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# President's Corner



## **What happens in Vegas really doesn't stay in Vegas, it benefits current and future generations of Club members**

Just a few short weeks ago, with a backdrop of palm trees, neon and sunshine, members of the Airstream Club International gathered in Las Vegas, NV to conduct business on behalf of our 16,000+ members. Region 12 and the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club have always felt like family to me and, as expected, planned and executed a wonderful rally.

Along with plenty of fun, an incredible amount of work, collaboration and results came out of those three days of meetings. 13 Action Items (from Standing Committee Chairs) and seven (7) Motions were approved, ranging from Local Club name changes to allowing our members the choice of one of three approved Club logos for their Airstream and badges, with some moving forward to our Delegates Meeting in Loveland (more information to follow from Tom Smithson, Constitution & Bylaws Chair).

The Executive Committee and International Board of Trustees Meetings began with a non-sectarian invocation, as required by our Club Bylaws, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. At my request Terri Warren, International Membership Chair and Past Region 10 President, offered gracious and compelling words of inspiration, followed by a moment of silence for those who wished to offer up a silent prayer on behalf of our organization.

The definition of an invocation is the action of invoking something or someone for assistance. This has generally been related to a religious statement; however, we seek ALL of your assistance to make this camping and caravan club welcoming to ALL. It's important to note that a non-sectarian invocation allows for many options, including words of inspiration, a Native American blessing or moment of silence, to name a few.

I've received a lot of feedback over the last several months ranging from emotional to constructive and supportive, with the most recent inspiring me to wrap my commitment to Inclusion & Diversity in my own aluminum and secure it with my rivets.

To our past, present and future members and J&JB and Elly May the Airstream - I offer the following:

Our Club, this family, is full of much 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.

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# The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

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## Focaccia Bread

I guess it's about time I live up to my bread obsession reputation and discuss making bread in your Airstream. I must say I have a fear of the oven in my trailer. It tends to burn things, both on the top and the bottom, and there isn't a lot of space in there to distribute the heat. The first thing I recommend is that you get an oven thermometer and see what the actual temp is when you set the dial at 350 degrees. The temp can fluctuate wildly from oven to oven and even from trip to trip (it's not like we are bouncing around on the highway or anything). The next thing is to make sure you use a sheet pan for this that actually fits in your oven. 9 x 13 is about right, and the heavier the better! A thin pan will burn the bottom of cookies and this bread more easily. If you can only fit one cookie sheet in your Airstream, buy the best you can afford.

This bread can be topped with anything, and I mean anything. It is a base for pizza, garlic bread, caramelized onions (yum), roasted garlic, tomatoes, shrimp, or nothing but olive oil and herbs. Olive oil is used in copious amounts, so get the good stuff. Greek olive oil is my favorite. Though Italian is considered by some to be the best, there is a lot of ersatz Italian olive oil out in the world for sale. Use extra virgin and buy from a reputable store. And check the date, fresher is better.



### Focaccia a la Airstream

In the largest bowl you have, mix 2 ½ cups flour (all-purpose, bread flour, wheat flour, or a mixture of all 3), 1 tsp of instant yeast (about ½ of a packet of yeast), 3 tablespoons of olive oil, and one cup of water. Mix with a wooden spoon or your hands until combined. Add 1 tsp of salt. Do not use iodized salt in bread. The iodine interferes with the yeast. Sea salt is my go-to. Mix/knead until the dough is smooth, silky, stretchy and smells lovely. This will take at least 10 minutes. If you would like to know how to knead, there are many videos on YouTube. I am assuming most of you do not have a stand mixer in your Airstream. At home you can use that. The dough should be tacky, slightly sticky, but not so sticky that you can't manage it. The flour absorbs the water slowly and with kneading, and time, the dough will be less sticky. If you err on the side of too dry or too sticky, too sticky is better. I use a little olive oil on my hands and the counter to keep it from sticking while kneading. Try to avoid using more flour unless you have a shaggy mess. All flour is different, and you may use more or less each time you make it. Weather is also a factor.

Put the dough back in the bowl and cover. Go out for a bike ride and come back in an hour. Scoop out the dough with your hands or a bowl scraper (indispensable in my opinion) and stretch and fold back on itself a couple of times. Put back in the bowl and cover. Let rise until about double. Remember that hot weather will speed up the reaction and cold weather will slow it down. Rising can vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours.

After the 2nd rise, pour olive oil in the bottom of the sheet pan to cover generously. Remove the dough and place it in the sheet pan. Using your fingertips, pat and stretch (be gentle!) until the dough fills the pan. Do not be too aggressive with the dough, it doesn't like it. Try not to tear holes in it. A gentle stretch takes time, the gluten wants to retract, so patience is needed. If it's too obstinate, let it rest for 5 minutes. Cover the dough with about ¼ cup of olive oil. Spread around using your hands, then dimple the dough all over with your fingertips. Add your toppings, but go lightly. Too much weight will prevent the dough from rising. A good first try is halved cherry tomatoes layered over the olive oil then dotted all over with pesto. Cover with plastic wrap or a damp towel and let rest while you preheat your oven to 450 degrees. When doubled or risen to just under the edge of the pan, remove the plastic wrap. If the dough has absorbed all the olive oil, add more and place in the oven. Putting it on a pizza stone or on top another cookie sheet may keep it from burning on the bottom. Bake 5-10 minutes, then rotate. Bake until golden.

Yeast comes in many types. I use Red Star instant. If you keep some packets in your trailer in the fridge, it will last longer. Instant yeast is not "instant" in the way that it sounds. It means that you can add the yeast directly to the flour

and not have to "proof" it in water. Be careful when adding the salt. Salt slows the yeast reaction, and if salt is added directly on top the yeast it can kill it. Mix in the flour and yeast first, and then the water, and add the salt last.





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# Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



Are you a new WBAC member? Or are you a member of one of our 109 local clubs already? Then this column is for you. It's about how to get new members to come to club events and it was the topic of discussion at one of the break-out sessions at the winter Board of Trustees meetings in Las Vegas.

It seems that if you join an organization you would want to participate in the activities offered, right? But what we know is that new members might not do that, at least not right away. Why is that? Well, one reason might be that the new member is given a free year's membership from a dealer when they bought an Airstream but weren't actually seeking out the club. So that's understandable, I suppose.

But a more common situation is that someone pays, joins and then doesn't attend club functions. Puzzling. I remember when Hal and I joined 11 years ago now. We got these materials from the club and everyone on the brochure looked so old to us! Truth be told, we are probably these old people now. But back then, we said (both being trained in emergency medical care), if we don't have to do CPR for someone at our first rally, we'll try it a second time. But the thing that actually got us to go to a rally was a personal phone call from the then-president, Mike Rogers. He and Hal had a great conversation and we decided to give it a try. The rest is history. We fell in love with the club and the people and the campgrounds and never looked back.

But it is truly a leap of faith to try that first rally, isn't it? Most of the time, new members don't know anyone in the local club at that first rally or luncheon. Unless you are quite the extrovert, we all will feel some apprehension the first time you show up at something new where others have known each other for years. You might not be great at backing up yet and will have to endure what you perceive to be several sets of eyes watching you take several shots at the site before getting backed in. Or there might be 10

people telling you exactly how to do it correctly. But once you get parked and start to meet people, the apprehension turns into relief and that, in turn, often leads to enthusiasm.

But still, how specifically do we get from joining the club to that first rally? Many clubs offer one free rally or at least some part of it is free. Or there might be an offer of some money discounted from the price of a rally. Financial incentives help. Clubs that offer both weekend and weekday rallies make it easier for people to find something that works time-wise for them. Being able to sign up and pay online make it so easy and all clubs can use software from International that works smoothly and quickly. And even more is coming from our technical team to make all of that even easier. In our Oregon club, more than 80% of rally sign ups are done online now.

Having activities for a variety of ages makes a rally more appealing to a wider range of people – arranging things for kids to do is attractive for young families. Having hikes and organized bikes rides will help to attract more active folks. Offering a cooking class will attract the gourmet members among us.

If a club offers a wide variety of rally costs, that can lure folks to attend – a boondocking and potluck rally for \$50 might bring in some people where a \$170 rally with amazing food offerings will attract others. I've heard people say "if you can afford an Airstream, you can afford expensive rallies" but that's just not an accurate or reasonable assumption. Many members are restoring older trailers or have purchased one with several years on those good bones. Keep everyone in mind when pricing a rally, not just those with a brand new Classic with all the bells and whistles.

Having an attractive newsletter with clip art and different colors and varied arrangements of text and news articles will draw people in, both visually and physically. Try to have a member

directory that provides pictures of new members so new folks can see who they will be meeting.

Make it clear that religion and politics are topics that have no place at rallies – people should be comfortable, no matter what their beliefs or political views are. And, since we all slip up from time to time on this one, be the person who says "remember, religion and politics don't belong here, let's talk trailers instead."

Some clubs allow people to come to a rally even if they are not yet members of our club. It's reasonable to want to "kick the tires" of a new group before putting down the money. Let's make room for that approach.

But by far the best way to bring new members to their first event is a personal welcome, just like we had. Mentorships are becoming more popular these days. Tying together someone that lives near a new member with an established member can facilitate questions. New and established members could meet for coffee or a beer. It's always so good to know at least one person the first time you show up. If the member is single, you could introduce them to another single in the club – and I'm not suggesting matchmaking here, just a new friend. Nothing feels quite as good as that personal contact, knowing someone is taking the time to get to know you better and make you feel welcome.

If you are a new member, what did your local club do to make you feel welcome or what COULD they do to get you involved? If you are part of a local club that makes an effort to welcome new people, how do you do it? If you write to me at [twestove@mac.com](mailto:twestove@mac.com) I'll share your thoughts in the next membership column.

But for now, to all you new folks, give it a try. And if you find that the club you joined doesn't fit for you, try another or be a member at large and attend functions at a variety of clubs. Perhaps you'll find just the club to capture your heart, just like we did.





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## National Park Wind Trip

Dennis Pall, #5373

At first harrowing...now pretty amusing.

In conjunction with our club's mini-caravan to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in late October and post-Fiesta, my wife Pamela and I took off to visit five National Parks: Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Capitol Reef and the least-visited park in the National Park system, Great Basin in Nevada.

In our five weeks on the road, we encountered some of the most wonderful scenery and sights imaginable. By some things, we were not surprised. We were not so surprised to see 9-degree temperatures, snow and 30 mph winds at Curt Gowdy State Park in Wyoming - it was late October after all. Nor were we surprised by the wildlife of the Grand Tetons, the miracle that is Yellowstone or the grandeur of Capitol Reef. And we certainly were not surprised by the beauty and uniqueness of each

of these incredible parks; to do it in the off-season was an additional bonus, far fewer people.

However, we were surprised by one of the most exhilarating and likely most harrowing events in our nearly six years of Airstreaming. It makes for a great campfire story:

On our way to Capitol Reef National Park in Utah, we pulled into American Falls, ID for a quick overnighter. When calling the campground



to check availability the host chuckled and said, "just pick your site, you'll be the only rig here, don't worry I'll find you". Hmm... Upon arriving at about 4 PM, we cruised the empty campground searching for that perfect site as a storm began to brew on the horizon. Pam particularly liked space 19 (a space that will live in infamy), a back-in site that looked out directly on the American Falls reservoir. As we began set-up, the storm appeared to intensify, with the wind picking up noticeably, but we were confident we'd be set-up and have cocktails in hand, sitting comfortably in our Airstream before any rain hit. Again, because this was to be only a one-night stay, I really didn't want to unhook the trailer from the truck. As we backed into the site we found we were about three feet too long for the site, and although I knew I was sticking out into the roadway of this otherwise deserted campground, I set the stabilizers, put the tongue jack down lightly on a leveling pad for a bit more stability, and hooked up the electric (the







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water was turned off due to forecasted teen and twenty degree temperatures).

I'm a rules kinda guy (former compliance officer), and the fact that we were not fully in the our site began to weigh on me to the point that, against Pam's hope of remaining on the lakeshore, I decided that we should simply pull across the way to an easy pull-through that afforded plenty of room and still provided an unobstructed view of the lake - recall, we were the only one in the entire campground.

Five minutes after we pulled out of space 19, "all you know what" broke loose with, according to the National Weather Service, 80-85 mph winds. Flying debris, huge trash receptacles, branches, twigs, leaves and rain and some small hail hit us broadside. The trailer, despite being hooked to the truck, pitched, swayed and

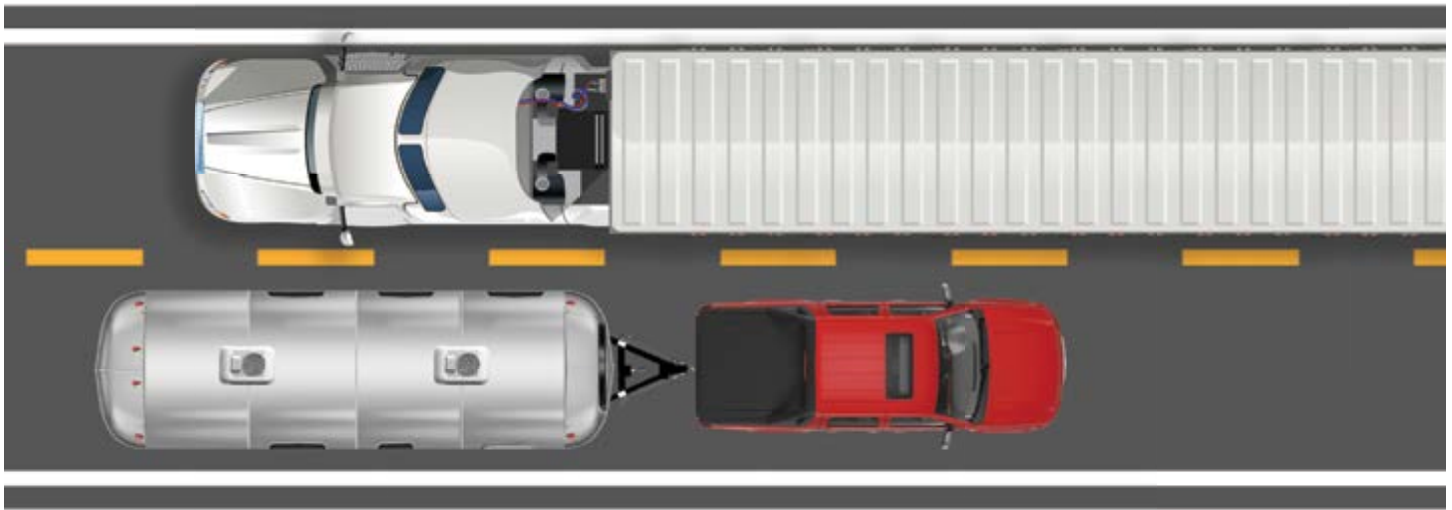
lifted. We thought we were experiencing our first tornado and Pam said she felt a lot like Dorothy, but this certainly wasn't Kansas. There was nothing we could do but stand there looking at each other and fret about the damage being done to our "Dream".

The storm blew through, lasting no more than five to seven minutes, but someone - Wally, the Airstream deities or ???, was smiling on the Pall's that late afternoon, for when I went out to survey the damage to our rig, I saw that a tree (see photos) fell directly on site 19, the site we vacated just five minutes earlier. I also found, and this is not an exaggeration, that the wind had been so intense that it lifted the rear of the truck and the front of the trailer and had blown the leveling pad I placed under the tongue jack 10-feet away.

The next morning as we pulled out, we spoke to the camp host. (BTW, he never got around to settle-up as he was far too busy with much more important matters). He said he'd never seen anything like this in his 25-years at this park. We learned that some 40 trees, some as old as 100 years and 75-feet high, had come down in this "freak storm".

We escaped essentially unscathed albeit for a very small dent on the front cap and some scratches that, thanks to our recent application of ceramic coating, were easily rubbed out.

So, what was initially a rather frightening experience now brings gasps and OMG's from our fellow Airstreamers and makes for a relatively good campfire story.



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# Southwest Adventure Caravan

Pete & Kathy Yanke, #7528

As with almost any WBCCI event, we got to see and do some amazing things. We would like to commend and thank our leaders, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson along with Winston and Carol Montague, for a job very well done. The caravan was just as advertised, a 51-day adventure, as Carol would occasionally remind us. Between the scheduled and optional events, you could stay as busy as you wanted. We managed to visit 17 National Parks and Monuments, not all of them on our itinerary.

We arrived at the rally point in Albuquerque a day early. The temp was a balmy 94 degrees. I would recommend an early arrival for a caravan. We took the extra time to visit the Petroglyph National Monument in Albuquerque. The first official day included a meeting and dinner prepared by our hosts. The caravan operation and expectations were presented, and we were off and running. The following days had us visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the Turquoise Museum. There was the first of many social events that included a jam session by some of the musically inclined caravan participants.

Day 4 had us travel to the Santa Fe area. This stop included a trolley tour of Santa Fe with some time to shop and explore the old downtown. On the fifth day, we carpooled to the church of the "Holy Dirt" in Chimayo and lunched at Rancho de Chimayo. After lunch, there was a stop at Ortega Weaving. We received a lesson in hand weaving a rug. On our



Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

free day, we joined John and Kathie Walker for a trip to Taos. Took in the Taos County Fair.

A real high point in the trip was the stop in Durango, CO; of course, there was the trip to Silverton, CO on the narrow-gauge railway. The line has been in operation since 1881 and still uses steam engines. It follows the Animas River climbing 2,800 feet to 9,305. At times the rock walls are close enough to touch as the railbed was cut out of the rock. After a lunch in Silverton and a walk thru the town, it was onto a bus and back to the campground.

Mesa Verde National Park was the first dry camp site. This stop provided us with a look into the past. A bus tour showed us many of the ancient cliff dwellings and a ranger guided tour of the Cliff Palace. This required a hike down a stone staircase to the site and climbing out on a series of ladders. Before going to Cortez, CO for some shopping, on a free day, we took the opportunity to travel to the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. It was an interesting museum and

an easy uphill hike to take in some ruins close-up.

There were a couple of fabulous driving tours at the stop in Bluff, UT. The first included a trip through the Valley of the Gods and up the Moki Dugway. This road is not for the faint of heart. The road is carved into the side of the Cedar Mesa. The view from the top was magnificent. We stopped at the Natural Bridges National Monument on the way to the campground. Temps were still in the mid-90s. A trip into Monument

Valley gave us a view of rock formations that served as the backdrop to many western movies. On the drive to Monument Valley, we saw a famous movie backdrop. Can you say, "Run Forest Run?" When presented with a chance to see the Four Corners Monument on our next travel day, we had to stop.



Monument Valley Mittens

Moab, UT had us right outside Arches National Park. There was some serious hiking available here. Some of the group hiked the Fiery Furnace in Arches. It was about a two-mile trek in





Picking Fruit



At Acoma with President Mona Heath



Resting at Zion National Park

98 degree heat. One day the owners of the campground took those interested on a slick rock jeep ride. We climbed up and down rocks at a 65 degree angle.

Capitol Reef National Park was a short scenic drive from our campground in Hanksville, UT. The area was settled by the Mormons in the 1800s although there have been people living there for thousands of years. The Mormons cultivated orchards, some of which are still being tended by park staff. You could pick the fruit from the trees and pay \$1 per pound. We had fresh peaches and apples. A few individuals tried their hand at a rappelling excursion. On the last day in Hanksville, the heat finally broke, as did our air conditioner.

Utah Highway 12 is considered one of the most spectacular drives in the USA. It is a National Scenic Byway. We followed this route to Bryce Canyon. The weather here was actually cool enough that we had a large gathering at a

campfire. Bryce Canyon is known for the crimson colored hoodoos (spiked shaped rock formations). We took a couple of short hikes along the rim of the canyon.

Our next stop was near Pipe Spring National Monument. From here we spent the day in Zion National Park. It sure was crowded. We had to get there early to get a parking spot. Late comers had to park in Springdale and bus into the park. Our hiking here was on easy trails. We covered about 3 miles. While here some of the folks took in the Blacksmith Adventure class in Kanab, UT. Some others found Grafton, which is a ghost town.

Kathy and I were part of the parking crew at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. It was an interesting job as we parked in an area shared with a herd of cattle in the Kaibab National Forest. We were about 25 miles outside the Grand Canyon dry camping. The temp one morning was about 20 degrees. A bit cool.

As expected, the vistas were amazing. We shared dinner at the lodge with other Region 7 members Dick and Kathy Hedquist and Kurt and Mary Jorgensen.

On the way to Page, AZ, we stopped at the Navajo Bridge visitor center to see the California condors. It was a great stop. A BBQ dinner was provided on arrival day at the campground. A version of the newlywed game was played by the four couples that had an anniversary date near. There was supposed to be a boat trip on Lake Powell the following morning. It was to be about three hours up to the Rainbow Bridge National Monument. It had to be rescheduled as the boat was taking on water. A song kept coming to mind. We took the time to tour the Glen Canyon Dam. There was a floating raft trip below the dam on the Colorado River. A few adventurous souls decided to take a swim. We were given a privately owned slot canyon tour that was out of this world. International President Mona Heath joined us at this point for



Mossy Cave Trail in Bryce Canyon



Bryce Canyon





Dawn Patrol at Balloon Fiesta Rally



Balloon Fiesta Rally

the rest of the caravan. It was good to see her.

Chinle, AZ was a dry camping stop to see the Canyon de Chelly National Monument. We were treated to a jeep tour of the canyon by a local company. Some of the guides still have relatives that reside in the canyon. They pointed out the ancient ruins of their people.

To reach our next campground, we had to traverse a short portion of Route 66. The next day we joined Stan and Andrea Patterson on a trip to the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Park. During a tour of Richardson's Trading Post, we learned how the local people use the pawn. We also got a lesson in Navajo rugs. A few folks purchased rugs. They were all beautiful.

Our next stop had us visiting what is considered the oldest continuously inhabited community in North America. The history of the people reaches as far back 1,000AD. Acoma, NM, or

Sky City, sits atop a high mesa 370 feet above the desert floor. Until 1959, the only access was by a foot-hole path.

Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM. We have come full circle as we join the rally. It was truly an amazing site to see the atmosphere. We were dry camped a short walk from the launch field. After parking with the rally, we toured the Albuquerque Balloon Museum.

On the first morning, Kathy and I were on the launch field by 5:45 watching the launch of the "Dawn Patrol". They were the only balloons to launch that day. It was the first time in the history of the fiesta that they were shut down by fog. It was a potluck/pig roast by the rally organizers for dinner. There were skydivers in the evening that were detonating aerial fireworks followed by a huge fireworks display.

Morning number 2 was the same thing; down among the balloons as they launched. We

took our chairs down to the field and watched the mass ascension of hundreds of balloons. They would go up in shifts. There was an opportunity to work as crew member for some of the balloons as they were short-handed. The evening again ended with skydivers and fireworks.

The third morning we fired up the coffee pot, put out the chairs and watched the mass ascension from in front of the rig. The balloons were flying right over us. We also had the caravan final banquet. The entertainment was great. A number of fun awards were given out for caravan happenings. No expense was spared. We were visited by Archie and Edith Bunker as well as the Captain and Tennille.

As we were told at the beginning, it was an adventure. A great adventure. We would do it again in a heartbeat. Can't wait for the next one.



Campfire at Bryce Canyon



Balloon Fiesta Rally



Slot Canyon



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# Our European Road Trip - Part 5

## Lakes, Rivers and Castles of Germany

Don Lewis, #16592

Here we are again, the Lewis family, as I continue the story of our wonderful trip through France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium in the summer of 2018 in our 2015 International 684 Airstream which is similar to a 27ft US model but 8ft 3ins wide.

To remind you of who was travelling, we are the Lewis family - Don (me), my wife Amanda, Abigail our 15-year-old daughter and, with us on every trip so far, Amanda's mum, Betty (who makes a fantastic cup of tea). And of course, we can't forget Barkley, our wonderful Golden Doodle dog – who doesn't make tea but does keep us all exercised so we can eat plenty of ice cream!!

So far we have travelled down the west coast of France and then across to the Midi-Pyrenees and on to Provence for the lavender season. We then headed north to Lake Annecy and then over the border to Switzerland where we had a wonderful, but a little expensive, time hiking and sightseeing around the Alps. Hopefully you read about our travels so far in previous issues of the *Blue Beret*.

We start this episode on Day 35 with a travel day from Lauterbrunnen in Switzerland through Lichtenstein and Austria to Camping Zugspitze which is in the town of Grainau in Germany just on the border with Austria where we look up to the highest mountain in Germany - The Zugspitze at a height of 2962m. The journey here was summed up by mountains and mountain passes, lakes and tunnels...so many long tunnels!! I think the Swiss certainly win the prize as the most prolific tunnel builders in the world. When we weren't in tunnels, we seemed to be on quite narrow mountain passes which was interesting pulling our Airstream – but quite fun though.

On arrival our first impressions of the campsite are quite impressive with top notch facilities. Even though there is not much landscaping



An interesting route out of Switzerland

between pitches, the pitch we were on was a decent size and we did have a great view of the Zugspitze!! We arrived quite late so once set up, Betty made us a 'cuppa tea' and we watched as the sun changed to a golden glow above the Airstream!! After dinner it was off to bed to dream of pulling the Airstream through more tunnels.

We woke up to a nice pleasant sunny day and we headed into Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the main town nearby. They have a great system



Sunset on our first night in Bavaria

here to minimise traffic - if you are a visitor staying at a local campsite, or I assume a local hotel, you get a **free** bus pass to use the local bus that runs on a regular basis between the main sites. You can even use the pass further afield throughout the whole Garmisch-Partenkirchen District. And yes I did say 'free' for the length of our stay. So we used it to get to town and typically - as we are in Germany - it all worked perfectly.



Ali - all set up under the Bavarian Alps

Garmisch-Partenkirchen was very pleasant. Most of the shops and houses have lovely murals showing what their businesses are or just the house family name. This is very typical of the Bavarian and Austrian Tyrol area. I like it!! We wandered until it was time for an ice cream...those of you who have followed our travels will understand one of my necessities of life!! I even found my own ice cream stall - 'Don Gelato' - not very German but nice ice cream all the same!!





The Mountains around Garmisch-Partenkirchen

The area is dominated by the Zugspitze mountain which is in view from pretty much everywhere including the campsite. The campsite is very clean and efficient - bathrooms even on par with the ones in Switzerland!! The day was finished off with a BBQ. What's not to like...ice cream, followed by a BBQ back at Ali our Airstream. Another good day on the Lewis tour of Europe.



View from the campsite towards the Zugspitze

Day 38 - it's ok to change plans. We thought we would go to Lake Eibsee and lounge on the side of the lake and paddle our kayak for the afternoon. However, when we drove (couldn't use the bus due to carrying the kayak!) to the lake, car park there was a height restriction and the LandRover Discovery with a roof box was just too high. And...there was no other place to park!!

A bit disappointed, we drove back to the campsite and decided to go back on the bus and just have a nice easy walk around the lake - only about 9km on a gravel walkway. The bus was great and dropped us right at the start of the walk. It was a good choice - the scenery was excellent - again dominated by the

Zugspitze which was a little in cloud. The walk gave us a chance to work out where we would come swimming - probably tomorrow.



Don't sneeze!

As promised, the next day we made use of the free buses - leaving the kayak and oars back at base camp - and went to relax by Lake Eibsee. The sun was shining and there was a cooling mountain breeze. We had a lovely day on a beautiful lakeside beach surrounded by some fantastic scenery. Even Barkley had a paddle!!



Barkley has a  
paddle in Lake  
Eibsee

At the end of the day, we picked up the car and took a drive to Oberammergau. This town is famous for the Passion Play it stages every 10 years in thanks for it being spared the worst of the plague - the whole village prayed that the village would not lose anyone else and from that day, no one else caught it and those already suffering recovered. The play, and subsequently the town, attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. It's a lovely town but we were quite late arriving, so we had a look around and then had dinner and ice cream...and because we are on holiday, we also had a crepe. Well, why not!!



Pfannkuchen and Eis...yummy!

We woke up on Day 40 to rain. We had been having a truly great time but I think we used the rain as an excuse to sit and eat some of the chocolate we bought in Switzerland and drink some of the wine we bought in France.

I also started a book I had brought from home but amazingly after 40 days still had not started!! It was a catch-up day...I love this Airstreaming life!!

Day 41 was our last full day in Bavaria, so we headed to Partnach Gorge and the Olympic Stadium and we also had some very nice cake. It was a brilliantly sunny morning and so we took a drive into Garmisch-Partenkirchen to visit the Partnach Gorge.

The Gorge is 699m long with 247m of the walk in a series of tunnels. It's not particularly deep



Partnach Gorge





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as the highest rock face is only 86m high but it is pretty and it was fascinating to see the shapes that have been carved in the rock face.

After the gorge, we had to pass the Olympic Stadium which was built by Herr Hitler for the 1936 Winter Olympics and it held 100,000 spectators. It was the world's first steel ski jump and dominates the hill side. I felt strange walking around an arena where Hitler had been and thought back to the carnage that Europe had experienced in the years following that Olympic Game.



The Olympic Stadium Ski Jumps

From here we went into Garmish and had a very pleasant lunch that included beer AND cake!! There was a festival in the town and so we went to an outdoor theatre to see the start - lots of accordions and clarinets...I love the clarinet, but this wasn't to my taste.

The evening was spent packing up, ready for our next move tomorrow to Koblenz. There is always something to look forward to when we are travelling in Ali our Airstream and I do love it when we move locations – apart from the sight of Ali hitched to our TV but mainly because we are always heading somewhere new!!

Day 42 was a travel day from Garmish up to Koblenz. (542km/337 miles). We woke to a very bright Sunday morning and as we had done much of the packing up last night, we were on the road for 10:30am. It was a shame to be leaving Bavaria - I really felt we had not done it justice. We had had a couple of wet days and the sights we went to see were very local. Just on the drive out, we knew we had missed some great scenery and one or two locations which looked really interesting. So we have already put it on our list to return very soon. The camp

was great (Camping Resort Zugspitze) with all the facilities really clean and modern. We liked the free bus pass and the camp's surrounding scenery. The electric was metered and turned out to be quite expensive - something to watch out for.

We drove out and straight back into Austria and then over a pass and back into Germany where we pretty much drove north to Koblenz. I did learn something on the journey though that I was not aware of. I didn't know that lorries and anything commercial with a trailer is not allowed to use the roads on a Sunday!! Every service station was packed with lorries parked up waiting for the curfew to end at 10pm. We were probably the largest vehicle in the road - luckily legally. Had we registered our car in our company name, we would not have been able to drive! We arrived at our next camp (Campingplatz Moselbogen) very late and only just in time to catch reception. We had to stay in a temporary pitch overnight and had some fantastic help from other German campers to get electricity to our Airstream. They lent us numerous different adapters to get us hooked up.

Day 43 - every birthday since we got Ali, Abigail has been away in the Airstream in some corner or Europe. Today was no different and today Abigail celebrated her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday...and as her father, I know she has never been kissed!! She woke up this morning to be a year older...well



Sweet Sixteen - Happy Birthday!

technically it didn't happen until 17:12 in the afternoon (8lb 10oz if you are interested!). As always she was a tad excited!

We spent the day getting to know Koblenz and the Rivers after moving to a much nicer pitch in the camp. We also learned about the showers in the campsite!...arghh! Camp reception issue you with a tag that is preloaded with a number of showers. You present the tag to a reader in the shower block to confirm the cubicle you are using and then you have 4 minutes (yes 240 seconds!) of running water for your shower. You can stop and restart your shower BUT REALLY!! That for me was a big black mark against the campsite. Now, actually you can shower in that time, but for me it is just...just...uncomfortable to be timed, especially as the machine to restart your shower - if you did run out of time - is outside the shower cubicle!

After I had proven that you can have a shower in 240 seconds of water, we went off to celebrate Abigail's birthday and to see a bit of the area. We went on one of the many short pleasure cruises up the Rhein and Mosel rivers. It was a great day for it and gave us a feeling for the place. We were amazed how busy the Rhein is with very large barges moving all sorts of cargo up and down the length of the river.



Wonderful Koblenz

We then went for a wander through the city and to find a place for dinner. The city centre is really good - much of it pedestrianised which creates a great atmosphere. We had a great meal at a restaurant called Einstein's but even Google could not find a link with Koblenz and the man himself!! Anyone have any ideas? Of course, ice cream and cake (with candles) was had back at the Airstream.



The following day (Day 44) after our boat trip yesterday, we decided to take a drive up the Rhein and see some of the scenery and the many castles that are dotted around the area. We stopped at Boppard which is another UNESCO world heritage site. It's also the site where we had another ice cream (zwei Kugeln Eiscreme) and very nice it was.

We went on to Schloss Rheinfels at St. Goar. This was a proper castle that has seen a lot of action over the years. It is a medieval castle that has now partly been converted into a hotel. The castle was built in 1245 to protect the St. Goar tax collectors and was expanded over the centuries to become one of the leading castles in the Rhein Valley and one of the strongest fortresses in Germany...well that was until the French blew it up during the French Revolution in 1797!! The visit made me realise how in medieval times if you owned land and were lucky enough that a major trading route went through it (The Rhein), then you had an enormous opportunity to extort taxes from people who had to use that route - a license to print money!...nothing has changed then!! The great hall has been renovated and has amazing echos and acoustics!! Abigail sang for us in the hall – fantastic.



Schloss Rheinfels with the Rhein just on the other side of the castle

The following day we started with a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress which stands 118m above the Rhein overlooking Koblenz and has a history going back 1000s of years due to its strategic position. It has been occupied and reoccupied numerous times including once again being blown up by the French!



The confluence of the Rhein and Mosel Rivers

We reached the fortress via a cable car that goes from the east bank of the Rhein over the river to the castle. Not the longest cable car trip but it gives lovely views of the city and especially of the statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I. This is the largest equestrian statue (he's on a horse!) in the world weighing in at 61 tonnes. It was removed after WWII and only put back after German reunification.

The fortress had lots of exhibitions including one on wine production in the area. After the fortress, it was a walking tour of Koblenz. The city is great to just wander around in. We found some really interesting and picturesque corners. My favourite, amongst many fountains, was one that was a history column depicting the history of Koblenz through the centuries from its founding to the explosions of WWII. Have a look at the picture - I think you will be equally impressed!



The history of Koblenz from the bottom to the top of a fountain

Our walk took us pass a most amazing ice cream parlour...but we were really good and didn't have any today...ok I lied again. We had 2 boules each. Very yummy!! Overall it was a great and interesting day and I am liking Koblenz!!

Day 46 and we decided to take a drive down the other valley that meets the Rhein in Koblenz - the Mosel. Originally we had planned to go all the way to Trier (the oldest town in Germany) but there was so much to see we simply ran out of time and so went as far as Cochem which was still a great destination.

The Mosel is stunning - I think even more stunning than the Rhein. It has so many loops and curves that, combined with all the vineyards that climb the slopes on either side, every corner you turn is stunning. It's also so easy to miss things - we met an emergency services roadblock and had to take a detour to find another route. We turned around and took a road that went up a hillside in the hope of finding another road that would rejoin the Mosel further on - instead we found Eltz Castle...what a great find!



Eltz Castle - Hidden away in the forest above the Mosel

Eltz Castle is still owned by a branch of the same family that owned it in the 12th century and is one of the only castles never to have been blown up (even by the French). This is due to 2 reasons - 1/ it is actually quite hard to find and 2/ the Lords that owned it were pretty good at making friends with whoever was in power at the time!!





## In Memoriam

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

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## Our European Road Trip - Part 5

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From Castle Eltz it was back to the Mosel and we continued our scenic drive. We ended up at Cochem, which is quite a busy but very pretty town and dominated by its own castle which was very impressive. We visited just the town as we were pretty much castled out!! The town was very nice, but busy, with lots of tourists (like us!) So after a wander around, with the sun behind us, we headed home back to our Airstream and campsite (and 240 second showers!!)

Tomorrow it is off to another country...

We have loved Germany and this holiday just got better every time we hooked up Ali and went to the next place. Our Airstream has opened up Europe to us and we can't express in words the freedom it has given us. We have one final country to visit – Belgium – and if the *Blue Beret* allow me to, I will tell you all what a surprise that country was in the last episode of our road trip series next time.

Safe travels.



The River Mosel at Cochem



Always time for a BBQ

To be continued...



# HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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## The 1959-60 African Caravan Part : The Holy Lands/Near East

*We continue our 1959-60 African Caravan review following the caravanners as they leave Africa two months late and speed through the Holy Lands (a.k.a. the Near East) in Asia on their way to a planned rendezvous with the European Caravan in Trieste, Italy on April 27, 1960.*

### Lebanon

Late Feb. – March 8, 1960

It took at least 4 or 5 five ships and almost 2 weeks to get all the rigs and caravanners from Alexandria, Egypt to Beirut, Lebanon and some caravanners ended up on different ships from their rigs. Some of the ships stopped at the Isle of Cyprus during their 3-day sail to Beirut, and those caravanners had a few hours to explore the island.

*Correction: #2380 Arthur and Ellen Martin did not ship home from Alexandria, Egypt as reported in the last article. They shipped to Beirut and remained with the caravan at least as far as Syria. It is currently unknown if they made it all the way to Trieste.*

When the caravanners disembarked in Beirut, Lebanon between February 21 and March 4, 1960, they were in Asia. A few trucks and trailers were discovered to have suffered dents and broken windows during the loading and unloading process. Due to a disagreement over an unloading fee they had already paid in

Alexandria, no rigs were allowed to leave the dock area. The next day the American Consulate and Embassy got involved and arranged for the additional fee to be put into escrow. Only then were the caravanners and their rigs allowed to leave the docks.

When the first African Caravanners arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, they were greeted by #2365 George & Ruth Ezell, a new couple that would join the caravan and travel with it to Trieste and then participate in the 1960 European Caravan. By all accounts, the Ezells were quickly adopted as valued members of the caravan.

Not quite so fortunate was the #2400 Douglass family that had left the African Caravan at Nairobi, Kenya. When they turned up in Beirut the caravan decided to not let them rejoin because they were "jack rabbits" that had too often traveled ahead of the main caravan.

Because photographer Pete Turner decided to leave the caravan at Alexandria, Wally Byam hired a young man who had been traveling with the caravan for some time to drive Pete's truck and be the new photographer until they reached Trieste.

As the caravan reassembled in Beirut, they were pleased to have water and electric hookups at their Municipal Stadium campsite and find American brand names and even frozen foods

### From Lebanon to Jordan



Exploring the Sea Castle at Sidon, Lebanon



Camped in Front of the Big Stone at Baalbek, Lebanon



Grace Golden with the Big Stone at Baalbek



Camped in Downtown Damascus, Syria



A Well-Preserved Ruin at Petra in Jordan

in stores. A local minister visited their Beirut campsite and advised them on sights to see in the Holy Lands.

Wally Byam flew from Beirut to Paris for a few days to discuss 1960 European Caravan details with its leader Ben Kemperman. Wally put #692 Virgil Golden in charge of tours in and around Beirut while he was away. The caravanners took advantage of several bus tours, including one around the city of Beirut, another to Tripoli, Byblos, and the Cedars of Lebanon, and a third one to Tyre and Sidon, the site of many Roman ruins and a Sea Castle built on a small island by crusaders in the 13<sup>th</sup> century to protect the Holy Lands.

On March 8, after Wally Byam's return, 28 rigs (27 that started in Cape Town plus the Ezells) finally pulled out of Beirut. 19-year-old Lee Golden remained behind as he had enrolled in the American University of Beirut while the caravan was camped in the city. 17-year-old scout Nick Charles also remained behind temporarily so that he could complete an entrance exam for a university back in the USA. The caravan stopped for the night at Baalbek, Lebanon where the caravanners toured three Roman Temples. They were camped right next to the largest cut stone in the world, weighing an estimated 1000 tons. It was quarried by the Romans but was not used for the nearby temples.

### Syria March 9 - 11, 1960

On March 9, the caravan crossed into Syria and by late afternoon they were parked in the center of Damascus. The caravanners' first day in Damascus was dedicated to truck and trailer service and a walking tour of a bazaar. On March 11, they took a bus tour of the city

which visited the Umayyad Mosque, the Tomb of St. John the Baptist, the Azem Palace, and the East Gate. They found some parts of town to be extremely crowded which made sightseeing difficult.

### Jordan March 12 - 23, 1960

On March 12, the caravan moved to Amman, Jordan. The #2380 Martins broke an axle during the day's drive.

On March 13, about half the rigs pulled out to drive to Petra. After 25 miles the road turned very rough and a couple of rigs turned around to head back to Amman. Twelve rigs pressed onward, often using 4-wheel drive. When the hitch on the Mousley's truck broke, they left their trailer at the side of the road and drove back to Amman for welding repairs. The eleven remaining rigs made it to Ma'an for the night. The next day they drove for a couple of hours, then had a 3-mile horseback ride to Petra, which was accessed by way of a very narrow gorge. The buildings of Petra are carved into towering pink sandstone cliffs and are dated from 300 B.C. thru the Roman and Byzantine eras. The caravanners returned to Amman via a different route that required the negotiation of many steep mountain switchbacks. Some of the caravanners that did not drive to Petra did visit it via a chartered plane, taxi and horseback ride.

On March 16, the entire caravan left for Jericho. They reached the Dead Sea by 10am and many went for a swim. They were not permitted to visit the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found due to military activity in the area. They arrived at Jericho at 3:30pm, which left some time for shopping and visits to the Mt. of Temptation and the Hisham Palace, which was built in 700 A.D.

### From Jordan to Turkey



Caravanners Dr. Monroe, Art Ruiz and Virgil Golden in Jerusalem, Jordan



Parked in the Roman Forum in Jerash, Jordan



The #627 Guy and Louise Hawks' Rig at a Waterwheel in Hama, Syria



Caravanners Tour the Cappadocia Ruins at Göreme, Turkey





Parked in the Roman Forum in Jerash, Jordan in Living Color

On March 17, they left for Jerusalem, only a 2-hour drive away. They found the whole city filled with soldiers. They took a bus tour to the Garden of Gethsemane and several other biblical sites in the afternoon. The following day was a bus tour to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Damascus Gate. The next day included visits to the Dome of the Rock, the Al Aqsa Mosque and a drive to Samaria and Jacob's Well. March 20 was a bus tour to Bethlehem and Hebron, during which they saw the tombs of several biblical prophets.

**Note:** *Jericho, Jerusalem, Hebron, & Bethlehem were all part of Jordan before the West Bank was seized by Israel in the Six-Day War of June 1967.*

On March 21, the caravan returned to Amman. The next day they had a buffet supper with the U.S. Ambassador and other embassy employees.

On March 23, they left Amman to drive to Jerash, minus #985 Bill and Nellie Lohof as Bill had suffered a severe heart attack and was expected to remain in the hospital for several more weeks. The Lohof's 18-year-old grandson, Bob Nolte, who had been traveling with them since the start of the African Caravan, remained with the caravan driving their rig. In Jerash, the caravan parked overnight in a round Roman Forum that was surrounded by ancient columns and other ruins.

#### Syria March 24 - 26, 1960

On March 24, the caravan returned to Damascus, Syria. The following day was used for shopping, cleaning, and repairs. On March 26, they headed to Hama, Syria where they saw a Roman aqueduct and several Roman water wheels up to 90 feet in diameter that were still in use.

**Note:** *Many caravanners found the "Holy Lands" in Syria and Jordan interesting to visit in the context of the bible, but also disappointing because they had become so "touristy" with multiple locations often claiming to be the same biblical site. Many such sites were buried 30 or 40 feet under modern churches and mosques and could only be visited via long staircases and tunnels.*

#### Turkey March 27 – April 8, 1960

On March 27, they pulled out for Antakya, Turkey, which was known as Antioch in biblical times. They were glad to leave the Syrian desert for the lush green valleys of Turkey and meet people that were happy to see Americans rather than throw rocks at them. After arrival in Antakya, they visited a museum that contained mosaics from the Hittite, Roman, and Byzantine time periods as well as a Coptic Church built into the side of a mountain.





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On March 28, they headed to Adana, Turkey and along the way #2421 John and Ruth Edgar burned out a wheel bearing.

On March 29, the caravan drove to Aksaray, Turkey. Many trucks and trailers experienced flat tires on the steep and rocky mountain passes. On March 30, they took a bus tour to the Cappadocia Ruins in the Göreme Valley, where they saw doors, windows, and entire dwellings carved into dome shaped rocks.

On March 31, the caravan moved to Ankara, the modern capital of Turkey, where they parked in a stadium parking lot. The next day was used to service their trucks and do some minor local sightseeing. At a meeting of all the caravanners, the big news was Wally Byam's

announcement that in a year or two there would be a Wally Byam Caravan from Europe to India and the Orient. Ever since southern Jordan, Wally had been asking everyone he met if they knew of a road from Turkey to Iran, Pakistan, and India. Finally, on the very day of Wally's announcement, he met a bus driver that made that trip and stated that the roads were not too bad. Several African caravanners were ready to sign up on the spot.

***Note:** The Oriental Caravan, as it was initially called, took a bit longer to actually organize but was eventually run as the 1963-64 Around the World Caravan, with seven African Caravan families and African Caravan Scout Nick Charles participating.*

On April 2, the caravan left for Adapazari, Turkey. The Scout Truck broke its frame and had to have it welded back together at the U.S. Military Base at Adapazari. The caravan camped near the Army post on the edge of town. This was their last night in Asia. Tomorrow they would drive to Istanbul, Turkey, cross Bosphorus Straight, and enter Europe.

*To be continued.*



**AIRSTREAM**  
TECH HELP GROUP

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The Airstream Tech Help Group has been established to provide assistance to the membership experiencing technical problems. We will respond directly to you in response to your email describing a problem. Examples of questions, modifications or upgrades that might be of interest to members will be published in the Blue Beret. We hope you will find this service of value in the care and feeding of your Airstream.

## My Top Things to do to my Airstream

We have published this list before, but there are a lot of Airstreamers out there who may not have seen this. I think we should publish this article every year due to the importance of these items for safe, maintenance free (almost), trailering that we all desire. Here is my revised "top things to do to an Airstream". The suggestions are in recommended priority order. If you have any questions or suggestions, please write in to [techhelp@wbcci.org](mailto:techhelp@wbcci.org).

1. Install new LT tires if they will fit your trailer. I prefer the Michelin LTX 215/85R 16E MS tires (the Defender, a 50K mile tire). I recommend you do not go wider than a 215 tire. You will also have to go to 6" x 16" zero offset wheels (I recommend steel wheels finished to match the aluminum Airstream look) for these tires. The steel wheels will reduce the amount of torquing required as compared to aluminum wheels. The inflated outside diameter of these tires is 30.4". Shoot for a load range "E" tire if possible. A quick measurement on your trailer will tell you if this upgrade is possible. You will have to match the bolt pattern of your trailer. If the 16's won't fit, Goodyear has a 15" SP Endurance load range "E" tire that might work. Bottom line, put on the very best tires you can. Everything is riding on your tires!

2. If you have a single stage power converter, replace it with a three or four stage power converter. A single stage power converter will shorten your battery life. A multiple-stage power converter will charge and maintain your battery without shortening the battery life. If possible, always keep your battery charged, even if you have to take it out of the trailer and to your home, still keep it charged. Use a Battery Tender (maintainer)

charger if charging the battery out of the rig. PS: If your batteries are not lasting as long as they are warranted to last, and they have been properly maintained, the problem might be your power converter. A good source for power converters is [bestconverter.com](http://bestconverter.com)

3. Take a good look at your weight distribution hitch. Is it set up right and does it work for you? Many Airstreamers have discovered the Anderson hitch (see also Airstream Forums). It is light and does not use torsion bars which, if you have experienced it, can whack your shin if not handled right. Anti-sway is built-in to the hitch ball arrangement – no extra device is required. I have used this hitch up to 28' trailer length. I mention this hitch because it is much lighter than the torsion bar style and might be easier for some of you to hook up. Longer trailers seem to fare well with the PullRite, Blue-Ox, Pro-pride or Hensley. If you decide to go to an Anderson, you should also replace the Atwood coupler with a Bulldog coupler. See the related article in last year's February *Blue Beret*.

4. Consider upgrading to absorbent glass mat (AGM) batteries. It could be the last battery you'll ever buy! Non-vented AGM's can be installed inside your trailer. Inside batteries are happier than outside batteries. With AGM's you will not have to add water to your battery again! Reduced maintenance is a good thing.

5. Convert to LED lights. These conversions used to be very costly to consider, but prices have gone way down. The power draw of LEDs is impressively low! And, LED lights last forever (almost). If you dry camp, LED's are much easier on your batteries.



6. Consider adding a surge protector. Surge protectors can either be permanently mounted in the trailer or plugged between the power pedestal and your trailer. Either way, RV parks are notorious for wildly fluctuating power, and a good surge protector will keep your trailer safe from power highs and lows. If there is any possibility of an electrical storm, use a surge protector or unplug your trailer. FYI, I prefer the portable surge protector as you can use it in successive Airstreams!

7. Get a quality portable electric heater. It will run quieter than your propane heater and saves propane. You might look for a “milk house style” heater ([www.Grainger.com](http://www.Grainger.com) or [www.Zoro.com](http://www.Zoro.com)). If you need heat anytime, it is always good to have **two** possible sources for heat.

8. Look at your mattress(es) in view of comfort. One of the main deterrents to happy camping is not being able to get a good night’s sleep! This is fixable! Email us with your specific questions – we have been there and done that. On average, people spend 1/3 of their life in bed.

9. What is or has been bugging you about something in or on your trailer? What would you like to do about it? What are **your** ideas? Ask the Airstream Tech Help Group and, if possible, send photos so we can look at your situation. We just might have some ideas how you could fix or change those items for the better.

10. Maintenance check-list items: (A) Check your trailer ground and make sure you have a good electrical ground between your frame, aluminum skin and AC/DC power systems. This is the most common electrical problem on trailers. (B) Replace your water filter cartridge if your trailer

has one, and if it doesn’t, consider adding one to your fresh water system. (C) Inspect and re-seal roof vents. Consider a product available at your local hardware store called “vulcum”. It comes in several colors. Do not forget the vents for the wastewater drains. These seals can deteriorate rapidly and cause leaks. (D) Check seals around windows and doors and condition with glycerin or silicone or 303 Aerospace UV Protectant if they are dry and stiff. (E) Leak test propane lines and regulator. Check tank levels. (F) Check valve seals on the grey and black tanks. (G) Do you need new water filters for the trailer and sink? (H) Does your jack need lubrication? Does the inline fuse to the jack need to be replaced with a self-resetting inline 30A automotive fuse? You may also have to change out the fuse holder to do this. (I) Visually inspect, as well as check connections for leaks with soapy water. (J) Do not forget connections inside your trailer at the furnace, refrigerator, stove, oven, water heater and gas lights. (K) Don’t forget security for your coupler and batteries. We recommend a Mega Hitch lock or eq. and a lock on the battery compartment.

The main lesson is to not take your Airstream for granted. Most of the time, things work as expected: the lights come on, windows open and close, and water flows; but sometimes there are little things that have been nagging at you. There are also the hidden and often overlooked systems that you rely on. For your safety and peace of mind while you travel, enjoying the open spaces with your trailer, spend a little time now to make sure your adventures in the year to come are all favorable ones!

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

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# Day Trippin' in Colorful Colorado

Rhonda & Jim Cooper, #1967

The views from the site of the International Rally in Colorado are enticing! Given a full day or just a few hours, there is a trip for everyone. Travel west to the Rocky Mountains following the Big Thompson or Poudre Rivers, east to the High Plains or venture north across the state line to Wyoming. We will lure you, but your own interest and planning will fill in the details.

## Cache la Poudre-North Park Scenic and Historical Byway

Colorado Highway 14, West of Fort Collins

Over Continental Divide to Moose Visitor Center  
in Gould – Long Day

Sit by the River, Hike, Fish and Lunch – Few Hours

The Poudre River flows freely from its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park through Ft. Collins and on to the South Platte, legendary mountain man country, its name derives from “Cache The Powder”. In the book and movie, *Centennial*, Pasquale’s cabin was on the bank of the Poudre.

A local’s long day trip up the river often starts with a full tank of gas and breakfast or a cinnamon roll at Vern’s in La Porte, then on to Colorado Highway 14 to the Poudre Canyon. It is the only nationally designated Wild and Scenic River in Colorado. See its wild side in the narrows and experience a transition from bushy hillsides through pine forest, past the high alpine lakes and meadows to the continental divide. Deer and possibly mountain sheep or turkeys are often seen. Stop at Cameron Pass, elevation 10,249 feet to stretch and restrooms are available. Continuing, keep eyes posted for moose as the spectacular Never Summer Mountain peaks loom in the distance. Definitely continue to the Moose Visitor Center at Gould. Take advantage of the easy trails to experience the moose habitat. Moose were introduced into Colorado in 1979 in this area and are now found all through the northern mountains. Gould is a good place to begin your return to Ft Collins.

There are many day use areas along the way, so if your time is limited, just drive 29 miles from the rally to Picnic Rock, a great place to unpack the cooler for lunch or drive just a few more miles to Mishawaka, century old log structure with bar, restaurant and summer concerts. Convenience store and gas are available in the small communities of Rustic and Glen Echo, approximately 40 miles.



Poudre River

Do you fish or hike? The Poudre River is mostly public access for fishing. Browns and rainbows populate the river. Joe Wright Reservoir has grayling along with an occasional tiger trout. Greenback cutthroat reside in Zimmerman Lake and brook

trout are in the smaller streams. These are serious Grand Slam waters. Many day hikes are easy to access and well identified along Highway 14 including Zimmerman Lake and Blue Lake.

The Poudre is the definition of a Rocky Mountain river, don’t miss it.

## West on Colorado Highway 34

Loveland to Grand Lake through Rocky Mtn.

National Park - Long Day

Loveland to Rocky Mountain National Park – Full Day

Loveland to Estes Park – Half Day

Loveland to Viestenz-Smith Park – Two Hours

US Highway 34 passes through Loveland, enters the towering granite walls of the Big Thompson Canyon, continues to follow the Big Thompson River to the town of Estes Park and the entrances to Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). In RMNP



Big Thompson Canyon

the highway is referred to as Trail Ridge Road, 48 miles of spectacular scenery, 12 of those miles above tree line. The town of Grand Lake anchors the national park on the west side of the continental divide.

A local’s long day trip west of Loveland would include a full tank of gas, packing a picnic lunch and hitting Highway 34 early to be ahead of the traffic going to Rocky Mountain National Park. At Estes Park, take the Fall River Road entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park; definitely get a park map and look at the two routes to reach the Alpine Visitor Center, over 12,000 feet, on top of the world! We suggest taking Old Fall River Road, which is one-way up and returning by way of Trail Ridge Road. Fall River road is an 11 mile one way gravel road that gets you close and personal with nature. Any car or truck can make the drive, but a trailer is forbidden. It’s not a drive for the impatient, but absolutely worth it. From the Alpine Visitor Center, there are two options: return to Estes Park on Trail Ridge Road or continue on through the west side of RMNP crossing the continental divide at Poudre Pass before dropping down to the Colorado River. We always make a quick stop at Lake Irene, just beyond the pass, if the parking lot is not full. Grand Lake is an old resort town with wooden sidewalks on the shore of Colorado’s largest natural lake. Enjoy your picnic lunch or eat at the Sagebrush Grill, our grandson’s favorite,

where he can leave peanut shells on the floor. On the return trip, stop at the Coyote Valley Trail, which is easy, uncrowded, follows the river and is prime moose and elk habitat. Once you pass the Alpine Visitor center look for

elk on the tundra and be inspired by the geology of the cliffs and canyons on your return to Estes Park.



Elk

Experiencing Rocky Mountain National Park should be on everyone's list, but it does not have to be a long day in the car. Both entrances near Estes Park, Beavers Meadow and Fall River Road, have visitor centers. We recommend stopping for advice from the Park Rangers, especially about shuttles during the busy summer season. We like the hike to Alberta Falls and Mills Lake (5.3 mile round trip) and Sprague Lake (accessible mile loop) for the scenery and fishing. [RockyMountainHikingTrails.com](http://RockyMountainHikingTrails.com) has good trail descriptions. Take care driving in the park. When you see cars stopped on the shoulder, someone has seen deer, elk, or moose off the side of the road. It can be tricky to pass, and people don't watch where they are walking. Do stop for a look, but park safely.



Estes Park

Estes Park is a bustling tourist town and gateway to the Rocky Mountain National Park. Today the town itself is a must see, a town that long ago outgrew rubber tomahawks and post cards. At Drake, 24 miles from the rally site, we recommend

going up the North Fork and through Glen Haven to get a cinnamon roll at the General store. The winding road is more like the olden days complete with a few switchbacks and then it opens to an awe-inspiring view of the Rocky Mountains towering over Estes Park. If you do not turn at Drake, just continue on Highway 34 to Estes Park.

Very popular is the historic and beautiful, Stanley Hotel, site of the movie, *The Shining*, and where Jim injured his knee when the ghost tripped him. Golf in Estes is unique, sometimes you wait for the elk to play through, and you can fish the same river you play across. Downtown Estes has everything from T's to high end art, along with ice cream and candy. Macdonald Book Shop has been family owned for 92 years and the Wheel Bar for 75, both good places. Locals recommend lunch at Bird and Jim

on Moraine Avenue toward RMNP. Look at <https://www.visitestespark.com/> for more ideas like taking a ride on the Estes Park Aerial Tramway or renting a kayak at Lake Estes. Rhonda's grandmother made a 100 mile trip in a wagon to visit Estes Park in 1905. It's easier now.

Loveland's Canyon Park, Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, just 20 miles from the rally on Highway 34, is a great place for a picnic and fishing right on the Big Thompson River. Redesigned after the flood of 2013, it features native grasses, boulders, paved paths and picnic shelters. If you want a Colorado souvenir, stop at the Dam Store right before entering the Big Thompson Canyon and on the drive back, pick up a pie at the Colorado Cherry Company. Driving up and down the river takes you through the narrow canyon cut by the river. Imagine the river completely washing out miles of the road in 2013.

## North to Wyoming

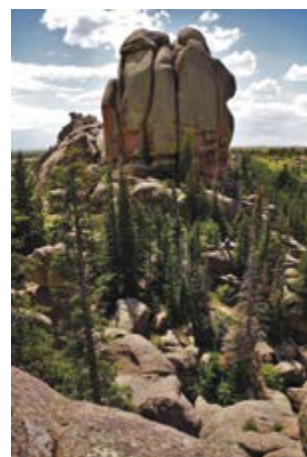
The state line between Colorado and Wyoming is

56 miles from the Rally

Cheyenne to Laramie Loop in Cowboy Country – Full Day  
Across the State Line to Cheyenne – Few Hours

An alternative to mountain driving, a loop north to Cheyenne, west to Laramie, and back to Ft Collins is a pass-through cowboy and railroad history. The Continental Railroad reached its highest elevation west of Cheyenne, and the Goodnight-Loving cattle trail from Texas ended in Cheyenne, but the cattle continued north to Montana as featured in the book, *We Pointed Them North* by Abbot. Both cities sit in the south ends of short grass basins, or the "land between mountains", are known for their historical features of the Wild West, but also offer very up-town options. Take a look at [VisitCheyenne.org](http://VisitCheyenne.org) and [VisitLaramie.org](http://VisitLaramie.org) before you go.

South of Cheyenne, buffalo can be seen at the Terry Bison Ranch. Within the city enjoy the Botanical Gardens and the take time to see downtown. The Warren Air Force base contains the Warren ICBM and Heritage Museum, a history of the Cold War (easier to get into if you have a military card). Driving between the cities, stop at the Vedauwoo Recreation area, with walks among fascinating geology.



Vedauwoo Rock

In Laramie, you'll find Coal Creek Coffee, owned by Airstreamers, and Martindale's Western store is around the corner where we get our western shirts. Mexican food at Corona Village is a great place to stop before leaving Laramie.



## The High Plains

Agricultural Loop – Half Day

Budweiser Brewery – Few Hours

Severance – Lunch or Dinner

Pawnee Buttes National Grasslands – Half Day

Leave the mountains to the west and the population centers along the Front Range to explore the Colorado high plains. The highlights will be agriculture dependent on irrigation and very small communities that will welcome you.

If you have a few hours, drive through the towns of Windsor, Lucerne, Eaton, Ault, Pierce and Nunn seeing the transition from circle sprinkler irrigation to abandoned land, and dry land farming. Colorado is a dry state, averages ten inches of rain per year. Many people homesteaded this land when there was more surface water. They left behind, if anything, a house foundation and a few cottonwood trees. A history of the high plains' life is on display at the High Plains Historical Society in Nunn. Check the website [HighPlainsHistory.Homestead.com](http://HighPlainsHistory.Homestead.com) and make sure it is open. There is an increasing demand for municipal water on the Front Range; agriculture uses 75% of the available water. It is a long and complex story, but cities are beginning to "buy and dry" farms. If this interests you, visit [NorthernWater.org](http://NorthernWater.org) and learn about the Colorado-Big Thompson Water Project which delivers water from the Western slope.

Returning south on 1-25, Budweiser Brewery offers tours and the Clydesdale may be in residence. This is a modern demand upon Colorado's water, but most of it is eventually recycled. The Brewery is just 26 miles north of the rally site and could be easily visited without making the agricultural loop.

Another suggestion is to plot a 13 mile path through the small town of Severance, home to Bruce's Bar and Rocky Mountain Oysters. A Chinese street vendor told Jim that chicken tastes like snake. Do oysters taste like snake? Will you ever know?



Pawnee Buttes

If you have read Michener's book, *Centennial*, you will be drawn to visit the Pawnee Buttes northeast of the Ranch. The 300 foot buttes towering over 193,060 acres of prairie are unique. Take Colorado

14 east past Briggsdale, approximately 78 miles. Watch for signs to the Buttes, definitely use your GPS maps and know the roads are good. The route passes by abandoned missile silos and through Keota, a picturesque and almost deserted town. Hike to and around the Buttes, and keep your dog leashed, there are rattlesnakes in the area. This is a remarkable area of canyons, buttes and wildlife including pronghorn, coyotes, deer, prairie dogs, hawks and falcons.

Exploration of Colorado is endless. Unique communities reflect the friendly charm of their people. Outside of town, every road leads to changing landscape, geology, wildlife and vegetation. The broad view will capture your attention but take time to see what is growing at your feet. Note too, the evidence of pioneers. Imagine your wagon breaking down, and saying, "This is the place where we will raise our family."

## Mail and Packages in Loveland

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

Name and BRN #\_\_\_\_  
The Ranch Events Complex  
Suite 100  
5280 Arena Circle  
Loveland CO 80538



## Member Services

Judy Shelley, #5932

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

# Habitat for Humanity Project at Loveland 2020 Rally

Lucius & Danielle Herrmann, #16771

Four hundred twenty (420) hours. That's the number of construction volunteer hours the Loveland Habitat for Humanity affiliate has set aside for WBCCI members while our club is in Colorado. Please consider volunteering just one day (7 hours including lunch break) to fulfill the mission of building decent, affordable homes in Loveland. Over 1400 people will be attending the International Rally in Loveland. With just 60 volunteers, we can fill every construction slot Habitat has reserved for our club. The Loveland affiliate is reserving these 60 volunteer positions for a limited time. Beginning in April, the time slots for construction will be opened to the public if our club has not filled the available positions.

If you are not interested in construction site activities, the Habitat ReStore may be more to your liking. The ReStore, Habitat's home improvement store, sells building materials, appliances and furniture. ReStore sales are a substantial source of income for a Habitat affiliate and provide funding toward building another affordable home. Volunteer slots at the ReStore are much more widely available compared to the limited number of slots available to us for construction.

## Construction:

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.

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. Don't wait until April, May or June. You will receive a registration confirmation as well as a reminder email prior to the event.

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

## ReStore:

ReStore assignments are 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.

Use the following link to volunteer at ReStore, then scroll down to the middle of the page and click on **Sign Up Here** button for ReStore. Use the drop-down calendar to select June 2020 and choose the appropriate date. You will receive a registration confirmation as well as a reminder email prior to the event.

<https://www.lovelandhabitat.org/volunteer/>





## Photo Print Contest Rules Loveland, CO 2020

1. Open to all WBCCI members & families/guests attending the 2020 International Rally in Loveland, CO.
2. Previous WBCCI Photo Print Contest winning photos are not eligible.
3. Print size is 8 x 10 ONLY. Any other size will not be judged.
4. NO BORDERS. NO MATS. NO FRAMES.
5. Entries are limited to TWO photos per person per category.
6. Photographer's name, Club/Unit name and WBCCI # must be on the back of each photo.
7. Entrants are responsible for picking up their photos after the judging/viewing ends.

If you have any questions regarding the contest rules or categories, please feel free to contact Jane Elgin Bartlett #4544 at [elginmj@gmail.com](mailto:elginmj@gmail.com)

### Categories for Photo Print Contest Loveland, CO 2020

Photo Print Contest will be judged by non-WBCCI members

1. Black and White
2. Sunrise or Sunset
3. Architecture
4. Airstreams
5. Seasons
6. Landscapes
7. Your BEST photo (One entry per person in this category)



## Snapshot Contest Rules Loveland, CO 2020

1. Open to all WBCCI members & families/guests attending the 2020 International Rally in Loveland, CO.
2. Previous WBCCI Snapshot winning photos are not eligible.
3. Print size is 4 x 6 ONLY. Any other size will be disqualified & will not be posted.
4. NO BORDERS. NO MATS. NO FRAMES.
5. Entries are limited to TWO snapshots per person per category.
6. No identifying personal information on the front of the snapshot.
7. Photographer's name, Club/Unit name and WBCCI number MUST be on the back of the photo.
8. Entrants are responsible for picking up their snapshots after the voting/viewing ends.

If you have any questions about the Snapshot Contest, please contact Jane Elgin Bartlett, #4544 at [elginmj@gmail.com](mailto:elginmj@gmail.com)

### Categories for Snapshot Contest Loveland, CO 2020

Snapshots are voted on by attendees at the 2020 International Rally

1. Children
2. WBCCI Members in Action
3. Animals
4. Signs
5. Celebrations



# Loveland 2020 - It's All About the Journey

Carolyn Beardshear, #1023, and Vicki Ottoson, #4224

As members of the Colorado Airstream Club, Carolyn Beardshear, and I, Vicki Ottoson, took on the challenge of suggesting possible routes to Loveland 2020. Our goal was to find attractions along the way, things you can do or see in an hour or a couple days, that will, in keeping with Wally Byam's creed, "make real an enduring promise of high adventure... of rediscovering old places and new interests." Below are four routes originating in different regions of the country. We hope there's something here of interest for everyone; if not, we encourage you to use these suggestions as a jumping off point for planning your journey to Loveland 2020. For more information, "google" the attraction names **bolded** below.

## Southeastern Coast Routes to Loveland 2020

From the southeastern coast, our first route connects four stops along I-75 and I-24: Chattanooga, TN; St. Louis, MO; Kansas City, MO and Goodland, KS.

In Chattanooga, TN, these activities rank among The Crazy Tourist's "Top 25 Things to Do:" Walk the longest pedestrian bridge in the world, the **Walnut Street Bridge**; learn about key Civil War battles at the **Chattanooga National Cemetery** and view Hudson River School and post-World War II modern and contemporary art at the iconic **Hunter Museum of Modern Art**.

In St. Louis, MO, sports fans will enjoy the **Cardinals Hall of Fame & Museum** and, possibly, a Colorado Rockies game, as they'll be in town June 16-18. Engineers can hang out at the **National Museum of Transportation** and music lovers should keep an eye on the **Howlin' Fridays** schedule at the **National Blues Museum**.

Kansas City, MO is the home of several national museums including the **World War II Museum & Memorial**. Also housed in Kansas City, the **Negro League Baseball Museum**, **American Jazz Museum**, **National Museum of Toys and Miniatures**, **National Airline History Museum** and the **Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum**.

If Presidential Libraries are your thing, the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum** in Abilene, KS, is a convenient stop on the way to Goodland, KS, the Sunflower State and home to the 80-foot tall replica of Van Gogh's "**Three Sunflowers in a Vase**." Hot day? Head on over to **Parrot Cove Water Park**, 36,000 square feet of indoor water park fun.

## South Central Routes to Loveland 2020

Little Rock, Arkansas is the collection point for our second route. Stops on this route include Oklahoma City, OK; Geary, OK and Lamar, CO.

The **William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum** is located in Little Rock, Arkansas... along with six of the fifteen breweries on the **Arkansas Brewery Trail**. **Lost 40 Brewery** gets high marks for food and service. Call ahead for a guided tour of the majestic, neo-classical **Arkansas State Capitol**. Want to learn more about civil rights? **Little Rock Central High School** played a pivotal role in battle for school integration in the 1950s.

Walking or biking the **Big Dam Bridge** at night would be an exhilarating experience. The **Vogel Schwartz Sculpture Garden** is another walkable area.

To shorten the distance to the next stop, Lamar, CO, we recommend stopping in Geary, OK, 50 miles northwest of Oklahoma City. Numerous 4.0+-rated RV parks are located between Geary and El Reno, OK. By all means, allow a couple hours to stop at the **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum**, honoring the victims, survivors, rescuers and all who were affected by the April 19, 1995 bombing. This is one museum experience you won't forget.

**Picket Wire Canyonlands**, located on the **Comanche National Grassland** 27 miles south of La Junta, CO, is home to the largest dinosaur track site in North America. Guided auto tours are the easiest way to experience Picket Wire's rich, colorful past. Reservations are required for the guided auto tour, the only motorized access into the "secret canyons of the prairie." Due to heat waves in the canyon, hiking is recommended "only for people in fairly good shape."

## Pacific Northwest Routes to Loveland 2020

Whether you travel interstates or blue highways, here are two routes from the Pacific Northwest to Loveland 2020.

For the first route, ride Interstate I-82 from Seattle or I-84 from Portland. Historic Pendleton, OR, is the site of **Pendleton Wool Factory Tours**. Hint: A back room has "seconds!" If time allows, detour to charming Joseph, OR, in the Wallowa Mountains and explore **Hells Canyon**.

Whatever you do, don't miss Baker City, OR. The "**Wally Byam Room**" in the **Baker Heritage Museum** has Airstream memorabilia that you'll see nowhere else. While in Baker or Joseph, OR, tour one of the many fine art foundries and learn how massive sculptures are cast.

In Arco, ID, a bit off I-84, camp in a lava flow at **Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve**.

To avoid interstates, the second route is a very remote (*emphasis on "remote"*) but stunningly beautiful drive. From Portland, OR, explore the **Columbia River Gorge to Mt. Hood**. Then head south on Highway 197 to 97 through Bend, OR, to **Crater Lake National Park**. From Klamath Falls, OR, Highway 140 winds into Lakeview, OR, and east to Highway 95 through Winnemucca, NV. You'll encounter only a few cars along this route. Be sure to have plenty of fuel!

Both routes converge near Salt Lake City, UT, where the **Golden Spike National Historic Park** in Promontory, UT, offers a reenactment of the original meeting of the **First Transcontinental Railroad**.

For dramatic scenery that few people see, drop south off I-80 to Saratoga, WY, on Highway 130 through Centennial, WY, and the **Medicine Bow National Forrest**.



## Southwestern Routes to Loveland 2020

Are you traveling from Southern California? If so, you can take one of Wanderlust's "25 Best Road Trips in the US" through Utah's Mighty 5 National Parks. Two routes, the northern and southern routes, are outlined below:

The northern route (I-15 to I-70) leads to Las Vegas, NV, through the Valley of Fire past the Hoover Dam, one of the Seven Wonders of the Industrial World.

In Springdale, UT, stop at Zion National Park. Tip: To avoid a toll tunnel and long wait, take Highway 59/389/89. Plan ahead because Zion is one of America's most visited national parks. Close by, view the unique spires of Bryce Canyon National Park.

Next stops: Capitol Reef National Park in Torrey, UT, (Fruita Campground is a hidden gem) and Colorado National Monument in Grand Junction, CO.

The southern route features three options for traveling from Flagstaff, AZ, to Moab, UT. For the first route, take I-40 to Flagstaff, AZ, and Highway 89/160/191 on to Moab, UT, and Arches and Canyonlands National

Parks. Don't miss Dead Horse Point State Park while you're in the area. If time allows, take a side trip to Antelope Canyon in Page, AZ. You'll need reservations to tour Antelope Slot Canyon - worth the money and time, especially if you love photography.

For the second option, out of Flagstaff, AZ, take Highways 160 and 491 to Cortez, CO, and the mystical Mesa Verde National Park. From Cortez, CO, take Highway 145 to Telluride, CO, an attraction all unto itself. From Telluride, take Highways 62 and 550 to Montrose, CO. Out of Montrose, CO, take Highway 50 to Black Canyon National Park, where you can drive to the bottom of the deepest canyon in the US - but not with your Airstream. Between Telluride and Montrose, you can stop in Ridgway or Ouray, CO, the Switzerland of America.

For the third option, take Highway 160 from Cortez, CO, to Durango, CO, then US Highway 550, the Million Dollar Highway, through Silverton, CO, to Montrose, CO. Check the map before you go. With a little confidence in your driving skills, Highway 550 is completely manageable with an Airstream.

This concludes "Loveland 2020 - It's All About the Journey." We hope you enjoyed the ride. For questions and additional information, contact Vicki Ottoson, [vottoson@gmail.com](mailto:vottoson@gmail.com), 303-777-6144.



## Comfort Suites Loveland

4851 Thompson Pkwy.  
Johnstown, CO 80534

Comfort Suites Loveland is located just 4 miles from The Ranch Events Complex. Close to shops and restaurants. Hotel amenities include free hot breakfast, premium free WiFi, laundry, fitness center, and indoor/outdoor whirlpool/hot tub just to name a few.

Rally Room Rates are available between June 14th until the night of June 26th

1 King Bed, Suite \$ 139.00 plus taxes  
2 Queen Bed, Suite \$ 139.00 plus taxes

Reservations **MUST** be made by May 14th. Call hotel direct at 970-663-3300 and tell them you are with the **Airstream International Loveland2020** or book online at <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/EX72K8>. Group code is **EX72K8**.

## Active National Caravan Leaders and Where They Live

Elna & Jay Thompson, #805

During 2020, there will be 21 national caravans, the most national caravans ever presented in one year! This is possible because the following folks volunteer to be National Caravan leaders. Not all those listed will be leading one of the 21 caravans in 2020, but have committed to leading a scheduled national caravan or are directly involved with the operation and promotion of caravans. They will be listed by the region and state or province in which they reside or call "home". Of note, there are now three caravans that run entirely in Canada which are led by Canadians.

Region 1 includes ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NB, NS, NFLD, PEI and Quebec.

The leaders from this region are:

Trevor and Gale Lake of Massachusetts lead Nor by Nor'East

Region 2 includes NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, D.C. and ON.

The leaders from this region are:

Luke and Barbara Brennecke of Maryland co-lead Sho-Me the Ozarks

Deane and Judy Collinson of Ontario lead Canadian Rocky Mountains

Bob George of Maryland co-lead Sho-Me the Ozarks

Mark and Debbie Hammer of New York co-lead New York (State) State of Mind

Charles and Margaret Helwig of Delaware co-lead Viking Trail

Will and Karen Kushto of Pennsylvania co-lead Springtime in the Rockies

Murray and Pat Leggatt of Ontario co-lead the Viking Trail

Steve and Janet Nentwig of Ontario lead Canadian Rocky Mountains

Region 3 includes VA, NC, SC, GA, and FL.

The leaders from this region are:

Gary and RoseMarie Anderson of Florida co-lead Southwest Adventure

Frank and Joan Anderson of Georgia *Blue Beret* editor for caravan promotions

John and Nancy Becker of North Carolina co-lead Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond

Ray and Carol Combs of North Carolina lead both Taste of the Blue Ridge and Smidge of the Blue Ridge

Ronn and Rae Gilbert of North Carolina co-lead Gone to Texas

Matt and Beth Hackney of Georgia co-lead North to Alaska

Greg and Linda Heuer of Virginia co-lead Nuts for Ruts Finding the Oregon Trail

Winston and Carol Montague of Florida co-lead Georgia Plantations and More

Bill and Beth Racavich of Florida co-lead Made in the U.S.A.

Jim and Lynn Soltys of Georgia lead Georgia Plantations and More

John and Cissy Thibadeau of Georgia co-lead North to Alaska

Jay and Elna Thompson of Florida are the Caravan Committee Chairmen

Bill and Shelly Townsend of North Carolina co-lead New York (State) State of Mind

Margaret Van de Ree of North Carolina co-lead Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond

Region 4 includes MI, OH, and WV.

The leaders from this region are:

Chip and Lori DeLeeuw of Michigan lead Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights

Region 5 includes IL, IN, and KY.

The leaders from this region are;

Karl and Cindy Weisenberger of Kentucky co-lead Springtime in Kentucky



Region 6 includes TN, AL, MS, AR, and LA.

The leaders from this region are:

Stuart and Kathy Bacon of Tennessee lead Southeast Coast

Michael and Judy Shelley of Arkansas will lead Taste of the Blue Ridge

Dale and Kathy Spillman of Louisiana co-lead Made in the U.S.A.

Ingo and Mary Werk of Louisiana lead Highway 61 Revisited

Region 7 includes WI, MN, ND, SD, and Manitoba.

The leaders from this region are:

Bruce and Gail Harrower of Manitoba lead Northern Lights and Polar Bears

Bob and Heidi Manak of Wisconsin who provided IT support.

Region 8 includes IA, MO, NE, and KS.

The leaders from this region are:

Jack and Kay Garrett of Missouri co-lead Sho-Me the Ozarks

Bob and Sue Heist of Nebraska lead Southwest Adventure

Rick and Debbie Hentchel of Missouri lead Springtime in Kentucky

Anna Janesko of Kansas co-lead Sho-Me the Ozarks

Charles and Sandy Kiple of Iowa are past chairmen of caravan committee

Region 9 includes OK and TX.

The leaders from this region are:

Grady and Keith Ferry of Texas will co-lead Nuts for Ruts Finding the Oregon Trail

Tom and Vickie Ketchum of Texas co-lead Gone to Texas

Peter and Carol Sajovich of Texas lead Rollin' to the Big Easy

Peter and Judy Schwarz of Texas co-lead Cajun Country

Region 10 includes MT, ID, WA, OR, AK, BC, AB, Sask., NW Territory, and Yukon.

The leaders from this region are:

Michel and Ellen Bourassa of British Columbia lead the Three Mexican Gems

Region 11 includes WY, CO, UT, Mexico, AZ, and NM.

The leaders from this region are:

Mike Zimmerman and Carolyn Beardshear of Colorado provide IT support

Doug and Amanda Hewins of Colorado co-lead Springtime in the Rockies

Gene and Charlene Gardner of Arizona co-lead Cajun Country

Region 12 includes CA and NV.

The leaders from this region are:

Mike and Phyllis Minadeo of California lead the Golden State caravan

Two additional persons who provide significant assistance to the national caravan program are located in the club office in Jackson Center. Deb Sailor directs the publication of the *Blue Beret* that provides information and publicity about the national caravans. Barb Langston coordinates all of the information for the caravan portion of the website and is instrumental interacting with US Bank and Barb is also assuming responsibility interacting with caravan leaders and caravanners.



Bryce Canyon, Southwest Adventure Caravan



Leaving Bradley's Country Store, Georgia Plantations and More

## Pets and Paws Rally

**Provincetown, Massachusetts  
April 17 - 19, 2020**

RJ Dominic

This is a joint rally between the Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club and the New England Airstream Club. This rally has been held for 10 years, the last two years being a National Event Rally. It is held to coincide with National Pet Day.

This is an extremely popular rally. You do not need to own a pet to attend, as this is in celebration of everyone's past and present pets.

We have homemade and store-bought treats for the pets. On Saturday of the Rally, members volunteer to do a spring cleanup of the Pilgrim Bark Park, after which Lilli Hamnqvist will lead a stroll, with your pets, through downtown Provincetown.

This Rally is held at the Coastal Acres Campground in Provincetown, MA, and is a short 10-minute walk into the heart of town. Provincetown is a beautiful coastal town at the end of Cape Cod with great restaurants and plenty of gift shops to explore. On Saturday evening, we all go to a local seafood restaurant and enjoy local fresh seafood. Please visit the Cape Cod Massachusetts website to print out a flyer: [capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net](http://capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net)



## Storytelling Rally

**Jonesborough, TN  
September 30 - October 4, 2020**

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

We hope that your travel plans will bring you to East TN in October for the 48<sup>th</sup> International Storytelling Festival that takes place in Tennessee's oldest town, Jonesborough. Considered the premier storytelling event in America, the Jonesborough National Storytelling Festival is the flagship for a national movement that celebrates the rich history of American storytelling and those who share their stories. It is the largest and oldest event of its kind in America and attracts an audience of nearly 11,000 from all over the United States and several foreign countries. From inside large circus type tents, some of the world's most gifted and wonderful storytellers paint experiences and tales with words and music that bring this art to life. As many of our past attendees have said "It is something you have to experience, you cannot adequately describe it".

The Smithsonian said, "From all over America, people come to Jonesborough just to hear stories. Some stories seem to be made out of whole cloth. Others are like the Tennessee quilts on sale in Jonesborough's many craft shops. They weave together past, present, fact and fiction in a tight design both dazzling and unforgettable".

We offer parking with full hookups for the first 40 trailers, which allows you to come in your Airstream and enjoy this great event without having to worry about a good spot to park. We hope you will take advantage of early parking, which allows you to enjoy the many sites this area has to offer. Also, most of our folks like to come early to attend the Donald Davis performance on Wednesday evening, September 30. Donald Davis is a favorite of most all storyteller followers.

Everyone is responsible for ordering his or her tickets to the festival. There is a small discount if you order before March 15 and be sure and tell them if you are a senior. You can call 800-952-8392 or go online to [www.storytellingcenter.net](http://www.storytellingcenter.net)

See coupon section for registration form.



# REGION 1

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

I really need to address how my calendar seems to change pages faster than everyone else's. How March crept up on us I will never know. As of right now, there are over forty WBAC events on the club calendar! That's amazing – actually what is really amazing is that I was able to gather that information all in one place at one time, our new Wally Byam Airstream Club website. Yes, it is still a work in progress and I want to personally thank everyone working on it. To me the website will never replace my printed *Blue Beret*. I do enjoy waiting for it to arrive in the mail, peel away the plastic sleeve with the scent of real printer's ink wafting from the pages. Nice, my Kindle never gives me that satisfaction. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the region editors for their monthly contributions. Keeping in touch with our Grass Roots is the fundamental reason for such a successful club. I will admit that there have been a few occasions over the many years that I have been Region One editor when I scratched my head and lost sleep over what words could I possibly put to paper for this month's contribution. Needless to say, in all the years I have missed only one issue.

Many months ago I promised that I would get off my soap box in regards to our wonderful Big Red Numbers, I lied. I cannot tell you how excited I am that our executive committee members have taken up the call and are now following a new tradition, with their signatures you will note the added notation; *Big Red Number XXXX*. Thank you all so much. At the unit level a practice of adding *BRN XXXX* to our email signatures has been slowly growing throughout our membership.

I think Arlo Guthrie said it best: *You know, if one person, just one person, does it, they may think he's really crazy and they won't let them come to rallies.*

*And if two people do it, in harmony, they may think they're both crazy for sticking those big red numbers on their Airstream and they won't let them join Happy Hour.*

*And if three people do it! Can you imagine three people putting big red numbers on their campers? They may think it's an organized club with purpose.*

*And can you imagine fifty people a day? I said FIFTY people a day putting big red numbers on their Airstreams? Friends, they may think it's a Movement, and that's what it is, the, I want to be recognized as a Wally Byam Airstream Club member movement!*

One last bit of business, please get your rally sheets in for the incredible, not to be missed Region One 2020 Rally. You have till the end of the month to take advantage of the reduced early bird entry fee. You don't need me to tell you it will be a wonderful time to reconnect with all of your regional buddies and enjoy four days of adventure and friendship. Keep well and remember; keep the shiny side up.

# REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor  
[region2.airstreamclub.net](http://region2.airstreamclub.net)

We often refer to our Wally Byam Airstream Club as "our community". Wanting to get a better sense of what that might mean, I did a web search and found this perspective from digital analyst, speaker and author, Brian Solis. Brian says, "Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter". His definition is simple and very easy to relate to our Club.

While our sense of belonging was strong within our individual units/clubs, it had waned a little for the Region 2 community over the years. To help turn that around, President Rich Short began the *Renew Region 2* campaign during the latter part of 2018 while still Vice-President. Bringing attention to the matter has brought a renewed energy and commitment to our Region 2 community.

Here are some facts about our Region 2:

- With 16 Units/Clubs, Region 2 is the second largest of the twelve (12) Regions in the Airstream Club, Intl.
- Region 2 has over 2,000 people in those sixteen Units/Clubs.
- Region 2 covers six (6) US states and one (1) Canadian province.
- 160 rigs from Region 2 attended the 2019 International Rally in Doswell, VA - a record number in recent history.
- 170 people attended the sold-out Region 2 BBQ luncheon in Doswell, another record number.
- We had over 80 rigs register for the 2019 Region 2 Rally in Biglerville, PA. That was an increase over the two previous years.
- As of mid-January, all 108 sites set aside for us for the [May 2020 Region 2 Rally in Kingston](#), Ontario Canada have been filled! This "Sold Out" rally is the first Region 2 Rally to be held in Canada since 2010 and President Rich said it was about time! It's going to be a great Rally!

- Our Region 2 Caravan Leader Kerry Mattila has an awesome, 3 week “[Rocky Mountain High](#)” [Kingston-to-Loveland Caravan](#) planned and open for registration. As of mid-January, 21 of the 25 spots are spoken for. There will likely be a waiting list.
- Since the launch of the re-designed [Region 2 website](#) in the fall of 2018, it has had 4300 visits! Webmaster Lawrence Northway is always scouting for ideas to refresh the site.
- Since July 2019, six (6) more of our units have voted to add Airstream Club to their name. Congrats to the latest, Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club. Which unit will be next?
- Our Region 2 Team has a new Membership Chair. Lea Plant is Past President of the Watchung NJ Airstream Club and past Editor of their award-winning newsletter, *The Hillbilly*. Welcome to the Region 2 Team, Lea. We know Lea will be a great asset to our Region, helping our unit/clubs to grow and prosper.

In my opinion, these facts illustrate that that the Region 2 community is growing stronger and has a heightened sense of belonging and commitment. We still have work to do, though, including recruiting vice-presidents to help the Region sustain its momentum and build on the work being done on behalf of our Airstream Club community. Members interested in being part of the Renew Region 2 Team should reach out to Rich at <mailto:region2president@airstreamclub.net>

## REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor  
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Mark your calendars for April 1-5 for Region 3's Spring Rally. It is appropriately called **Shagging on the Beach** and is to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC at the Ocean Lakes Family Campground.

Myrtle Beach is a city vacation resort on the Atlantic coast in the center of the Grand Strand – a 60-mile string of beaches that hosts over 14 million visitors annually.

Attractions abound – Motor City Musical, Legends in Concert, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, Polynesian Fire Luau and Dinner Show, Family Kingdom Amusement Park, shopping centers and over 1,900 restaurants. The Sky Wheel is one of the country's tallest Ferris wheels. If that's not enough then check out the water sports that range from kiteboarding and jet skiing to deep sea fishing from chartered boats,

Myrtle Waves is a local water park. Ripley's Aquarium is a giant reef ecosystem inhabited by sharks – complete with a “shark tunnel” to walk through!

Of course, there are golf courses – some of the over 100 courses have been designed by celebrities. For those who love to stroll along boardwalks – Myrtle Beach's boardwalk is dotted with arcades, souvenir stands and many restaurants.

Camping reservations need to be made directly to Ocean Lakes Campground (1-800-722-1451) and let them know you are camping with Region 3 Rally in order to camp in our pre-arranged camping area and to get the rate of \$42 per night plus taxes. Please note: Camp sites can be reserved from March 29 to April 5 for those who would like to extend their stay and enjoy all that Myrtle Beach has to offer for the same daily rate.

The registration forms will be online at the Region 3 website and the Rally fees are as follows:

Arriving Wednesday or Thursday \$150 per rig with 2 or more,  
\$75 for single

Arriving Friday or Saturday \$130 per rig with 2 or more,  
\$65 for single

Rally fees include a welcome reception, 3 continental breakfasts, 1 catered breakfast, 2 catered dinners and 2 socials. Registration for the Rally can be online and pay at the rally or Alicia Rafter, Region 3 Registrar, will take your printed form and check (payable to WBCCI Region 3) at 1864 Indian Road West, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 by March 10, 2020.

## REGION 4

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Snowbirds are getting ready to return from their warm winter climes and local unit/club rallies will be starting soon.

Plans are getting finalized for the Region 4 Rally on May 13-16 in Adrian, MI at the Lenawee County Fair and Event Center. You can still register.

Will you be going to Loveland for the 2020 International Rally? Travel with Region 4! The caravan will begin in Coldwater, MI on June 7 and end in Loveland, CO on June 17. Contact Will Franger at [williamfranger@aol.com](mailto:williamfranger@aol.com) with questions or to register.



As a reminder about the Region 4 Community Service Project; Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow, a non-profit organization founded in 1981, is dedicated to working with seriously and terminally ill children and their families to provide comfort and support throughout the final stages of the child's illness. Many children ask to see Santa for a last Christmas as they near the end of their struggle. Santa's Hide-Away is committed to meeting that very need any time of the year. Santa gives his healing Spirit to all!

Region 4 is partnering with Santa's Hollow to provide a place where terminally ill children can see Santa any time of the year at a traditional Christmas tree lot with an Airstream in the center. Trees will be strung with lights and the lot will be filled with signage and lights to create a Christmas wonderland all year round. There will be a work rally for Santa's Workshop in April. Check region and Airstreamclub.org websites for details and to register.

## REGION 5

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Hello again Region 5 Members!

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! Registration is now open online @ [region5.airstreamclub.net](http://region5.airstreamclub.net). Or you may choose to mail your registration to John Swearingen, Region 5 Treasurer, P.O. Box 356, Atlanta, IL 61723.

Below is an excerpt provided by Chris Seplak with some of the details:

Hurryin' to the Hoosier Hills

"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 twenty 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 14th or Tuesday 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."

Special care was used this year to assure that the Region 5 Rally would not interfere with the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, OH. The Region 5 Rally is scheduled From September 16-20. The Swiss Rally is scheduled for September 26-October 3. So, members can attend Region 5 and then leave Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and meander over to the Swiss Festival.

I understand the Kentucky Club - Kentucky Derby Rally and the Springtime in Kentucky National Caravan have put together a joint Rally/Caravan for two days at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington/Georgetown, KY. They anticipate there will be 40-50 Airstreams attending all together. This year they have rented the Recreations Shelter for two days to avoid being soaking wet as in the past 9 out of 10 years! It always rains on Derby weekend it seems!

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 to be part of such a wonderful Club! Send your news to your unit/club Presidents and have them forward to me!

See you next month!

## REGION 6

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The clubs in Region 6 are getting busy!

The Alabama Airstream Club is holding its Alabama State Rally, April 16-19, at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley, AL. They are gearing up to host the Athens Old Time Fiddlers Special Event Rally, September 28 - October 4, which includes the 54th annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Athens, AL.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will hold its annual Take Me Out to the Ballgame rally April 23-26 at the Road Hog RV Park in Fayetteville, AR. They will attend the University of Arkansas Razorback baseball team's game against the University of Auburn Tigers.

East Tennessee Airstream Club will hold its Bluegrass on the Mountain rally, March 26-29, in Tracy City, TN featuring "The Greatest Show Under Earth" where those attending can experience music at 333 feet underground. The Tennessee State rally is April 30-May 3 in Sevierville, TN with a lot to do in the Gatlinburg/Sevierville/Pigeon Forge areas.

The Louisiana Airstream Club will hold its Spring Fling Rally, April 16-19, at La Pay E Bas Campground in Eunice, LA. On May 7-10, the club will hold its Symphony Rally at Fontainebleau State Park on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain near Mandeville, LA.

The Mississippi Airstream Club will hold its Spring "New Orleans" Rally, March 23-27, at the New Orleans KOA in River Ridge, LA. Members will explore the French Quarter and a World War II museum, among other attractions. They are also planning a May 1-4, rally at Lake Lowndes in Columbus, MS.

The Music City Tennessee Airstream Club is planning a caravan along the Natchez Trace, March 26-April 5. They will attend the Tennessee State rally April 30-May 3 in Sevierville, TN.

Pensacola Florida Airstream Unit will hold its Celebrating the Past rally on March 19-22 and the Flower Power rally on April 16-19, which is a buddy rally with the Gulf Coast Seagulls. The unit holds its rallies at Mystic Springs in McDavid, FL.

**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](mailto:b.w.jones@icloud.com) for assistance or questions.

## REGION 7

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The Rippling River Resort Campground in Marquette, MI is the location for Region 7's *Anatomy of a Murder* rally - August 20-25. Camping reservations are to be made directly with the campground. You may pay your Rally Fee by going to the Region 7 website <https://region7.airstreamclub.net> and selecting one of the options in US or Canadian Funds. It is an easy way for you to pay and definitely makes the rally planners work much easier. So, pay and relax.

Did you know that Churchill, Manitoba was ranked number 29 of the Top Places to Visit in 2020 by the New York Times? A true bucket-list vacation destination, this rugged outpost on the edge of the Hudson Bay offers experiences you won't find anywhere else in the world. Not only is it the polar bear capital of the world, it is one of the world's premiere viewing destinations for the aurora borealis (northern lights) that dance in the sky some 300 nights each year. While in Churchill, you can take in some of its extensive fur trade history, hiking and outstanding cuisine (Arctic Char is a must!). So, get set for your once in a lifetime tundra experience in Churchill with the *WBCCI Northern Lights and Polar Bears National Caravan* - September 14 - October 12. More information and online registration at <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-lights-polar-bears-caravan-2020>.

As always, travel safe!



## REGION 8

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Spring is right around the corner and for those of us in Region 8, and other northern Regions, we will soon be readying our rigs for the upcoming camping season. De-winterizing, interior and exterior cleaning, waxing, sanitizing the fresh water system, airing up the tires, checking the tightness of the lug nuts and so on are all necessary for us to enjoy what's in store in the upcoming months. Last September, we had a blow out near Wall, SD that knocked out the pull levers and some piping on our sewer system. As a result, our camping season abruptly ended. Our rig was in storage until late January after repairs were completed in mid-December. We were able to finally get to Arizona in February and can report that all systems worked.

Many Regions kick off the camping season with spring rallies starting in April of each year. Region 8 is no exception, and our Region Rally will be held in Fremont, NE April 23-26. It is always good to renew old friendships and meet new members. Most of our Units/Clubs will hold spring rallies the weekend prior to the Region Rally. For exact dates and locations, you can check the [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) website.

We hope you have registered to attend the Loveland 2020 International Rally at the Ranch Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO.  
 SEE YOU THERE!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## REGION 9

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Howdy! Are you familiar with the English proverb, "In like a lion, out like a lamb"? I think you have probably heard this several times during your lifetime. Of course, the proverb is referring to the month of March. It always seemed like a reasonable saying, and every time we heard it, we would nod our head in agreement. After all, when March starts, it's still winter, and by the end of the month, spring has begun. True, in many states the weather hasn't quite reached the lamb stage by the end of the month, but it's getting there. This is not the only March proverb, but for

some reason this one seems to be the one we remember and the one that usually runs through our heads.

We all like balance in our lives and in the weather. If March comes in roaring like a lion with winter weather, then it should go out docile, like a lamb with good, calm, spring weather. We certainly know that March weather is unpredictable and very changeable. We might have warm, spring-like temperatures or late-season winter snowstorms, or any combination of the two. We can only hope that if March starts off stormy, it will end on a calm note, but the key word here is hope. By the end of the month, if not sooner, we will be more than ready to pack our Airstreams and get back on the road again. After all, regardless of the weather, we are eager for that next great adventure to begin! Let's get our travels for this year started!

**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!* Is your costume ready? Have you learned some new, vintage dance moves? Let's get ready to party! 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 next month.

This month the spotlight shines on Region 9. In July 1967, Region 9 as we know it today, was established. Prior to 1967, when there were only seven (7) Regions, Texas and Oklahoma were included in Region 5, the South Central Region. Included in Region 9 today is Texas and Oklahoma. A portion of West Texas, around the El Paso area, that is in the Mountain Time Zone, is part of Region 11. There are ten local clubs in Region 9: Texas Plains Airstream Club, Oklahoma Airstream Club, Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club, Heart of Texas Camping Unit, North Texas Unit, East Texas Lakes Unit, Texas Alamo Unit, Texas Hill Country Unit, Greater Houston Airstream Club and Texas Gulf Coast Unit. Each local club has been highlighted in this article during the past several months.

Once again Region 9 is fortunate to have a full slate of officers: President, Bill Kindle; First Vice President, Bill Miller; Second Vice President, Nancy Fitzgerald; Secretary, Keith Ferry; and Treasurer, David Thompson. With this Leadership Team, the members of Region 9 are looking forward to a continuation of activities that provide more opportunities to have fun, fellowship and adventure!

**Region 9 Trivia:** The answer to last month's question is: In 1981 Region 9 had seventeen (17) Units. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: When was the decision to hold two (2) Region 9 Rallies a year changed? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, let's hope for a balance in the weather and our lives, and stay safe!

## REGION 10

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Spring is on the way. Hurrah! We welcome back the Snowbirds and we congratulate or maybe sympathize with the brave souls who remained snowbound.

Now we can make serious plans for our Airstream adventures. Is it a caravan, a rally or an adventurous trip to the "We Can Tow Rally" prior to the International Rally?

We have so many options in Region 10. All **seven** of our Units (clubs) have great locations and opportunities for us to explore, meet new Airstreamers and learn about our rigs.

The Alberta-Saskatchewan and Montana clubs may still be snowbound for a month yet; but our remaining clubs are ready to rally!

The British Columbia Club has a joint rally with the Washington Club April 17-19 at Fidalgo Bay RV Resort in Washington.

The Idaho Club has their Breakout Rally April 23-26.

The Oregon Club has an April Fools Rally March 27-29 in Foster; April Foolish Rally April 3-5 at Westfir and an Urban Rally April 17-19 in Carlton, OR. Great fun.

The Washington Club has a Crab Fest/St. Patrick's Rally March 20-22 in Lacey and the Spring Rally in La Conner, WA. Crab fest and green beer, now **that** is a rally!

All members are welcome to attend any rally, as long as there is space; including rallies in Europe. Now that would be an adventure!

Check the Region website ([region10.airstreamclub.net](http://region10.airstreamclub.net)) for details of these and other rallies.

There are many caravans to consider also. 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. Make more memories!

Great News! We welcome a new club to our Region; the **Inland NW Airstream Club** currently has approximately 14 members. The club invites any member living close to Spokane, WA to join them for lunch or a rally. The club meets for lunch at Sheri's on Sullivan in Spokane Valley. Their first planned rally is a May Rally, May 15-17 near Prosser, WA. Check for information on their Facebook page. Congratulations to Sharon Cairns, Region President, and the team which stepped up to lead the new Club for their success.

If you are an Airstreamer living in Alaska during the year, please let me know. There are several members in Alaska who would like to connect (virtually if necessary) to meet each other and plan get-togethers.

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

## REGION 11

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The Four Corners Airstream Club will be celebrating Sadie Hawkins Day at the Pancho Villa State Park in Columbus, NM on February 27-March 1. This is a minimalist rally. Which means meeting for Happy Hour in the afternoon and you are on your own for the rest of the time. The Pink Pony just across the border in Mexico has been newly remodeled and will be a point of interest.

The Utah Wasatch Airstream Club is planning a Caravan to International with stops in Vernal, UT, Steamboat Springs, CO and a final gathering in Loveland before heading into the Ranch.

The Arizona Airstream Club will be at the Lake Havasu State Park, 699 London Bridge Road. Yes, a real London Bridge that was taken apart stone by stone and reassembled in Lake Havasu over a portion of the Colorado River. Rally hosts, Rick Carmichael and others, have planned a complex Rally. The rally will be held while the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Grass on the Beach Festival is being held. Option A is a seven-day Rally with full hook ups. It is starting on March 2 and is sold out. Option B starts on March 5 and ends on March 9. Special guests from the Colorado Airstream Club and Airstream of Scottsdale will be attending and assisting in the rally. Activities include a tour of London Bridge, a golf tournament, various special dinners and, of course, attending events at the Blue Grass Festival.

The Colorado Airstream Club is going to Arizona. Part A of the trip will be the Spring Break for Grown Ups during the Blue Grass Festival at Lake Havasu State Park. Part B will a Just Campin event at the Trail RV Park in Boulder City, NV. Activities will include a zipline trip across a canyon, kayaking down the Colorado River and an evening in Las Vegas. Colorado Club members that are in Colorado may be going to the Denver Aquarium for lunch on March 21.



## REGION 12

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Hello fellow Airstreamers. Cecelia and I and the Smithsons have just finished the 39th Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena. The next Rose Parade Rally will be the last one put on by Region 12. People that have never attended this rally in the past will be given first priority. There are only 28 spots available and it usually books up by the end of April. If you wish to attend, send your \$100 deposit in with the application that can be found on the R12 website. All good things come to an end, so be sure to sign up soon if you are interested.

We head next to Quartzite, AZ for a rally with the El Camino and San Diego clubs. President Cecelia would like to encourage more joint rallies between R12 clubs. It is always fun to get to know fellow WBCCI members.

Next, we head to Las Vegas for the annual WBCCI IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting. R12 and the Greater Los Angeles Airstream club are hosting this event at the Oasis RV Resort. Past President Jim Polk and Lynda are heading up the activities. Several motions will be presented and voted upon. Some Constitutional amendments will be considered and possibly voted on at the summer delegates meeting in Colorado.

R12 has had two requests. The WBCCI Caravan has asked for more members from our region to take the Caravan leaders course. It will be offered in Colorado in June. Leaders are needed to develop and run caravans in the Western states. Also, many clubs are asking for folks to step up and host local rallies and events. We don't want all the "same people" that run rallies to burn out.

Now for some R12 SHOUT OUTS:

1. To the El Camino Real Airstream Club for their Whale Watch Rally.
2. To Mike and Phyllis Minadeo for creating and leading a California Caravan.
3. To Abe Hernandez (and Veronica) for taking on the R12 Second Vice President position.
4. To San Diego president Marla Liberty and her club for hosting the R12 Region Rally in Palm Desert, CA. Watch our website for the coupon to sign up.

## EUROPE

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The 2020 rallies are getting booked up. We are looking forward to another year of great rallies. 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.

The last members are still in the process of renewing for 2020. We have also seen more new members enrolling. Europe now has a core of members who renew every 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 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 in 2020, arrangements are made for them either using rented SOB's, borrowed Airstreams or chalets on the same campground. We look forward to seeing more people at rallies.



# From the Vice President of Sales



**Lenny Razo**

Spring is upon us here in Jackson Center, OH. We are excited about the weather changing and seeing the landscape begin to bloom around the new production facility. The new offices and the "Heritage Center" are progressing nicely, and we are looking forward to opening those areas in late spring.

The last couple of months have been very busy for Airstream. Our sales team has attended over 30 shows. We are seeing increased sales year over year, thanks to the more mild weather this winter. We are also seeing record traffic at many shows, which is always a great sign of a strong spring selling season. Our team is also preparing for our May 2020 dealer meeting which will be held in Dallas, Texas. This will be held at the Gaylord Texas Resort.

Airstream has also been very busy preparing for Alumapalooza in May. This year will be exciting with the new production facility up and running. More details will be coming soon on all the events included in what should be an exciting and enjoyable Alumapalooza 2020.

Airstream recently added a new modern décor to our flagship model, Classic. The new Comfort White décor options are now available with Earl Grey Ultraleather or Café Latte Ultraleather. The moment you walk into a Comfort White Classic you will notice the Shaker-style cabinet fronts made from imported European hardwood in a white finish. Accented with contemporary, German imported, brass hardware, the knobs and pulls add an element of refinement. The darker countertops will offer a warmth to the space as the light and spacious approach carries down to the floors. We were able to show this new interior for the first time back in late January at the Tampa Super Show. The new Comfort White Classics are now arriving at your local dealers for you to see for yourself. Pictures of the new interiors are on page 52.

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.

Happy Airstreaming!!





Rick March, General Manager  
Customer Relations Group

As I write this article the first week of February, the news is that the groundhog did not see his shadow, which means an early spring!! I am going to be optimistic and assume Punxsutawney Phil was correct, so this month we will cover our spring preparation checklist so we can get out and enjoy our RV's.

### Spring Preparation Checklist

After having your Airstream in storage for the winter, there are some things that may need to be checked, or maintenance, performed to make your first trip of the season more enjoyable.

#### Starting with the outside:

◇ Open your unit and allow it to "air out" after being closed up for the winter. This will allow fresh air into the unit after storage.

(Note: If the windows have become stuck to the seal from lack of use, you may carefully break the seal from the glass. Never pry with a hard object such as knives or screwdrivers. If it won't open, take something like a credit card and insert it between the glass and frame starting at the corner and sliding along the bottom towards the other corner. To prevent sticking, wash the window gaskets with dishwasher soap to remove dirt and resins. Once clean and dry, you may apply a thin coat of a product such as 303® Aerospace Protectant. This cleaning and lubrication may also be done for the main door, access compartments and Fantastic fan gaskets.)

◇ As you are examining the outside, take note of any cracks or voids in sealants. Remove any weathered sealant and fill with new.

◇ Check outside compartments, vents and water heater for any obstructions from possible nests that may have been built. For now, leave the water heater's drain plug open or out (depending on the style of the tank) and the door open. We will be returning later to finish.

◇ Open your patio awning (and any window awnings) to check operation. For cleaning instructions, follow Zip Dee's owner's manual or visit [www.ZipDeeinc.com](http://www.ZipDeeinc.com).

◇ Your brakes may need inspected, and if your trailer is not equipped with Nev-R-Lube™ bearings, they should be repacked prior to hitting the road.

◇ Check your overall tire condition. Make sure the air pressure and wheel lug nut torque are correct. (Some RV safety organizations recommend that if your tires are 3-4 years old, you should consider replacement due to rubber deterioration, even if the tread looks good. You may wish to follow this or your tire manufacturer's recommendations.) Don't forget the spare!

◇ Hopefully your batteries were maintained over the winter. With lead-acid batteries, you will want to check the fluid levels and fill, as necessary, with distilled water so the top of the plates are covered. It may also be a good time to have your batteries tested. A load test may be done at many auto stores or battery suppliers. If you have 3 or more years on your current deep cycle batteries, it may be time to think of replacements.

◇ Regardless if your battery is a non-maintenance or lead-acid style, inspect the battery terminals and cable ends. If corrosion has developed, clean them with a wire brush and apply a protective coating to the battery posts and cable ends.

◇ After verifying that all appliances were turned off and hose connections are tight outside, you may turn on the LP tanks.

◇ Do a visual check of the breakaway cable and switch, as well as the 7-way cord connections where you may apply some dielectric grease to. If cables are cracked or corroded, they should be attended to. (Note: It is recommended that your breakaway cable and switch be changed every 5 years or as needed!)

◇ Lubricate the tongue and stabilizer jacks following the manufacturer's recommendations.

◇ Make sure the fresh water valve is closed. This may be a good time to fill and sanitize your fresh water tank. Mixing 1/4 cup of household bleach with one gallon of water will prepare a solution to treat 15 gallons. (2 mixtures for 30 gallons and 3 mixtures for 45 gallons) Let this solution set in your tank for at least 4 hours before flushing. (Note: Products such as Thetford™ Drain Valve Lubricant may be applied to your grey and black tanks to help prevent sticking valves.)

◇ Close your low point drain valves if open.

### Let's go inside!

◇ If you have had a drawer or cabinet come open during a past trip, you may want to check to see if the latch that holds that cabinet or drawer is properly adjusted. If the latch is found to be worn, it may be something you want to change before loading back up.

◇ Check and clean your air conditioner filter if needed.

◇ Check your water pump to make sure the hoses are connected and tight.

◇ You can now open any valves that were closed during the winterization process, with the exception of your water heater bypass. (we will get that later)

◇ If you used anti-freeze to winterize your trailer, you will need to flush it out. You can hook up to your city water input and flush out the lines by opening the faucets and running water until you no longer see the foaming from the anti-freeze (don't forget the toilet). This could take a couple flushes. (Note: If flushing the lines for the first time after being parked, sediment from hard water may be released which can clog the ends of faucets. Unscrewing the screen and cleaning may provide a better water flow.)

◇ Once clean water is coming from the lines, you may shut the faucets off. (Note: check if your galley faucet had the filter removed for winterization, or if the filter needs to be changed for the start of a new season. Remove water pressure by making sure your pump is off and the city water is disconnected or turned off. Open the cold side low point drain valve and turn on the cold side of the galley faucet. This will allow drainage of the cold line. With a rag in hand to wipe up any residual water, you may now replace the filter. Once replaced, you may close the low point drain and faucet and turn the water back on.)

◇ We are now ready to open the bypass valve to your water heater and flush out any sediments that may have collected in the bottom from last season. (Remember we have left the exterior plug and door open on the water heater.) Open the bypass at the water heater to allow the water flow

to clean out any debris from the tank. The age and condition of the tank will dictate the length of time you will want to flush. (This could be 1 to 5 minutes). Once flushed, you may shut the bypass valve off and go outside and reinstall the plug and close the access door.

◇ Now, go back inside and open the bypass valve to allow the tank to fill with water. We want to make sure the tank is full of water before starting the water heater to prevent damaging the electric heating element. You will also want to open a hot water faucet to allow any trapped air to escape.

◇ At this point, you can plug your trailer into your 110-volt power source and turn your battery disconnect switch to the on position.

◇ Check your interior lighting and replace bulbs if needed.

◇ If you have an electric water heater, you may now check its operation.

◇ If your refrigerator is set to automatic, it should start cooling.

◇ Test the LP detector by pushing the test button. It is recommended to change the batteries in your CO detector and smoke alarms and test these as well. Don't forget your fire extinguisher!

◇ You can test the LP system by lighting the burners at your range. This should remove any trapped air from the lines. Once the air is removed, you may work your way to the refrigerator and water heater, switching to LP to test these appliances. You will also need to check the furnace to make sure it is functioning properly as well.

### At this point we can head back outside and will need to hook up to your tow vehicle.

◇ Check your hitch. The ball may be lubricated with products such as Reese™ hitch ball lube.

◇ Make sure the trailer coupler is clean of debris and operating smoothly.

◇ Check the 7-way socket on the tow vehicle and make sure there is no corrosion that may need to be attended to. Once this is done, we can plug in to check the lights.

◇ Let's first check to make sure that all marker lights illuminate. Next, you can check your brake lights as well as your turn signals.

At this point, you should be ready for that first trip out.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable camping season!

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

Have a great month!



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2020 Classic Interior Comfort White Earl Grey Ultraleather



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## International Rally

Jun 20-27 2020 International Rally, Loveland, Colorado

## National Event Rallies

Mar 5-8 Streamin on the Harbor, Georgetown, SC  
 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 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisted, Branson, MO  
 Sep 23-27 Antelope, Medicine Bow, WY  
 Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH  
 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  
 May 28-31 Region 1 Rally, Hebron, CT  
 Oct 9-12 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

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

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

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

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - [northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net](http://northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net)

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

### REGION 2 Activities

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

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

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

Mar 14 Luncheon, Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub <https://hartwoodrestaurant.com>, 3400 Harts Run Rd., Glenshaw, PA 15116, Lia & Bert Gough 412-492-9541, [rocks2portraits@gmail.com](mailto:rocks2portraits@gmail.com)  
 Apr 25 Luncheon, Evolution Grille <http://www.evolutiongrille.com>, 1186 Butler Rd, Freeport PA 16229, Vinny & Dale Rossitto 724-568-4801, [rossitto@comcast.net](mailto:rossitto@comcast.net)

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

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

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

DelMarVa Airstream Club - [delmarva.airstreamclub.net](http://delmarva.airstreamclub.net)

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

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

Mar 21 Get Together & Picnic, Ironstone Park, 141 Grist Mill Rd, Boyertown, PA 19512, Jody Dietz, [jdietz4361@gmail.com](mailto:jdietz4361@gmail.com)  
May 1-3 Spring Opener, Lums Pond SP, 1068 Howell School Rd, Bear DE 19701, Rick Pitts 610-793-9262, [r\\_pitts@verizon.net](mailto:r_pitts@verizon.net)

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

**Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club - [mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net](http://mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net)**

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

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

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

**Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club - [penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net](http://penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net)**

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

**Washington DC Unit - [wdcu.airstreamclub.net](http://wdcu.airstreamclub.net)**

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

**Palmetto State Airstream Club - [palmettostate.airstreamclub.net](http://palmettostate.airstreamclub.net)**

**Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - [piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net](http://piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net)**

**South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - [southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net](http://southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net)**

**South Florida Airstream Club - [southflorida.airstreamclub.net](http://southflorida.airstreamclub.net)**

Mar 16-25 Three Florida State Parks Caravan, <https://southflorida.airstreamclub.net/up-coming-rallies-2018-2019/>, Eileen Frerking 561-847-1677, [efrerking70@gmail.com](mailto:efrerking70@gmail.com)

**Southeastern Camping Unit - [southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net](http://southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net)**

**Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>**

Apr 17-20 Springtime Bluebell Camp, Shenandoah River SP <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/shenandoah-river>, 350 Daughter of Stars Dr, Bentonville VA 22610, Linda Heuer

**Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - [tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net](http://tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net)**

**Top of Georgia Airstream Club - [topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net](http://topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net)**

Apr 13-14 Spring Work Days, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Tim Johnson 706-878-3590, [capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com)

Apr 15-19 Spring Rally - Business Meeting, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Tim Johnson 706-878-3590, [capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com)

**Virginia Airstream Club - [virginia.airstreamclub.net](http://virginia.airstreamclub.net)**

## REGION 3 Activities



**Region 3 Website: [region3.airstreamclub.net](http://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](http://carolinas.airstreamclub.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/>, CG Reservations: Call 843-795-4386, Tell the CG you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally  
Apr 16-19 Tanglewood Park, NC Rally, Tanglewood Park & CG, 4016 Clemmons Road, Clemmons NC 27012, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/apr-tanglewood-park/>, CG Reservations: Call Kim 336-703-6494, Tell the CG you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally

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

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

Mar 12-16 Suwannee River Rendezvous, Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort & CG, 828 N.E. Primrose Rd, Mayo, FL 32066, Susan & David Poole, [susygmeeup14@gmail.com](mailto:susygmeeup14@gmail.com)  
Apr 23-27 St. Augustine Rally, St. Johns County FG, 5840 SR 207, Elkton FL 32033, Pam Millis 321-243-7663, [pammillis@yahoo.com](mailto:pammillis@yahoo.com)

**Florida Springs Airstream Club - [floridasprings.airstreamclub.net](http://floridasprings.airstreamclub.net)**

**Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - [floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net](http://floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net)**

**Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - [floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net](http://floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net)**

**Northern Virginia Airstream Club - [northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net](http://northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net)**

## REGION 4 Activities



**Region 4 Website: [region4.airstreamclub.net](http://region4.airstreamclub.net)**

May 13-17 Region 4 Rally, Adrian, MI  
Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugar Creek, OH

**Akron Ohio Airstream Club - [akronohio.airstreamclub.net](http://akronohio.airstreamclub.net)**

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

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

**Heart of Ohio Airstream Club - email: [christopher.b.lang@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.b.lang@gmail.com)**

**Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club - [mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net](http://mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net)**

Mar 15 Luncheon 2 PM, The Crow's Nest, 1257 Harmon Rd, Ashtabula, OH 44004, Rick & Elaine Richardson 440-812-6490, [rickelainehg@gmail.com](mailto:rickelainehg@gmail.com)

Apr 25 Luncheon 2 PM, Buena Vista Café 330-774-1287, 1305 Buena Vista Ave NE, Warren OH 44483, Dave & Nancy Brett, [dbrett@zoominternet.net](mailto:dbrett@zoominternet.net)

**Miami Valley Airstream Club - [miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net](http://miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net)**

**Michigan Airstream Club - [michigan.airstreamclub.net](http://michigan.airstreamclub.net)**

**Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit**

**Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - [mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net](http://mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net)**

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

Apr 16 Luncheon, Ralphie's, 451 Portland Way N, Galion OH 44833, Don & Lexie Berry 419-564-0876



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

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - [southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net](https://southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net)

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

## REGION 5 Activities

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

Sep 16-20 Region 5 Rally, Columbus, IN

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

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

Apr 4 Luncheon, MCL Restaurant & Bakery Township Line, 2370 W 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, [damon.beals@gmail.com](mailto:damon.beals@gmail.com)

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

Apr 18 Spring Luncheon, Dutch Cafe, 6665 S US 31 Ste 300, Peru IN 46970, Christopher Seplak 260 409-4750, [airstreambear3@icloud.com](mailto:airstreambear3@icloud.com)

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

Apr 29-May 3 Kentucky Derby Rally, Kentucky Horse Park CG 859-259-4257, 4089 Ironworks Pike, Lexington KY 40511, Artie & Pam Martin 513-288-3419, [aom1215@yahoo.com](mailto:aom1215@yahoo.com)

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

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](mailto:pschw@msn.com)

Apr 24-26 Amboy - Season Opener with a Bang, Lee County 4-H Center & FG, 1196 Franklin Rd, Amboy IL 61310, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, [pschw@msn.com](mailto:pschw@msn.com)

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - [illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net](https://illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net)

Apr 24-27 Wildflower Foray Rally, Brown County Indiana SP - Buffalo Ridge CG - West Gate Entrance, 1405 SR 46W, Nashville IN 47448, Bernie & Mary Taylor

## REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: [region6.airstreamclub.net](https://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](https://alabama.airstreamclub.net)

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

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

Mar 27-29 Bluegrass on the Mountain Rally, Baggenstoss Farms 931-488-8652, <http://Baggenstossfarms.com>, Bigfoot RV Park & CG, 518 Brawley Rd, Tracy City TN 37387, Paul Lambert 931-327-5489, [lambert.paul59@gmail.com](mailto:lambert.paul59@gmail.com)

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

Mississippi Airstream Club - [mississippi.airstreamclub.net](https://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](mailto:DonEHummel@gmail.com)

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

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - [pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net](https://pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: [region7.airstreamclub.net](https://region7.airstreamclub.net)

Aug 20-25 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

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

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - [northdakota.airstreamclub.net](https://northdakota.airstreamclub.net)

Wisc-UP Airstream Club - [wisc-up.airstreamclub.net](https://wisc-up.airstreamclub.net)

Apr 10-12 Easter Campout, Peninsula SP <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/peninsula/>, 9462 Shore Rd, Fish Creek WI 54212, Jan Treolo & Morten Lindstad

## REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: [region8.airstreamclub.net](https://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](https://greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net)

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, [john.lynn33@yahoo.com](mailto:john.lynn33@yahoo.com)

Apr 17-20 Mark Twain Rally, Mark Twain Cave CG, 7097 County Rd 453, Hannibal MO 63401, Glenn Waters 618-210-7734, [gew26499@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gew26499@sbcglobal.net)

Apr 20-21 Hop Skip & Jump to Region 8 Rally, AOK CG & RV Park, 12430 Co Rd 360, St. Joseph MO 64505, Barry Johnson 314-605-4214, [ctajohnson@aol.com](mailto:ctajohnson@aol.com)

Iowa Airstream Club - [iowa.airstreamclub.net](https://iowa.airstreamclub.net)

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, [cdjcabalka@juno.com](mailto:cdjcabalka@juno.com)

Mar 14 Lucky Luncheon, Millstream Brau Haus, 741 47th Ave, Amana IA 52203, <https://iowa.airstreamclub.net/iowa-airstream-upcoming-events/>, Scott & Kathy Allen, [KathyAllen3534@gmail.com](mailto:KathyAllen3534@gmail.com)

Apr 2 Region 8 Members in Arizona - Winter Brunch/Luncheon, Golden Coral, 1868 N. Power Rd, Mesa AZ 85205, Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka 480-216-8096, [cdjcabalka@juno.com](mailto:cdjcabalka@juno.com)

Apr 11 Spring Luncheon, Highway 63 Diner, 3030 Marnie Ave, Waterloo IA 50701, <https://iowa.airstreamclub.net/iowa-airstream-upcoming-events/>, Mike & Linda Rickert 319-239-0646, [mlrick@reinbeck.net](mailto:mlrick@reinbeck.net)

Apr 17-22 Caravan to Region 8 Rally "Find Your Path", Tom & Shirley Herron 515-988-4950 or 515-556-9339, [Herrons13007@gmail.com](mailto:Herrons13007@gmail.com)

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

Apr 17-21 Airstream Rolling Rally, Long Shoal CG, 12733 Long Shoal Park Rd, Warsaw MO 65355, Mike & Linda Allen 417-499-8097, [mike1740@att.net](mailto:mike1740@att.net)

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

- Mar 7 Luncheon, Smokehouse BBQ, 8450 NW Prairie View Rd, Kansas City, MO 64152, Mike Bedinger & Linda Bryant 816-729-5422, [bedingerea@gmail.com](mailto:bedingerea@gmail.com)
- Apr 4 Luncheon, La Fuentes Mexican Rest, 1255 NE Douglas St, Lee's Summit MO 64086, Cheryl Ball 913-568-6396, [gball1951@aol.com](mailto:gball1951@aol.com)
- Apr 16-19 Spring Rally, Basswood CG & Country Inn Resort, 15880 Interurban Rd, Platte City MO 64079, John Eckardt & Maria Stimach 816-729-0660, [jeckar52@gmail.com](mailto:jeckar52@gmail.com)

### Nebraska Airstream Club - [nebraska.airstreamclub.net](http://nebraska.airstreamclub.net)

### North Iowa Airstream Club - [northiowa.airstreamclub.net](http://northiowa.airstreamclub.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](mailto:jo1213c@gmail.com)

## REGION 9 Activities

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

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

### East Texas Lakes Unit

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

- Mar 12-15 Rally, Conroe KOA, 19785 Hwy 105 W, Montgomery, TX 77356, Clark Gardner 713-204-8126, email: [rcg1726@comcast.net](mailto:rcg1726@comcast.net)
- Apr 23-26 Jamaica Beach Rally, Jamaica Beach RV Resort, Termini-St Luis Pass Rd, Galveston TX 77554, Jo Goodwin 713-205-1277, [jwg502@aol.com](mailto:jwg502@aol.com)

### Heart of Texas Camping Unit - [heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net](http://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net)

- Mar 13-16 Rally, Shangri La Ranch, 10768 CR 215, Anderson TX 77830, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>, [HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com](mailto:HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com)
- Apr 24-27 Rally, LBJ National Grasslands near Decatur, TX, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>, [HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com](mailto:HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

- 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, [emmalee@consolidated.net](mailto:emmalee@consolidated.net)
- Apr 2-5 Rally: Annual Doc Cain Fishing Tournament, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson 936-635-2094, [emmalee@consolidated.net](mailto:emmalee@consolidated.net)

### Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - [texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net](http://texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net)

- 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](mailto:ferry_keith@hotmail.com)
- Apr 2-5 8th Annual Doc Cain Fishing Tournament, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980 <https://texasairstreamharbor.com/tgcu-home-page>, Keith Ferry 832-928-5727, [ferry\\_keith@hotmail.com](mailto:ferry_keith@hotmail.com)

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

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

## REGION 10 Activities

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

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

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

### Inland NW Airstream Club

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

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

- Mar 5-8 Chili & Chowder Challenge at Champoege, Champoege SP, 8239 Champoege Rd. NE, St. Paul OR, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/chili-and-chowder-challenge-at-champoege/>, Mel Simrell 971-202-3040, [melsimrell@gmail.com](mailto:melsimrell@gmail.com)
- Mar 27-29 April Fools Rally, Sunnyside County Park, 44903 Quartzville Dr, Foster OR 97345, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-april-fools-rally>, Brad & Susan Taylor 503-871-8309, [staylor792@comcast.net](mailto:staylor792@comcast.net)
- Apr 3-5 April Foolish Rally, Casey's Riverside RV Resort, 46443 Westfir Rd, Westfir OR 97492, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-april-foolish-rally>, Mel Simrell 971-202-3040, [melsimrell@gmail.com](mailto:melsimrell@gmail.com)
- Apr 30-May 3 Rogue River Rally, Griffin County Park, 500 Griffin Rd, Grants Pass OR <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-rogue-river-rally>, Henry & Dee Veach 503-930-3796, [reno.red\\_ranch@yahoo.com](mailto:reno.red_ranch@yahoo.com)

### Washington Airstream Club - [washington.airstreamclub.net](http://washington.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 11 Activities

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

- Mar 2-9 Lake Havasu Rally, Lake Havasu SP, 699 London Bridge Rd, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403, Rick Carmichael, email: [rick@carmichael.be](mailto:rick@carmichael.be)
- Apr 2-5 Ajo Rally, Shadow Ridge RV Resort, 431 N 2nd Ave, Ajo AZ 85321, Mike & Gail McBurney, [mikegail@tabletoptelephone.com](mailto:mikegail@tabletoptelephone.com)

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

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:vottoson@gmail.com)
- Mar 21 Luncheon, Denver Aquarium <https://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver/>, 700 Water St, Denver CO 80211, Tom & Peggy Silvers 720-273-1558, [tsilvers@ball.com](mailto:tsilvers@ball.com)
- Apr 18 Luncheon, New Belgium Brewery, 50 Linden St, Ft. Collins CO 80524, Mark & Bobbie Randolph 970-420-6912, [bobbie@tapestryhouse.com](mailto:bobbie@tapestryhouse.com)



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

Feb 27-Mar 1 Sadie Hawkins y La Tienda Rosa Rally, Pancho Villa SP, 400 W Hwy 9, Columbus NM 88029, <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2020-Sadie-Hawkins-y-La-Tienda-Rosa-Rally.html>, Howard & Carolyn Efner, [hfefner@cybermesa.com](mailto:hfefner@cybermesa.com)

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

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

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

## REGION 12 Activities



Region 12 Website: [region12.airstreamclub.net](http://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.wbcci.net](http://www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net)

El Camino Real Airstream Club - [elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net](http://elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net)

Apr 29-May 3 Laughlin Nevada Rally, Riverside Resort RV Park, 1650 S Casino Dr, Laughlin NV 89029, Frank & Karen Pickett 714-310-7856, [Karenpick61@gmail.com](mailto:Karenpick61@gmail.com)

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - [greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net](http://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](mailto:eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net)

Apr 2-5 Brannan Island Flash Rally, Brannan Island State Recreation Area, [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=487](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=487), 17645 Hwy 160, Rio Vista CA 94571, Eric & LaVerne McHenry, [eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net](mailto:eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net)

Apr 30-May 4 Jackson Rancheria Rally, Jackson Rancheria RV Park <https://www.jacksoncasino.com/hotel/rv-park>, 12222 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson CA 95642, Dennis & Shirley Shakespeare, [dshakespeare@airstreamclub.net](mailto:dshakespeare@airstreamclub.net)

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - [greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net](http://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net)

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - [laketahoe.airstreamclub.net](http://laketahoe.airstreamclub.net)

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

Mar 20-22 Rally, Lake Mead NP, Diane Hancock, email: [discotties@yahoo.com](mailto:discotties@yahoo.com)  
Apr 17-20 Springtime in Utah Rally, Quail Creek SP, Sandy LeVan, [sanlevan86@gmail.com](mailto:sanlevan86@gmail.com)

Northern California Airstream Club - [northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net](http://northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net)

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

San Diego Airstream Club - [www.airstreamsandiego.com](http://www.airstreamsandiego.com)

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - [southcoastca.airstreamclub.net](http://southcoastca.airstreamclub.net)

## EUROPE Activities



WBCCI Europe Website: -

<http://europe.wbcci.net>



Nor Cal Rally in Olema, CA - submitted by Bob Vasser, #26071

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**TAHI, TEXAS AIRSTREAM HARBOR, INC.** Is located in NE Texas on beautiful Lake Sam Rayburn is known for Bass fishing. A haven for bird watchers. Daily \$15. Come visit or stay with us. 5 miles NE Zavalla on Hwy. 147. Contact: TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX 75980, Ph. 936-897-3686. [www.texasairstreamharbor.com](http://www.texasairstreamharbor.com)

**PENN WOOD AIRSTREAM PARK** - Traveling I-80 thru western Pennsylvania or looking for a quiet, all Airstream, summer home for a few weeks or all season? We're the perfect stop! Full hookups with cable TV & Wi-Fi. Reasonable rates, area attractions and site of Autumn Leaf National Rally. Near Clarion, PA - four miles south of I-80, Exit 64 on SR 66; Ph. 814-764-8963; [www.pennwood.org](http://www.pennwood.org) Open 5/1 to 10/15.

**MYSTIC SPRINGS COVE** is an Airstream only park 25 miles N of Pensacola FL on US Hwy 29 N. It is just 30 minutes to white sandy beaches, shopping, museums and a casino. Owned and operated by Pensacola Unit 29. We are open September thru May (June-August by reservation only). All sites have full hookups. Washer and dryer are available. Limited Wi-Fi. Host opportunities available. Ph. 850-256-3280.

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**TOP OF GEORGIA AIRSTREAM PARK.** We are located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains, just 6 miles north of Helen, GA on State Hwy. 75. Helen is a wonderful Alpine Village community with lots of shopping, good restaurants and tubing down the river. The TOP is only 2 miles to the crossing of the Appalachian Trail. A great hiking area! We also have hiking trails that connect directly to our property. Our park offers full hookups, free cable TV, and free Wi-Fi at very competitive rates. During Rally weeks rally fees are an additional charge. ALL AIRSTREAMS WELCOME. Pets too. Ph. 706-878-3590, [www.topofgeorgia.net](http://www.topofgeorgia.net)

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# 2020 WBCCI National Caravans

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## 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".

## 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."



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## 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 Mackinac Island and lunch at the Grand Hotel.

## Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond

9/12-9/26

Start: Lexington, KY

Stop: Shepherdsville, 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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## Three Mexican Gems

Start: Nogales, AZ

1/29-3/31

Stop: Lukeville, AZ

Mexican Caravans: Troubadours, mariachis, wonderful colonial buildings, 2000-year old ruins and artifacts, food to die for, art and entertainment, unique activities and adventure served with a topping of beaches and comradeship like no other. 2021 - Let's Roll!

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3/2-3/18

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## Nuts for Ruts: Finding the Oregon Trail

7/29-8/29 (approx.)

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Stop: Oregon City, OR

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## National Caravan Application

(Please print clearly)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mail to the Caravan Leader**

### REGION 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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Camping at Appalachian Fairgrounds  
Gray, Tennessee  
for the National Storytelling Festival  
Jonesborough, Tennessee  
September 30 - October 4, 2020

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**Fee:** \$140 for 5 nights parking w/full hookups for first 40 trailers. Early parking begins Sunday, Sep. 27 at \$28 per night, so come visit the area. **Each person is responsible for obtaining their own tickets to the Storytelling Festival.** Directions will be emailed when you register. Call Harry if you do not receive a confirmation email. (Refund minus \$5 cancellation fee.) For further info contact Harry Herrmann at 865-966-2222 or email: [harry22222@gmail.com](mailto:harry22222@gmail.com)

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**GALAX OLD FIDDLERS CONVENTION**  
19th and Final Special Events Rally  
Galax, Virginia  
August 2 - 9, 2020

Region 3 will once more be the host of the 19th Special Event Rally in Galax, Virginia.

**Special Note:** This is the 19th and final year this Special Event Rally will be held.

This year will be the 85th annual Old Fiddler's Convention which will be held August 3-8. The Fiddler's Convention is six days of continuous entertainment.

Please note that the entrance fee to the Convention venue is not included in your rally fee.

In addition to the Convention entertainment, you will be treated to special concerts by Wayne Henderson and Friends and the Junior Appalachian Musicians as well as a tour of Wayne's shop and his extraordinary museum. A breakfast, dinner, and melon "cutting" is also included. Rally fee is \$55 per person and \$20 for children 12-16. It is limited to 45 rigs.

The rally campsites will be at the Cool Breeze Campground which has three-point hook-ups, 30 and 50-amp service, cable TV, and wireless Internet for \$40 per night, plus tax. There will be on-site entertainment. The website address is: <http://coolbreezecampground.com> and phone number is 276-236-0300.

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

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



Oklahoma Airstream Club  
Spring Rally at Lake Wister, OK -  
submitted by Larry Walters, #9637



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



Kentucky Airstream Club invades the Kentucky State Capitol Building in Frankfort, KY - submitted by Artie Martin, #213



Enjoying the sunset at South Carlsbad State Park, Carlsbad, CA - submitted by Richard Fraenzimmer, #1685



Club members visiting Headquarters on the way to Alumapalooza - submitted by Mona Heath, #152



Rainbow from Tropical Storm Erin on the Viking Trail Caravan - submitted by Dennis Hackett, #7355



Gathering at Sun Valley, ID - submitted by Mihai Gherman



Camping at Stillwater Campground, Granby, CO - submitted by Ken & Kathryn Huston, #6374

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