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This 2020 Emergency Resolution allows for required business meetings, International Officer Installation and delegates voting to be conducted electronically for a period of six months. The meeting platforms will be secure, the Officer Installation ceremony memorable, and the delegates voting platform informative and easy to use. WE. ARE. ADAPTIVE.

Several Exhibitors and members who had planned to conduct Presentations during the Loveland2020 rally have agreed to create 5-10 minute videos as part of our "virtual rally" initiative. Those videos are open to all members and will be hosted on the Loveland2020 Facebook Page. WE. ARE. CREATIVE.

With social distancing in effect, we have relied on a variety of ways to communicate with our members. The Airstream Club website is the key source and repository for email, video content and electronic meeting archives, including upcoming Constitutional Amendment and International Officer voting background. We know that not everyone chooses to, or is able to, access these digital platforms and will provide print copies, and/or transcripts, as requested.

Please be safe and stay healthy. Check-in with friends and loved ones often. We will get through this, together.

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Skills and Club Affiliations

I have been a member of the Metropolitan New York Airstream Club since 2007, working my way up to Unit President and then Region 2 President. I'm a National Caravan Leader, lead the New York State of Mind Caravan and was on three national caravans. I helped host the Florida State, Region 2 and unit rallies.

Work History

I served as a Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant with the Nassau County New York Sheriff's Department. There, I was the Family Court Sheriff's Unit Tour Commander, Officer in Charge of Field Unit and Landlord Tenant Unit, member of the Warrant Squad.

Military History

While in the US Army, I was Chief Safety NCO for US Special Operations Command, Senior Instructor at the JFK Special Warfare Training Center, Assistant Battalion Operations Sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Detachment Operations Sergeant, and Senior Team Medical Specialist.



Staying Connected During COVID-19 Restrictions

Eric McHenry, International Third Vice President

Like many of you, I scratched my head last month when I first heard the term "Social Distancing". During those days in early March, who could have guessed our nation and the world would be hunkering down and staying apart from our local and Club friends for over a month (and counting)? Our weekends and weekday calendars have suddenly lost so many of the activities we enjoyed and looked forward to and our world has definitely changed.

Three weeks ago, who knew what a "Zoom Cocktail Hour" meant, why we'd want to play online games with our kids and friends, watch synchronized Netflix movies, or even could have imagined the imaginative ways our friends and family are finding to stay in touch? So much has changed, but what remains is the desire to stay connected - safely during these unprecedented times.

Here's some ideas I've seen from my WBCCI, private and public (IT Director for the City of Santa Rosa, CA) life on how groups of friends. family and co-workers are finding ways to stay connected.

Online Videoconferencing

- How about this: on March 31st, our WBCCI International Board of Trustees conducted their first ever online Board meeting using the popular Zoom (https://zoom.us) tool. It worked great as a tool to talk through actions necessary due to the cancelation of the 2020 International Rally. I strongly recommend Regions or Local Clubs/ Units consider using Zoom (or Google Hangouts) for their business or social meetings. Especially as a way to solicit discussion on the upcoming WBCCI club business set to occur in early June, which by necessity has shifted to an electronic version of the current Delegate process.
- On the personal side, many of you have likely been invited to join "Zoom Cocktail Hours", "Zoom Lunches" or similar. Pre-March 2020, this was a bizarre idea, but now in these times of social distancing, it's grown as a fun way to stay in contact. To help with this, Zoom has a free "Basic" plan (https://zoom.us/pricing) that allows up to 100 participants for up to a 40-minute video conference.

Video Conference Security

On March 30th, the FBI issued a warning regarding Teleconferencing and Online Classroom Hijacking during COVID-19 Pandemic (CLICK). In summary this warning identified the recent reports of "Zoom bombing" on the popular Zoom conferencing solution. In that report, the FBI recommends several best-practice approaches to reducing the likelihood of video conference hijacking.

For WBCCI meetings, please review and adhere to the FBI recommendations. Specifically:

When possible, protect meetings with a passcode, with meeting information sent only to the meeting members via email.

Do not post meeting information on public websites.

Online Surveys

- Are you trying to get feedback on rescheduling rallies, planning new ones, getting feedback on Local Club/Unit business? If so, in lieu of face:face meetings, consider using tools like JotForm or SurveyMonkey.
- JotForm has a free "Starter" plan (https://www.jotform.com/pricing/) that allows up to 5 forms and 100 submissions per month. Your Local Club/Unit may already be planning to move to a paid JotForm account for online Rally/Event registration, so check with your President or Webmaster to see if an account has already been setup.
- If you like SurveyMonkey, they also have a free account (https://www. surveymonkey.com/user/sign-up).

So, give it a go! It can be fun - as I write this, I can hear my wife LaVerne on her "Lunch with the Gals" Zoom meeting. Based on the laughter, they're having a great time!

Club Business Changes **Through COVID-19**



"Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see if you can find out what's over the next hill, and the next one after that"

- Wally Byam

Email sent to the membership on April 1, 2020.

As the world is forcing us to live in a way we are not used to, let us all remember we are in this together. A lot has changed over the last two weeks, with the COVID-19 pandemic bringing into focus the undeniable priorities of safety, health and love of family & friends.

Together, the International Board of Trustees (IBT) has continued working diligently, and creatively, on your behalf to ensure that necessary Club business can be conducted as required by our Constitution & By-Laws. We have a slate of International Officers, along with members of the Nominating Committee, to elect along with key Constitutional Amendments to be voted upon by the delegates from each of our Local Clubs / Units.

Yesterday, March 31, 2020, the IBT voted unanimously to adopt an Emergency Resolution declaring a proclamation of emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The 2020 Emergency Resolution, in addition to waiving the requirement for in-person attendance or participation at an International Rally or IBT meeting in lieu of conducting those meetings electronically, also provides for the establishment of an electronic means for the delegate voting process to take place.

With the approval of the 2020 Emergency Resolution and, as outlined in the 2020 Elections FAQ, the following meetings (time tbd) will be held electronically:

June 24, 2020 2019/2020 Executive Committee Meeting &

IBT Seminar/Meeting

*Announcement of Delegates voting for 2020/2021 International Officers, Nominating Committee and on

Constitutional Amendments

June 26, 2020 2020/2021 International Officer Installation:

Executive Committee Only

- by Immediate Past President Barry Bell

June 27, 2020 2020/2021 Executive Committee Meeting & IBT

Seminar/Meeting

The 2020 Emergency Resolution will be in effect for a period of six (6) months, effective April 1, 2020, and can be found, along with the Elections FAQ; Election Candidates; and Constitutional Amendments 1, 2 & 3; at airstreamclub.org/election. More details, including election information and voting processes, will be published in the May 2020 Blue Beret.

I would like to offer my very sincere appreciation to Lori Plummer - Corporate Manager, Eric McHenry - International Third VP, Marc Nijdam - Information Technology Standing Committee Chair, Joanne Miller - Parliamentarian and Tom Smithson - Constitution & By-Laws Standing Committee Chair for your unbelievably creative work bringing this body of work to fruition. I would also like to thank Andy, Tye, Eric, Barry, Vickie, Jim P., Lori, Joanne, Tom, Per, Rich, John, Karen, Bob, Jim J., Don, Mike, Bill, Sharon, Patti and Cecelia for the incredibly productive Zoom video, and phone, conference call yesterday.

To each and every one of our members, please be safe and stay healthy.



Mona Heath, International President BRN #152

2020 Emergency Resolution

Resolution of The International Board of Trustees of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) Declaring A Proclamation of Emergency Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Background:

- WHEREAS; In mid-March 2020 the US Federal Government issued the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America (more at whitehouse.gov). In part the guidelines recommended steps to slow the spread of the coronavirus, which included avoidance of social gatherings, avoidance of eating or drinking at certain establishments, and avoidance of discretionary travel, and,
- WHEREAS; On March 16, 2020, as a result of federal guidance including guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the WBCCI Executive Committee unanimously voted to cancel the June International Rally and by extension the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meetings and all official Club business typically occurring by Bylaw at an International Rally. The IBT and all members were notified March 17, 2020, and.
- WHEREAS; An Emergency Resolution is required to continue business operations of the club. THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; during the period of the Emergency Resolution, the following applies:

- All WBCCI Constitutional and Bylaw provisions that require in-person attendance or participation at an International Rally or IBT be waived.
- b) An electronic version for the current delegate voting process shall be established, sufficient to accurately and securely tabulate delegate votes for the International Officer and Nominating Committee elections and Constitutional amendments.
- c) IBT meetings shall be conducted electronically, in a manner allowing for a quorum of the IBT to be convened. Meetings will be streamed and available for the membership to view.
- d) Approval of specific voting and other emergency business processes shall be made by the Executive Committee. The process shall be generally structured along the lines described by the attached Exhibit A ("Guidance for Method of Delegate Voting During Period of Emergency Resolution"). This Emergency Resolution shall be in effect for a period of six months, effective April 1, 2020.

Exhibit A – Guidance for Method of Delegate Voting During Period of Emergency Resolution

Key Definitions:

- Voting System: A secure, web-based off-the-shelf voting system service will be used with electronic ballots sent to all Delegates. Delegates will be able to request paper ballots as desired. *Note: Expected cost is \$200 for approximately 110 voters.*
- Membership Size: Defined as the number of active memberships as of June 1, 2020.

- *Number of Votes:* Defined as the number of votes, either electronic or paper, received at the culmination of a voting period.
- Quorum: Defined as 20% of the number of Delegates.

Key Election Dates and Processes:

- International Officers and Nominating Committee
 - Candidate listings posted on <u>airstreamclub.org</u> website: May 1, 2020.
 - Election information to be published in the May 2020 Blue Beret magazine.
 - Paper ballot available to Delegates upon request beginning May 1, 2020.
 - Electronic ballots for Delegates will be sent on June 1, 2020.
 - Write-ins allowed: Yes
 - Quorum required: Yes
 - Voting period: June 1 through June 15, 2020. All online ballots must be submitted and/or paper ballots postmarked by the end of the voting period.
 - 2020/2021 International Officers and Nominating Committee members will be determined by a simple majority of the Number of Votes.
- **Constitutional Amendments**
 - Proposed amendments will be posted on <u>airstreamclub.org</u> website: May 1, 2020.
 - Amendment information to be published in the May 2020 Blue Beret magazine.
 - Paper ballot will be available to Delegates upon request beginning: May 1, 2020.
 - Electronic ballots for Delegates will be sent on June 1, 2020
 - Write-ins allowed: No
 - Quorum required: Yes
 - Voting period: June 1 through June 15, 2020. All online ballots must be submitted and/or paper ballots postmarked by the end of the voting period.
 - Constitutional amendments must receive at least 2/3 of the Number of Votes to pass.

2020 WBCCI Delegates Voting - FAQ

- Q: How will International Officer and Nominating Committee elections be held?
- A: We will use an electronic version of our normal Delegate system, occurring in early June 2020.
- Q: How will Delegates be selected?
- A: Delegates are defined as the President of each Local Club / Unit. If the President is unable to perform their duties, an alternative Delegate can be identified within the Local Club / Unit per their bylaws.
- Q: What is required for a Delegate to vote electronically?
- A: Any computer or mobile device will be sufficient. If desired, a Delegate may request a paper ballot instead.
- Q: With COVID-19 restrictions, how can a Delegate discuss elections and constitutional amendments with its members?
- A: This is up to each Club and its Bylaws. However, conference calls and emails have already proven useful during the COVID-19 emergency for similar issues.
- Q: How will Delegate votes be counted?
- A: Headquarters will review the selections entered by each Delegate and assign the appropriate number of membership votes, based on the membership in the Local Club / Unit as of June 1, 2020.

- Q: What is the voting period?
- A: June 1, 2020 through June 15, 2020. All online ballots must be submitted and/or paper ballots postmarked by the end of the voting period.
- Q: Can a Delegate still split their membership votes if they desire?
- A: Yes. A 'notes' field will be provided for this purpose.
- Q: How will Delegates and members know what is being voted on?
- A: Information on all election and constitutional items will be posted online at airstreamclub.org and published in the May Blue Beret.
- Q: With electronic voting, how can we ensure the accuracy and security of the vote?
- A: Each vote submitted will contain the Delegate name and Local Club/Unit number. It will be the responsibility of Headquarters to review the submitted votes and reach out to a Local Club/Unit Delegate if discrepancies or duplicates exist.
- Q: How much will it cost to conduct the electronic vote?
- A: Less than \$200, potentially annually.
- Q: How will International Officers and Region Officers be installed?
- A: International Officers and the Nominating Committee members will be installed by the past International President. Region Presidents will be installed by the outgoing Region President.

2020 WBCCI International Board of Trustees Meetings

- Q: How will these occur?
- A: They will be conducted electronically via conference. Meetings will be streamed and available for the membership to view.
- Q: What about Committee reports and motions?
- A: International Standing Committees having motions to submit will also be on the electronic conference. Their reports and motions will be available online at airstreamclub.org

Delegates Meeting 2020

Members of each chartered Local Club/Unit may vote and otherwise participate in the annual Delegates Meeting through a Delegate or Alternate Delegate. The voting strength of each Local Club/Unit shall be determined each year prior to the Delegates Meeting by the number of International dues paying members of that Local Club/Unit recorded at Headquarters by June 1.

The three following proposed Constitutional amendments have been forwarded to the membership by the International Board of Trustees along with the required report containing the recommendation by the Constitution and Bylaws committee.

Amendment No. 1

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article VI, Title: Qualifications of Members, (page 2) by deleting the entire Article VI and insert a new Article VI as follows:

Sec. 1 An adult who owns a hard sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. shall be eligible for membership in the club.

- A. An owner upon written application and the payment of International dues, and fees or Local Club dues, if joining a local club, shall be a member of the International Club. Those also joining a Local Club will be Regular members. Those just joining WBCCI will be Members at Large.
- B. Ownership, except as otherwise provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., as defined in this Article, and the payment of annual International dues and fees and/or of Local Club dues is prerequisite to retaining membership.
- C. Members, who were in good standing when they sold their Airstream recreational vehicle, may, upon request, retain their membership, provided such members do not own another brand of recreational vehicle, except such members may own another brand recreational vehicle that is parked in a permanent or semi-permanent location to be used by the members as a vacation facility or as a home.
- D. No Local Club shall establish other requirements for an applicant to be a member of a Local Club.

Sec. 2 Notwithstanding the requirement that ownership of an Airstream recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1, is a prerequisite for membership; not more than ten officers and employees of Airstream, Inc. who do not own such a recreational vehicle, may be members at any one time, provided they have the use of an Airstream, Inc. owned vehicle with which to participate in International Club activities.

Rationale: The constitution of an organization should state who or what the organization is and leave the specific procedures for operation to its Bylaws and Policies. Article VI as written includes language that is clearly defined in its Policies under **Membership and Privileges**. This is the proper place for such language defining how the club operates and defines the responsibilities of its members. To avoid the duplication in the Constitution of what should be in Club Bylaw and Policy this amendment is offered for consideration.

Amendment No. 2

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article XII, Delegates Meeting. Delete Sec. 3, 4, 5, and 7 and insert a new Sec. 3, 4, and 5.

Sec. 3 The members of each chartered Local Club may vote and otherwise participate in the annual Delegates Meeting through a Delegate or Alternate Delegate. Headquarters shall determine the voting strength of each Local Club each year prior to the Delegates Meeting by the number of International dues paying members of that Local Club recorded at Headquarters by June 1.

Sec. 4 Members of each Local Club shall be represented at the Delegates' Meeting by one Delegate or an Alternate.

A. The Delegate shall be a Regular Member of the Local Club.

- B. The Alternate may be a Regular Member of the Local Club or an Affiliate Member of the Local Club who is also a Regular Member of a Local Club within the same Region.
- C. No Delegate or Alternate Delegate may represent more than one Local Club at the Delegates' Meeting.

Sec. 5 The President of the Region of residence of the Members at Large shall, acting as their Delegate, represent the votes of the Region's Members at Large.

- A. If the President cannot attend the Delegates Meeting, the same Regions Vice Presidents from First to Second shall perform this function.
- B. If no Region President or Vice President can attend the Delegates Meeting, the Members at Large shall have no representation at the Delegates Meeting.

Sec. 6 A quorum of the Delegates shall be twenty percent (20%) of the total number of Delegates entitled to participate in the Delegates Meeting.

Rationale: This revision provides clearer language, moves delegate credentialing process and delegate meeting modes of voting (roll call, unanimous consent) to Bylaws Article XVII, Delegates Meeting and Voting, and it delegates voting for Members at Large to a known and responsible Region officer.

Amendment No. 3

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the WBCCI Constitution as follows:

Within the Table of Contents, Bylaws and Policy, Merger, Consolidation or Dissolution of Units; and in the Constitution, Article III, Visions, Missions and Objectives, Sec 3, Objectives; Article V, Powers, Sec. 1A; Article VI, Qualification of Members; Article IX, Board of Trustees, Sec. 2 and Sec. 7; Article XI, Club Organization; Article XII, Delegates Meetings, and Article XVI Amendments of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc all references to "Unit or Units" be changed to Local Club or Local Clubs as appropriate.

Rationale: Proposed changes in the WBCCI Bylaws and Policies to address the name changes by many Units to Club requires a change in terminology in our Constitution for consistency. A review of possible means of doing this had Unit/Club being used. This is accurate, but awkward and "Local Club" has been suggested as more representative. As we are reformatting the WBCCI Bylaws and Policies, as approved by the IBT at Doswell, this is an opportune time to produce internal consistency in all of our governance documents.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report The WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Article III, Standing Committees, Policy, directs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to "conduct a continuing review and study of the International Club Constitution and Bylaws" and to "recommend amendments deemed desirable or necessary."

As a reminder: The Constitution defines what WBCCI is. Its Bylaws define what WBCCI does. Its Policy states how WBCCI performs the actions defined in the Bylaws.

Upon scrutiny, it is apparent that language that belongs in Bylaws has, over the years, been added to the Constitution. Two of the three amendments, when approved, will remedy this issue. The third amendment is a housekeeping amendment on consistent language.

Following Parliamentary guidelines, the current Bylaws cannot be in conflict with the Constitution. Therefore these amendments to the Constitution must be approved before the International Board of Trustees can approve changes to the Bylaws which will transfer the deleted language from the Constitution to the Bylaws.

Constitutional Amendment #1 will revise and simplify Article VI of the Constitution, Qualifications of Members.

Constitutional Amendment #2 will revise and simplify Article XII of the Constitution, Delegates Meetings.

Constitutional Amendment #3 deletes the word "unit" and replaces it with the words "Local Club" in the Constitution.

Constitutional Amendment #1 moves much of the unnecessary language of Article VI to Bylaws, Article IV, Membership and Privileges. You may view the current language of Constitution Article VI, Qualifications of Members on page 18 of the January issue of the Blue Beret, the 2020 Membership Edition. The amended language of Constitutional Amendment #1 is included in the motion as a part of this report. Also, in this report is the proposed new text of the Bylaws, Section IV, Membership and Privileges.

Constitutional Amendment #2 will move much of the unnecessary language of Constitution Article XII to Bylaws, Article XVII, Delegates Meeting and Voting. You may view the current language of Constitutional Article XII, Delegates Meeting and Voting on page 21 of the January issue of the Blue Beret, the 2020 Membership Edition. The language of Constitutional Amendment #2 is included in the motion to change Article XVII in the Bylaws. In this report is the proposed new text to change the Bylaws, Article XVII, Delegates Meeting and Voting.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee strongly urge your approval of the Constitutional Amendments and your support for the Bylaws and Policy motions to come before the IBT in Colorado.

Both IBT motions to address Membership and Member Privileges and the proposed Delegates Meeting and Voting contain other significant changes requiring the approval of the IBT. The new Database for WBCCI allows each member of the club to be assigned a unique ID Number. This number will let the Club keep permanent records for each of its members, something that we cannot currently do. The new ID Number will allow an archived history for each active member or retired member of the Club. Another change allowed by the new Database is the enfranchisement of all members of the Club. In other words every member of the club will be able to vote on all issues that come before the membership either at the International or Local Club level. Now all members of WBCCI will have their voices heard.

An investigation of other RV clubs and similar organizations show they allow Members at Large to vote on issues pertaining to the larger national organization. Included in both the **Membership and Member Privileges** and **Delegates Meeting and Voting** motions are similar provisions for our Members at Large.

If the Constitutional Amendment #1 to amend Article VI of the WBCCI Constitution is approved, the following Bylaws Motion will be submitted to the IBT to transfer the deleted language in Constitution Article IV bylaws and Policies of the Club.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Sec. 1 Membership in the international club (WBCCI) and any Local Club thereof, is restricted to adults who qualify in accordance with Article VI, Sec 1 of the International Constitution.

Sec. 2 There are two types of memberships in WBCCI, (1) Regular Members (those who have joined a Local Club) and (2) Members at Large (members who have not joined a Local Club).

Sec. 3 An owner and each co-owner and his/her spouse/partner of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., upon becoming a Regular Member or Member at Large of the International Club, shall be deemed to possess one vote per person for International Constitutional issues or International Officers.

An affiliate member and his/her spouse/partner (those who are Regular Members who wish to form a relationship with another Local Club) shall possess all the rights and privileges of a Regular Member of a Local Club, except the following:

- A. The right to hold office in the Local Club;
- B. The right to vote in the election of the Local Club, or Region officers or International Officers outside of their home Local Club;
- C. The right to vote on any amendment to the Local Club constitution or International level;
- D. The right to vote on the dissolution, consolidation or merger of the Local Club with another Local Club,

Sec. 4 To be eligible to serve as an elected officer of a Local Club, a Region, or the International Club a person must be a Regular Member of the International Club.

Sec. 5 No Local Club shall establish, fix or observe a limit as to the number of its members. Sec. 6 A Local Club shall not establish a class of membership that is not as defined or listed in the International Constitution, Bylaws or Policy.

Sec. 7 A Regular Member may invite a non-member Airstream recreational vehicle owner, as a prospective member, to attend rallies and other activities of the Local Club.

A. A Regular Member will not invite the same non-Airstream RV owner(s) to more than one such rally or activity per year.

Sec. 8 Except as authorized by Sec. 10 of this Article, only members of WBCCl traveling in a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. and their guests, and visitors especially authorized by the Executive Committee of WBCCl, may be admitted to any Caravan, rally or National Rally sponsored by an Intra-Club, Local Club, Region, or the International Club. However, members of WBCCl may attend such rallies without their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. when it is inconvenient or impossible for them to travel in said recreational vehicle. This is provided such members do not attend (for the purpose of this section attend is defined as "to be present at any rally activity") in any other make of recreational vehicle. The requirements of this section shall not be applicable to members of WBCCl traveling outside the North American continent in caravans organized under the sponsorship of the International Relations Standing Committee.

Sec. 9 Except as authorized by Sec. 10 of this Article, a recreational vehicle, that is not manufactured by Airstream, Inc., shall not be admitted to any Caravan, rally or National Rally sponsored by an Intra-Club, Local Club, Region, or the International Club. A semi-or-fully self contained motorized recreational vehicle being used to tow a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. may be admitted to any activity as described above provided the motorized vehicle is used solely for transportation purposes at a caravan or rally parking site.

Sec. 10 Special Rally Conditions

A. Local Club, once each calendar year, may host a rally or caravan or combination thereof with a recreational vehicle club not chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and it may conduct, twice each calendar year, (but not more than 50% of its rallies and caravans conducted in any calendar year) a buddy rally or a buddy caravan or combination thereof to which each member of the Local Club may invite not more than one non-member recreational vehicle family. The non-member RV family to be invited is intended to be one, which is a prospective member, and one which does not own an Airstream. The family is invited to the buddy rally or caravan to introduce them to the WBCCI "Way of Life" and the Local Club members in the hope the non-member RV family might decide to purchase an Airstream and join the club. A buddy rally is not intended to be used by current or past WBCCI members to attend a WBCCI rally in their non-Airstream vehicles.

- B. The sponsor(s) of a National, Rally, Region, State, Commonwealth or multi Local Club rally may invite non-member owners of recreational vehicles manufactured by Airstream, Inc. to attend such rallies. The sponsors of such rallies may receive assistance, as may be established by the International Executive Committee.
- C. The International Executive Committee may authorize members of overseas caravan clubs, traveling in recreational vehicles not manufactured by Airstream, Inc. to, upon the payment of the required caravan fees, participate in a national caravan of the International Club with all the rights and privileges of members of the International Club participating in such a national caravan.

Sec. 11 Membership Dues

A. International membership dues and fees for Members at Large, or for Regular Members, and dues in any Local Club or chartered body may be collected electronically by Headquarters on the WBCCI website, by mail to Headquarters, or through a Local Club Treasurer. International dues

collected by the Local Club will be forwarded to Headquarters twice a month. Local Club dues collected by Headquarters will be forwarded to the Local Club twice a month.

- B. Renewal of International dues of Regular Members and Members at Large shall be paid after July 1 for the subsequent calendar year. When dues are not received at Headquarters by November 30, a member may not be listed in the print directory for the following year.
- C. Membership in WBCCI, shall be suspended on December 31, if dues are not paid electronically or by mail to Headquarters or to, and receipted by, a Local Club Treasurer on or before December 31. Any membership so suspended may be reinstated anytime within the next 6 months by payment of International dues and any fee and/or Local Club dues for the current year anytime between January 1 and June 30.
- D. New members of WBCCI are adults who qualify for membership pursuant to the provisions of **Article VI**, of the International Constitution and such adults have not been members of the International Club in the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the date of application for membership or reinstatement.

Policy Change of Membership

International dues (membership) may be transferred from one Local Club to another during the current dues paying year. This change does not allow or require transfer or refund of any Local Club dues. Transfers are also permitted as follows:

- A. The membership rights of original signers of a request for a provisional charter shall be transferred to the new Local Club.
- B. In the case of the dissolution of a Local Club, membership rights shall be transferred to a Local Club of the member's choice.
- C. In the case where a Regular Member determines that their needs are best met by a different Local Club, whether through geographic relocation or preference. This is limited to one transfer in any year.

In the case of co-ownership of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. only those co-owners each paying International and Local Club dues or Member at Large fee shall have all the rights and privileges of an International Club member. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members that own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle.

Policy International Dues

International dues are established by the Board of Trustees upon an annual budget review, are payable in US currency only, and members will be notified of the amount prior to July 1 each year through a notice published in the Blue Beret. (1/29/93)

A. International dues of renewing Regular Members or Members at Large shall be \$65.00 (US funds) per calendar year. Members at Large will also pay the current IBT established fee in lieu of Local Club dues.

- 1. International dues for new members joining during the first quarter of the calendar year will be \$65. During the second quarter, \$48, the third quarter \$32 + \$65 and the fourth quarter \$16 + \$65. The third and fourth quarter payment includes the balance of the current year's dues and the next year's dues. All payments will be in US funds. (7/5/15)
- 2. International dues for new Members at Large joining during the first quarter of the calendar year will be \$65. During the second quarter, \$48, the third quarter \$32 + \$65 and the fourth quarter \$16 + \$65. In addition all payments will include the current established Member at Large fee. The third and fourth quarter payment includes the balance of the current year's dues and the next year's dues. All payments will be in US funds.

Policy Lifetime Membership

WBCCI members in good standing may purchase a Lifetime Membership for a one-time application fee. Only the member(s) named in this original application as record at Headquarters shall be eligible as Lifetime Member(s) and the benefits of a Lifetime Membership, subject to:

- A. Payment of a non-refundable, nor-transferable one-time fee as listed on the "Lifetime Membership One-Time Fee Schedule."
- B. Payment of a non-refundable one year's Local Club Dues or the Member at Large fee.
- C. Proof of age in the form of copies of birth certificate or driver's licenses.
- D. The annual payment of Local Club dues or the Member at Large fee.

To Apply for Lifetime Membership

- A. Determine the age of each individual member as of December 31 of the year in which the application is made. Calculate the average age of the applicant(s) rounded up. For example, if applicant one (1) is 66 and applicant two (2) is 63, the average age would be 64.5 and would be rounded up to 65.
- B. Determine the one-time fee as listed on the Lifetime Membership One-Time Fee Schedule.
- C. Submit the completed "Lifetime Membership Application Form" to Headquarters with payment in the amount of the One-Time fee AND the Local Club Dues or Member at Large fee. For age verification purposes, also include copies of the proof of age for each applicant(s) in the form of copies of birth certificate or driver's licenses.
- D. Upon approval, the Lifetime Membership shall become effective on January 1 in the succeeding year following such approval.

In Default of Payment

- A. In the event a lifetime member has not paid their Local Club dues or Member at Large fee on or before December 31st each year, their lifetime membership shall be suspended including all rights, benefits and privileges for 12 months. Notice of suspension shall be in writing and communicated to the member in question.
- B. The lifetime member whose membership has been suspended may renew within the period of suspension by the payment of all dues within the 12 month period of suspension.
- C. Subject to paragraph B, a lifetime member's membership shall be terminated at the expiration of the 12 month period, including any rights to residual value to the lifetime membership.
- D. A lifetime member whose membership has been terminated may re-apply at any time.

If Constitutional Amendment #2, amending Article XII, Delegates Meetings of is approved, the following Bylaws motion will be submitted to the IBT as a revision for Bylaws Article XVII.

Article XVII, Delegates Meeting and Voting

- Sec. 1 The Delegate and Alternate representing a Local Club shall present to the Delegates' presiding officers, or an appointed representative, immediately before the annual Delegates Meeting, a form or letter certifying they are duly selected and stating the number of International dues paying members in their Local Club.
- Sec. 2 The Delegate to the annual meeting shall cast the total entitled votes of the Local Club on Constitutional amendments and International Officers as determined by a vote of the Regular Members voting at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.
 - A. A Local Club may also allow voting by electronic mail, regular mail or facsimile for Regular Members unable to attend said meetings.
 - B. Votes shall be expressed as the number of votes for or against, and the total votes cast by a Local Club shall not exceed total entitled Regular Member vote count of that Local Club.
 - C. The votes shall be expressed in whole numbers.
 - D. If a Local Club uses a voting method other than a regular or special meeting to obtain members' votes, it shall take steps to ensure the accuracy and validity of the vote.
 - 1. Votes from those not in attendance at the meeting at which voting is done must be received by the Local Club no later than two (2) days before the start of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.
 - 2. These votes must be kept confidential and not announced until voting at the meeting has taken place.
- Sec. 3 Each Member at Large shall vote electronically or by mail ballot, when requested of Headquarters.
 - A. The International Recording Secretary, in the presence of any other International Officer, shall tabulate voting results of Members at Large.
 - B. The International Recording Secretary shall separate the votes by the Region of residence of the Member at Large.

C. The International Recording Secretary shall submit voting results for each Region to the respective Region President who shall then act as a Delegate to report the actual vote of the Members at Large from their Region for all Constitutional and International Officer votes.

D. In the event there is an amendment to a Constitutional motion or a candidate for an International position nominated from the floor, the Region Presidents shall vote as they believe their Members at Large would vote.

Sec. 4 At the Delegates Meeting all voting, except voting on procedural matters, shall be conducted by Roll Call of the Local Clubs with each Delegate casting the number of votes to which that Local Club is entitled.

A. A Roll Call may be dispensed with when a request for Unanimous Consent is approved. If a roll call is requested, a majority of the Delegates must vote to agree.

B. WBCCI Officers shall be elected by a majority vote. If there is more than one candidate for a position and a candidate fails to obtain a majority of the first Roll Call, a second Roll Call shall be conducted. The Delegates shall choose between the two candidates who received the highest and the second highest number of votes on the first Roll Call.

C. If there is only one candidate for an office, a roll call may be dispensed with by unanimous consent of the Delegates.

Sec. 5 Voting on procedural matters shall be as the Delegate sees fit, voting one vote per Local Club. Each Region President, acting as a Delegate for their Members at Large, shall also have one vote.

Sec. 6 The election of the two members of the International Nominating Committee by the Delegates at the annual Delegates Meeting shall be by plurality vote. Each Region President, acting as a Delegate for the Region's Members at Large, will also vote.

Again, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee urges you to vote to approve the three Constitutional Amendments to be presented at the Delegates meeting in Colorado. If they are approved, the motions outlined above will be submitted to the next IBT meeting following the Delegates Meeting for approval by the Board of Trustees.

Tom Smithson CBL Chairman







BBQ and Smoking with Brad Batjes

The Cajun Country Caravan in March of this year was bittersweet. It was the first caravan that Mark and I and several other couples had ever traveled on. So much excitement! But the Coronavirus put an end to our trip about halfway through. Nevertheless, we met some nice people and did some incredible things (such as an airboat ride through a swamp), as well as eating the most amazing food. And I'm not talking about the restaurants, most of those were closed or closing. It was the people on the trip who taught me a few things and fed the rest of us. Everyone has their own skills and sharing them on a group trip like this is second nature for most folks. In the coming months, I'll be sharing some other great tips from our fellow travelers.

Brad and his wife Bonnie have been Airstreaming for seven years. Both are still working full-time. Brad starting grilling and smoking in a 7 in 1 propane griller/smoker, experimenting with beer can chicken and burgers, trying different wood chips, during the time before Airstreaming. Brad found that grilling/smoking was an easy way to feed a lot of people. After Bonnie and Brad were married in 2007, Brad built a reverse flow offset meat smoker, mounted on a trailer. It was an 80-gallon water tank that he fabricated into a smoker. He tells me that the smokebox has to be a minimum of 1/3 the size of the tank. It had a 6-inch diameter stack that was 24 inches tall, the same diameter as the tank. This is a proportionate math problem where Brad's profession as a machinist/welder and fabricator comes in handy. At this point things really took

off. He developed his own rubs and learned about times and temperatures. The internal meat temperatures varied between cuts of meat. The way a reverse flow smoker works is that heat comes from the fire box, underneath the plate and away from the fire box, turns and comes across the food, and goes out the stack, which is on the same side as the fire box. In a reverse smoker, the longer the distance the heat and smoke travels. the more consistent the temperature is. Brad sold this homemade smoker to a local restaurant in Michigan, where Brad and Bonnie live. Over the next 12 years, Brad built 35 or 40 smokers, selling smokers to others. Currently Brad is using a Gorilla Grill Chimp pellet smoker he purchased in Holland, Michigan. He switched to pellets for consistency and simplicity while traveling.

At the Cajun Country Caravan, Brad fed us some delicious food: burgers and bacon, racks of baby back ribs and pork shoulders. He even made us breakfast with eggs on top of pulled pork. Brad carries his Chimp grill with him while Airstreaming because it folds up and fits in the back of his truck. Pellet grills are a good place to start because they are less work than charcoal or wood and less to pack. Brad has his own mix of secret spices, but the pork shoulder he made seems simple enough, though you have to have a bit of patience! One night, Brad awoke at 4:00 AM to start the grill for us so we could eat at 6:30 that evening. Now that's a passion!

Pork Shoulder

Rub all over with French's yellow wet mustard. Salt and pepper to one's liking.

Cook 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to 2 hours per pound, at 225 degrees.

A 6 lb. shoulder will take 12-14 hours. On a smoker, you don't have to turn the meat over or do anything to it because of the indirect heat

If you want to keep it moist, you can spritz it with apple juice every couple hours.

Brad doesn't normally check it until he is 6 or 7 hours in.

Pork shoulder is done at 190 degrees, but if you want pulled pork, cook until the internal temperature reaches 205 degrees.

Foil the meat and let it rest for 15 minutes. You can also foil it at 170 degrees, pour apple juice over the meat and turn up the temp to 250 degrees until it reaches 205 degrees.







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Terri Warren #284, Chair



First, thanks to all of you who wrote to me with opinions from last month's column. Your opinions are much appreciated. The best part of this job is hearing from all of you so please, keep it up!

This month, I would like to point out a new feature that's on the club website at https:// airstreamclub.org/events. Let's say that you are taking a trip to explore the state of Washington for a week.

You are arriving in Washington on June 1, 2020 and you are staying a week, so you enter June 8 as your stop. Then it asks you what type of event you might like to attend, so you scroll down, and you decide yes, you would like to attend a rally, so you pick rally. Then you are asked to choose a state, so you scroll down to Washington. Then it asks you to pick a club. While you might not be sure what clubs are in Washington, you could try scrolling down to see what you can find, and you find the Washington Airstream Club – one of two in the state. You make that selection and BINGO!

Up pops the "It's a Blast" Rally at Castle Rock, WA, June 5-7. You find out the name and contact number of the rally host. This is so easy and useful, right? This feature can be helpful while traveling across the country or even if you are just going a little farther from home than usual.

So now let's suppose that you are the host of "It's a Blast". You get a call from someone who isn't part of your local club, someone you've never met, and they want to come to your rally. They tell you that they found your rally on the national Airstream Club website. What next?

You might ask what their home local club is (or they might well be a member at large) and briefly explore what sorts of things they are doing with their week in the state. I think it's important to welcome them warmly and perhaps even go beyond letting them know about the rally details by telling them about interesting things to do and see in your area.

If there is time in advance, you might wish to let the other rally attendees know that you will have a guest coming to join the rally. You'll make your quest aware of any meal plans (potlucks, etc.) and about any traditions that your club observes. Do you have a happy hour, can you bring a bottle of wine to share, do people bring appetizers to share at happy hour, is there a blessing said before meals, should they bring their "set-ups"? You might want to make an announcement at the beginning of the rally about your guest and ask them to stand so that your club members can extend a special welcome. It may also be useful to give them a task or ask them for help with a meal or project. I don't know about you, but I feel best when I'm busy and your guests may as well.

Be aware of what they're up to - are they interacting with other people, are they sitting alone in their trailer, do they need a special invitation to participate in a specific event at the rally? Probably most people who seek out a rally while away from home are somewhat social so this may not be an issue at all, but worth checking.



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Building for the Future

An inside look at Airstream's new production facility

Jay Cullis, Airstream Content Manager







January 2, 2020 marked the beginning of a new era for Airstream, with the official opening of the Airstream travel trailer production line at the company's new manufacturing facility in Jackson Center, Ohio. Airstream's first newly constructed facility in almost 50 years, the new plant is a 21st-century marvel with numerous technological and environmental upgrades that prioritize quality craftsmanship. Production line associates work in a brightly lit, high-ceilinged environment. Workstations are spacious, with plenty of room to move, work, and meet to discuss the challenges – and the excitement – inherent to building an iconic, hand-made product.

"Quality was front of mind as we designed this new facility," said Airstream President and CEO Bob Wheeler. "While we certainly have space to grow for the future, increasing production rates was not the goal. The team worked hard to ensure every step in the process was equipped with resources to prioritize quality, and to give our associates the tools and systems to do their best."

Space to move, work, and store tools and materials was a primary design concern.

"No matter the job, you don't have to go far for parts or tools," said Wheeler. "Everything's close at hand."

The new building has nearly three times the square footage as the previous building. The production team provided input during the design phase, drawing on fifty years of learning in the previous travel trailer plant (built in 1971). "The new line is calibrated in really smart ways," said Wheeler. "They laid the line out, and were able to stretch the same amount of stations over double the length."

The result is that each travel trailer spends more time at each station without impacting efficiency

"You don't get a chance to do this very often in manufacturing," said Wheeler.























A half a century ago, Airstream founder Wally Byam said that Airstream shouldn't make changes, but instead focus on improvements. Airstream has lived by that mantra ever since, and Wheeler said this new manufacturing facility is a major step in line with that goal.

"We were really bursting at the seams," said Wheeler. "With this new line, associates have more space to work – they're not crowded, and that makes it easier to focus on the task at hand. You walk down this new line and talk to associates and they're excited, they're happy, and they're comfortable. Those are small improvements that add up to big results when it comes to doing your best work."

So far, so good for Airstream's new production space.

Work continues on the corporate offices, Heritage Center museum space (where exhibits centered on Airstream's collection of vintage models will chart the history of the world's most iconic travel trailer), a dealer/associate training center, cafeteria, and the Airstream Supply Company flagship store.







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Let's Get Creative!

Hedda Smithson, WBAC Publications Chair

Hello from the Chair of the WBAC Publications Committee

In normal times, my role is to receive, read and comment on publications sent by you to newsletters@wbcci.org. I point out that your news is enjoyed by members of the Publications Committee, the Executive Committee and the staff at Jackson Center. We love hearing from and about our Airstream family.

Then COVID-19 happened. In my opinion, this is a time to reach out to one another. Granted there haven't been rallies, caravans and luncheons. Who knows when they might resume.

So - let's be creative. Here is the note sent by

Don Williams, editor of the SNU Airstreamer. With his permission I am sharing it with you.

Sierra Nevada Unit members and friends, I need articles for the SNU Airstreamer newsletter ASAP. With the cancelation of SNU rallies in the short term I need articles on any Airstream subject for the newsletter, travelogues, maintenance, restoration, camping, member spotlight, caravans, favorite rallies, etc. No reasonable effort will be refused. Please send your material by email or text to SNU Newsletter Editor Don Williams 14207 by Tuesday, March 31st.

Your message could be something like this:

Hello WBAC members of the ______ Airstream Club or Unit. Without news, there is no newsletter. Without rallies and luncheons there is nothing to write about. Or is there? Some believe this is a time where we need one another even more. Please share articles, anecdotes, photos, recipes, jokes, member interviews, anything Airstream related that will let us feel connected. Throw out a prompt like "What is your new favorite small appliance?" or "Adventures with our first camper."

Please send your offerings to ______ no later than _____. Thanks!!!

Meanwhile, Be well. Stay well.

Thank you!!

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Joe Peplinski WBCCI #6768, WBCCI Historian history@wbcci.org

An Interview with #3113 Ken Faber

Late last year Lorrie and I had a chance to sit down and talk with long time WBCCI member #3113 Ken Faber who has been very active in the vintage Airstream and vintage travel trailer communities for nearly three decades. Ken had unexpectedly lost his wife of 57 years, Pieternella (Petey), just a few months before but was kind enough to visit with us. We thought you might enjoy some highlights of our conversation.

Q: When did you and Petey start camping?

A: In 1962, while visiting Petey's family in Montana, they suggested we borrow their Jeep and 16' trailer and head to Glacier National Park. Not knowing anything about Glacier, we drove the Going to the Sun Highway

from end to end pulling the trailer as there was no place to stop or turn around! We camped for a week at Bowman Lake and were immediately hooked. When we got home, Petey found that Consumer's Report rated Airstream the best. We saw a brand new 22' 1963 Airstream at a local camping show, but at \$5500 we couldn't afford it. We soon purchased a used 1958 22' Airstream for \$2200.

We used that 22' Airstream quite a bit and stored it at our home. One day a guy came to our door and asked if it was for sale. We said "no", but when he pressed us for a price, I said \$2900 and he agreed, so suddenly we were without a trailer. We had trouble finding another used Airstream. We got a great deal on a new 1965 28' Ambassador for \$5500 after the 1966 models started coming in. This was the only new Airstream we ever bought. We used it for ten years and sold it for \$9000, as prices were going up.

Q: When did you join WBCCI?

A: We joined the club in 1966 right after we bought the 1965 Ambassador and were assigned number 15342. As a young family with children, we didn't quite fit in at rallies, so we dropped out of the club around 1970. We rejoined in 1985 and were assigned number 3113 and have been members ever since.

Q: When did you get interested in vintage Airstreams?

A: After the 1965 28-footer, our next couple of Airstreams were 31-footers, big enough for our family of six, but in 1990, Petey and I

bought a 1963 16' Bambi for just the two of us. We soon added a 1964 19' Globetrotter and then a 1964 17' Bambi II. I still have all three of those. We became charter members of the Vintage Airstream Club when it was formed in 1993.

Q: Did you know Bud Cooper and were you involved in the creation of the Vintage Airstream Club?

A: Bud and I were friends before the Vintage Airstream Club started. We discussed the idea for a Vintage Airstream Club, but I told Bud I couldn't do it because I was still working. Bud was retired, so he ran with the idea. It took quite an effort to get it started.

Q: Tell us about some of your non-Airstreams?

A: In 1998 we became charter members in the revived Tin Can Tourists club. The Tin Can Tourists began as an "all brand"



Ken Faber and his 1963 Bambi



Ken and Petey Faber and their 1935 Hayes

travel trailer club in 1920 but faded away in the 1950s or 1960s. It held gatherings in Traverse City, Michigan and Florida every year. I remember checking out their trailers in Traverse City with my sister when I was a kid. The Tin Can Tourists club was restarted in 1998 by WBCCI members Forrest and Jeri Bone as an "all brand" vintage trailer and motorhome club. This eventually led us to adding some non-Airstream vintage trailers to our collection.

My first non-Airstream trailer was a 1937 Hayes that was made right here in Grand Rapids, Ml. I soon added a 1935 Covered Wagon made in Mt. Clemens, MI and a 1946 or 1947 Vagabond made after WWII for service men returning from the war to live in. Each of these needed to be totally restored. I've had so many trailers I can't remember them all. Some we just fixed up and resold quickly.

Q: Have you had any other vintage Airstreams?

A: I had a 1948 16' Wee Wind that I later sold after it was restored and of course I once owned the smallest Airstream ever made, the one-of-a-kind 1958 13' long Der Kleine Prinz.

Q: Tell us more about the Der Kleine Prinz?

A: It took me 12 years to buy that trailer once I found it on display at an Airstream dealer near Elkhart, Indiana. Every year the owner would say it was not for sale, but one year he finally gave in.

A couple had bought it at a used car lot in the 1970s and traded it in on a new Airstream Argosy. The dealer had kept it in his showroom ever since. It wasn't a production model. Wally Byam suggested they make a small trailer like the ones he saw in Europe. When he finally saw it, he gave it the name "Der Kleine Prinz", which is "The Little Prince" in German, but he also said "it's too small - sell it".

It had a full bathroom with a shower in its tiny 10' body but was only 74" wide. The bed was so small that I had to sleep diagonally since I'm 6'3" and Petey had to curl up in the corner or else one of us had to sleep on the floor. In 2009, we donated it to the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, IN.

Q: Can you tell us about taking a vintage Airstream on the November 2000 Vintage Airstream Club Caravan to Belize?

A: We took the 1964 19' Globetrotter and while I usually like to tow my vintage trailers with vintage cars, we towed it with our Yukon on that trip. The caravan was about a month long. The roads were miserable, but the trip was great. We had about 13 or 14 rigs and all but one was vintage.



Der Kleine Prinz at the RV/MH Museum



Der Kleine Prinz Nameplate

Q: Have you taken any other interesting caravans?

A: Petey and I toured New Zealand in 1986 on a WBCCI Overseas Caravan, but we rented local camper vans rather than ship our Airstreams there. I have pulled my vintage Airstreams all over the USA with vintage cars, including Route 66 all the way from Michigan to Santa Monica Pier, but those were personal trips.

Q: How many trailers do you currently own?

A: I currently have three Airstreams and three non-Airstreams. I've had up to a dozen trailers at a time in the past but have been donating some of them to museums. The Hayes recently went to a museum right here in Grand Rapids. A 1930s Palace trailer I restored, which was originally built in Flint, Michigan, is in the Alfred Sloan Museum in Flint.

Q: Which is your favorite of all the Airstreams you've owned?

A: Hard to say. I guess my 1964 19' Globetrotter is my favorite. I don't let anyone use it and am keeping it for myself. I like the size of it. It's got all the facilities you'll ever need, and I feel that the early 1960s models were the best made trailers.

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Spreading the Message of Kindness, One Sign at a Time

Christine Stockstill, #6573

In July 2019, hundreds of Airstreamers converged on Doswell, Virginia, for the 62nd WBCCI International Rally. I was lucky to be part of a small caravan of six trailers that made our way from Florida to Virginia to join the fun. While we were there, we made the most of our location, seeking out various places of interest nearby.

Only eight miles south of Doswell is the quaint little town of Ashland and several of us visited during the rally. While we were there, Monica Brinkley, Amy Waymire and I happened upon a little gift store called "Gotta Have It Gifts". The cashier, Stacie, struck up a conversation with us and we were soon chatting like old friends. As we made our purchases and started heading out the door, Stacie called us back and gave us each several signs that simply read "Be Kind". She then went on to explain that Gini Bonnell

had started making and giving these signs away as a way to "cope with negativity and polarizing messages that exist today." Stacie further explained that we could give the extra signs to anyone with whom we made a connection, and that there are now signs in every US state as well as many overseas. Gini keeps up with the number of signs that are distributed on her Facebook page, and she's thrilled that her project has spread so far and wide.

When we got back to the rally, incoming President Mona Heath saw a Facebook post about our experience, and she requested a



sign to put on the podium as she made her acceptance speech. We posted pictures and Gini wanted to meet with us before we headed home to give us even more signs to share with others. We met with her a few days later, and





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after a charming conversation, she gave the three of us ten more signs each.

Fast forward to early February 2020. The Big Bend Florida Unit, #153, had a huge rally at Florence Park Marina, in Omaha, Georgia. As part of the weekend's activities, we planned a "Be Kind" sign painting party. We had a great time painting over 40 signs, and we even gave one away to the folks at Omaha Brewing Company who were so gracious to us while we were there. On each sign, the story of Gini's project is taped to the back, reminding the recipient of the goal: "If the words on each sign can touch just one heart, then its purpose has been served. Thanks so much for helping us spread the message of love and kindness, one sign at a time."

If you would like further information about this project, please reach out to Gini Bonnell at ginibonnell@comcast.net



The Adventure Queen

(The Luggage Label on my Mom's Walker)

Doreen Fulcher, #4715

So, my Mom was labeled "the Yankee" when she moved from NYC to Pollocksville, NC after marrying my father in 1945. As a "NYC Girl", she bowled, attended theater and opera, danced on roller and ice skates and worked. She wore pants and a two-piece bathing suit - can we say strong-willed? She was a pretty cool "liberated woman" and a Catholic. Then she married a Southerner and a Methodist and moved to a small southern town without a traffic light. She was labeled "unacceptable" by all the "real southern women" but she tried hard to "fit in" as the wife of a southern man. Yep - she became a Methodist!

First of all, the golden boy and oldest of his tribe, my Dad, brings home a Yankee. His parents were still raising four young children on their farm and were not impressed with the Yankee. Mom tries to fit in by learning "southern ways." She starts a daycare center for the tobacco field workers' children, cuts tobacco flowers for the dining room table and prepares lamb for dinner - who knew this was not the southern way!

She continued her journey "on trying to fit in" for over 60 years! Acceptance, love, commitment, honesty and caring moved my Mother from the "Yankee" to "A true southern lady." She worked for the State of North Carolina at the Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC for many years. She was the southern belle lady who was selected to take First Lady, Pat Nixon, and three NC State Governors on the Tryon Palace tours. She learned how to make the absolute BEST chicken salad and sweet tea. A Southerner AT LAST!

So, in 2016 my Mom, my best friend, who had been with me my whole life passed away. She had Alzheimer's and was living with Lee and I for six years in Huntsville, AL. I had promised her she would not be alone, never be cremated and I would travel the entire journey with her to her resting place. Mom wanted to be buried in New Bern, NC next to my Dad. So, after three visits to the Huntsville funeral home, I had a plan.

The New Bern airport did not support airplanes large enough to transport coffin. The closest airport was Raleigh, NC, two hours away. I was not interested in a five-hour airplane ride with Mom stored in the baggage compartment and then two hours in a hearse. It just did not feel like what we discussed - the not being alone part - so I decided the Adventure Queen was going home in our 2005 Safari Airstream! Yikes!

The funeral director asked me for measurements - the exact door measurement. the measurement from the door to the facing window, the measurement of the aisle, length and width, the measurement of the height of the inside ceiling - we ordered a coffin to accommodate the measurements and we took the handles off the sides. Then Mom was basically "bubble-wrapped" in the coffin and lifted upward toward the ceiling in the trailer as the four gentlemen turned the coffin and finally placed it down the aisle of our Airstream. Hope vou can picture ALL of THIS!! AND Do Not Think This Will Save YOU Money. Imagine four funeral directors trying to be dignified in August heat pushing, pulling and lifting my Mom's

coffin into our Safari! The appropriate permits to "carry a body across state lines" were taped to the coffin. We were traveling from Alabama through Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. If we were stopped by any "police/ state trooper", we were told to declare we were carrying a dead body in the Airstream and we had the necessary permits.

Amelia Genevieve Kosinsky Meadows was away from us for one night. She travelled from Huntsville, AL to New Bern, NC as the true "Adventure Queen" in our Safari. We drove for 14 hours straight only stopping to check on Mom and change drivers. We drove through four summer rainstorms and saw beautiful rainbows! I realized this was her plan - not mine!

Fellow Airstreamers asked me to write this story especially in light of the "Hearse Airstream." I knew nothing about the Hearse Airstream until we attended The International Rally in Doswell, VA this past summer. Love challenges us in many ways - to make the move - to make a commitment with a person whose ways are totally different from our own. We need to be open to what life brings us. Remember 1945 versus 2019 - we need acceptance most of all! I am grateful!

PS: Stop by our Safari - #4715 - and see "The Adventure Queen" tag. It is on our inside door handle!



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Smoking Brakes

Bill Fischer, #28430

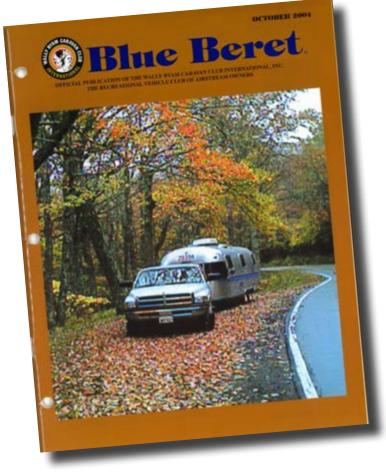
As I was reading the latest edition of the *Blue Beret*, I noticed the "Stories Wanted" column and I told my wife Patricia we should send about the time we were coming down off of the Blue Ridge Parkway many years ago. We laughed about it awhile and she said you should send it in.

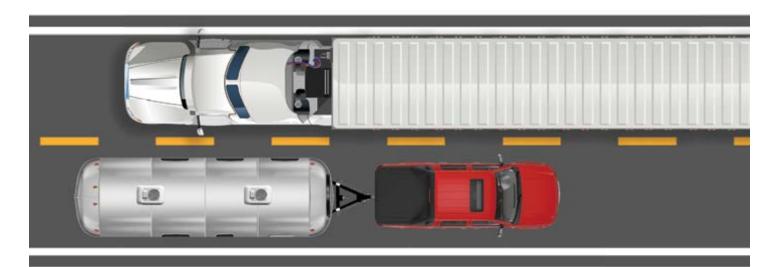
We'd left NTAC in Hillsboro, TX and headed east with our 28' Airstream staying on roads that were mostly flat until we got on the Parkway. As we got to the main road of the Parkway that winds thru the mountains near the peaks, we were really enjoying the views and the relaxed driving of not being on main routes or interstates. We'd gone many miles on it when I told Patricia, "some poor slob is in trouble because I smell brake linings and descending from this elevation would be really dangerous if your brakes are failing." I'd thought that the smell was from those driving ahead of us initially when I smelled it, however within just minutes I realized it was OUR tow vehicle we were smelling! I couldn't believe it because I'd had a brake job about a week before we'd left on this trip. When we pulled over to let the brakes cool, we stayed there guite a while and Patricia decided to take a picture of our rig which was setting among beautiful fall foliage, and the picture actually later turned out to be very beautiful.

As we started to head on down the mountain, our first sign read "6% grade next 8 miles" and I told Patricia we'd be fine (knowing it was a lie), and in a very short period we had smoke pouring out of the front wheel wells of our truck. Needless to say, we worked the trailer brakes and the engine compression and transmission as we finally saw flat land again (thank you Lord Jesus and Airstream for getting us down).

When we arrived at a dealership for our Dodge truck, they said what happened was the new brakes I'd put on before our trip had glue on them that started to melt and smoke as they'd not really been used much before we'd come down the mountain, and that had caused the smoke.

I've always believed the old saying that when bad things happen, something good usually comes from it. If you remember, Patricia took that picture while we were stopped. She decided to send it in to y'all there at the *Blue Beret*, and I'll be darned if that picture didn't grace the cover of the next *Blue Beret* in October 2004!







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Controlling Trailer Sway Part 2

Proper Hitch Adjustment. Another important factor in tow vehicle/trailer stability is proper adjustment of a conventional weight-distributing hitch. Proper adjustment means that the truck and trailer are reasonably level after hitching. You are looking for front and rear deflection of the tow vehicle to be approximately equal. Note that some tow vehicles are not level before hitching due to the load carrying suspension on the rear of the tow vehicle. We suspect equal deflection on front and rear will place too much force on the front end in many cases. One might experiment by calculating the weight transfer expected, then apply it to a point on the front of the truck to see how far it deflects. For example, a 400 lb, hitch weight might take about 150 lbs. off the front tires. For the weights stated above, place 150 lbs. of weight on the hood and you will get an estimate of the desired deflection. For more or less weight, adjust accordingly. You may need to add more tension to the spring bars, which will raise the rear and lower the front of the tow vehicle. Continue adjustment until the tow vehicle and trailer are approximately level. You are looking for front and rear deflection of the tow vehicle to be approximately equal. If a discrepancy is unavoidable, the rear of the tow vehicle could drop slightly more than the front. If the spring bars cannot be adjusted tightly enough to achieve level tow vehicle and level trailer, stiffer spring bars may be needed. The spring bars should be rated for at least the amount of hitch weight of the trailer, plus about 200 pounds.

If, after proper adjustment, the tow vehicle is level, but the trailer is not level, the ball mount may have to be raised or lowered. Bolt-together ball mounts permit ball-height adjustment. If the ball mount is welded to the shank, replace it with a ball mount that can be adjusted. There is some science to this procedure and there is a lot of trial and error with adjustments. You should go for a drive to check performance and then

make further adjustments as needed. Once you are comfortable with the performance of the tow vehicle and trailer, remember your settings so that it will be a routine hook-up for towing.

Importance of Sway Control. Assuming hitch weight of a poorly balanced trailer is raised to at least 12 percent (but not more than the rating of the hitch) by redistribution of supplies or equipment, use of an effective sway control is another important element in the towing stability formula. Two types of mechanical sway controls that are available are the friction-type controls from Reese and Eaz-Lift, and the Reese Duo Cam. Both types are effective, but the Reese Duo Cam depends on adequate hitch weight for its effectiveness. Thus, it is most suitable to trailers with high hitch weights. A sway control should be utilized, no matter how good trailer stability appears to be. The sway control dampens or slows the pivoting motion of the trailer coupler on the ball and is very valuable during emergency maneuvers to prevent driver steering overreaction, not to mention its role in helping the tow vehicle and trailer feel like they are in concert with each other. To properly adjust a friction-bar sway control for maximum effectiveness, tighten the control until you notice that the tow vehicle doesn't quite straighten out after completing a sharp turn at slow speeds. Loosen the control slightly so the vehicle will track straight after the turn. If your sway control cannot be tightened enough and allows the trailer to "dog-track" (tow vehicle to towed vehicle tire misalignment) after a slow-speed turn, the unit probably needs service (cleaning, light polishing of friction surfaces). If that still does not straighten out the trailer, add a second sway-control unit on the opposite side. The Blue Ox hitch has anti-sway built into the design so that add-on anti-sway devices are not required.

So far, we have focused on conventional hitches, in the interest of helping you retain equipment that may already be in place. However, the most effective sway control hitches are very unconventional. See below.

But first, let's consider a weight distribution hitch that uses chains for weight distribution and has a built-in anti-sway feature in the ball assembly. This is the Anderson weight distribution hitch. The tension chains perform the weight distribution action by being tensioned in such a way that the desired weight distribution is performed satisfactorily. Anti-sway is built into a tapered ball shaft that rides in a pocket lined with brake lining such that as weight on the ball increases, anti-sway tension increases. The hitch ball tracks with the trailer (no grease needed on the ball) while the weight distribution chains hold the trailer and the tow vehicle in proper weight distributed alignment. The tow vehicle pulling on the trailer causes the in-line alignment of the tow vehicle and the trailer to be inclined to follow in-line (thus eliminating "dog tracking").

Any trailer with an Atwood coupler that uses the Anderson hitch should have the coupler replaced with a Bulldog coupler (clam-shell design) due to the stresses imposed on the Atwood coupler not being compatible with the Anderson (according to Anderson). What makes this hitch so attractive is the weight. Total weight including all components needed for operation is about 45 pounds. This hitch is rated at up to 10,500# GVWR.

The PullRite hitch, Hensley hitch and ProPride 3P hitch. The unique feature of these hitches is that they have relocated the tow vehicle/ trailer pivot point from its usual location behind the bumper to a point immediately behind the rear axle. The trailer no longer pivots on the hitch ball, so it's necessary to visualize the trailer A-frame having been, in effect, extended about five feet underneath the tow vehicle to the pivot point. The trailer is, in effect, lengthened and tracks much like a fifth-wheel trailer. These hitches also function as a load-distributing (equalizing) hitch. These hitches can dramatically improve towing stability. Even an inherently unstable trailer can be cured of its bad road manners. The principle is similar to that of fifth-wheel hitching, although the applications differ widely. The fifth-wheel hitch pin is normally positioned a couple of inches ahead of the rear-axle centerline, topside in the bed of the truck, while these hitches have a pivot point that is underneath the vehicle, a few inches to the rear of the axle housing. Parking and handling a trailer with these hitches can improve handling over the common weight distribution hitches discussed above.

New electronic technology. Tuson introduces the first of its kind trailer sway control. This system continuously monitors trailer yaw and rapidly identifies a trailer sway condition. The Tuson Sway Control (TSC) is wired directly into the trailer braking system and automatically calculates a trailer braking solution to reduce and control a trailer swaying condition. Features: LED Status Light - RED/GREEN LED light on a 10-foot cord

for mounting in an easily seen location to show the functional status of the unit with different flashing modes for diagnostic troubleshooting. Automatic System Disable in Off-road Conditions - The module continually monitors the sway sensor to detect and activate during trailer sway. The module is able to determine rough terrain during which it disables sway control braking until exiting the rough terrain at which time the system re-enables. Trailer Sway Brake Level Auto Adjustment -Closed-loop sensory feedback allowing the system to independently increase or decrease the right and left side sway control braking levels to compensate for variances in trailer brake condition/efficiency. The system is fully sealed and waterproof. It is designed to withstand water from road spray and can even be submerged for short periods of time. How It Works: 1. The TSC continuously monitors trailer yaw. 2. It has a proprietary algorithm which is used to determine the difference between quick steering to avoid a road obstacle (or other such circumstances) and the rapid onset of a trailer swaying event. 3. This guickly dampens (actuates the brakes, individually or collectively) and brings the trailer sway under control.

Evaluating the Tow Vehicle. Tow-vehicles come in all shapes and sizes and with varying inherent stability for trailer towing. Their manufacturers rate them for specific trailer-weight limits. Factors that affect stability include wheelbase length, rear overhang, steering characteristics and center of gravity. The most significant factor is the proportion between wheelbase and rear overhang. A longer wheelbase makes a vehicle respond more slowly to steering input. A short rear overhang gives the trailer less mechanical advantage over the tow vehicle. If sway tends to be a problem even though the trailer has a good proportion of hitch weight vs. gross weight and hitching is proper, it may be necessary to raise the trailer's hitch-weight proportion still higher. The sway control device being utilized should be very effective. A friction-type sway control adjusted to a stiff setting is especially important for comfortable towing for short-wheelbase vehicles. For the tow vehicle itself, use tires with stiffer sidewalls (LT tires) and follow the tire manufacturer's recommended pressure. Refer to the tire manufacturer's tire load ratings chart. The goal here is to help you match the tire's load-carrying capacity to your vehicle, particularly for hauling and towing.

Corrective Driving Techniques. When stability is in question under exceptionally bad driving conditions, despite good trailer balance and proper equipment, the driver must compensate. In any marginal driving situation, reduce speed, which will slow the reaction of your vehicles to external forces, while also giving you more time to react. If sway occurs, the single most valuable technique for counteracting it is independent actuation of trailer brakes, even though it requires removing one hand from the steering wheel for a moment. The location of the brake controller is a critical safety consideration. If it is positioned far under the dash and is hard to reach, relocate it to a better position accessible to the hand

you can most comfortably remove from the steering wheel, typically the left hand. With a properly balanced rig, you probably won't need to use the manual brake control lever. But being capable of using it as a natural defensive maneuver is your insurance policy against loss of control in an emergency situation. If severe sway occurs, don't step on the tow vehicle's brake pedal unless you are in danger of hitting something. Lift your foot from the accelerator pedal and apply trailer brakes gently via the hand control, apply more pressure as you feel that you are gaining control. Re-establish normal foot brake control as soon as you can. During adverse driving conditions, such as severe crosswinds, reduce speed and anticipate terrain that can produce sharp windblasts. Be prepared to use the trailer brakes if necessary. The driver who is vigilant about monitoring driving conditions, and the scene in his rearview mirror, typically will have better capability to use defensive techniques than the driver who is caught napping by a sudden change in driving conditions. Note: Typical brake operation setup should be for the trailer brakes to come on just before the tow vehicle brakes or at the same time, not after the tow vehicle brakes.

We hope that the information and recommendations outlined above will help you have safe, enjoyable travel. See also trailer tire discussions such as those in the *Blue Beret*. Please send your comments and suggestions to techhelp@wbcci.org. Thank you.

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

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Future Caravans

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

Here is a sneak peek at caravans on the horizon! They are being developed and scouted by new and current caravan leaders.

Nuts for Ruts: Finding the Oregon Trail - The caravan will begin after the Lebanon, TN, International Rally. For more information: https://airstreamclub.org/nuts-ruts-finding-oregon-trail-caravan-2021

Rollin' to the Big Easy - A caravan from Texas to New Orleans.

Route 66 - A possible caravan that will follow the original Route 66.

California Architecture, Food and Wine - Enough said!

Mexico – Road, Rail and Sea - A caravan that will tour the Baja and Copper Canvon of Mexico.

After leading the Nor by Nor'East six times, Trevor and Gail Lake will be retiring and the caravan will be split into two caravans:

- 1. Canadian Airstream members will lead the Canadian portion that will tour New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
- 2. United States Airstreamers will lead the United States tour of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

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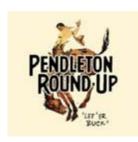
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Pendleton Round-Up Rally

Pendleton, Oregon September 14 - 20, 2020

Bryan Stewart



What: 55th annual Pendleton Round-Up Rally. If you have never been to the Pendleton Round-Up rodeo, you need to add it to your bucket list.

When: Monday, September 14 afternoon to

Sunday, September 20 noon

Where: Pendleton Community Park Sites: 20 sites. Water hook up. No electric

or sewer; one pump out during the week.

Meals provided by hosts: Three breakfasts and four dinners, including breakfast at Roosters Restaurant with the Rodeo Court and Happy Canyon Princesses and dinner at the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute.

Cost: Full Rally: \$390 per couple, \$235 single. PayPal preferred or by check.

Contact Info: Bryan Stewart, bryan.stewart48@icloud.com,

910-584-1944

Registration: Register on the Oregon Airstream Club website at https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/pendleton-round-up-national-rally/

What to do

We invite you to join the Oregon Airstream Club for the 55th annual Pendleton Round-Up National Rally. If you have never been to the Pendleton Round-Up, you need to add it to your bucket list. You will get the chance to meet and dine with the Pendleton Rodeo Court and Indian Princesses, get a behind the scenes tour of the rodeo, attend the world-famous rodeo and 104th Happy Canyon Pageant, experience the Western Ho Parade and so much more that the city of Pendleton has to offer. We will also have a tour and dinner at the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute. We will be camping in a lovely green community park surrounded only by Airstreams. The City of Pendleton offers extensive and inexpensive public transportation to and from our campground to many rodeo sites. The rodeo motto: Let'er Buck!

Included: Tickets for the Wednesday Rodeo, a Tamastslikt Cultural Institute tour with dinner and the Happy Canyon Pageant.

Optional Tickets, limited quantities:

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Chrissy Bunn

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and hiking. You will be dry camping with limited electricity (first come/first serve basis). There will be a porta potty on site. Water will be available at the cook shack. Bring your camera!

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

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

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

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

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Sugarcreek, Ohio September 26 - October 3, 2020

Cindy Conant

The 58th Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio is the longest continuously running rally in the world and will take place September 26 - October 3. You will learn about the Amish way of life and about their history and businesses and enjoy the beautiful rolling hills and farms in Southeast Ohio.



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

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

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

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

Storytelling Rally

Jonesborough, Tennessee September 30 - October 4, 2020

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

People have been telling stories since the beginning of time. They are the vessels in which we share and pass along our adventures and memories. They span centuries and connect generations. The National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, is seen around the world as the premier storytelling event in America, and the event that ignited the storytelling revival in this country. October 2020 will be the 48th year for the Jonesborough National Storytelling Festival. For this event, Main Street is blocked off and large circus-type tents are erected throughout town. Regular programming is scheduled throughout the day in each tent and each session is an hour long. The tents are all located within easy walking distance of each other.

Festival programming is scheduled from 10 AM to 10 PM Friday and Saturday and from 10 AM to 4:30 PM on Sunday. You can also purchase extra tickets for midnight cabarets that are late night storytelling concerts for adults (cabarets begin at 10:30 PM and go until midnight Friday and Saturday nights) and ghost stories, which are offered on Friday and Saturday nights from 8 until 10 PM.

Storytellers come from all over the world to Jonesborough for the Festival. You will not be able to hear a more diverse group of world-renowned storytellers anywhere. It is considered a real honor for a storyteller to be invited to this Festival. You will have the opportunity to hear the best storytellers the world has to offer. It is something that has to be experienced to really be appreciated. To quote Eric and Norma Colby who attended previously: "When we first saw 'storytelling' as a rally, we thought it for kids. But it kept being offered until finally, we signed up. You have introduced us to something new and wonderful. Any words on this card will not convey sufficient appreciation. Already we've told others of this rally, and of the experience and to look for other opportunities to hear storytelling."

Jonesborough was founded in 1779 and is the oldest town in Tennessee. It was also the first capital of the state of Franklin. You can enjoy the many shops and businesses that fill the quaint historic district and reflect a reverence for the 'good ole days.'

The East TN Club makes it easy for you to bring your Airstream and enjoy this event, as camping spaces are difficult or impossible to find during the Festival. We hope you will plan to come for early parking and take time to visit the many wonderful sites this area has to offer.

Check out the details on the coupon in the back section and come join us. Tickets to the festival at available at 800-952-8392 or online at www.storytellingcenter.net



REGION 1

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

As many of you know, when the editors for the regional news for our *Blue* Beret set words to paper, we are actually two months before publication. I find almost in all cases I enjoy being slightly psychic, informed and creative when it comes time to work on the Region One article. Our wonderful team in Jackson Center actually have an ongoing pool as to will I get my article in on time or not. Historically Deb needs to reach out and "remind" me of another missed deadline. For the record, I had my May article completed and submitted in time before the deadline this year. It was a wonderful piece of literature, written in complete context, precise, articulate and informative. My high school English teacher would have been proud! An article worthy of a frame to hang on the walls of the new Airstream Exhibit area down the road, yes it was that good. Like all great pieces of literature, the world may have to wait for many years before some astute editor brings his Airstream into Jackson Center for a minor repair, sees the forgotten article on the wall and decides to publish it for the world to read.

My original piece for the May issue of the Blue Beret was dedicated to several of the wonderful milestones our club has and would have achieved for the 2020 camping year. The incredible achievements of our club, our anniversary dates, and the historical significance of certain events scheduled to take place in 2020. Like the rest of the country, so many events had to be cancelled due to the epidemic we are currently living through. I am going to wait till later in the year to share all of the great things our Wally Byam Airstream Club has accomplished this year when we are all in a better place.

I first want to thank Mona Heath for her strength for making the extremely hard decisions for our club in the recent months. It took a lot of courage and leadership skills to look carefully to the future and cancel our club's 2020 International rally. Mona did not make this decision on her own; she had and still has the complete support of all the International board members. To cancel an event that Mona and her team had spent three years in the making is no easy task. The International rally is the outgoing president's hallmark, the event that brings us all together in one place to celebrate Wally, friendship, achievements and adventure. On the heels of the cancelation, other officers and leaders looked at their schedules while trying to gain information from our Federal government, state and local authorities to make good practical decisions for their events. I commend our leaders from the International level right down to our individual club presidents for having taken the initiative to take the time to review their schedules and what we know so far in regard to the health of our members and our country.

This is not an easy time for anyone. The impact of the pandemic is something we as a nation have never seen. As the global community pulls itself back together again, we will prevail. Please take care of yourselves, take the advice no matter what it is from our medical experts and listen to the government warnings and suggestions. We will meet up again down the road and as always, keep the shiny side up.

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor region2.airstreamclub.net

It's March 17. Region 2 President Rich Short has just announced that the Region 2 Rally scheduled for May 22-24 in Kingston, ON, is cancelled. This announcement follows on the heels of our International President Mona's announcement that the Loveland Rally has been cancelled. The potential to transmit COVID-19 through these gatherings is just too great to risk going ahead. Some may think these decisions are premature. As a former public health professional heavily involved in outbreak/ communicable disease control and pandemic preparedness, I believe they have been made in a timely, thoughtful manner and in the best interests of our members. We thank our International and Regional Leadership Teams for their courage and proactivity in these uncertain times.

One of the most striking things this type of situation highlights is how important it is to be able to get information out quickly and reliably to the people who need it. Our Region 2 rally planning team predicted that we might need to do exactly that when COVID-19 reared its ugly presence on our continent. With 119 rigs registered from all over the Region, there was not one email distribution list that included everyone. However, as editor for the Ontario Canada Unit, I already had all Ontario members' email addresses in the airstreamclub.net email account and easily added those of our American registrants. Voilà – a comprehensive email distribution list for all participants from both sides of the border! We sent out a preliminary message that allowed us to identify and correct "flubs" in addresses. (By using an airstreamclub.net email account, if for some reason I was unable to access it, someone else could with a little help from ITC – that's the beauty of an airstreamclub.net account.) When the painful decision was made to cancel the rally, President Rich's announcement went out quickly by email to all registrants. Shortly thereafter, President Rich released an announcement to the Region's clubs for general distribution. Something to think about and build into every event plan.

Looking ahead to September, the Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club. hosts of this year's PA State Rally, want you to know that it will be held September 11-13, 2020, at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall, PA. Although the theme is *'Exploring State Parks at the PA Rally'*, you're not limited to that. There are oodles of other activity options – no one will be bored! Check out the coupon later in this *Blue Beret* issue or on the Central PA Airstream Club website under the events tab and scroll down to September - https://centralpa.airstreamclub.net/events/

Lastly, we, in Region 2, are saddened by the news of Bev Clayton's sudden passing in early March. Al-Mon-O's President Vinny Rossito wrote, "Most of us knew Bev as a long-time and fervent Airstreamer and the rock of our Al-Mon-O family. For many of us, Bev was the first Al-Mon-O person we met, the one who welcomed us into the club and then frequently kept tabs on us to make sure the club was living up to our expectations. Over the years, Bev made seemingly countless contributions to Al-Mon-O. She presided as our unit's President and, for a number of years, handled the collective roles of secretary, newsletter editor, membership chairman, and website administrator with the greatest poise. We will sadly miss Bev's larger-than-life presence, her kindness, and her love for her Al-Mon-O and WBCCI family." We, in Region 2, extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Don, and family. Thank you, Cody Klinger, for filling in as Editor.

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor region3.airstreamclub.net

Best Kept Secret

Loveland, CO is a beautiful destination and a wonderful place to hold our annual International Rally. But for us in Region 3 it is a long way from home. Reading the *Blue Beret* these last few months has been an eye opener to the sights and scenes in and around that beautiful area. But what about the ride to get there?

Hopefully many of our members will go in a caravan with your club as that is a friendly and safe way to travel for long distances. But needing to get there ahead of the caravan departure date or later than others means that you will be traveling on your own. A great way to go if timing is important or you are wanting to see a special site or special family or friends along the way. One way to help with the trip is to use courtesy parking.

Courtesy Parking is a great way to meet other Airstreamers. According to the *Blue Beret*, "To use the benefit, all you need to do is contact the

member in advance either by mail or phone and let them know your plans and wishes. In most cases, if they will be at home, they will welcome you to stay over. All a Courtesy Parking member is expected to provide is parking, but in most cases, they will also support you with whatever utilities they have available. They are not required or expected to do anything else but what most do is unbelievable."

The list of Courtesy Parking can be found starting on page 136 of the *Blue Beret's* 2020 Membership Edition. There is an alphabetical listing of the states, then within each state is an alphabetical listing of cities. Each city listing has the name of the member, the membership number, and phone number.

Also, according to the *Blue Beret* listing, "You come away with the feeling that this is just another great reason to belong to WBCCI. Where else is there such an organization that is so willing to help and support total strangers as this: Try it; I know you'll like it!"

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor region4.airstreamclub.net

Our Region 4 president, Karen Fisher, has expressed thankfulness for all her blessings. We can identify, I'm sure, with the blessings of our families, our Airstream family and friends and our faith.

Just as everyone has had their lives changed by the threat of the coronavirus, so have the members of Region 4 struggled with what is next. Can we plan ahead? Or do we wait to see what happens next...

We have a full schedule of rallies for the upcoming season. There is still anticipation as we look ahead to our full season. Join us if you can.

In the meantime, what can we do? If we follow the lead of our 1st vice president, Brad Briggs, we will take the time to make improvements on our Airstreams. Brad is remodeling the interior of his unit. We don't have to take on huge projects like he has, but we can take the time to do little things that are necessary before the season begins.

Stay safe and healthy. We hope to see you all down the road.

REGION 5

Artie Martin, Contributing Editor region5.airstreamclub.net

Hello again Region 5 Members!

This is a COVID-19 update of Rallies/Events in Region 5, subject to change.

Kentucky Club:

Kentucky Derby Rally rescheduled tentatively to September 2-6, 2020, Kentucky Horse Park Campground.

Illinois Lincolnland Club:

Nothing scheduled for May, June or July.

Northern Illinois Club:

May Rallies cancelled.

Indiana Club:

Nothing scheduled until Region 5 Rally in September.

Central Indiana Club:

May Rallies cancelled.

As of this article, the 2020 Region 5 Rally in Columbus, IN is still scheduled. I want to invite our members to our Region 5 Rally in Columbus 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. Or you may choose to mail your registration to John Swearingen, Region 5 Treasurer, P.O. Box 356, Atlanta, IL 61723.

Here is more from Chris and Nancy:

Hello from Ossian! I hope everyone in Region 5 is OK. The Region 5 rally is getting together. We are still on track to have a Rally in September. We will have the sign-up info in the April, May and June *Blue Beret*. Also, members can sign up on the region 5 website at region5.airstreamclub. net. Last month, I announced our charity is going to be the Columbus Firemen's Cheer Fund. This month, I would like to make announcements on the entertainment for this year rally. On Friday night, our own Artie Martin will do his great brand of entertainment. Saturday night, with the help of Lana and Don Russell of the Central Indiana club, they directed me to this local band Retro Betty. They do their brand of oldies songs. I went to Columbus to hear them in February. I enjoyed them very much. I think you will enjoy them also. Thanks Lana and Don. Please sign up. Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please help Artie get announcements about your club's activities in the Region 5 section of the *Blue Beret*. This will help get attendance

up at rallies. The more attendance we have at rallies, the more fun we have. Thanks, Artie, for being the *Blue Beret* Contributing Editor for the region. If you have any concerns about anything about the club, just ask and I will try to get the answer.

Chris Seplak Region 5 1st VP

Friends,

These are very trying times we as Americans are living in. It's not enough that we have loss of life from hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, etc. Normally, we as Airstreamers would be out meeting these challenges and offering assistance, donating time and money and labor. But for the first time in history, we have come up against a challenge that takes that ability away from us. I pray all your families are able to distance yourself away from this horrible virus, and I pray for the world to remain in the hands of God...

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor region6.airstreamclub.net

Many clubs have canceled rallies due to "social distancing" related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. As Robert Hawkins, Mississippi Airstream Club president, said: "We know how to conserve; we are more self-sufficient and self-reliant; we are more aware of our place in nature. We are more prone to helping others, even when they don't explicitly ask — we see a need and we try to fill it. And it is this spirit that will get us through this valley. Keep pulling (whether it's a trailer or a small car)."

Deadlines for region articles are about six weeks in advance of publication, so check to see if scheduled events will be taking place before heading out.

The Alabama Airstream Club is 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 members will camp along the Arkansas River at the Riverside RV Park, May 14-17, in North Little Rock, AR for their annual Bikes, Buddies, and Brew Pubs rally.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club will join the Top of Georgia Airstream Club on May 20-25, 2020 for a buddy rally at their Airstream Park in Helen, Ga. and explore the Bavarian town.

The Louisiana Airstream Club and Mississippi Airstream Club events are cancelled until further notice.

The Music City Tennessee Airstream club will hold its Spring rally May 15-17 at Rock Island State Park near Rock Island, TN featuring the beautiful Twin Falls waterfalls.

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club will hold a May Days rally on May 14-17. The club holds its rallies at Mystic Springs in McDavid, FL.

The pandemic has reminded us of safe practices we should use every day, especially when we are camping with someone who is ill. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following for disinfecting a home (or Airstream) if someone is sick:

As part of everyday prevention actions, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects. For example: tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles. Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.

Clean surfaces using soap and water. Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces: tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.

Use diluted household bleach solutions if appropriate for the surface. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. To make a bleach solution, mix 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water, or 4 teaspoons bleach per guart of water.

Other disinfectants include alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and household cleaners and disinfectants. Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant. Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed. Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

For soft surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, clean the surface using soap and water or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces. Launder items (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely or disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant.

For clothing, towels, linens and other items, wear disposable gloves, wash hands with soap and water as soon as you remove the gloves. Do not shake dirty laundry. Launder items according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items

completely. Clean and disinfect clothes hampers according to guidance above for surfaces.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Always wash immediately after removing gloves and after contact with an ill person. Hand sanitizer: If soap and water are not readily available and hands are not visibly dirty, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. However, if hands are visibly dirty, always wash hands with soap and water.

Additional key times to clean hands include after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing, after using the restroom, before eating or preparing food, after contact with animals or pets, before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g. a child). Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Regarding food: Stay separated. The ill person should eat (or be fed) in their room if possible. Wash dishes and utensils using gloves and hot water: Handle any non-disposable used food service items with gloves and wash with hot water or in a dishwasher. Clean hands after handling used food service items

Trash: If possible, dedicate a lined trash can for the ill person. Use gloves when removing garbage bags, and handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands afterwards.

REGION 7

Don Thompson, Contributing Editor region7.airstreamclub.net

Good morning Region 7 Airstreamers and all. Parts of Region 7 still have an excess of fluffy cold white material. Most of our members that are up north would be ever so happy for you all to take some piles off our hands. I do hope spring is on its way - soon. Lately it seems the health issues are changing by the hour. I am not sure I can stand another lecture on soap and water. Everyone must be ready and able to take the actions required to be safe.

I would like to mention the great work that is being done each month on Blue Beret. The work being done to print outstanding articles and pictures by many authors is just fantastic. Please keep up the hard work. I also look forward to the great work being done to advance electronic communications with the members. The folks doing the work at least need another star in their crown. I know one member that enlisted the assistance of a grandchild to get and send messages for him. The child gets his messages and calls him or prints the message and gives it to him. He says it is just as good as having a machine himself, and lots less

frustrating. The unit actually thought he had bought a computer it worked so well.

The Region 7 website - https://region7.airstreamclub.net - always has lots of info. The dates of August 20-25 need to be marked for the Region 7 Rally at Marquette, MI. This area on the south shore of Lake Superior is always a great place for a fun summer outing. By the way, the snow will all be gone.

The WBCCI Northern Lights and Polar Bear National Caravan is also running In Region 7 September 14 to October 12. Now where can you see aurora borealis (northern lights) up close and personal except on Hudson Bay.

I hope everyone is being safe and looking out for each other.

As always - Be safe.

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor region8.airstreamclub.net

We recognize that with the constantly changing COVID-19 situation around the world, this is an unprecedented time for everyone - a time that, for many, is filled with uncertainty. During this time, we remain diligent in taking steps to make your Airstream experience as safe and enjoyable as possible.

As you know the 2020 Loveland, Colorado International Rally was canceled. Additionally, the many Region Rallies, including the Region 8 Rally were cancelled. It was disappointing to all of us that these rallies were cancelled, but obviously it was right to do. Many local clubs have or are in the process of cancelling some rallies. Many cities and states are closing businesses, bars, restaurants and schools. According to some experts, the peak for the outbreak is April – June and perhaps on into September. No one can predict exactly what may happen, so our leaders decided to err on the side of caution. The decisions were difficult, and a lot of time was spent researching the latest news reports and the CDC recommendations.

We greatly appreciate your support and trust and hope you stay safe. Keep watching for information on rallies and caravans scheduled for this summer and beyond.

Hope to see you down the road soon!

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor region9.airstreamclub.net

Howdy! It is time to eat ice cream, drink iced drinks and get out the short-sleeved shirts. Spring is in the air, flowers are in full bloom, and Airstreams, perhaps, are traveling the roads. Are you one of them? By now you have probably had your annual shake-down cruise and checked off the items on your "To Do List". You may even have begun a new "To Do List". After all, RVing is always a work in progress. There is always something that needs to be done or something we want to add or change. Maybe the supplies need to be restocked, the windows washed, or the tires replaced. Whatever needs to be done, should be done before your travels begin. Of course, things may unexpectedly happen, but it is always good to try to be proactive.

Travel limitations may have been lifted by now and RV parks and tourist attractions reopened. If so, roads may be busier than usual with more people traveling. If you are staying home, use this opportunity to prepare for the time when your travels will resume. Happiness is planning an RV trip with the ones that you love. So, plan that road trip you have always wanted to take, get those repairs completed, take care of your health. You have the time, so no excuse for poor or inadequate planning. As many Caravan Leaders say, "Keep smiling and be flexible!"

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: In 1981, the portion of Texas in the Mountain Time Zone transferred to Region 11. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: Where have the most Region 9 Rallies been held, and how many Region 9 Rallies have been held there? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, stay healthy and safe, and enjoy your spring travels, if you are able to travel.

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor region 10. airstream club.net

Last month, we talked about planning our spring and early summer trips. Now, let's talk about the Airstream Experience. It starts with your local Club and mentoring our members. All members, experienced or novice, have opportunities to learn new things in our ever-changing world, be it new technology, new gadgets or new routes!

As you are preparing for your trip, your local members are a great source of "hands-on" practical experience. Yes, there is lots of information on Air Forums, Facebook pages, and YouTube; however, having that member

standing with you as you de-winterize and test the water system for the first time in a season is invaluable, both for novice and seasoned Airstreamers. We all have experienced those "oh NOOOOO" moments.

Sharing ideas, and experiences over lunches, coffee meetings, etc. builds a community, and that is what we have; a community of folks who enjoy travelling, camping and rallying in our Airstreams.

Some of you may be well into your full time or summer travelling plans, which is fantastic. Have you considered carrying and sharing your *Blue* Beret articles with the new owners you meet along the way? We are all mentors in this community: we want to see all Airstream owners healthy and travelling and camping in an efficient and safe manner.

The last few months have taught us that we are all in this together in the world and especially in our Airstream community. We must look out for each other.

Hope you're are planning on attending at least one rally this season! Next month, we will note all the rally and caravan opportunities in Region 10.

The Region 10 VAC club has a Rally in July at Friend's Landing near Montesano, WA.

All members are welcome to attend any rally as long as there is space; just contact the host to confirm attendance and space availability.

Check the Region 10 website (region10.airstreamclub.net) for details of these and other rallies.

Mark your calendar, 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 Club and Region 10 Executives.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor region11.airstreamclub.net

The Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club's Monument Valley Rally is April 30 -May 3. The rally is located on Highway 163 in northern Arizona and Monument Valley, the Valley of Rocks. It is an unforgettable place! Everyone that tows an Airstream must take this drive and some will when they come to this Rally at the Monument Valley KOA. This is a Rally of the year event because it is learning by seeing, doing and hearing the culture of the Navajo or Dine' people.

The New Mexico Unit is having a Rally in the Bottomless Lake State Park near Roswell, NM. This unique area features what appears to be a no bottom lake but are really 90 feet sink holes containing deep blue water. No motorized watercraft are allowed but other water recreation is encouraged. It is a "you have to see it to believe it" location and also a great location for a Rally. This Rally meets on April 30 - May 3.

The Colorado Airstream Club's Maintenance Rally is on May 27 - 31 at the Fort Collins Lakeside KOA. There will be a team of expert speakers providing timely information about trailer maintenance, some special cooking tips and yes, fly fishing lessons.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor region12.airstreamclub.net

Hello, once again, to my fellow Airstreamers in California and Nevada. As I write this article, everyone is talking about a certain topic. Therefore, I won't mention it, even though it is affecting our club events.

The "Cali Rally" has been postponed until 2021. Most of the attendees are leaving their money in the R12 account and planning on attending next year in April. However, there may be some folks that drop off the list. This means there could be a few openings at a rally that always sells out. Check out the R12 website for further details.

As you read this, the coupon should be posted online for the R12 rally in Palm Desert. Late October should be a great time of the year to be camping at the Emerald Desert RV Resort. We have visited friends in the Palm Desert area many times. There is a ton of stuff to do. The "Living Desert" park is a must see.

I am the chairman of the future rally site committee for WBCCI. In 2021, we will meet in Lebanon, TN. In 2022, you should find us in Maine. For the rally in 2023, we are looking in the Pacific Northwest. This fall I will be investigating two potential rally sites in Iowa and Nebraska.

After Thanksgiving, I will fly to San Antonio, TX for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions Convention. Fellow committee member Vern Goodwin and I will meet with several fair managers to investigate more potential future Rally sites.

Here are two shout-outs for R12. The first one is for Elisa Ungerman from the NorCal club. She put out a fantastic article in the NorCal Poppy about the Rose Parade Rally. The second award goes to Andi Matsumoto. Andi is doing a great job as editor of the South Coast California club newsletter.

Hey, R12 newsletter editors, send me copies of your productions. See you down the road.

From the Vice President of Sales



Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH. I hope this letter finds you all healthy and safe during these unprecedented times in our country.

I want to give you all an update of our current plans for our production facilities. Along with most of the United States, Ohio is under COVID-19 "stay at home" orders. Because of these orders, Airstream has not been in production since March 19, 2020. Airstream's current plan is to start production at all facilities on Monday, May 4, 2020. As we return to work, the safety and health of our Airstream employees is the highest priority. Airstream will be implementing many new guidelines recommended by the CDC as we return to production.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, Airstream has delayed construction on the office area of the new plant. So although we have been and will continue to build in the new plant, this affects our ability to conduct tours in the new plant. So please note that tours will likely not open until later this summer.

Airstream is saddened to not be able to see many of your smiling faces at the WBCCI rally this year. We are hopeful that Alumapalooza may still go on here in Jackson Center, OH and we can see many of you then. Airstream will have some exciting news about new products in the coming months, so make sure to be watching for those announcements. Airstream is very thankful for all of you, and we want to wish you all safe and healthy travel.

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

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe

Happy Airstreaming!!!



Rick March, General Manager Customer Relations Group

Greetings! As I write this article in early April, our lives have been changed due to the global pandemic of COVID-19. We have shut down our production plant and doing our best to follow the guidelines of our stay-at-home order given by the Governor of Ohio. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone to stay safe and healthy!! My hope is that by the time you read this article in early May, we can say that the number of newly infected is diminishing rapidly.

A huge Thank You to all of our citizens in the medical industry as well as our first responders. There are also many companies and individuals that are going the extra mile during this time of need. It is truly amazing to see the level of dedication in which they perform when a crisis like this occurs. We could only imagine where we would be without their heroism.

This month I will cover the safety equipment installed in our products as well as an article I read reminding us all about the importance of cleaning our products during these unforeseen times.

Safety Is Never Out of Date

Test-Check-Test:

Make it a habit to routinely check the LP Detector, Smoke Detector, CO2 Detector and Fire extinguisher.

- Change Batteries
- Make sure they are not out of date
 - a. They will have born on or expiration dates











Fire Extinguisher

Inspect fire extinguishers at least once a month and ensure that:



- The extinguisher is not blocked and there is easy access in an emergency.
- The pressure is at the recommended level. On extinguishers equipped with a gauge, the needle should be in the green zone not too high and not too low.
- The nozzle or other parts are not hindered in any way.
- The pin and tamper seal (if it has one) are intact.
- There are no leaks, or other signs of abuse/wear.
 - *Some manufacturers recommend shaking your dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling/packing.

Consult your owner's manual, extinguisher label or the manufacturer to see recommendations.

IMPORTANT: Recharge or replace all fire extinguishers immediately after use regardless of how much they were used.



How to Disinfect Your Airstream

For those full-timing or recently wrapping up a trip in your Airstream, here are guidelines to keep your Airstream clean and disinfected to help prevent the possible spread of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19.

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Factory Service Center Exterior Maintenance Reminder

Have your Trailer Seal-Tec'ed Using Air Pressure to Help Find Any Water Leaks

Have your recommended annual maintenance performed on your Airstream.

Roof, vents, and windows resealed

Seal Seams

Replaces Window and Door Gaskets

Vent covers, sky lights, AC shroud Inspected



Schedule your Service Appointment by contacting:
Airstream Factory Service Center
419 West Pike Street
Jackson Center, OH 45334
(937) 596-6111 ext. 7403

There is a difference between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning may remove viruses from a surface, but it does not kill them. The <u>Centers for Disease</u> <u>Control and Prevention's COVID-19 guidelines</u> call for cleaning surfaces before disinfection.

Your Airstream's interior can be cleaned using many of the same products used to clean similar surfaces in your home.

For disinfection, most common household disinfectants, including Clorox and Lysol products, should be effective, according to the CDC.

If you can't find those items, diluted household bleach solutions and alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol can be used where appropriate for surfaces. Wear disposable gloves while disinfecting and throw them away immediately after use.

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water.

Be sure to disinfect all exterior touch surfaces as well, including door handles, hitches, storage latches, and cranks.

Wash all linens with laundry detergent at the highest recommended temperature for the fabric.

Cleaning and disinfecting your Airstream is an important and easy task with no downside. Even if there never was a virus lurking in your Airstream, it will be spick and span, ready for your first outing when the all-clear sounds and outdoor adventure is back on the menu.

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

Have a great month!



Globetrotter



The Airstream Globetrotter's ultra-modern style has been a hit since its introduction, and now we're adding even more options to the family for those who want more space. The Globetrotter lineup now comes in a 30RB, in addition to the 23FB, 25FB, and 27FB. From weekend roads trips to true getaways, there's a solution for everyone.

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International Rally

CANCELLED Jun 20-27

2020 International Rally, Loveland, Colorado

National Event Rallies

Aug 2-9 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA Sep 14-20 Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, OR Branson Musicland Revisted, Branson, MO Sep 22-29 Sep 23-27 Antelope, Medicine Bow, WY Sep 26-0ct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH Sep 28-0ct 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-

Oct 9-12

Jan 1, 2021 Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA



REGION 1 Activities

Region 1 Website: http://region1.wbcci.net CANCELLED May 28-31 Region 1 Rally, Hebron, CT

Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Scusset Beach Rendezvous, Scusset Beach State Reservation, 20 Scusset Jun 4-8

Beach Rd, Sagamore Beach MA 02562, Eddie Carll 508-454-6895,

ecarll62@gmail.com

Jun 26-28 Lake Pemaguid Rally, 100 Twin Cove Rd, Damariscotta ME 04543, Jared

& Heather Lawler 207-831-4732, airstream4998@gmail.com

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

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

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

Jun 12-14

Ralliement RiviÃ"res et Montagnes/Rivers & Mountains Rally, Camping Nature Plein Air, 2733 chemin de la vallee Missisquoi, Mansonville QC JOE 1X0 Canada, Robert Dion & Claude Jolin 450-558-5226,

robert-dion@videotron.ca

Activities REGION 2

Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net CANCELLED May 21-25 Region 2 Rally, Kingston, ON, Canada Pennsylvania State Rally, Centre Hall, PA

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

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

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

DelMarVa Airstream Club - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

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

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net

Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club - mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net

Ontario Canada Unit - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club - penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net

Pennsylvania Unit - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net

Washington DC Unit - wdcu.airstreamclub.net

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

REGION 3 Activities

Region 3 Website: region3.airstreamclub.net

Aug 2-9 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA

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

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

Jun 4-7 Pipestem, WV Rally, Pipestem Resort SP, https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/june-2020-rally-pipestem-wv/, 3405 Pipestem

net/2/02/0-rallies-events-2/june-2/02/0-rally-pipestem-w//, 3405 Pipester Dr, Pipester W 25979, CG Reservations: Call 833-987-2757, 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

Florida Springs Airstream Club - <u>floridasprings.airstreamclub.net</u>

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net

Palmetto State Airstream Club - palmettostate.airstreamclub.net

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net

South Florida Airstream Club - southflorida.airstreamclub.net

Southeastern Camping Unit - southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net

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

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net

Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

REGION 4 Activities

Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

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

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

Jun 3-6 Rally, 2010 Waycross Ave, Akron OH 44320, Fred Kiehl 330-697-4132,

fred@kiehlbuilding.com

Appalachian Unit of West Virginia - http://wv.wbcci.net/

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

Heart of Ohio Airstream Club - email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com

Miami Valley Airstream Club - miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net

Jun 3 Breakfast, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH,

Ralph Reboulet 937-433-0632, r.reboulet@sbcglobal.net

Michigan Airstream Club - michigan.airstreamclub.net

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net

Jun 11 Dinner Meeting, Village Rest., 435 N Warpole St, Upper Sandusky OH, Sid

& Bev Kelly 419-957-6571

Jun 25-28 Titusville Pennsylvania Rally Titusville, PA, 323 N Franklin St, Titusville PA

16354, Marla Gregg 614-717-9287

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

Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club - mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net

Jun 11-14 Luncheon, Mosquito Lake SP, 1439 Wilson Sharpsville Rd, Cortland OH

44410, Don & Betty Burkholder 440-576-6560,

catmar@embarqmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

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



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REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net Sep 16-20 Region 5 Rally, Columbus, IN

Central Indiana Airstream Club centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Meadery of the Mother Road, Unpossible Mead https://www. Jun 5-7

unpossiblemead.com/home, 111 E Chippewa St, Dwight IL 60420, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

REGION

Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL Sep 28-Oct 4 Sep 30-Oct 4 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

Jun 11-14

Grumpy Bear North Carolina Rally, Grumpy Bear CG 828-788-2095, http://www.GrumpyBearCampground.com, 2030 Old River Rd, Bryson City

NC 28713, Alan & Shari Jones 256-777-9876, sharij2154@yahoo.com

Louisiana Airstream Club - Iouisiana.airstreamclub.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net

Activities REGION

Region 7 Website: region7.airstreamclub.net Aug 20-25 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club minnesota.airstreamclub.net

Jun 4-8 Tech Rally, MN Airstream Park, 8795 82nd St, Clear Lake MN 55319,

Linda Agre, agre5628@aol.com

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

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

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisited, Branson, MO

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net

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

Nebraska Airstream Club - nebraska.airstreamclub.net

North Iowa Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

REGION 9

Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

East Texas Lakes Unit

Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net

Jun 12-14 Rally, Copper Breaks SP, 777 State Hwy Park Rd 62, Quanah TX 79252,

https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/

Jun 14-20 "Road Less Traveled" Caravan, 109 King St, Quanah TX 79252, https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/

North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net



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REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

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

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club -

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

Jun 4-8 Rally at Wallowa Lake, Park at the River, 59888 Wallowa Lake Hwy, Joseph OR 97846, Michael & Kim Schanze 208-599-5432,

schanze.boise@gmail.com

Inland NW Airstream Club

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

Jun 4-8 Ashland Theater Rally, Jackson County Emigrant Lake Point RV Park, 5505 Hwy 66, Ashland OR https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-

schedule/the-ashland-theater-rally, Wendy Ware & Dan Gleason

971-219-2167, wenware@gmail.com

Jun 12-14 Stub Stewart June Swoon Rally, L.L. Stub Stewart SP, 30380 NW Hwy

47, Buxton OR 97109, https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/stub-stewart-june-swoon-rally, Tony & Linda Starbird, Brenda Leppo 360-

553-5554, starbirdfarm@helvetia.us

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

Jun 5-7 It's a Blast Rally, Toutle River RV Resort 360-274-8373, 150 Happy Trails Castle Rock WA 98611, https://washington.airstreamclub.net, Terry Miller

360- 259-3758, <u>terrymiller5622@gmail.com</u>

REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

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

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

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

Jun 11-14 The Views Rally in Dolores, The Views RV Park & CG, 24990 Hwy

184, Dolores CO 81323, See website for email and registration, https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2020.rally.before.the.international.rally.html, Cathy Verhines overhines@gmail.com

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

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

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

REGION 12 Activities

Region 12 Website: region12.airstreamclub.net

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

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net

Jun 11-15 Vineyard RV Park Rally, Vineyard RV Park https://www.vineyardrvpark.com, 4985 Midway, Vacaville CA 95688, Eric & LaVerne McHenry eric.

mchenry@airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - laketahoe.airstreamclub.net

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Jun 3-7 Lone Pine Rally, Boulder Creek RV Resort, 2550 Hwy 395, Ridgecrest CA 93555, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

San Diego Airstream Club - www.airstreamsandiego.com

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net

EUROPE Activities

WBCCI Europe Website: - http://europe.wbcci.net





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4/22-5/16

Start: Bowling Green, KY

Stop: Rer to Valley, KY

Join us as w Snr A y to the be utilially ate of Rentucky. 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 St. p.: Fet luma, CA

Tour favorite California V is in a tops 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 blook ars, fishing learning poles and — most important, least 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 traveing brough some of the most specifically acceptant he would, from Rocky Mountain Lationar 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 RCR Mountain parks of Jas e., Early V to an income av. Att. a.d the world-renow ed Langary-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 Rhodo Inland, visits Mystic Seaport and Boston then the version burg ICa back an amanume provinces below 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."

Southwest Adventure

8/17-10/5

Start: Albuquerque, NM

Stop: Albuquerque, NM

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

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10/1-10/28

Start: Mountain View, AR

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Made in U.S.A.

9/8-10/12

Start: Jackson Center, OH

Stop: Milwaukee, WI

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9/12-9/27

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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.

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Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond

9/12-9/26

Start: Lexington, KY

Stop: Shepherdsville, KY

Experience the wonders of brank on and be beauty of central Kentucky. You will leave with time reporting bourbon palate, ready for more assuing 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

1/29-3/31

Start: Nogales, AZ

Stop: Lukeville, AZ

Georgia on My Mind 3/11-4/1 Start: Blakely, GA Stop: Rutledge, GA

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!

Cajun Country A1 Cajun Country A2 3/2-3/18 3/9-3/25

Start: Breaux Bridge, LA

Stop: Lafavette, 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.

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Join us as we explore antebellum homes & plantations of the old south. A combination of history, southern cuisine and opportunities to participate in many activities will introduce you to the charm of southern hospitality. Traveling the country roads in the colorful springtime will allow you to experience the natural beauty of waterfalls, cotton fields, as well as ancient Spanish moss draped live oaks & pine forests.

Springtime in Kentucky

4/21-5/13

Start: Bowling Green, KY

Stop: Berea, 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.

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Taste of the Blue RidgeStart: Bryson City, NC
Mid May – Mid June
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 5/20-6/14

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.

Viking Trail 6/23-8/18

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

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

Canadian Rocky Mountain 6/24-7/15

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."

Nuts for Ruts: Finding the Oregon Trail

7/29-8/29 (approx.) Start: St. Joe, MO Stop: Oregon City, OR

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

Southwest Adventure 8/16 -10/4

Start: Albuquerque, NM Stop: Albuquerque, NM

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

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Sho-Me the Ozarks 9/30-10/27

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.

WBCCI / The Airstream Club International National Caravan Application

(Please print clearly)

Date of Application: Caravan # Carava	an Name			
WBCC# # of Adults # of Children	# of Pets			
Last Name:First Name:	Spouse/Partner:			
Summer Address:				
Winter Address (if applicable):				
Phone #1:Phone #2:	Email			
Type of Airstream: Trailer Motorhome Interstate/B-Van Length of	Rig:			
Ham # (if applicable): Handicapped: Y / N				
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				

PENNSYLVANIA STATE RALLY Exploring State Parks at the PA Rally Centre County Grange Fairgrounds 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania September 11 - 13, 2020

Names			
Address			
Email:		Volunteer?	(Yes)
WBCCI #	Unit/Club	Cell	
You may arrive on T Monday 9/14/20, a Rally fee includes to	Thursday 9/10/20 NO ea MAX of 4 nights. *No or wo breakfasts, catered d	IO/night x nights = \$ rlier than 3:00 PM and must dep pen flames will be allowed on the inner, 1 night entertainment	part by Noon or e fairgrounds.
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Rally T-Shirts availa	ble: size (adult) S	M L XL	
XXL {additional	al \$2.50 fee) Total:	(shirts) @ \$15 each = \$	
RSVP by June 30 v	vith T-Shirt orders. RSVP	by August 3, 2020 (with no T-S	hirt order)
The Centre County	Grange Fairgrounds offe	rs a great location with many op	tions for visitors

The camping area is large, open and grassy as well as flat. The campsites will have 30amp

electrical service with water hookups and are pet friendly. There is a dump station at the

entrance of the grounds and a large hall will be available for our use for meals, activities and demonstrations.

The Centre County area offers a great variety of activities for everyone, such as exploring one of the nearby State Parks to go kayaking (rentals available at Bald Eagle State Park), hiking, biking or wildlife watching. You may also enjoy local wine tasting, relaxing while learning at the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens in the Arboretum at Penn State, or a visit to a local brewery. The Nittany Antique Machinery Assn. fall show (which includes a large flea market, daily tractor parades, antique car & truck displays, antique small engines & garden tractors, tractor pulls, steam tractors, cider press & apple butter) as well as the Outdoors Sportsman's Club gun show will also be held during these dates. America's oldest antique automobile museum, the Swigart Museum, may also be of interest or a visit to the largest cavern in PA or America's only all-water cavern. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to explore Centre County where great opportunities and fun adventures await!

> Make checks payable to: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club Send payments to: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club c/o Roxann Bare, 3551 Holly Road, Dover, PA 17315

Contact centralpenn164@gmail.com with any questions.

STORYTELLING SPECIAL EVENTS RALLY Camping at Appalachian Fairgrounds Gray, Tennessee for the National Storytelling Festival Jonesborough, Tennessee September 30 - October 4, 2020

Names				
Address				
WBCCI #		Unit _		
Phone		Cell _		
Email				
Handicapped Amount enclosed				
Emergency Ph				
Please circle type:	МН	TR	Slideouts	Length

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

Make checks payable to: Harry Herrmann Mail to: Harry Herrmann 12275 Warrior Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922

REGION 5 RALLY

Hurryin' to the Hoosier Hills Bartholomew County Fairgrounds Columbus, Indiana September 16 - 20, 2020

Last Name	First Name	WBCCI :	#
Spouse/Partner/Significant Other	Name		
Address			
City	State	:/ProvZ	ip
Home Unit/Club	Но	ome Region #	
Phone	Email		
Please circle type of rig: MH TR	LR Slideouts	Vintage Parking	Y or N
Rally Fee: 1 rig w/2 ppl, 4 nights camping 1 rig w/1 person, 4 nights camping Each extra adult, age 17+ Per Child Extra nights parking (Wed thru Sat included in fee)	9 night	X \$275 = X \$215 = X \$ 60 = X \$ 50 = X \$ 25 =	\$
	TOT	AL ENCLOSED \$	

Includes: 4 nights parking, 3 breakfasts, Saturday night banquet, ice cream socials, entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights, two tours (one Thursday, one Friday). Afternoons free to explore Columbus and Nashville areas.

Please make check payable to: Region 5 of WBCCI Mail to: John Swearingen, Region 5 Treasurer P.O. Box 356, Atlanta, IL 61723

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you desire a receipt.

OR use online registration available at https://region5.airstreamclub.net

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 <u>region3.airstreamclub.net</u> will have a page about the rally as will the region calendar. Rally directors are Julian & Lynne Clements dandylynnec@gmail.com 706-244-2129.

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

Name of Part	cipants:			
Address				
City		State/Province	Code	
Phone				
Email				
Phone: Home		or Cell:		
WBCCI #				
Registration Fee: \$85.00 per person through September 10 \$95.00 per person after September 10 Youths under 14: Free				
Cancellations will be refundable up to September 10. Number of adult participants: Total Rally Fee Enclosed: \$				

Make checks payable to: Wyoming Unit WBCCI

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

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

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 or WBCCI, PO Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. NOTE: JPG file formats are preferred.



NorCal Airstream Club Holiday Rally & Installation and decorating contest at 49er Trailer Village, Plymouth, CA - photo by Bob Vasser and Kent Schroeder, submitted by Bob Vasser, #26071



At the Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM - submitted by Kevin Brown, #4043



At the Mojave National Preserve, California - photo by Craig Schlect, #5815 and submitted by Dennis Pall, #5373



Airstreamers in Rio Grande Luncheon 2020 submitted by Joe Massey, #4086





Florida Airstream Club at their 21st annual Cracker Christmas Volunteer/Installation Rally, Fort Christmas, Christmas, FL - submitted by Frank Carson, #23343

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