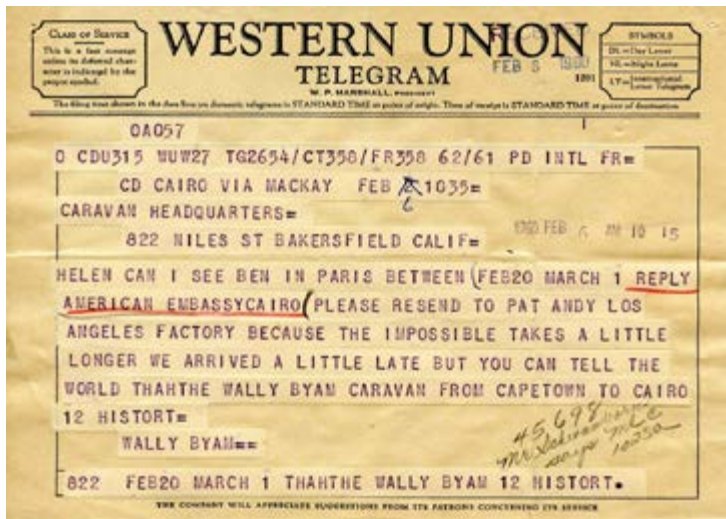
There was more to see in Luxor than their two-day stop would allow. Most caravanners visited the Temple of Karnak, the largest in Egypt and reported to have taken 2000 years to build. They entered it through the Avenue of the Sphinxes. They also visited the Luxor Temple and numerous other ruins in Luxor. A boat ride took them across the Nile to the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, and the Colossi of Memnon. The Valley of the Kings was claimed to have 65 tombs of kings and high priests. Caravanners visited several of these. The most spectacular was the Tomb of King Tutankhamen, which still contained his mummy inside a sarcophagus under a glass lid, though most of his treasures had been moved to a museum in Cairo.

On February 3, the caravan pulled out for the 3-day drive to Cairo. The road was generally good but driving became difficult as donkeys, camels, water buffalo, carts, and people crowded the road, including children who often threw

rocks at the passing caravanners, breaking several windows. The scenery was green and beautiful wherever the land was irrigated, but the extreme poverty was abundantly evident, especially when they passed thru the slums in towns along the way. Whenever they stopped, there was a risk of anything loose being stolen, such as a gas cap or side mirror.

The first night they stopped at Sohag, where #1199 Gene Ritchie had to get the broken frame on his Airstream welded. The second night the caravan camped at an airstrip in Minya. Late that evening, Wally Byam and Wagon Boss Lou Mousley were informed that they were on a secret military airfield and would need to move because Egypt was technically at war with Israel and fighter planes might need to land during the night. Lou explained that everyone was already asleep and none of their rigs were parked on the runway. After hours of discussion, they were allowed to remain overnight under the condition that they tell no one of where they had stayed.

The next morning, they pulled out for Cairo and by 3:30 on February 6, 1960, roughly two months later than planned, all the rigs were parked in a wagon wheel formation next to the Pyramid of Cheops in Giza, just 10 miles from downtown Cairo. It was from here that Wally sent his famous telegram.



Along the Road to Cairo



Begum Aga Khan (in white) with Wally Byam and the Caravanners



Airstream Caravan Meets Camel Caravan on the Road to Luxor



Avenue of the Sphinxes in Luxor



Caravanners Visit the Colossi of Memnon

Over the next couple of days, the caravanners explored the area and took camel rides. Many climbed to the top of the Cheops Pyramid that, at about 480 feet high, was the largest of the three major pyramids in the area and the largest of the 27 major pyramids in Egypt. Several went inside the Cheops Pyramid to the burial chamber. They examined the Great Sphinx, the largest and most famous sphinx in the world, which was also near their campsite. Some took a side trip to Sakkara, only 10 miles away, to visit the Step Pyramid, the oldest pyramid in Egypt.

On February 8, African Caravan Photographer Pete Turner flew over their encampment and got aerial photos of the Airstreams parked at the base of the pyramids. When the photos were over, they hitched up and a police escort led them to a campsite in downtown Cairo where they were surrounded by all sorts of modern shops and ancient bazaars. That evening the Shell Oil Company put on a barbeque to celebrate the arrival of the caravan. The caravanners had a few days to see the sights in Cairo, including the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities that had a quarter of its floor space dedicated to the treasures of King Tutankhamen. Many also visited the former palace of Egypt's deposed King Farouk.

During their stay in Cairo, Andy Charles, the president of the Ohio Airstream Plant, flew in at Wally Byam's request to see firsthand how beat up their Airstreams were so that changes could be made to reduce or eliminate the problems.

On Saturday, February 13, the caravan had their big celebration banquet at the Nile Hilton Hotel. As the evening's entertainment, the caravan children put on a skit that recounted their adventures in Africa, celebrating their achievements and poking fun at some of the hardships they experienced.

During their stay in Cairo it became clear that, due to the ongoing war between Israel and Egypt, the caravan would not be allowed to drive thru Israel on their way to rendezvous with the 1960 European Caravan in Trieste, Italy. Arrangements were made to ship to Beirut, Lebanon and numbers were drawn to determine the order the caravanners would depart as space on ships became available.

On February 16, a police escort led most of the rigs from Cairo to the port in Alexandria, Egypt, a city in the lush green Nile Delta. A few caravanners on the last ships decided to spend their extra time in Egypt making a 5-day side trip to Mount Sinai. After getting the proper permits, they headed to the Red Sea and crossed the Suez Canal to the Sinai Peninsula. This group stayed two nights in a Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai, so that they could thoroughly explore the biblical mountain. When their side trip was over, this group was the last to ship out of Alexandria for Beirut during the last week of February.

It should be noted that three caravan families, #360 Harry and Grace Ziegler, #1309 Walter and Carrie Golden, and #2380 Arthur and Ellen Martin decided to end their caravan adventure and ship home from Alexandria. For the remaining 26 caravan families, while their "Cape Town to Cairo" dream had been fulfilled, the **Africa-Holy Land Caravan**, as it was officially known, was not yet over. When they disembarked in Beirut, Lebanon, they would be joined by a new caravan family to begin the "Holy Land" portion of the caravan.

To be continued.

Giza and Cairo



Wagon Wheel in Front of Pyramid



The Great Sphinx



Giza Campsite from the Air



Downtown Cairo Campsite



Wally Enjoying the Skit at the Nile Hilton

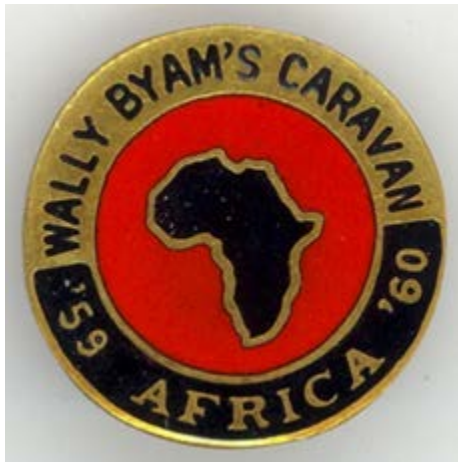
**African Caravan Advance
Scout Dale Schwamborn
Talks About
Adventures in Egypt**

Abu Simbel: Egypt would not allow the Caravan to drive overland to Aswan. Several months earlier several vehicles left Aswan for Wadi Halfa, but they were later found stopped on the road and all persons had perished from the lack of water and food. Therefore, the Caravanners loaded their vehicles on barges at Wadi Halfa and began the float to Aswan. Our flotilla was a chance of a lifetime. We stopped at the ancient site for Abu Simbel and spent hours walking through the site. This was prior to the High Aswan Dam's completion, the filling of Lake Nasser, and movement of the ancient ruins to higher ground.

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We Speak American, We Are Americans!: After leaving Aswan, the scout and mechanic trucks took a wrong turn on the way to Luxor. Egyptians began screaming and shaking their fists. They were chanting, "Down with the English, go home English". It was a bad scene. I yelled back "We speak American, we are Americans!" and the eruption subsided. A potentially violent situation became a good ole buddy reunion.

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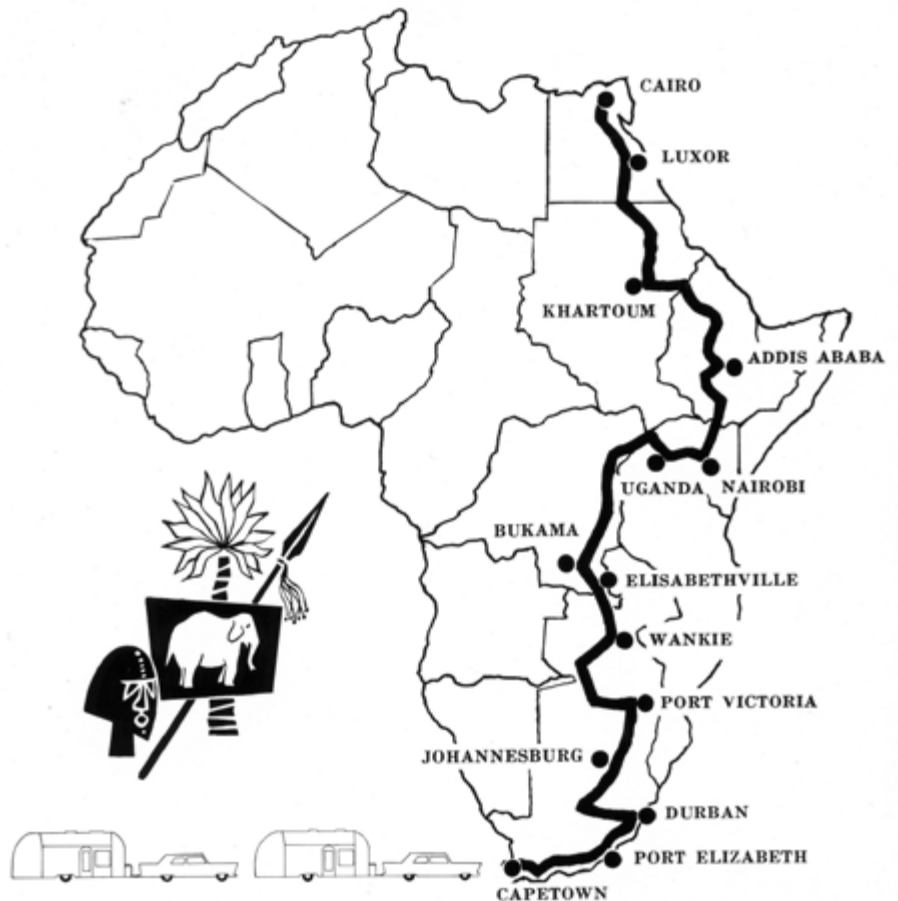
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Wally Byam's Caravan through AFRICA





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Airstreams and Condensation

I was a round table moderator at the international rally in Salem. The topic discussed was “Condensation in Airstreams”. The feedback was very positive. The topic is also an ongoing hot topic on Air Forums.

My wife and I have been Airstreaming for about ten years. We love our Airstream, currently a model 28 Flying Cloud. We also love camping in the Northwest. Our daughter and family live in Portland, Oregon. We all have heard, “It rains all the time in Portland.” This isn’t exactly true. The rainy season is October thru May. But if you are camping there in the “rainy season,” condensation inside your Airstream is a big problem. We had water condensate in the windows. It would then drip and accumulate in the window channel, flow thru the latch opening and end up dripping down the wall and under the linoleum where it could rot the floor and grow mold.

We also had moisture accumulate under our memory foam mattress, between the mattress and the wood platform. The result was mold growth on the wood platform as well as on the mattress cover. This prompted me to research the issue for solutions to our high humidity. This is my attempt to share that experience with you.

Definitions

So, before we talk about the source and cause of high humidity and solutions to it, let's understand a couple of definitions.

What is humidity? Humidity is the term we use to describe the amount of water vapor in the air. We normally express this as a percentage...45% for example.

What is condensation? Condensation of water vapor occurs on surfaces when the temperature of the surface is at or below the dew point temperature of the atmosphere. This is what we notice as sweat in our windows or when our cold mug of beer drips on our wife's favorite coffee table.

What is dew point? The dew point of an air parcel is the temperature to which it must cool before water vapor in the air begins to condense. The more saturated the air, the higher the humidity and the higher the dew point. Hot air can hold more moisture than cold air. So the dew point varies with the amount of moisture in the air. If warm moist air comes in contact with a cool surface, the dew point is easily reached and the moisture drops from the air leaving droplets of water (condensation) on that surface.

The Problem

Even if you are not in Oregon during rainy season, condensation can be a problem. Condensation in the windows (sweating) may seem somewhat harmless. Water dripping from the new ducted air outlets may seem like an annoyance. But these are signs that the humidity inside your trailer is

too high. If humidity is too high, mold can grow, which can lead to poor air quality and health problems. If undetected, and not corrected, it can rot the floor of your Airstream.

The Airstream trailer is an aluminum can (a nice can). It can be very air tight, especially in the winter or cold weather camping when you have it closed up and the heat on. This is when high humidity is at its worst because the dew point is also high, and water can easily condensate, even where you cannot see it.

What about camping in Florida in July you ask? Well it may be extremely humid, but you will probably have the air conditioner running. The air conditioner will pull the humidity from the air and discharge it outside the trailer.

We are most concerned with high humidity when it is cool or cold and the trailer is closed-up tight and we are showering, cooking and just breathing...living in our trailer.

Cause of High Humidity

Sources of moisture we put into the air inside our trailers may consist of:

- Cooking
- Propane stove – a by-product of burning propane is water vapor
- Showers
- Refrigerator (1.33qt per day)
- Human Perspiration & Respiration (1.33qt per day per person)
- Humid air entering the trailer from outside

Controlling the Humidity

If we want to control the humidity, we have two options. We can control the amount of moisture we put into the air and/or we can control the amount of moisture we take from the air.

Limiting any of the causes listed above can help reduce the humidity in your trailer. However, I am certain you are going to cook and take showers. Even if you were to reduce your use of these things, it is worth noting that an average human puts about 1.33 quarts of water vapor into the air each

day. If there are two people in your trailer, they add over a half gallon of vapor to the humidity in your trailer each day. So there is only so much we can do to limit the water vapor we put into the air of our small living space.

Yes, we can turn the bath fan on when we shower and turn the kitchen fan on when cooking. Vent the moist humid air directly out of your trailer immediately. You can even turn on the Fantastic Fan or open the vent to allow humid air to escape. Hot air will rise and carry with it the warm humid air replacing it with cool air from outside your trailer. Remember the cooler air outside holds less moisture than the warm air inside. Your heating bill may go up, but your humidity will go down.

Now let's look at the other option to control humidity by removing moisture from the air - **Dehumidification**. It has been suggested that if you wipe down the windows, you will reduce the moisture and avoid further condensation. This may be partially true. The question is, "What did you do with the wet towel after you wiped down the window?" If you placed it in the trash inside the trailer, you simply moved the moisture from the window to the trash. It will be back. But if you were to remove the wet towel from the trailer, you also removed the moisture. If you were to wring the towel out and drain the water from it down the sink, you again have succeeded in removing the moisture. The bottom line is that the moisture must be removed from inside the trailer not simply relocated.

Dehumidifiers are used to remove excess moisture from air and reduce the humidity. The solution is simple, right??? It is until you start thinking about your small living space, possibly limited power, and the noise factor of traditional dehumidifiers. Anyone of these factors may be a deal breaker. Traditional dehumidifiers utilize a compressor, just like your air conditioner. They are heavy, bulky, noisy and not very efficient. These were all deal breakers for me.

I then came across a line of dehumidifiers known as desiccant dehumidifiers which are light, quiet, great at lowering the humidity and relatively energy efficient. They have no compressor. Unlike a compressor style unit, their effectiveness does not drop as the temperature drops. This is important. Ratings on a compressor type unit will vary dependent on temperature. As the temperature drops, so does its ability to remove moisture from the air. A unit may be rated at 20 pints/day at 86 degrees and 80% relative humidity. The same unit may only be rated at 10 pints/

day at 80 degrees and 80% relative humidity. 80 degrees is not the room temperature we typically maintain. A compressor type unit rated at 30 pints a day will seldom deliver that performance at 65 or 70 degrees.

Conversely, a desiccant model is unaffected by the air temperature. It is worth noting that a desiccant model will warm the air passing thru it by up to 15 degrees. In our conditions, this is a good thing because we are camping in colder conditions.

Proper humidity is between 30 to 50 percent with the ideal being 45 percent. With desiccant dehumidifiers, the desired humidity level can be selected and the unit will work to maintain that level.

I do not wish to endorse any manufacturer, but you can search for “desiccant dehumidifier” and find them easily. When selecting a unit, first determine how much water vapor it should be capable of removing from the air each day. It is better to have capacity you may never need than to have too little capacity all the time. If the unit is unable to remove enough moisture, it is worthless. I would recommend a unit rated to remove at least 15 pints per day.

Hot Humid Camping

I mentioned earlier that you may experience condensation dripping from the air conditioner discharge outlets. This, to my knowledge, is mainly on the newer Airstreams with “ducted” air conditioning but can occur on any model when conditions are right. This occurs because your interior air is so humid that when it makes contact with the cooler material around the a/c discharge, condensation occurs and water begins to drip. The solution is to dehumidify the air inside your trailer. The dew point will be lowered and condensation avoided.

Other Considerations

Air Circulation. I must also revisit some previous comments such as condensation under the mattress. If air cannot circulate, any dehumidifier is useless. Moisture can form and cause problems in areas where air cannot circulate. When I found moisture and mold under our mattress, my quick solution was to put shoes under the mattress every morning and hopefully remember to remove them when we went to bed. Thus the air

could circulate and dry the area under the mattress. Since then I have added a layer of “HyperVent” under the mattress. HyperVent is a spun or woven polymer mat that allows airflow thru it. You can find it and similar products online. Here are a couple of links.

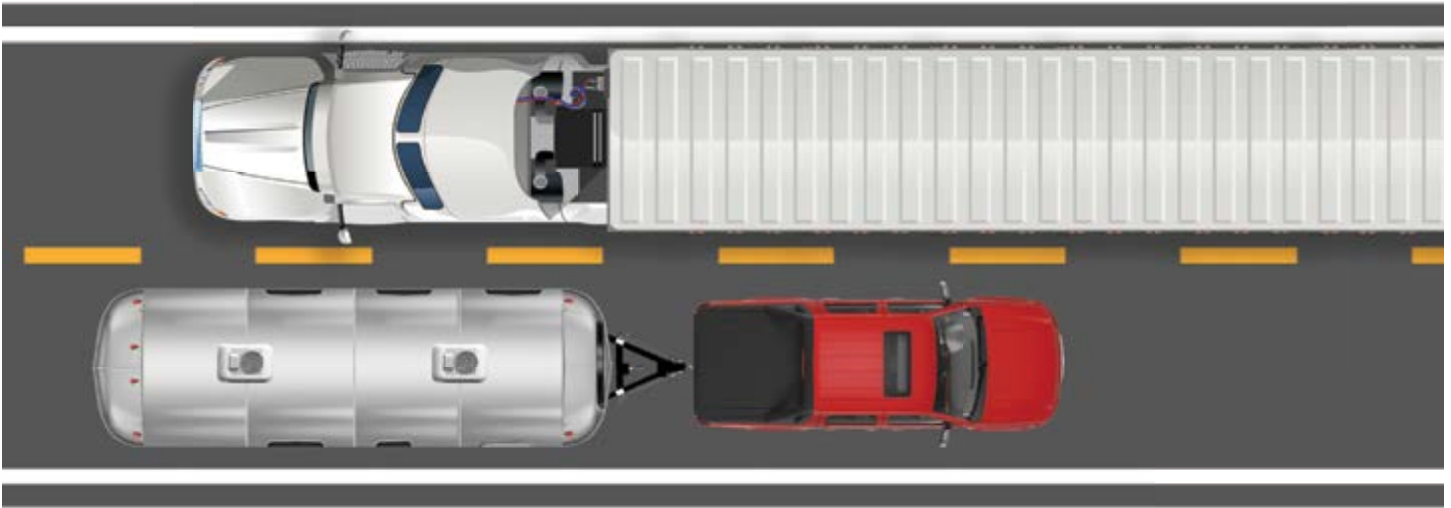
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HyperVent <https://www.defender.com/product.jsp?id=1818021>

There are other solutions to the issue of condensation under the mattress such as drilling holes in the base or putting slats under the mattress. A better idea would be to prevent condensation in the first place.

Insulation. Insulation is your friend. It is the lack of insulation and a vapor barrier that allows the moist humid air (with a high dew point) to contact the cold surface in a window that creates the condensation. The same is true on the condensation under our bed mattress. The difference is that we can insulate better under our mattress to keep that warm moist air from contacting a cooler surface and compensating. Not only did I put a woven mat under our mattress, but I also added insulation. If you desire to do likewise, you have many choices. Just remember to have a vapor barrier on the interior side of the insulation. Otherwise, moist air may flow thru the insulation and come in contact with the colder outer surface and condense there.





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Northern Colorado

Rhonda & Jim Cooper, #1967

Northern Colorado Cities and the Great Outdoors

We expect many Airstreamers have already started planning for their Colorado experience. Our goal in the next few months is to nudge you to explore Northern Colorado cities, experience a variety of amazing outdoor spaces and enjoy the many scenic drives.

Loveland and Fort Collins are nestled against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and Greeley is part of the Eastern Plains. The WBAC International Rally at the Ranch complex is centrally located to all three cities. We have listed our favorites in each city, not in any order, followed by our favorite outdoor options close to the rally site.

Loveland Favorites

VisitLovelandCO.com

Visitor Center 5400 Stone Creek Circle 970-667-3882

Benson Sculpture Park: Over 160 pieces of art are part of a 10 acre garden. Loveland is known as one of the best small art towns in America with over 475 pieces of art throughout the city.



Sculpture Park

Downtown (4th Street and Vicinity):

100% of the businesses downtown are locally owned. Lots of shopping, dining, art galleries and a dine-in movie complex.

Loveland Museum and Gallery: Journey back in time with displays of Life on Main Street, Great Western Sugar Factory, Colorado Big Thompson Relief Map and Sweetheart City USA. The museum is free; the gallery has rotating exhibits of impressive art for a small fee.

Fort Collins Favorites

VisitFortCollins.com

Downtown Visitor Center 225 Meldrum St 970-482-3746



Fort Collins

Gardens on Spring Creek: Enjoy a self-guided tour of the community botanic garden on 18 acres. The newest features for 2020 will be a butterfly pavilion and two naturalistic gardens – the Prairie and Foothills.

Downtown (North College Avenue):

Often called “Old Town,” has one of the most walkable downtowns in

America and was inspiration for Disneyland’s MainStreet USA. Enjoy eateries, independent retailers, world-renowned breweries, tree-lined parks, bustling plazas, public art and entertainment.

Museum of Science and Discovery: A great experience for families with children of all ages. Features hands-on history, science and cultural experiences.

Award Winning Breweries: Often referred to as the Craft Beer Capital of Colorado with over 20 local breweries. Many are family friendly with game room for kids and pet friendly.

Greeley Favorites

VisitGreeley.org

Visitor Center 902 7th Ave

Centennial Village Museum: Living history featuring 35 historical buildings and 8 acres of landscaped gardens allowing visitors to step back in time and learn about early pioneer settling of the western high plains.

Model Railroad Museum: One of a kind, open air designed museum, has hundreds of railroad scenes, more than 500 scale locomotives, 80 scale miles of train track, and thousands of handmade artifacts including 28,000 trees. Broad aisles allow viewers to see details from just inches away.



Railroad Museum

Many Options Near the Rally Site

Smaller communities with rural feel and lots of hospitality include **Berthoud, Johnstown, Severance, Timnath and Windsor.** Restaurants, shopping centers, and entertainment venues are within minutes of the rally site.

Northern Colorado Outdoor Spaces – Short Distances from Rally

Pack Your Gear for biking, hiking, walking, fishing, water sports, and golf. Don’t forget your sketchbook, camera and binoculars.

Hiking and Biking

Poudre River Trail from Windsor to Greeley would be extremely accessible for rally attendees. Easy access is from Colorado Hwy. 392 in Windsor

and you can ride 21 miles to Island Grove Park in Greeley or just walk to your hearts content. The trail is a wide paved path with gentle grades, meandering the Poudre River through cottonwood trees and wetland meadows.

Fossil Creek Reservoir Natural Area is best described as a rolling prairie uplands, wetlands, and tree lined reservoir. Designated as Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. Trails are not long but designed to minimize human impact on wildlife. Bring your binoculars, camera and sketchbook to take advantage of the area.

Biking, pet, and fishing are not allowed.

Devils Backbone Open Space has 12 miles of hiking and biking trails throughout the 2198 acres and is just 5 miles west of Loveland. The geological backbone is one of the most impressive and visible geological landmarks in the area. Just 2.3 miles round trip will take you to a natural keyhole in the rock. The highest peak visible will be Longs Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park.



Devils Backbone

Horsetooth Mountain Open Space offers 29 miles of hiking and biking trails. Just west of Horsetooth Reservoir, four miles from Fort Collins, the Horsetooth Rock is a familiar local landmark. One of the best and easiest hikes is to Horsetooth Falls, just 2.4 miles round trip. Entrance fee is \$9 per vehicle.

Public Golf Courses

Dozens of golf courses can be found in Northern Colorado, but two stand out for the casual player or purist. **City Park Nine** in Fort Collins was built in 1940 and is a regulation length 9 hole course featuring tight fairways, small greens and mature trees. **Cattail Creek** in Loveland is a 9 hole, par 3 course featuring four sets of tees for different skill levels. It offers plenty of challenges with water coming into play on five of nine holes.

Fishing

Communities in Northern Colorado within the Big Thompson and Poudre drainages offer river, lake and pond fishing.

Big Thompson River, just 17 miles from the rally site, the river is right along Hwy. 34 through the Big Thompson Canyon and continues for 27 miles.

Horsetooth Reservoir west of Fort Collins has 25 miles of shoreline fishing, stocked with smallmouth bass and walleye.

Poudre River, designated as Colorado's only 'Wild and Scenic' river offers many types of water and lots of access. 14 miles from the rally, Hwy. 14 follows the river through the Poudre Canyon for 50 miles. The river meanders through Fort Collins to I-25 and heads east.

Gateway Pond is just minutes from the rally site, located near the Walmart Supercenter in Timnath. The pond is stocked by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Loveland's Rivers Edge Natural Area, 163 acres, features five ponds with numerous access points and 3.8 miles of natural surface trails. The area connects to the Recreation Trail along the Big Thompson River, just west of downtown Loveland.

On the Water

Horsetooth Reservoir west of Fort Collins is popular for anyone who wants to fish, paddle or swim. With several boat ramps and beaches, The Inlet Bay Marina rents boats, canoes, kayaks and paddle boards.

Boyd Lake State Park on the east side of Loveland features a swim beach and 1700 surface acres for all kinds of watercraft. The marina rents boats,



Horsetooth

canoes, kayaks and paddle bikes. State Park entrance fee required.

Windsor Lake, just minutes from the rally site, features a variety of rentals for all ages at a very reasonable price. Rentals include kayaks, paddle boards, canoes, sportyaks, CORCLs and aqua trikes. The area features a 2.25 mile trail around the lake, dog park, picnic area and swim beach.

Official State Vacation Guide

We have highlighted our local favorites, but also make sure you are taking advantage of the Official State Vacation Guide available online at COLORADO.COM and get the apps for your devices by searching "Colorado Vacation Guide".

Colorado Welcome Center

Just ten miles from the rally site at 3745 East Prospect Road #105, Fort Collins, Colorado.



Habitat for Humanity Project at Loveland 2020 Rally

Lucius & Danielle Herrmann, #16771

Habitat for Humanity in Loveland builds year-round and construction volunteers are essential to their success. The Loveland Habitat organization is on schedule to build six homes this year and will need more than one thousand volunteers to complete their goal. While attending the International Rally, WBCCI members will have the opportunity to volunteer on a construction site or at the ReStore, Habitat's home improvement store that sells building materials, appliances and furniture. Please consider registering to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity while you are in Loveland to assist the local affiliate in their endeavor to build decent, affordable homes.

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 homes are built 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.

To volunteer at a construction site, use the following link and select the appropriate date. Follow the prompts to register. Registration for construction volunteers is available immediately. You will receive a registration confirmation as well as a reminder email prior to the event:

<https://signup.com/go/LtwvYur>

Registration for ReStore volunteers will begin in Spring 2020. Information will be provided in the March *Blue Beret*.





Community Service

Glenn Waters, #214, Community Service Chair

In the next few months, we will be making plans for our trip to Loveland Colorado. It is also time to start planning for Community Service Projects.

This has always been a BIG part on the club. We contribute the following items to the host city: hats, blankets, stuffed animals, items for the women's shelters and pull tabs. Last year in Doswell, we had 384 pounds. This year I would like to make it 500 pounds. I would also like to add items for the local food banks.

This year we have seen articles about Habitat for Humanity. They have given us spots to fill in construction to the tune of 60. I am sure that we can fill these spots. Check in with us when you get to the rally site.

Mona has chosen an organization called Hearts & Horses to support. More information will be coming at a later date.

Thank you for your help.

Most. Epic. Cornhole. Tournament. Ever!

Mona Heath, #152

Have you ever played cornhole? Have you always wanted to try and play cornhole? Have you ever wondered what the heck IS cornhole? Could you care less about cornhole? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this new event is for you!

Following are some details of this sure to be fun, fabulous and raucous event:

WHAT: Most. Epic. Cornhole. Tournament. Ever!

WHERE: Loveland2020 International Rally - Follow Your Wanderlust!

WHEN: June 22

WHO: Anyone who wants to have fun, laugh and possibly win a prize or two. All skill levels, or lack thereof, are welcome to play. Or just come out to cheer on your favorite team!

LOCATION: The Ranch Events Complex, exact location TBD.

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES:

- This will be a team play tournament; 2 people per team. If you don't have a teammate, no worries, we'll find one for you.
- Single elimination.

- \$5 entry fee per team with all monies collected donated to the MuttNation Foundation charity, Yay!
- All participants and spectators are requested to smile, laugh and enjoy themselves.

LOOKING FOR SCOREKEEPERS: Experts or rookie – we're looking for volunteers to help keep score during the tournament.

HOW: To register your team – creative names are encouraged! – please contact Annette Conoly @ annette.conoly@gmail.com with Team & Member Names.

This is going to be fun. This is going to be Epic!



Sho-Me the Ozarks Caravan

Elna Thompson, #805

What better way to be shown the Ozarks than to be taken "HOME"? Two of our leaders, Jack and Kay Garrett, did just that! They introduced us to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that were native to them. We drove the hills, smelled the forests and farms, enjoyed the music of the hill folks playing banjos, dulcimers, guitars and fiddles, and tasted catfish, frog legs and country fried this and that. Everyone knows the Garretts (she as a teacher and he as the "judge"). The two told many a story about local family and friends that brought life to the area. Because of their contacts, we Airstreamers were treated "extra special". As we bused to events, Jack kept a running dialogue about the area and inside stories that gave more meaning to what we saw.

The first "Sho-Me the Ozarks caravan has finished after a whirlwind of activities in the area. Just where are the Ozarks? We discovered that the Ozarks are located in Arkansas, southern Missouri and a small portion of east Kansas. Our caravan began in the beautiful rolling hills that made for thrilling byways curling around the curves and every now and then, a super-

highway. We saw farmlands, small villages of indefinite ages with vintage buildings and shops that were making the effort to come into the 21st century (and luckily failing). If you are in hurry, you won't really see what we were privileged to see on our 28-day adventure. Anna Janesko and Bob George were the co-leaders who joined Kay and Jack in showing us the Ozarks.

Highlights of the caravan were many, beginning with a great group of adventurers. The Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View introduced us to local and professional artisans who exhibited the crafts of the Ozarks such as broom making, quilting, basket making, blacksmithing, cornhusk figures and knifemaking. In Cotter, we were treated to an authentic chuck wagon dinner and breakfast prepared in Dutch ovens, toured Eureka Springs in a trolley and attended the Passion Play. We visited the original Walmart in Bentonville and the outstanding Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Five days spent in Branson gave



a chance to see whatever shows we chose. We had the opportunity to visit the fantastic aquarium and wildlife museum at the huge Bass Pro Shop in Springfield. We learned how sheep dogs round up flocks, cutting horses contain cattle and just for fun, watched a mule jump higher than its height. Along the way, we enjoyed the music of the hills; square danced and heard a very special musical storyteller. Everywhere we went, our Airstream group was introduced and welcomed in churches, stores and had surprise impromptu tours and talks.

AND, we can't forget the food we ate in abundance, from the Crescent Hotel, a haunted historic hotel, to our final banquet. At the College of the Ozarks, students prepared and served a delicious meal. On two occasions we had catfish and Jack's son and friend treated us to barbequed ribs. Our final banquet was an elegant meal of surf and turf. Surely, this was a "20 pound caravan"!

Antiquing, a cave tour, pumpkin night at Silver Dollar City, "Little House on the Prairie" Laura Ingalls' home, game nights and bingo. You name it, we most likely did it! A fun time was had by all.



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>

Copy this to your browser for the online application
<https://form.jotform.com/92414913991160>

Swiss Festival Rally

**Sugarcreek, Ohio
September 20 - 27, 2020**

Cindy Conant

The 58th Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio is the longest continuously running rally in the world and will take place September 20-27. You will learn about the Amish way of life and about their history and businesses and enjoy the beautiful rolling hills and farms in Southeast Ohio.

The "Day in the Park" on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream, fresh popcorn, delicious apple butter and bean soup cooked in huge kettles over open fires. Students from the Amish

schools the group will tour are invited to lunch at the park and will have the opportunity to drive a golf cart. That evening you will be in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

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

Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the 58th annual Swiss Festival September 26-27, 2020, when you will be shuttled downtown for the festivities and parades.

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

Branson Musicland Revisited Rally

**America's Best Campground
Branson, Missouri
September 22 - 29, 2020**

Sponsored by Region 8

Gary Rush

You will be welcomed to the beautiful Ozark mountains boasting hills, valleys and lakes with dinner and a Hillbilly Party. Entertainment will be provided by a group from Silver Dollar City. Wear your best hillbilly costume, you just might win a prize!

Enjoy the Best of Branson entertainment with 5 shows and a day at Silver Dollar City, that has many show venues. You also have a free day to explore the Ozarks. You will be treated to a bus tour and lunch followed by a Dinner Show. Branson also provides lots of shopping and crafts.

Hosted by:

Gary & Linda Rush, Ph. 573-280-0021, email: grush26209@msn.com & Glenn Waters, Ph. 618-254-4238, email: gew26499@sbcglobal.net

Antelope Rally

**Heward Ranch
Near Medicine Bow, Wyoming
September 23 - 27, 2020**

Chrissy Bunn

Come to enjoy Wyoming and experience old time camping in your Airstream. Antelope hunting is the main activity for those who wish. You must apply for and draw a tag. Application period starts January 2. The deadline for non-resident hunter is May 31. Great fishing is nearby. Choices of campsite activities can include quilting bee, crafting, painting and hiking. You will be dry camping with limited electricity (first come/first serve basis). There will be a porta potty on site. Water will be available at the cook shack. Bring your camera!

Applications for antelope licenses may be obtained online <http://gf.state.wy.us> or by calling 1-800-842-1934 or 1-307-777-4600.

Registration Fee - \$85.00 per person through September 10 and \$95.00 per person after September 10 – dry camping with limited electricity, porta potty on site. Fresh water – available at cook shack only.

Contact: Chrissy Bunn, Rally Chairman at 307-349-2018
cbunn@wyoming.com

Send Registration: Sec/treas. Debbie Eccli, 3044 Dillon Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001 307-631-2560 deccli@wyoming.com

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally

**Athens, Alabama
September 28 - October 4, 2020**

Russ Pry

Rally in Athens, AL for the 54th Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Early parking for the volunteers available on September 28. The Airstream rally starts on September 29 with welcome dinner. Upon arrival, sign up for tours to area destinations. A free concert opens the convention on October 1. The \$55/person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. Competitions include playing instruments, singing and dancing. Craft and food concessions found throughout campus.

Exclusive WBAC parking includes 20 AMP power, water and one (1) pump out for \$25/night located within 3/10 mile off the main venue. Parking reservations requires four (4) night minimum. Rally attendees are also welcome to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15. Visit <http://region6.airstreamclub.net> for Airstream Rally updates. Visit <http://www.tvotfc.org/> for convention information and schedule updates. All rally attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Jam sessions planned at the WBAC camp site and/or the Domino Room at Athens - Limestone County Visitors Center.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally

**Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 2 - 6, 2020**

Ken Johansen

Join us for our 14th annual Balloon Fiesta National Rally! Ask those who have been with us in previous years and they will tell you what a great event this is.

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

In 2019, over 900,000 spectators attended Balloon Fiesta, the most photographed event in the world. Over 700 balloon pilots representing 19 countries came to experience the famous Albuquerque Box, cool morning temperatures and the geography of the Rio Grande Valley cause lower winds to blow south and higher winds to blow north. By adjusting altitude, skillful pilots can make several passes and return to the launch field to land. During the Mass Ascension, hundreds of balloons, including 108 special shapes, filled the clear, early morning skies.

The best way to experience Balloon Fiesta is, without a doubt, by attending the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta National Rally. For 2020, we have again secured 150 premium dry camping sites. Attendees can be on the launch field in minutes after getting out of bed and can walk up right next to the balloons as they launch. Alternatively, you can sit in lawn chairs by their trailers and wait for the balloons to drift by overhead. Watch for registration information on our website balloonfiestarrally.airstreamclub.net sometime in mid to late January. Do not hesitate to sign up as this rally fills quickly - registration deadline is 1/31/2020. The 2020 rally runs from Friday, October 2 to Tuesday, October 6. Check us out on Facebook/ balloonfiestarrally for more information. We hope to see you there!

REGION 1

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

Greetings to all of our Region One Members and those of you who wish you were members. Yes it's been several months since you last heard from me and I must tell you the truth; I put my typewriter away for the winter and totally forgot that I needed to get my copy into Jackson Center in time for the printer for this edition. Deadlines, go figure. I must share, if it weren't for Deb at the office, I would miss every deadline. Like all of the wonderful folks at headquarters, Deb is my guardian angel making sure I get something on paper worth printing.

Much has happened since we last shared a cup of coffee together; the Airstream plant expansion project is incredible and on time. Plant tours of the new facility are expected to begin mid-April, so mark your calendar and travel out west to visit the mothership. To really make the trip worthwhile, break something in your Airstream so you have a valid reason to be there and camp at the terraport. If you haven't visited the Airstream website recently, you really need to check it out. Not only will you find the usual information and photos of all of the offerings currently available but also a wealth of camping information, tips and cool stuff you need to make your adventures even more remarkable. Speaking of websites; our very own WBAC is a work in progress and becoming more engaging as it grows. Lots of interesting points and more information than ever before.

All of the clubs in Region One have been seeing positive growth in their membership and the calendar of events and rallies continues to grow. First up for this year's camping season will be the National Event, Pets & Paws, which will be a sellout again this year so if you are thinking of attending, you no longer have time to think about it, send in your rally form and check. In addition, the Charter Oak Club is working overtime putting together the Region One Rally this year. A very exciting time is guaranteed for all so help them out with seed money and send in your registration as soon as you can. You still have time to save a few bucks by registering before April first.

If you find yourself wanting to share anything with your fellow Region One members, just shoot me a note and I'll be sure to include it in my next article.

REGION 2

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Congratulations to the following units of Region 2 which have had a name change approved and are now known as:

Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club
Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club
DelMarVa Airstream Club
New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club, and
Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club

What better way to define who we are than to have *Airstream Club* in our Unit name!

Congratulations, also, to Watchung NJ Airstream Club #68 which celebrates its 55th Anniversary in WBCCI this year. Way to go, Watchung!

By mid-December, 71 out of the 108 sites set aside for the 2020 Region 2 Rally at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, ON, have already been reserved. It's going to be a wonderful time and we're hoping to fill every available site! If you haven't been up to the 1000 Islands area of NY State and into Ontario, here's your chance to enjoy a special part of North America. Stunning Kingston, city of limestone, is the Gateway to the 1000 Islands of the St Lawrence Seaway and the historic Rideau Canal which connects Canada's capital city of Ottawa to Kingston on Lake Ontario. This UNESCO designated waterway is 202 km (125 miles) in length and contains a total of 45 locks. Kingston, with centuries of history behind it, provides an abundance of choices of things to see and do. For more information and how to register, visit the [Region 2 website](#).

On May 26, the fun and relaxing *Rocky Mountain High Caravan* will depart from the Region 2 rally in Kingston headed to the 2020 International Rally in Loveland, CO. This will be an unhurried trip across southern Ontario and the USA with 2 or 3-night stops at every campground. The route will cross Ontario, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. Our Caravan Leaders have some interesting and cool activities planned for us along the way. Details and enrollment information are posted on the [Region 2 website](#).

Both the Region 2 rally and the *Rocky Mountain High Caravan* have an interesting twist – registrations are being handled by two event registrars – one on either side of the border and one in Canadian dollars and the

other in US dollars! We're hoping that this keeps currency conversion costs down. Region 2 Treasurer Will Kushto and Ontario Registrar John Gough are doing a fabulous job of keeping everything straight. Thanks, Will and John.

While camping season is still a long way off here in Region 2, there are plenty of indoor winter gatherings planned in the meantime. For now, here in the north, our Airstreams lie in wait under their snow blankets.

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
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Ah, February, the month of love! There are all kinds of love – romantic, family, people, places and things. Love requires that one is dedicated to the object of one's love.

Airstreamers know love of all types. Through their dedicated volunteering efforts, Airstreamers have created an organization that is more like a family than a corporate organizational climate. Years and years of volunteer hours have made the unit, regional and international rallies, caravans and special event rallies the envy of other camping groups! Airstreamers are dedicated volunteers who love what they do and the members they do it for.

The key word is “volunteer” to the success of all these events.

According to Julie D'Esposito, Operation Warm's National Volunteers Manager, in an article on their website, “There are three key components that are crucial to building a dedicated and invested volunteer network.”

The first criteria is to “find the right person.” Full disclosure of what the job involves will help the candidate to decide if they truly want to give their time and talent for what could be a six-year commitment as for Region officers. Julie says, “The only surprises you want your volunteers to have is how much fun volunteering for your organization really is.”

The second thing is connection: “Connect the volunteer's role to how it helps your cause and make sure you share common goals.” For example, connection of jobs at the International Rally is so evident – every committee (there are about 130 of them) is there to interact and aid every other in one way or another. Airstreamers know about interconnection of committees at all levels!

The third “and most important element is to establish culture that values its volunteer.” As David Grover of non-profit Volunteer Match has said, “Volunteers get paid in acknowledgement, not money.” It's so important to make sure the volunteer is motivated and appreciated so they will keep coming back!

February is the month to thank all those dedicated volunteers who have lovingly chose to work together and share our passion for fun, friendship and adventure!

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
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As the new year progresses, we are looking forward to several Region 4 events. Join us!

Mark these dates for the coming year:

- May 13-17, 2020, Region 4 Rally in Adrian, MI
- June 3-6, 2020, just prior to the caravan to Loveland, CO, Region 4 President Karen Fisher will host 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 from Coldwater, MI to Loveland, CO. Contact Will and Pat Franger, williamfranger@aol.com or call 559-641-8604.
- May 2021, Region 4 Rally near Glen Jean, WV at the Summit Bechtel National Boy Scout Reserve

You can contact Karen Fisher for details on the rallies at fisherkjan23@sbcglobal.net or call 248-672-0353. You may contact Will Franger for more information on the caravan at the number above.

REGION 5

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Hello again Region 5 Members! Happy New Year to all of our Region 5 members!

Here is a Toast to all of us:

May our Rallies be many
And friends we won't lack
Let our Airstreams travel
With the wind at our backs!

First off, I want to welcome all of our new Club Presidents and wish them good luck with their endeavors as they lead our members in this new year:

Central Indiana Airstream Club - John Deegan
Northern Illinois Airstream Club – Peter Schwarz
Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club – Bernie Taylor
Indiana Airstream Club – Judy Rice
Kentucky Airstream Club – Karl Weisenberger

Thank you for volunteering! It is only with volunteers we can enjoy this wonderful Airstream Club. I would love to see every member volunteer sooner or later to experience the joys of leading our members on all of our journeys!

It is with great sorrow that I announce the dissolution of our Southern Indiana Unit. Their membership had dwindled over the past few years to a point that retaining new officers was not attainable anymore. But the good thing is the existing members have the option to remain in the Airstream Club as "Members at Large" (MAL), or join another Region 5 Club. I understand that several members have joined other clubs. Please join me in thanking all of Southern Indiana members for their wonderful friendship!

I want to invite our members to our Region 5 Rally in Columbus, IN on September 16-20. Chris and Nancy Seplak are planning a great rally in a great city! Below is an excerpt provided by Chris Seplak with some of the details:

"Nancy and I would like to invite you to the 2020 Region 5 Rally in Columbus, IN. It will be at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds on September 16-20. Columbus is a beautiful town with lots of shopping areas and lots of restaurants to enjoy. We will also be within 20 minutes down the road from Nashville, IN which has a lot of shops also. We have two tours scheduled for Thursday and Friday mornings. You will be served breakfasts Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will be having

entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. We will have our banquet on Saturday night. More information about events at the Rally will come out later in the Spring.

You will have four nights camping on the fairgrounds with 30 amp service with daisy chain water hookup. You can come in on Monday the 14th or Tuesday the 15th if you would like for an extra charge. We have a dump station on the fairgrounds. Please bring extra extension cords, water hoses and water splitter to daisy chain, if needed. We will have the Community Building all weekend with outside access to the restrooms. We will not have access to showers on the grounds. Nancy and I would like all clubs to bring gifts to give out at the rally for rally gifts for the participants of the rally. Please bring enough to cover the number of people participating. Thank you.

The cost will be announced shortly. No one can come in before Monday the 14th and all trailers must be off the grounds by Sunday the 20th afternoon.

Nancy and I will be looking forward to seeing all of you in Columbus."

As I have 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 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
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Hello to a new decade – 2020! Many from Region 6 attended Canopener in January at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in the Florida panhandle to kick off the new year and new decade. The new year begins with many clubs planning activities in the next few months.

The Alabama Airstream Club and Pensacola Airstream Club will join together for a winter rally "Sharing Hearts" at the Mystic Springs Airstream Park in McDavid, FL on February 20-23.

The Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will hold its mid-winter Unit Board of Trustees meeting March 6-8 in Jay, OK, which is open to everyone. There will be opportunities for skeet shooting, walks in the woods and fishing. The annual Razorback Baseball Rally will be April 23-26 at Road

Hog RV Park in Fayetteville, AR and to cheer on the Hogs baseball team when they face the Auburn Tigers.

East Tennessee Airstream Club members will hold their Rivets at the Ridge Rally in the Smoky Mountains April 30 – May 3 at the Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville, TN. The rally will feature unique seminars, group activities, music and food!

The Louisiana Airstream Club is celebrating Mardi Gras with a rally at La Pay E Bas RV Park in Eunice, LA February 19-26. Get ready for music concerts, jam sessions, gumbo and street dances!

Mississippi Airstream Club members will get together for a New Orleans Rally March 23-27 at the New Orleans KOA in River Ridge, LA.

Music City Airstream Club has a rally/caravan beginning on March 26 at Davy Crockett State Park near Lawrenceburg, TN and ending on April 4 in Natchez, MS.

Pensacola Airstream Club rallies are held at Mystic Springs Airstream Park in McDavid, FL. On February 20-23, the Pensacola Club will hold a buddy rally "Sharing Hearts" with the Alabama Airstream Club. On March 19-22, the Pensacola members will be "Celebrating the Past" and on April 16-19, they will have a "Flower Power" rally.

**Tennessee State Rally - "Rivets at The Ridge"
The Ridge Outdoor Resort
Sevierville, TN
April 30 - May 3, 2020**

"Explore like a local!" Let us share with you our favorite local hidden gems in the Gatlinburg / Sevierville / Pigeon Forge area at our 2020 Tennessee State Rally in the Smoky Mountains! Look forward to unique seminars, group activities, music, food and assisted free time. Our rally coincides with the popular Gatlinburg "Hands-On" Arts and Crafts workshops gathering May 1–3, <http://handsongatlinburg.com>

We'll camp away from the touristy congestion, yet still be just a few miles from hiking, shopping, entertainment, and exciting outdoor activities. We will be at The Ridge Outdoor Resort, a new, beautiful, deluxe RV location, with full hookups, level pads and great amenities. We are holding 70 campsites and 2 tiny homes, so register now! All Airstream Club members are encouraged to attend.

Register for rally: <https://airstreamclub.org/2020-rivets-ridge-tennessee-state-rally>

Contact: Bruce Jones, 865-679-1820, email: b.w.jones@icloud.com for assistance or questions.

REGION 7

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Up here in the frozen north of Region 7, unit luncheons and dinners are held in the winter with many Airstreamers who can't wait until spring arrives to once again get those wheels turning with their summer travel plans. The Region 7 **Anatomy of a Murder** Rally is being held August 20-25 in Marquette, MI. The tours, games, presentations and a charity auction will keep you entertained. And yes, there will be a "Flamingo Day" and an Open House for the public so plan to bring your flamingo garb, spirit and decorations. Information and online registration in US and Canadian Funds at <https://region7.airstreamclub.net>.

Why not continue your journey through Region 7, with a stop at the Minnesota Airstream Park in St. Cloud, MN and then join the new WBCCI National Caravan – **Northern Lights and Polar Bears** that starts September 14 at the International Peace Garden at the Manitoba/North Dakota border. See the WBCCI's *A Promise of Peace* with a tour at the Peace Garden and in Boissevain, MB. With stops in Neepawa, Dauphin, Swan River and The Pas, you will experience some of Manitoba's beautiful country and experience a working Dairy Farm, Canola Seed Farm and Riding Mountain National Park. You will meet up with Josiah Flintabbatney Flonatin who guards the entrance to the city of Flin Flon. Next stop is Thompson, MB where we will get our rigs ready to be left while we journey by Via Rail to Churchill to see the *Northern Lights and Polar Bears*. A full four days of events including two days of Tundra Buggy Experience and one night on the Tundra Lodge. More information and online registration at <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-lights-polar-bears-caravan-2020>.

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
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Happy Belated New Year Airstreamers!

We attended the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting in Las Vegas this past January. It was only a six-hour drive from where we are wintered in Arizona. It was a good meeting and it was fun to renew acquaintances.

For those of you that may be wintering in Arizona, Region 8 holds a Winter Brunch the first Thursday of the month (except January) beginning in November and ending in April. The brunch is hosted by Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka of the Iowa Airstream Club. The brunch is open to any

Airstream member and we meet at 10 AM at the Golden Corral, 1868 N. Power Road, Mesa, AZ. For more information contact the Cabalkas – cdjcalbalka@juno.com.

Spring is right around the corner and soon it will be time for the spring rallies to start up. Some of the Region 8 Rallies sure have intriguing names. For instance: the Mark Twain Rally (April 17-20 in Hannibal, MO), Route 66, The Mother Road Rally (May 7-10 in Phillipsburg, MO), the Casino Queen Rally (May 14-17 in East St. Louis, IL), the Western Getaway (June 4-7 in Winterset, IA) and the Two Weekends and Mystery Airstream Tour (September 10-20 starting in Marshalltown, IA). Of course, the Region 8 Rally will be April 23-26 in Fremont, NE. The Rally's theme is "Find Your Path." For more information on our rallies, check the Airstream Club website.

We look forward to seeing you at the International Rally in Loveland, Colorado.

Safe Travels!

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor
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Howdy! Did Punxsutawney Phil emerge from his burrow and see his shadow? Will there be an early spring or six more weeks of winter? It really doesn't matter. Now is the time for RVers to start checking the many lists they made over the winter pertaining to their RV, i.e., maintenance list, supply list, wish list, need list, new idea list, travel plans list and any other lists they may have. It's time to begin working through the lists and checking off items when they are completed. Regardless of the weather outside, it is time to start preparing for this year's travels. Before long the roads will clear of ice and snow, the sun will shine for several days in a row and the temperatures will start to rise. Then everyone will want to be ready to get back on the road with their RVs. Will you be ready for that first trip?

Last October the members of Region 9 were saddened to learn that our International First Vice President's Lady, Past Region 9 First Lady, and our friend, Barb Selking, had lost her valiant fight with cancer. Words cannot express how heartbroken we were when we learned of Barb's passing. Barb was generous, kind-hearted, well-loved, and respected. As Winnie the Pooh said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good-bye so hard." We are so thankful that Barb was part of our lives.

We cherish our memories of times shared with her. We will all miss her; she touched so many of our lives. We send our condolences and prayers to Andy and their families.

Save the Date! The 2020 Region 9 Rally will be held on April 14-19 in Mineola, TX. The theme is *The Roaring 20's!* Put your costume together, practice your dance moves, grab your partner, and get ready to have some fun. Come revisit an era we have heard so much about - *The Roaring 20's!* You won't want to miss the fun, so plan to join us in Mineola in April.

Whoop, whoop! Region 9 is very happy to announce the addition of a Second Vice President, Nancy Fitzgerald, to its Leadership Team! Welcome to the Team, Nancy! The Region 9 Officers and members are thrilled to have a full slate of officers and are looking forward to working with our newly elected Second Vice President.

This month the spotlight shines on the Heart of Texas Camping Unit. The Unit's motto is, "Good Friends, Good Food and Great Adventure!" Included in the Unit are members who represent the complete range of Airstreams from Vintage to the newest Airstreams produced. The Unit strives to always have a welcoming atmosphere for the younger and young at heart members. The Unit members are constantly searching for new and unusual destinations for their rallies and caravans. They often boondock at the Lyndon B. Johnson National Grassland, caravan to Regional and International Rallies, and participate in Vintage Airstream activities. The Unit welcomes all who desire to participate in the Airstream lifestyle, and who appreciate the beauty of their Airstreams. Thank you to Past Unit President Dashedelle Murrin for providing information about the Unit.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: The newest Unit to join Region 9 is the Heart of Texas Camping Unit which joined the Region in 2006. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: In what year did Region 9 have the largest number of Units, and how many Units were there? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, make light work of your travel preparations and stay safe!

REGION 10

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The task of writing for this column is more challenging than I expected. It is early December and the column appears in the February *Blue Beret*. That is more "thinking ahead" than I usually do!

I expect you are working on your travel plans for the upcoming season. Or, perhaps you are already on a caravan travelling in the sunshine of the south.

Today, we have so many avenues to research and plan our trips. The *Blue Beret*, Facebook groups, friends, in addition to our usual resources.

What adventure are you considering? One of our Region 10 members, Jihong Tang, sent me a short synopsis of her adventure last year. Imagine the logistics, modifications, insurance, and costs to take your Canadian or American trailer into Europe for a 20-day caravan! Well, if you are adventurous, creative, and determined, you arrange a swap of your trailers for a period of time. That is what Jihong accomplished!

She discussed and planned with Arne Myhre (President) and Ian Jamieson, (Corresponding Secretary) to join the European Unit Caravan into Norway. Jihong arranged to swap her trailer for a European trailer for the caravan. She travelled nearly 4000 km through Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway. Just think of the excitement of that adventure in a new vehicle, new European set ups, languages, European campsites, new road regulations, etc. What an adventure; a truly international caravan; as she joined 20 European WBAC members.

Jihong said she had one of the best experiences of her Airstream life, great food, scenery, experiences and wonderful friends. I can imagine driving through the tunnels in Norway or on the autobahn would make driving through Seattle an easy trip!

Jihong's adventure should inspire you to consider a caravan for your summer travels. Join the Polar Bear Caravan to Churchill, Manitoba; tour the Oregon coast with the Oregon and British Columbia Units; or caravan with friends to your next Rally. It will make your trip more memorable.

As you plan this year's Airstream adventures, remember your Airstream has wheels - she wants to roll! There are Region and Club caravans, and rallies to fill your travel plans. Check the Region and Club websites or Facebook pages for details.

As you plan 2020 rally events, mark your calendar for July 21-26 to join Region 10 President, Sharon Cairns, and ATP (Advisor to the President) Stephen Fairley, for the Region 10 Rally in Lynden, WA, hosted by the Washington Unit and Region 10 Executives.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
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The Arizona Airstream Club will be camping in the center of Wickenburg on February 20-23. Rally hosts Tom and Deb MacWilliams and Pete and Judy Vergalla have a full schedule planned. The Rally site is the Wickenburg Community Center and located in the center of the west most

western town. Some of the activities include a half day tour of the Robson Mine (formerly the Vulture Mine). An opportunity to explore Old Town Wickenburg and how about a fish fry and dancing at the nearby Elks Club. Saturday will feature a docent led tour of the Desert Caballeros Museum. Happy hours, potluck dinners, talent sharing and ongoing Bingo games will make this a fun and educational Rally.

The Colorado Airstream Club will be meeting for a luncheon in Aurora, CO on February 15 at the Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way. Activities include a social hour starting at 11:00 AM, lunch, a review of a national caravan and an optional tour of portions of Heather Gardens. Heather Gardens is Colorado's largest retirement community and includes a variety of living opportunities.

REGION 12

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Welcome to a new decade of Airstream travel and Rallies. Hello! California and Nevada Airstreamers. I remember when WBCCI initiated the 2020 committee. They were supposed to suggest new ideas and changes for the International Club that were to be implemented by the year 2020. That year seemed so far away and now, here it is!

I want to welcome and congratulate the new, some of the incoming Presidents of the clubs that have communicated with us. Greater Bay Area AC, Eray Honeycutt; El Camino Real AC, Michelle Behan; Sacramento Valley AC, Nancy Harrington; South Coast California AC, Marya Barefoot; San Diego AC, Marla Liberty; NorCal AC, Ray Bell; and Lake Tahoe AC, Bob Stansbury.

Next week the Stansburys and the Smithsons will instigate the beginning of the Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena. It is totally sold out with a waiting list. The future of this rally is a little cloudy beyond next year (2020/2021). The School District is talking about renting out our rally site to a business. Their student enrollment is dropping, and they are looking for more income. The Stansburys are also bowing out of leadership after Cecelia is no longer President of Region 12. We are looking for a R12 club to take over the event. Sooooo! If you want to attend this event, get your reservations in now, before it's too late. First timers will be given priority.

Don't forget the Cali Rally this year and the Region Rally in October at Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert. I also want to hear about a lot of R12 Caravans that will be going to Colorado for the International Rally. Contact me with information or newsletters at burytone@yahoo.com.

From the Vice President of Sales



Lenny Razo

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, Ohio. It is hard to believe we are a month into 2020! Airstream was very blessed this past year and we wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year! Airstream is extremely excited about this New Year and the new decade ahead of us all.

Airstream has been extremely busy since I last wrote to you in November 2019. The biggest news is that our new production facility is now operational! Moving was no easy task as many associates spent all of December moving every department from the former main plant to the new facility. During the move our production team, along with many others, were able to make the move without hindering a trailer from releasing. This was absolutely remarkable. It is exciting that we now have 2020 Airstream trailers coming off the production line however, the offices and the Heritage Center are still under construction. The plan is for those two areas to open in late spring.

On January 9, 2020 another piece of Airstream history was written. Airstream hosted a small ceremony in the new facility to celebrate the new plant. CEO Bob Wheeler and COO Justin Humphreys both spoke about the significance of the new facility and how important all the people past and present were to achieving this milestone. Bob and Justin christened the last travel trailer from the "old" plant and first travel trailer from the new plant. These two trailers will have a special badge placed on each of them to signify the special event.

The next few months are very busy for our Airstream sales team. Airstream products will be shown at over 60 shows to thousands of customers. The early signs from the shows are that sales are good and the attendance seems up as well. We have introduced a lot of new products since last year, so our team is thrilled to show our products off around the country.

On behalf of over 900 hard working families in Jackson Center, Ohio, I would like to thank you for your business and passion for our products. It means the world to us all!

Live Riveted!





Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Well winter has shown up here in Ohio. As I write this article in late December, we have picked up about 6 inches of snow and the temperatures are quite cold. Must be time for a vacation to warmer climates!! We receive a lot of questions concerning the self-closing drawer slides we install in both the trailer and touring coach products. Most of the questions are concerning adjusting the drawers, so in this article I will show you where the adjustment points are.

Self-Closing Drawer Slides

In model year 2014, Airstream started using the self-closing style drawer slides in the Flying Cloud and International line of trailers. A few years later they were introduced in to the Touring Coach lines as well. They are a Tandem Plus 562H series slide produced by Blum. The drawer slides have tilt adjustment levers on the drawer slides as well as height adjustment levers on the drawer slides so they can be adjusted for a flush fit. The drawer slides do not have an adjustment for side to side movement so if this needs to be adjusted, the rail would have to be loosened and moved to the desired position. Below are some pictures of the drawer slides and the adjustment points.



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Bottom of Drawer Box



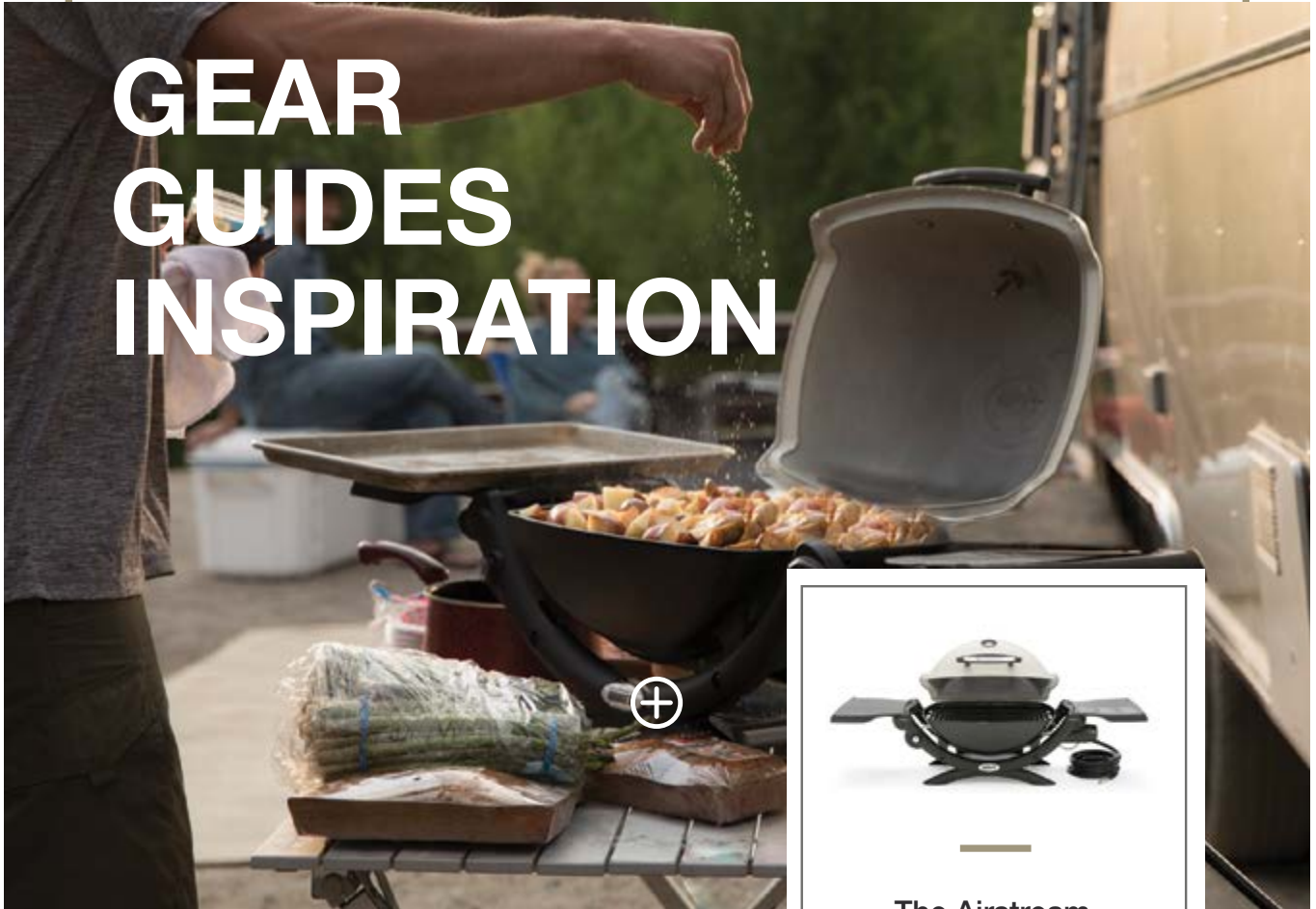
Height Adjustment Lever

If you squeeze the quick release handle, you can remove the drawer box to access the height adjustment lever. Slide the grey lever back and forth to adjust the height of the drawer.

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

Have a great month!

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 Mar 26-29 Silver on Mainstreet, Havana, FL
 Apr 17-19 Pets & Paws, Provincetown, MA
 Aug 2-9 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
 Sep 14-20 Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, OR
 Sep 20-27 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH
 Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisted, Branson, MO
 Sep 23-27 Antelope, Medicine Bow, WY
 Sep 28-Oct 4 Athens Old Time Fiddlers, Athens, AL
 Sep 30-Oct 4 Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
 Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM
 Oct 9-12 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day, Bristol, VT
 Oct 13-19 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Sun Valley, ID
 Dec 28-Jan 1, 2021 Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA



REGION 1 Activities



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

Apr 17-29 Pets & Paws Rally, Provincetown, MA
 Oct 9-12 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Feb 16 Valentine's Day Luncheon, Fireside Grille, 30 Bedford Street, Middleboro, MA, Trevor & Gale Lake 781-837-2539, email: trevorlake@verizon.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

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

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

May 21-25 Region 2 Rally, Kingston, ON, Canada

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

Feb 15 Luncheon, Palmieri's Restaurant <https://palmierisrestaurant.com>, 951 Old Frankstown Rd., Plum, PA 15239, Bev & Don Clayton 724-325-1205, email: aunt_bev@msn.com

Mar 14 Luncheon, Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub <https://hartwoodrestaurant.com>, 3400 Harts Run Rd., Glenshaw, PA 15116, Lia & Bert Gough 412-492-9541, email: rocks2portraits@gmail.com

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

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

DelMarVa Airstream Club - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

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

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- Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net
- Feb 8 Get Together & Luncheon, Fonthill Castle www.mercermuseum.org/visit/fonthill-castle, East Court St. & Rt. 313, Doylestown, PA 18901, Jody Dietz, email: jdietz4361@gmail.com
- Mar 21 Get Together & Picnic, Ironstone Park, 141 Grist Mill Rd, Boyertown, PA 19512, Jody Dietz, email: jdietz4361@gmail.com
- Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net
- Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club - mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net
- New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net
- New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net
- Ontario Canada Unit - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net
- Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club - penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net
- Pennsylvania Unit - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net
- Washington DC Unit - wdcu.airstreamclub.net
- Watching New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

- Northern Virginia Airstream Club - northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net
- Palmetto State Airstream Club - palmettostate.airstreamclub.net
- Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net
- Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>
- South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net
- South Florida Airstream Club - southflorida.airstreamclub.net
- Feb 19-24 Shake, Rattle and Soul Rally, Sarasota FG, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34237, <https://southflorida.airstreamclub.net/up-coming-rallies-2018-2019/>, Eileen Frerking 561-847-1677, email: efrerking70@gmail.com
- Mar 16-25 Three Florida State Parks Caravan, <https://southflorida.airstreamclub.net/up-coming-rallies-2018-2019/>, Eileen Frerking 561-847-1677, email: efrerking70@gmail.com
- Southeastern Camping Unit - southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net
- Feb 12-17 Farmlife 2020 Rally, Land O' Lakes, FL, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1098030900368084/>, Lisa Forsyth, email: ljforyth2000@gmail.com
- Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net
- Top of Georgia Airstream Club - topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net
- Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

REGION 3 Activities



- Region 3 Website: region3.airstreamclub.net
- Mar 5-8 Streamin On The Harbor 2020 Georgetown, SC
- Mar 26-29 Silver on Mainstreet, Havana, FL
- Apr 1-5 Region 3 Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC
- Aug 2-9 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
- Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - <http://bigbendflorida.wbcci.net>
- Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net
- Feb 22 Kickoff Luncheon, Village Tavern, 2000 Griffith Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/feb-luncheon-village-tavern/>, Bruce Thompson, email: 021vicepresident@wbcci.net
- Mar 12-15 Charleston, SC Rally, James Island County Park, 871 Riverland Dr, Charleston, SC 29412, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/charleston-sc/>, Campground Reservations: Call 843-795-4386 Tell the Campground you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally
- Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - <http://coastalgeorgia.wbcci.net>
- Florida Airstream Club - <http://floridaunit027.wbcci.net>
- Jan 30- Feb 3 Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Rally, 3076 95th Dr, Live Oak, FL 32060, Bob & Lyn Masters 813-886-7402, email: blmasters@icloud.com
- Mar 12-16 Suwannee River Rendezvous, Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort & CG, 828 N.E. Primrose Rd, Mayo, FL 32066, Susan & David Poole, email: susyqmeetup14@gmail.com
- Florida Springs Airstream Club - floridasprings.airstreamclub.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
- May 13-17 Region 4 Rally, Adrian, MI
- Sep 20-27 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH
- Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net
- Appalachian Unit of West Virginia - <http://ww.wbcci.net/>
- Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club - <http://cincinnati.wbcci.net>
- Columbus Ohio Unit - email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com
- Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit - mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net
- Feb 8 Luncheon 2 PM, Shale Tavern, 40964 OH 154, Lisbon, OH 44432, Gary & Edna Todd 330-853-0729, email: gwnetodd@att.net
- Mar 15 Luncheon 2 PM, The Crow's Nest, 1257 Harmon Rd, Ashtabula, OH 44004, Rick & Elaine Richardson 440-812-6490, email: rickelainehq@gmail.com
- Miami Valley Airstream Club - miamivalleyunitfoh.airstreamclub.net
- Michigan Airstream Club - michigan.airstreamclub.net
- Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit
- Feb 23 Potluck Luncheon, Sam & Mary Lou Earl's Home, Caro, MI, Sam & Mary Lou Earl 989- 673-4572

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Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net

Mar 20 Fish Fry, St. Joseph Activity Center, 115 North Liberty St, Galion, OH 44833, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001

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

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

Feb 8 Luncheon, Mark & Peggy Stephenson's Home, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, Mark & Peggy Stephenson 313-613-0442, email: ms_ps@mac.com

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

REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

Sep 16-20 Region 5 Rally, Columbus, IN

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Feb 1 Luncheon, MCL Rest. & Bakery Township Line, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, email: damon.beals@gmail.com

Mar 7 Luncheon, MCL Rest. & Bakery Township Line, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, email: damon.beals@gmail.com

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Feb 15 Chicago RV Show <https://www.chicagorvshow.com/>, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N River Rd, Rosemont IL 60018, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, email: pschw@msn.com

Mar 14 Pizza Party, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria <https://www.loumalnatis.com/elk-grove-village>, 1050 E Higgins Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, email: pschw@msn.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

Feb 9 Mid-Winter Luncheon, The Colaw Rooming House, 204 NW Vine St, Atlanta IL 61723, Bernie & Mary Taylor

REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

Apr 30-May 3 Tennessee State Rally, Sevierville, TN
Sep 28-Oct 4 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
Sep 30-Oct 4 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Mar 23-27 New Orleans Rally, New Orleans KOA 504-467-1792 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/new-orleans/>, 11123 Jefferson Hwy, River Ridge, LA 70123, Don Hummel 662-392-6065, email: DonEHummel@gmail.com

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Pensacola Florida Unit - pensacolafloida.airstreamclub.net

REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: region7.airstreamclub.net

Aug 20-25 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

Feb 15 Valentine's Day Luncheon, The Tavern Grill, 10950 Club West Parkway NE, Blaine, MN 55449, Kay & Chris Olsson, email: 055info@airstreamclub.net

Mar 14-16 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Claddagh Irish Pub, 7890 Main St, Maple Grove, MN 55369, Caroline & Paul Munro, email: 055info@airstreamclub.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

Wisc-UP Airstream Club - wisc-up.airstreamclub.net

Feb 15 Valentine's Day Luncheon, Water Street Brewery, 1251 Gateway Dr, Grafton, WI 53024, Ginny Janssen & Bill Scheuerell emails: bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net, vsjanssen@gmail.com

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

Apr 23-26 Region 8 Rally, Fremont, NE
Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisited, Branson, MO

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

Feb 15 Valentine Luncheon, Hofbrauhaus, 123 St Eugene Dr, Belleville, IL 62223, Barry Johnson 314-605-4214, email: ctajohnson@aol.com

Mar 7 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, John D. McGurk's Irish Pub, 1200 Russell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63104, Lyn & John Heald 314-803-3699, email: john.lynn33@yahoo.com

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

Feb 6 Region 8 Members in Arizona - Winter Brunch/Luncheon, Golden Coral, 1868 N. Power Rd, Mesa, AZ 85205, Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, email: cdjcabalka@juno.com

Feb 8 Valentine Luncheon, Sunrise Café, 908 West Main St, Le Grand, IA 50142, <https://iowa.airstreamclub.net/iowa-airstream-upcoming-events/>, John & Carol Heckman 319-429-8716, email: ceheck@mail.com

Mar 5 Region 8 Members in Arizona - Winter Brunch/Luncheon, Golden Coral, 1868 N. Power Rd, Mesa, AZ 85205, Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, email: cdjcabalka@juno.com

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozk.airstreamclub.net

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

- Feb 1 Luncheon, Rodeo Mexican Rest., 15510 State Ave, Basehor, KS 66007, Chris & Dustin Whitney 913-221-6724, email: rugdog.dw@gmail.com
- Mar 7 Luncheon, Smokehouse BBQ, 8450 NW Prairie View Rd, Kansas City, MO 64152, Mike Bedinger & Linda Bryant 816-729-5422, email: bedingerea@gmail.com

Nebraska Airstream Club - nebraska.airstreamclub.net

North Iowa Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 1 Sweetheart Luncheon, Saints Avenue Café, 1312 S. Story St, Boone, IA 50036, Fred & Ann Marcalus 515-310-2816 (Fred), email: marcxia@globalccs.net
- Mar 21 Lucky Luncheon, Saints Avenue Café <https://www.saintsavenuecafeia.com>, 1312 S. Story St, Boone, IA 50036, Scott & Jodi Jensen 515-321-0703, email: jo1213c@gmail.com

REGION 9 Activities



Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

- Apr 14-18 Region 9 Rally, Mineola, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 12-16 Mid-Winter Rally, Summer Breeze USA RV Resort, 3043 Waukegan Rd, Conroe, TX 77306, Barbara Mercer 281-744-0683, email: b.a.mercer@hotmail.com
- Mar 12-15 Rally, Conroe KOA, 19785 Hwy 105 W Montgomery, TX 77356, Clark Gardner 713-204-8126, email: rcg1726@comcast.net

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 21-24 Joint Rally w/Oklahoma Club, Choctaw Casino RV Park, 4216 US-69, Durant, OK 74701, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>, email: HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com
- Mar 13-16 Rally, Shangri La Ranch, 10768 C.R. 215, Anderson, TX 77830, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>, email: HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com

North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

- Feb 13-16 Rally: Healthy Living, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson 936-635-2094, email: emmalee@consolidated.net
- Mar 12-15 Rally: Don't Feed the Gators/Conversations with the Game Warden, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson 936-635-2094, email: emmalee@consolidated.net

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 5-10 Back to the Beach Rally, Matagorda Bay Nature Park 855-392-7638 <https://www.lcra.org/parks/Pages/matagorda-bay-nature-park.aspx>, 6430 FM 2031, Matagorda TX 77457, Keith Ferry 832-928-5727, email: ferry_keith@hotmail.com
- Mar 26-29 Bluebonnet Bonanza Rally, Barefoot Camp and RV Park 325-628-3395 <http://www.barefootcamp.com>, 795 County Road 444, Bend, TX 76824, Keith Ferry 832-928-5727, email: ferry_keith@hotmail.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

REGION 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

- Jul 21-26 Region 10 Rally, Lynden, WA
- Sep 14-20 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
- Oct 13-19 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Sun Valley, ID

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 6-9 Another 2020 Leak Test Rally, Heceta Beach RV Park, 4636 Heceta Beach Rd, Florence, OR 97439 <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/another-2020-leak-test-rally/>, Hal Hendrix & Terri Warren 503-701-2798, email: twestover@mac.com

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 23-27 Antelope Rally, Medicine Bow, WY
- Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 20-23 Wickenburg Rally, Wickenburg Community Center, 155 N Tegner St, Wickenburg, AZ 85390, Tom & Deb MacWilliams, email: tmacwms54@gmail.com
- Mar 2-9 Lake Havasu Rally, Lake Havasu SP, 699 London Bridge Rd, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403, Rick Carmichael, email: rick@carmichael.be

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

- Feb 15 Luncheon, Rendezvous Rest., Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO 80014, Carl & Marlene Russell, email: russellcarl69@gmail.com
- Mar 5-9 Arizona Trip, Part A, Lake Havasu SP, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403, https://colorado.airstreamclub.net/files/2019/09/2003-CAC-2020-AZ-Part-A_1.0.pdf, Ernie Nitka & Vicki Ottoson 303-777-6144, email: vottoson@gmail.com
- Mar 9-13 Arizona Trip, Part B, Distant Drums RV Resort, Boulder City, NV, <https://colorado.airstreamclub.net/files/2019/09/2003-CAC-2020-AZ-Part-B-2.0.pdf>, Ernie Nitka & Vicki Ottoson 303-777-6144, email: vottoson@gmail.com

Four Corners Unit - <http://fourcornersunit.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

Apr 16-19 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA
Oct 21-25 Region 12 Rally, Palm Desert, CA
Dec 28-
Jan 1, 2021 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA

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

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

Feb 5-9 Whale Watching Rally, Chula Vista RV Resort <https://www.suncommunities.com/community/chula-vista-rv-resort/>, 460 Sandpiper Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910, Bill & Joann Barber 614-991-3991, email: barbercab@aol.com

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net

Mar 5-9 Russian River Area Rally, Casini Ranch Family CG <https://casiniranch.com>, 22855 Moscow Rd, Duncans Mills CA 95430, Eric & LaVerne McHenry, email: eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - laketahoe.airstreamclub.net

Feb 2-3 3rd Annual Lake Tahoe Super Bowl Party, Stansbury Home, 2615 Oak Ridge Dr, Carson City, NV 89703, Bob Stansbury 775-297-3866, email: burytone@yahoo.com

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Feb 20-23 Rally, Death Valley NP, Fiddlers Camp, CA, Jo Salzer, email: jojos.mail@hotmail.com

Mar 20-22 Rally, Lake Mead NP, Diane Hancock, email: discotties@yahoo.com

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

San Diego Airstream Club - www.airstreamsandiego.com

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net

EUROPE *Activities*



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<http://europe.wbcc.net>

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We entered 2020 looking forward to another year of great rallies. At the time of writing in early January, four are planned so far in England, Belgium and Switzerland, all organised by members locally in the various countries. A list is on the website and more details are also sent in emails. Links to galleries showing photos of past rallies are also on the website.

At the time of writing, members are in the process of renewing for 2020. Europe has a core of members who renew every year, and most have attended rallies in the past year. Lasting friendships have formed, and

we are looking forward to more fun at the coming rallies starting with southern England in May. 2020 is an important year for WBCCI Europe. Because we formed in 2015, we have a number of members who will receive their first 5-year star to be applied next to their big red numbers.

We have more affiliate members in US and Canada and there is an increase in interest in attending European rallies. North American members attended rallies last year and arrangements are made for them either using rented SOBs, borrowed Airstreams or chalets on the same campground.

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2020 WBCCI National Caravans

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

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

4/30-6/9

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

6/19-7/10

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

7/8-8/17

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

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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New York (State) State of Mind 8/12-9/4

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 8/17-10/5

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 10/1-10/28

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.

Made in U.S.A. 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.

Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond 9/12-9/26

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.

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.

Northern Lights & 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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Viking Trail

6/23-8/18

Start: North Sydney, Nova Scotia Stop: North Sydney, NS

The friendliest people you will ever meet. Soak in Newfoundland's incredible scenery, culture, outdoor fun, and amazing history as we circumnavigate the island.

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Nuts for Ruts: Finding the Oregon Trail

7/29-8/29 (approx.)

Start: St. Joe, MO

Stop: Oregon City, OR

Following the path of the early pioneers we will cross the plains searching for the actual ruts the wagons left on their way west. We will visit museums, historical sites, and will find wonderful places to meet and eat.

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WBCCI / The Airstream Club International National Caravan Application (Please print clearly)

Date of Application: _____ Caravan # _____ Caravan Name _____

WBCCI# _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Pets _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Summer Address: _____

Winter Address (if applicable): _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ Email _____

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

Ham # (if applicable): _____ Handicapped: Y / N

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

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

Mail to the Caravan Leader

BRANSON MUSICLAND REVISITED RALLY Branson, Missouri September 22 - 29, 2020

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WBCCI # _____

Trailer/Motorhome Length _____

Rally Fee:
with 2 \$925.00
with 1 \$600.00

Rally fee includes 7 nights parking at ABC Campground. Enjoy 5 of Branson's best shows, a day at Silver Dollar City, a bus tour with lunch followed by a dinner show. A free day to explore the Ozarks on your own.

Make checks payable to: Branson Musicland Rally
Mail form to: Gary Rush Region 8
1490 Triple Cove Lane
Climax Springs, MO 65324

Ph: 573-280-0021 email: grush26209@msn.com

ATHENS OLD TIME FIDDLERS RALLY Athens, Alabama September 28 - October 4, 2020

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit # (no names or abbreviations) _____

Rally Fee:
Per adult # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
Per child # _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Softball Field WBAC
Camping per night # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____
(4 night minimum) Total \$ _____

Checks payable to: Alabama Airstream Fiddlers Rally
Send registration & check to:
Mike Hamilton, Treasurer
3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801
Receipt acknowledged via email

Address questions and comments to:
Rally Chairman, Russ Pry, email: athensairstreamrally@gmail.com

All rally related correspondence is electronic.

BALLOON FIESTA NATIONAL RALLY
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 October 2 - 6 , 2020

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____

Email (only means of communication) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

Airstream model & length _____

Rally Fee:
 Cost per coach (includes 2 tickets to all the action) \$400.00
 Rally Fee \$ 15.00
 Total \$415.00

First half (\$207.50) due 2/28/20
 Second half (\$207.50) due 7/31/20

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Note: Balloon Fiesta refund policy NO EXCEPTIONS: \$10 charge through July 15; \$207.50 after July 16; no refund after September 1 for any reason.
 Join Airstreamers from across the country at this colorful event as hundreds of balloons take to the sky! Water and honey trucks available. Bring your (quiet) generator. You are not sitting on the sidelines, but are part of the festivities beginning with the early morning Dawn Patrol through the evening Balloon Glow and fireworks. You will have in/out access in your car after arriving. Vendors are on the field serving tasty treats and coffee. Two tickets to the field provided per Airstream, additional tickets may be purchased at the event.
 Questions? Please contact us through: balloonfiestalarally.airstreamclub.net or Facebook/BalloonFiestaRally <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1192442150821770/>

Make check payable to: Region 11 - WBCCI
 Mail coupon & check by February 28 to:
 Ken Johansen, P.O. Box 424, Durango, CO 81302

ANTELOPE RALLY
 Medicine Bow, Wyoming
 September 23 - 27, 2020

Name of Participants: _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Phone: Home _____ or Cell: _____

WBCCI # _____

Registration Fee:
 _____ \$85.00 per person through September 10
 _____ \$95.00 per person after September 10
 _____ Youths under 14: Free

Cancellations will be refundable up to September 10.

Number of adult participants: _____

Total Rally Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Wyoming Unit WBCCI

Please send all completed forms and monies to:
 Debbie Eccli, 3044 Dillon Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001
 Ph: 307-631-2560 email: deccli@wyoming.com

Questions can be directed to Chrissy Bunn
 Ph: 307-349-2018 email: cbunn@wyoming.com

REGION 8 RALLY
 Find Your Path
 Christensen Field, Fremont, Nebraska
 April 23 - 26, 2020

Name (s) _____ WBCCI # _____

Unit Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Additional person(s) with you? Yes/No _____ How many _____

Trailer _____ Motorhome _____ Length _____

Handicap Parking needed: Yes _____ No _____

Vegetarian Request? _____

Rally Fees:		
2 on-site	\$277.00	\$ _____
Singles on-site	\$180.00	\$ _____
2 off-site	\$193.00	\$ _____
Extra persons or (one) off-site person	\$ 97.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Youth age 12 and under - no charge

Parking is included in Rally Fee. (Water & Electric - Dump Available)
 Extra night available @ \$21.10

Rally Fee includes: 4 nights parking, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 1 lunch, ice cream each night and bus trip to Boys Town. Other tours available, please sign up at registration.

Please complete this form, attach your check made payable to "Region 8 WBCCI" and send to:
 June Ryan, Treasurer
 11313 E. Boise #48, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Registration must be received by April 15, 2020

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Lake Tahoe Airstream Club in Grass Valley at Nevada County Fairgrounds. Hosts Whitmores, Muffs & Farinhas - submitted by Linda Maddox, #7831



Members of the Carolinas Airstream Club headed to Doswell. The tow vehicle is a 1919 truck made by Auto Car, restored by Greg Wilson, #11007 - photo by Rocky Johnson, #7322, submitted by Marcia Thompson, #5027



Idaho Airstream Club dressed warmly to celebrate the summer solstice at Henry's Lake State Park - submitted by Mim Davidson, #30657



All lined up to go to Balloon Fiesta - submitted by Patti Reed, #250



Canopener 2020, Susan Poole #3998 and Riker - submitted by Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager

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