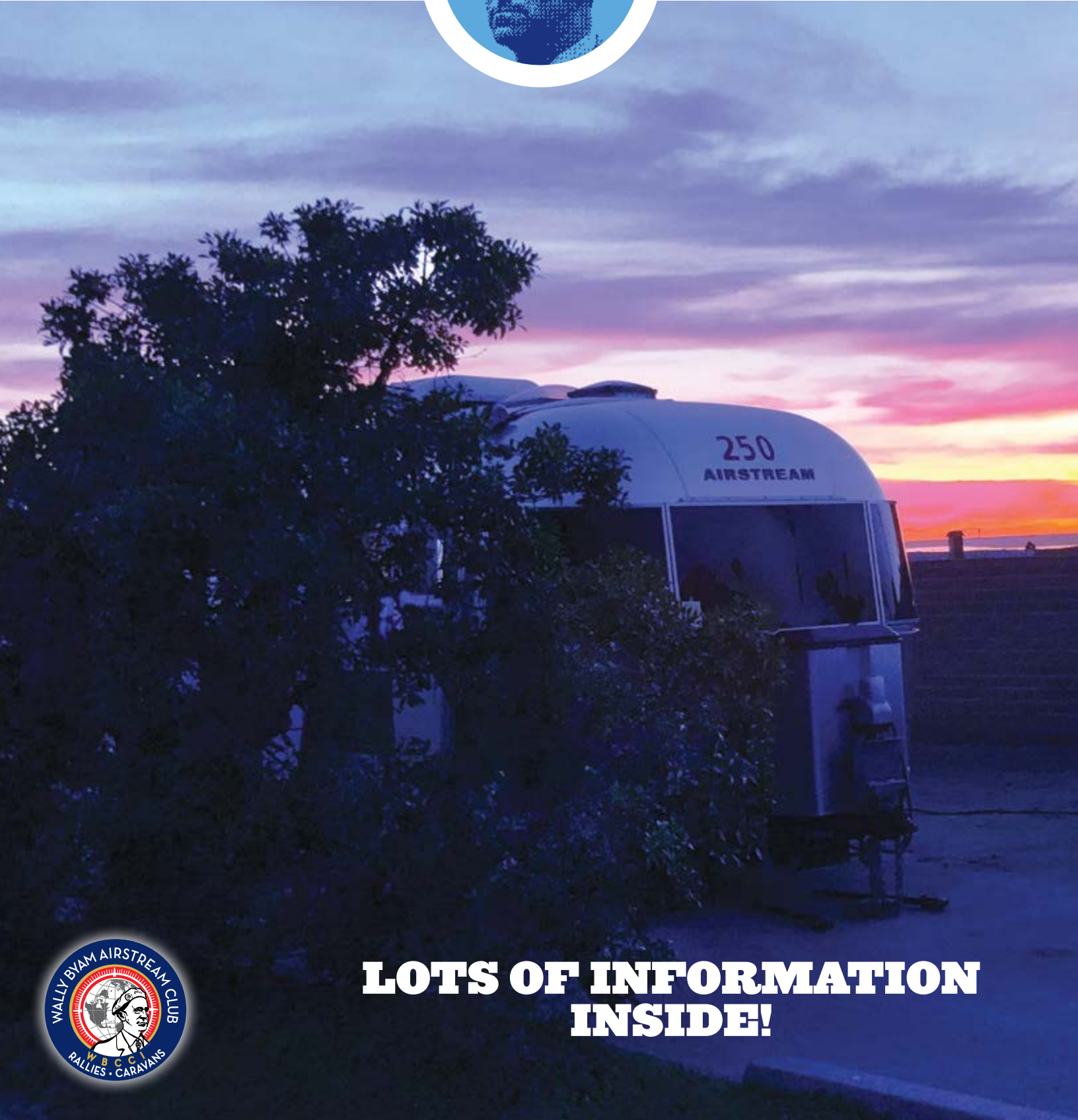


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President's Corner



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Excerpts from Letter of Interest WBCCI International 3rd Vice President, dated July 5, 2015:

"I feel that it is vital for the Club to align with Airstream, Inc. to maximize the power and momentum of the Airstream brand, which in turn will align our actions with the lifestyle of the new Airstream owner while remaining relevant to existing members. I am confident that my relationship with the executive team at Airstream, Inc., combined with our team in Jackson Center, will serve to strengthen our relationship.

I am, and will continue to be, a passionate believer that our membership: past, present and future, is the core of the WBCCI. We owe it to our founding members, to those who have volunteered and given of their time and dedication over the past six decades, and to future generations of Airstream owners to keep the club relevant, vibrant, adaptive and growing. An International leadership team representative of the membership, now and in the future, is imperative for the longevity of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International."

These have been my guiding principles throughout the last four years as an International Officer. Working alongside a team committed to first class leadership on behalf of past, current & future members, together we demonstrated the results which come from continued alignment and communication of leadership goals, inclusion and transparency.

Together, we laid the groundwork for, and successfully launched, the Airstream Club International marketing logo, new member welcome packets and Brand Guidelines; a compelling and engaging new

website; and, with unanimous approval of the International Board of Trustees, invested in and are in the process of rolling out, a new database and website enhancements.

The unprecedented events of the last several months brought disruption to life as we know it. With travel plans on hold and social distancing measures in place, required business meetings, International Officer Installation and delegates voting will be conducted electronically over the next six months as provided in the 2020 Emergency Resolution adopted March 31, 2020.

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU to the 2019/2020 International Board of Trustees; the incredible team at Club Headquarters and our members who volunteer to lead at all levels - you are the future of our Club. My heart is overflowing with the support and encouragement I've received from so many of you throughout this journey and, over the last few months, the unexpected and unimaginable outpouring of kindness which will stay with me forever - you are the soul of our Club.

It's never been about being "The First Female International President" rather I've always hoped to be remembered as an International President who did a good job, and just so happened to be a woman. It has been, and will always be, about our MEMBERS, TRAVELS, FRIENDS, LAUGHTER.

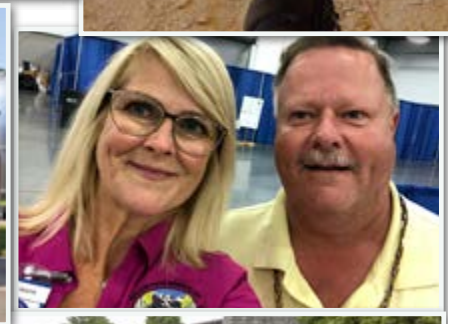
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The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

Gina Eggers, #3732



Dutch Oven Cooking with Tony Olm



I had the serendipitous opportunity to interview Tony Olm (WBCCI #1370, Region 6) while at the Cajun Country Caravan. Tony and his wife Barbara are owners of a 1998 31' Classic Excella 1000. Tony is a member of the

Alabama Dogs, a Dutch oven cooking group of 3 Amigos: Tony Olm, Jim Bloom (aka "Doc") and John Burton. They organized DOGs, otherwise known as Dutch Oven Gatherings (cute, eh?) They have special aprons and hats made by Doc and have cooked for large rallies and other gatherings. One of their largest groups was preparing supper for the Fiddler Convention in Athens, AL. They cooked for the mayor, the police chief and other significant politicians, a group of more than 85 people. The entire meal, from appetizers to dessert was cooked in 12 Dutch ovens. They made beef tips with rice, zucchini casserole and blueberry cobbler. Each dish needed three Dutch ovens to accommodate the number of guests.

As if this wasn't enough experience to qualify Tony as a Dutch oven master, Tony and his wife Barbara did presentations once a month in Alabama State Parks. They ran Dutch oven cooking classes and an annual event held at

Fort Toulouse in November that was a reenactment of the French/Indian rendezvous. A traditional meal was cooked in a 100-quart oven! How does a person lift such a beast? They cooked Bouillabaisse for 150 people, an impressive feat.

Tony grew up learning Dutch oven cooking in the Boy Scouts and continued to cook after marrying his wife Barbara. His children also went into scouting and Tony was a scout leader, introducing Dutch oven cooking to the next generation. His teaching and experience cooking for large groups of people was an asset for the Cajun Caravan. His food (and the desserts!) were amazing. Tony explains that he usually travels with two Dutch ovens (only two due to the weight), a 10" and a 12", though he has many more. His advice if you want to purchase one is the 12" tri-leg Dutch oven with a ridged lid. A kettle oven (often called a Dutch oven) has no legs and has a dome lid.

Tony shared a number of his special recipes with me, and I'll be sure to include more in later issues. Here is a recipe for Chocolate Cherry Cake. I can vouch for it being delicious.

Chocolate Cherry Cake

- 1 box swiss chocolate cake mix (not the pudding kind)
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon (a dash or two)
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil (vegetable, avocado or coconut)
- 2/3 cup water
- 2/3 cup Sprite
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Light a pile of charcoal to prep for baking, about 24.

Blend together all ingredients except butter and cherry pie fillings. Line a 12" DO with foil, covering all sides and bottom. Pour the cherry pie filling into the bottom of the oven and spread it out. Pour the cake batter over the cherries. Cut the butter into 8 1 oz. squares and space them around the top of the batter.

Place 7 hot coals on the ground and place the DO over them. Place 16 coals on the lid, 4 in the middle.

Rotate the lid 1/4 turn to the right every 15 min. Rotate the bottom 1/4 turn to the left every 15 min. The cake bakes at approximately 350 degrees and will take 45 minutes to bake. Do not lift the lid to check on the cake until at least 30 minutes have passed.

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

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Let's say there are people who have been members of a local club for a long time, they've held leadership positions of various kinds within the club. They host rallies often; they attend breakfasts or luncheons. and they feel some ownership over the direction the club takes. New members join the club and they take leadership positions within the club. Their ideas are different from the "old guard" members, they enlist their fellow newer members in board positions as well, and things definitely start changing. But the old guard is uncomfortable, their opinions are not being put into practice, things are moving away from the "way they've always" been. The new guard wants to keep moving their plan forward because they believe they have a better way. The old guard says things were working well, just the way they were. Conflict results.

My guess is that many of you can relate to this scenario; it certainly isn't a new phenomenon. Tom Smithson, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee assures me this often happens in our local clubs. And we know the demographic of people buying Airstreams is getting younger and younger. Hopefully, some of those new buyers will also be joining our club. The possibility for more conflict is certainly present.

The impact of this potential culture clash on local clubs can be transient and only mildly painful or it can be so severe the club breaks apart. Some change is inevitable but how can we have change without pain?

It sounds cliché, but open communication is the key. Good communication includes a willingness to listen - really listen. Not the kind of listening where you are just waiting for the next opening to speak your peace but really hearing what the other person is saying.

Another part of good communication is when and how we talk. Not all of these conversations have to happen in a board meeting or official gathering - they can happen one on one over a cup of coffee or a beer. Sometimes at official gatherings, people's tail feathers go way up, and they feel the need to more vehemently state their case out loud. But over a cup of coffee, there can be a more intimate talk about what's really going on.

We can try to recognize the deeper feelings that are happening and take responsibility for those feelings. For example, the more established member might say "When you say you are going to change the way members register for rallies, I feel like you're saying the way we did it for years wasn't very good". Or the newer member might say "When you object to my proposal to change the way members register for rallies, I feel like you want things to always stay the same with no changes, is that what you mean?" Issues may not get completely resolved with this kind of communication, but it might result in some clarifications and deeper understanding of another's point of view. Isn't it worth a try?

It's probably not great to put hurtful words in writing. What we think and how we feel from one day to the next may change but when something is written down, it takes on a life of it's own, a life that stays and stays and can never be fully taken back.

I've been a leader in my Oregon club for a long time. New ideas pop up all the time in this vibrant club and sometimes, I react instinctively in my heart with "I like the way it's been done all along". But then I try to step back and sincerely evaluate - is my reaction about the idea itself or my feeling about the idea. Trying to separate my feelings about the idea from the idea itself helps me see it in a different light.

There is value in tradition; there is value in innovation and new ideas. The trick is finding that middle ground, valuing each other, believing that all, regardless of their tenure as a member or how many offices they have or have not held, are working for the benefit of the club. The other trick is knowing when a battle is worth fighting and when it's better to step back and let something go. And sometimes you just have to agree to disagree.

As I read back over what I've written, it strikes me that this applies to so many things - marriages, workplaces, and friendships. We all want to be heard, appreciated, and respected. That's not too much to ask.



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Coming in Mid-July: Self-Service Portal

Eric McHenry, #153

Background:

Roughly one year ago, our new Club website (airstreamclub.org) went live with dedicated areas focused on Current Members, New Members and an interactive Club-wide Event map showing all Club rallies, caravan and special events. In addition to a more modern design, the new website was designed to be easily accessible by desktop computers as well as tablets and smartphones.

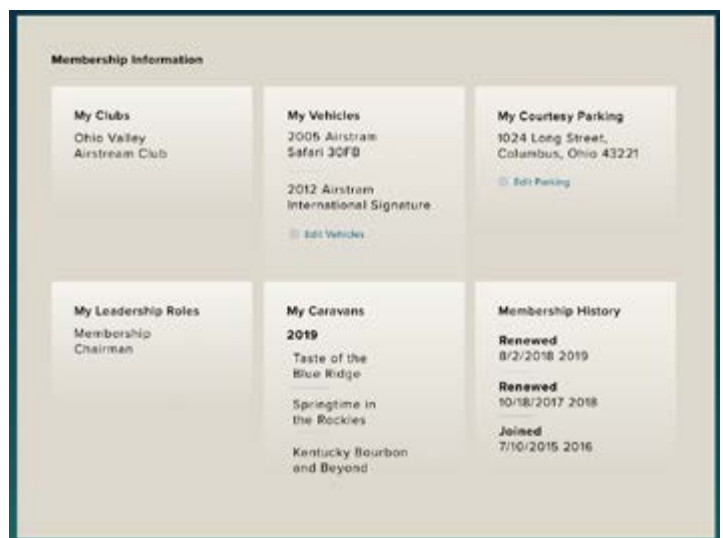
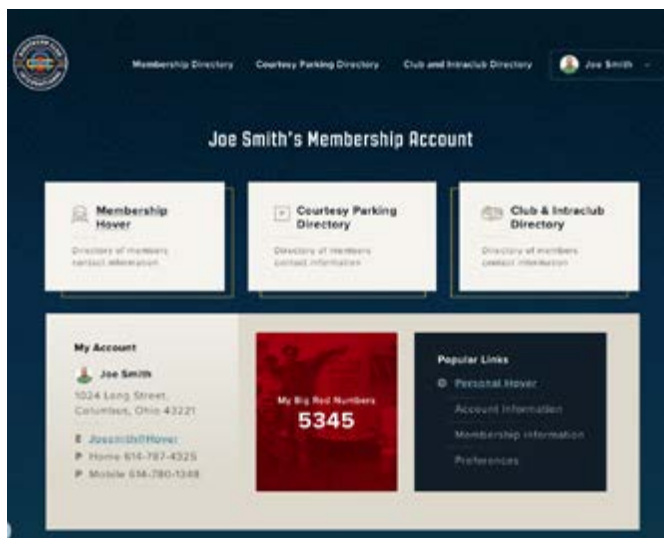
The launch of our new website was the first of a three-phase project rollout:

- Phase 1: Launch new Club website (done!).
- Phase 2: Replace the aging membership database used by our corporate office to track all attributes of members, Club leadership roles, membership preferences, Big Red Number tracking, Caravans, etc. This phase is going live in mid-May 2020.
- Phase 3: Implement a member-only “Self Service Portal” that allows member-only access to benefits, member profile updates, etc.

Member Self-Service Portal:

Beginning in mid-July, all members will be able to access a personalized “Self Service Portal” on the airstreamclub.org website.

- Access to update your profile (photo, address, email and other contact information).
- Access to member-only benefits such as the Harvest Host discount, Blue Beret magazine, detailed Courtesy Parking information, Membership list, etc.
- Simplified annual membership renewal.



More information on the Self-Service Portal will be emailed to all active members in mid-July plus in future issues of the *Blue Beret*.

How To: Virtual International Board of Trustees June 2020 Meetings

Eric McHenry, #153

For the first time in our Club history, our 2020/2021 International Board of Trustees (IBT) meetings will be held in a virtual (Zoom) environment due to the cancellation of the 2020 International Rally and the associated COVID-19 travel restrictions.

What's an IBT meeting and who can (or should) attend?

The WBCCI International Board of Trustees (IBT) is comprised of all International officers and Region presidents. The IBT meets three times per year to discuss and vote on Club business items such as budget, bylaws and policy amendments, club priorities, special committee reports, etc. Active members have always been invited to attend or view IBT meetings, either via live-stream or in-person at the International Rally or "Mid-Winter IBT" location. For 2020, viewing an IBT will be fully virtual via Zoom, and as close as a click away!

How to Join, View or Submit Questions to the IBT

- IBT meetings will be on June 24th and June 27th. Visit airstreamclub.org/elections for updated information.

- Members will be able to submit questions (or comments) to the IBT through an online form located on the airstreamclub.org/elections site. All questions or comments submitted prior to the start of a meeting will be distributed to the IBT.
- **IBT members:** You will be sent an email in early June with the Zoom meeting information.
- **Any active WBCCI member:** The IBT Zoom meeting will be live-streamed on our Club YouTube channel. For more information visit airstreamclub.org/elections.

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Our European Road Trip - Part 6

The Surprise of Belgium

Don Lewis, #16592

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

To remind you of who was travelling, we are the Lewis family - Don (me), my wife Amanda, Abigail our 15-year-old daughter and, with us on every trip so far, Amanda's mum, Betty (who even after 48 days on this trip so far, still makes a fantastic cup of tea). And of course, we can't forget Barkley, our wonderful Golden Doodle dog – who doesn't make tea but does keep us all exercised so we can eat plenty of ice cream!

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

We start this episode on Day 48 after a drive up through Germany and into Belgium where we were due to spend the last few days of this trip in Brugge. To be honest, as we drove there our spirits had sunk a little as we began to feel like our trip was near an end and we "only" had Belgium left. That feeling changed as we went

in to Brugge and saw one of the most beautiful towns we had seen on our trip so far. It raised our spirits immediately and put us firmly back in holiday mode! What a surprise Belgium turned out to be.

We spent the day wandering around Brugge, which was only a short walk from our campsite – Camping Memling – right into the centre. It's nice not having to find parking which I think may be a little hard in Brugge as the centre is quite pedestrianised. The downside is that after some very nice weather further south we are down to 19°C and clouds. Suddenly it felt a bit chilly!

What a lovely city though with canals, windmills, medieval Basilicas and beautiful Flemish architecture. It is very much a tourist city with really picturesque walks – the campsite provided a map that had some nice walks that took us to some of the back streets and off the tourist track. We entered the city via the Kruispoort city gate built in the early 15th Century and is the best preserved of the 4 remaining city gates. From here we walked alongside a canal passing a number of very grand windmills. As we approached, there was a chap whose one of many responsibilities was



Working windmills that still grind flour



Very Flemish view down the canal

to turn the sails - very impressive to see the windmill functioning - apparently it can still grind flour!

As we followed the canals and very pretty colourful Flemish houses, we came to a huge whale sticking out of the canal - it was made with 5 tonnes of plastic pulled from the ocean - very sobering sight! There were a number of other art installations dotted about the city - none as impressive as this!



Made with 5 tonnes of plastic retrieved from the ocean

After a spot of lunch we wandered to a square called Burg - bordered by beautiful gothic and Renaissance buildings and the lovely Basilica. The Basilica is entered through a door leading to a very ornate staircase. The walls are painted with intricate designs rather than stone carvings.

The Alter was spectacular as are the stain glass windows above it. The pulpit is like a world globe with a big round leaf over it - very imposing.



Unusual Pulpit in the Basilica in Brugge

A saunter through the streets took us past a myriad of shops ranging from high street names to local chocolatiers. We then found the central square and the Belfry, which was built in the Middle Ages - it can be seen from most locations in the city. As it was cloudy we didn't go to the top but left that for another visit later in the week. The square was busy with tourists taking horse carriage rides and others taking selfies - so we did too (the selfie anyway!)



A Selfie by the Belfry

The horror of the day was we didn't have any ice cream! We caught up later in the week though!

Many people when they come to Belgium immediately head for the capital city – Brussels. However, having been there already I would strongly recommend skipping the capital and heading out to Brugge. Then today we discovered Ghent, which is equally on par with Brugge for a must-place to visit.

We took a 45 minute drive from Brugge to the town of Ghent on day 49 of our trip. There seems to be a bit of rivalry between Brugge and Ghent in terms of which one you should visit.

We heard and read comments like “Brugge is very pretty and Ghent was made to be pretty!”. This comment about Ghent refers to the fact that they held the 1913 World Expo here and much of the town was renovated, but only by keeping all the beautiful facades of the front of the buildings and then modernising everything of the building behind the facade. Even the new buildings that were built were built making sure they looked “pretty” so as to attract the tourists! It worked though, as we thought it was a wonderful place.

We were lucky enough to pick up a free walking tour laid on by the local tourist board. The guide took us by the canal where we saw the oldest and only building not to have had a face-lift - the Grain Store. The front wall of the building slopes out apparently so that as they were hoisting in the bags of grain they did not swing in and damage the building. Next to this was a tiny building not much wider than a door - where taxes were collected before the grain went in to the grain store. One building along was where the grain was measured (not weighed) to determine what taxes were due.



The Grain Store leaning in next to the tiny tax office

Our next stop was an interesting one! It was the Marriott Hotel which used to be the local brothel! It was highlighted by our guide that when one thinks of love you might think of 2 swans making a heart sign. However in a brothel there is no true love - so on the walls of the old brothel are two swans facing away from each other - so no heart symbol! Interesting that it's now the Marriott Hotel! Speaking of which, the

Marriott was a building that demonstrated the renovation of the town - on the front facade very Flemish including swans, but inside it was ultra modern.



Swans on the Marriot Hotel

We continued the guided walk to the Castle of the Counts (Gravensteen), built by (or should I say for) Philip of Alsace, count of Flanders in 1180. The design of the fortress was based on Syrian architecture. It was never used as a fortress as it was not exactly in a very good defensive position. It was purely built as a house, but alas the count's wife didn't like it, so they moved out and the house became a prison and centre for torture - maybe the countess had a point!

In a square near the castle there is a golden bear high on a pillar. It used to be the place where there was a cauldron full of boiling oil where people who were found with counterfeit money were thrown in. Over time it was decided that the past was a bit gruesome and should be forgotten and three lamps were installed and connected to the town's maternity unit. Now every time there is a birth the lights flash on.

On our tour around we were introduced to a stall holder who sold a Ghent sweet called Cuberdons or what are nicknamed Ghent Noses. They are a very sweet but actually quite nice and the traditional ones are a raspberry flavour. There were 2 stallholders and there was a lot of rivalry between them when it got to a



Selling the sweet Cuberdons or Ghent Noses

point where stalls ended up in the canal, fists were used and one of them lost his license!

The tour then took us to the Belfry where King Charles had removed the bells so the towns people could not be warned at the approach of the king's men. This was because when King Charles went to raise taxes to support his desire to take lands from the Italians, the people of Ghent were the only town in Belgium who refused to pay. They were punished and canons were placed along the city walls facing inwards in case of future insurrection!

Last stop was St Bavos Cathedral. It's the oldest parish church in Ghent and stands on the site of a 10th century church which is still standing underneath the cathedral. Inside the cathedral is the panel painting of the Adoration of the Lamb which is a must see for visitors to Ghent. It is the most stolen painting in history and there is still a panel missing - the one in place is a reproduction. It was even subject to recovery by The Monuments Men (good film with Tom Hanks) after the Nazis stole it in WWII.



One of the canals in Ghent

After a long walk we then moved to important matters - not ice cream you will be surprised to hear, but waffles. Our tour guide encouraged us to have "Liege Waffles". These are not square like Bruxelles waffles but are sweetened and have rough edges. Very hot, very, very sweet and totally delicious.

We loved Ghent – for me, the waffles just topped our visit off and we will return soon. Put it on your list if you are in the area.



Liege waffles - truly scrumptious even without ice cream!

Day 50 - Birthdays and wandering through Brugge.

One of the great things about having time in one location is just that - having time to explore and wander and just follow your nose to see where it takes you!

We started the day with another birthday - this time it was my lovely wife Amanda and I treated her to bacon sandwiches for breakfast. We love birthdays in our house/Airstream as it means our dog Barkley sings happy birthday...really. We can sing any other song and he totally ignores us but as soon as he hears the words "happy birthday" he is up and ready to take the lead in the song...it's a shame this isn't a "speaking magazine" so I could show you!

We bought our Airstream in 2015 and since then both Abigail and Amanda have celebrated every birthday on the road in some part of mainland Europe. It is great celebrating in the Airstream!



Birthday Breakfast

Amanda decided she wanted to have a wander around Brugge again and then we would have dinner somewhere in the evening.

So that is what we did. I did ask the campsite reception if they could recommend a restaurant but all they could offer was "just look in the windows and if you like what you see then go there" - not very helpful but it turned out to work!

We took another walk into the town and had a really pleasant day. Instead of a large lunch, we decided that a Liege waffle would keep us going. And it did! I didn't have ice cream as that would just be piggish! We then took the opportunity to go up the Belfry which even though there was a bit of a queue, it was very worthwhile...fascinating in fact. The bottom 2 layers were built of brick in the 13th century and the top lantern tower was built in the 1480s. The building was a sign of the success of trade in the area and the halls were originally used to store expensive Flemish cloth. The thing that amazed me most was the mechanism that rang the bells. It is a carillon and so plays a tune driven by a similar drum mechanism that drives a music box. This visit took us about 2 hours and I would really recommend it if you are in Brugge.



The Belfry in Brugge

The bells are driven by a carillon mechanism which plays a tune driven by a similar drum mechanism that drives a music box



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Then dinner - and so we went looking in restaurant windows to see if we liked what we saw and eventually we did! I enjoyed a tasting selection of Leffe beers, which were all excellent – there was quite a selection of beers to choose from. The restaurant - Brugge die Scone - was excellent and was a suitable place to celebrate that very important birthday...however, we didn't sing in case Barkley joined in!



A beer tasting

Our final discovery on our way home was what is now a hotel - but back in 1656 to 1659 King Charles II held court here while in exile from England until the restoration of the monarchy happened when he could return to the UK. It was here also that he raised the first Guards - later to become the Grenadier Guards and the Life Guards. It is just amazing what you stumble across when you just wander for the day including chocolatiers, ice cream parlours and beer shops!

What a lovely way to celebrate my darling wife's birthday. Loving this holiday...although it is nearly at an end :o(



Kruispoort city gate at night

Day 51 - our last full day before we head to the Channel Tunnel tomorrow. Quite sad really, as

we all feel we could really just go around again. We took it easy in the morning and started to pack things up so we would not be in too much of a rush tomorrow.

I even got a few moments to read a book. However, after about 20 minutes, I looked up and saw the tell-tale reflections of another Airstream driving into the campsite. What a beautiful sight, a vintage trailer and it was being pulled by a monster of a truck (as it weighs about 3+tonnes it needed it!). Its owners are a lovely couple - Kai and Pieter van Dooren - and they stopped to chat. It is always great to meet other Airstreamers on our travels. There is that immediate connection and interest in each other's travels.



New Airstream Friends

Later we headed into Brugge for one last wander around. It's funny - we have been to so many places you start to forget where you saw things. Amanda and I thought we had seen the Blue Whale in Ghent - we hadn't seen it yesterday during our wander around Brugge. But we then looked back at photos and diaries and realised it was in Brugge after all. So we headed there first just to remind ourselves of this striking sculpture. It was as impressive second time around! A bit more wandering and it was soon dinner.

To finish the trip off I treated myself to tasting more of the local beer and then a Belgium Brussels Waffle AND ICE CREAM! Remember what I told you about Liege waffles - well after revisiting the Brussels waffles, the Liege waffles

win hands down. ...the ice cream was nice though ;o) We walked back to the camp taking in some of the sights by night. We loved Brugge and will return...in our Airstream!

Day 52 - The end of the Road Trip.

Today we packed up for the last time (on this trip) and headed the 72 miles (116km) to Calais to get the tunnel back to the UK. We decided just to head to the train rather than doing any stop-offs on the way. We felt a mixture of sadness and excitement on finishing what has been a fantastic way to spend 52 days.

We have covered 2550 miles or 4104km towing our wonderful Airstream from location to location and then probably an additional 500 miles or so total driving around each location visiting sights - some not so near the campsite!

We set up in 10 locations (Normandy, Brittany, Midi-Pyrenees, Provence, Lake Annecy, Lauterbrunnen, Grainau, Koblenz and Brugge) and have driven through some 7 countries (France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, Holland and Belgium) staying in 4 of them.



Road Trip 2018

The best campsite was Lauterbrunnen in Switzerland and the worst was Provence... although we weren't home much!

The best showers were Lauterbrunnen and the worst were in Koblenz....but I only had to stay in them for 240 seconds!

The best meals were the ones we concocted at the Airstream. We ate rather well...even if Abigail

tells everyone all I do is “a bit of flipping” when I was in charge of the BBQ.

We did eat some ice cream...but never enough! Best ice cream surprisingly was in Koblenz!

I was absolutely converted to Liege waffles...you really must try them.

Amazingly I only put on 1 lb. (.45kg) in weight... honest...no really honest! I actually put that down to the Liege waffles so it is a good job we got out of Belgium - any longer and I would have been in trouble!

We travelled as a family - a mum, a dad, a daughter, a mother-in-law (great tea!) and a dog (Barkley – who was the only one not to answer me back!). We never had any cross words or upsets...well except when I read the map wrong up a mountain in Switzerland - but it was only minor, and Abigail got us on the right path!

We drank wine together and celebrated 2 birthdays...we didn't have any birthday cakes... just extra boules of ice cream!

I have taken 3000 photos on my iPhone. Now on my SLR...the final count of individual photos was just over 10,000! Well at least a few of them were worth keeping and you have only had to see a small selection!

The most photographed member of our party had to be Barkley, our trusted friend and traveling companion. Wherever we went he was always swamped with other tourists and locals wanting to take his picture and give him a cuddle. And of course the kids love him! The second most photographed – well of course, it had to be the Airstream. In every campsite, motorway services or even on the motorway, people fell in love with this iconic trailer.

How did the Airstream do? Well, it is a home away from home. We did have a couple of minor issues with the sensors in the fresh water tank stop working but it was a simple work around by turning off the intake pump manually when

the tank was full – it turned out to be a cable falling out of the main control system. A couple of blown fuses...but we carry plenty of spares. A few sudden changes in direction meant that clothes fell out of the shelves in the wardrobes... that was Betty's job to fix at each new location. And in some of the high temperatures, the fridge struggled to keep everything cold/frozen...so we just bought things as we needed. Overall, the Airstream was simply superb, just everything about it is fantastic.

Ali, our Airstream, is the only reason we are out there doing these fantastic trips, seeing more of the UK and the rest of Europe than we ever would on a more traditional hotel or villa holiday. It has been one of the best investments we ever made, and we always get a smile or a thumbs up from other drivers when we are pulling it.

We've made new friends and caught up with old ones - it's been great to share our trip and to learn from those who live in the area what are the things not to miss.

So we are already planning the next trip...it is now 2 years later as I finally get to the last episode on our trip for *Blue Beret* – apologies for it taking so long and spread out over so many episodes – Deb at the *Blue Beret* editing team has been sooo patient with me.

Since 2018 the Lewis family have travelled all over the UK on various short trips and back to France in 2019, revisiting that lovely campsite in Brittany, Pont Augan. We are now planning another Airstream summer to make the most of Ali. Abigail finishes her “A” Levels in June before heading to University (we hope) in September. We had planned a trip across Europe to Italy, but alas with the current restrictions we are thinking of visiting some of the great places in the UK instead! Maybe you will hear from me again at the end of this year.

Thank you for putting up with my writings about the 52 days of our trip. It's been fun recording our trip and I hope you have, like me, learned

a bit about the places we have visited and now know some of the excellent places to buy ice cream!

I'm always interested in other peoples travels so do keep sending *Blue Beret* the stories and photos from your trips!

That's it from the Lewis Road Trip of 2018.

Many thanks.

The Lewis Family (#16592)...Travelling in Ali, our Airstream!!

Editor Note: This is the last segment of the Lewis Family Road Trip of 2018. A big thank you to Don Lewis for sharing this trip with all of us. We have enjoyed reading about it and looking through your photos.





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Wally Byam Slept Here - The Story Continues

Now is a good time to continue the story of a historic white 1955 Airstream that Wally and Stella Byam used on the 1956 Mexico and European Caravans. The August 2017 Historically Speaking covered the rediscovery of this famous Airstream, but much has transpired since then. #8671 Scott and Megan Goranson submitted the following update about their amazing restoration of this trailer, which you will soon be able to see in the new Airstream Heritage Center! Take it away Scott and Megan:



The restoration of Wally and Stella's white 1955 26' Cruiser was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our "addicted to Airstream" family, and we didn't take the responsibility lightly. Our initial plan was to restore and use this trailer at club rallies, but things changed the more we learned from Joe, Dale Schwamborn, and others, about how special this trailer was.

For as many hundreds of hours that went into the physical restoration of this Airstream, equally as many went into researching all the missing pieces of the puzzle. Many challenges were not uncommon to anyone who's restored a vintage Airstream: rotted frame members; damaged panels; and missing hardware, cabinets and appliances. But everything becomes more difficult when the trailer was a prototype and much of the interior was missing, yet our desire

was to restore the trailer back to its original condition rather than renovate and modernize it.

This restoration project became our "way of life" for over 2 years. We all spent many hours working on the trailer. Our son Jason, now 13, learned how to run a rivet bucking bar. Our daughter Abigail, now 10, helped install floor tiles and became an incredible sanding assistant. Megan spent a ton of time sourcing and putting together vintage curtains and upholstery, and helping on countless other projects, not to mention keeping our daily lives moving while this project ate up our time (and money).

We spent most of the summer of 2017 watching every sunrise from the trailer, while using over 10 gallons of Aircraft paint stripper to remove coat upon coat of paint and roof seal from all over the trailer to get a blank slate to start the rebuild.

We discovered this trailer was an experiment in lightweight frame design, using a boxed sheet metal frame and smaller than normal cross members which had seen better days. Our great friend Aaron Knight, a certified welder, fabricated and replaced damaged frame sections while retaining as much of the original as possible.

We replaced a couple of exterior panels that had been damaged by later owners but retained as much of the original skin as possible. Since this trailer was the first prototype Airstream to use curved endcap panels two years before they were implemented on production trailers, we patched holes in the unique handmade endcap panels using an automotive epoxy designed for aluminum car bodies rather than attempt to replace them. After I prepped the trailer for paint, a professional painter, Jim Richardson, applied the 1956 Cadillac Alpine White paint to match Wally and Stella's 1956 Cadillac.

We had to deduce the layout of the unique, but missing, front kitchen from paint lines and rivet and screw holes in the inner skin. We learned a lot about 1950s Krefft gas/electric refrigerators. We bought more than one before we found the right size in Spokane, Washington where it had been tucked away in a gentleman's garage for 30 years.

The Airstream community came to our aid reoutfitting the trailer and we can't thank them enough. Airstream friends including Wally Holsclaw, Harold Seeley, Brad Taylor, & Joe helped track down parts and accessories. Jim Polk provided several original mid-1950s Airstream cabinets that were used to recreate much of the front and mid-section of the interior. Members of the Oregon Unit and the AirForums

online Airstream community helped us with latches, magazine racks, and many other small parts, too numerous to mention.

Dale Schwamborn, arguably the brand's ambassador, helped with an incredible amount of first-hand knowledge, including identifying the German candlestick holder Wally and Stella had in the trailer. His photos helped us with restoring countless details inside and out, showing how Wally and Stella had the trailer outfitted during the 1956 European Caravan.

From photos showing the Byams entertaining inside #1, we were able to identify and purchase Italian made Heller aluminum tumblers identical to the ones used by the Byams and their guests and that were stored in the trailer's liquor

cabinet when not in use. Magazines seen in the photos were found on eBay to be placed in their proper positions in the magazine rack.

The Zenith Transoceanic Radio seen in interior photos was quickly found and purchased. Another piece of electronic equipment seen in the photos took quite a while to identify and find. Joe eventually found a match on a German vintage radio website, and after an exhaustive search, we found one on Germany's eBay and convinced the seller to ship it to us. This unique piece of vintage electronics was a 1954 Metz Babyphone S155 portable 45-rpm record player and AM radio. It could be operated from either 110/220 volt or battery power and its AM radio dial was marked with each European city's name instead of a radio frequency.

1956 Europe



2017 As Found



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For the outside of #1, our good local friend Wally Holsclaw retrieved a nice French Solex gas powered bicycle from Los Angeles for us, so that it could be mounted on the trailer bumper, its travel position during the 1956 European Caravan.

our local sign shop to see if she could recreate it. A few minutes later she called and said she found one on eBay! Sure enough, an original 1950's decal, an exact match, was available for just \$10!

Mousley was brought to Salem by #1818 Ken Johansen and Suzanne Duke. We made sure to get photos of the two trailers side by side,



likely for the first time since the 1956 European Caravan! If only these trailers could talk.

After Salem, as we finished up a long list of little details to complete the restoration, it really sank in how important this trailer was to the Airstream community. We felt it shouldn't become our "garage ornament" and knew it really didn't belong on the road. It needed to be on display for everyone to see and enjoy. Dale, Joe, Samantha Martin at the Airstream Archives, and others helped us realize what needed to happen and the wheels were put into motion.

Finally, on August 19, 2019, after a difficult goodbye that included some big kid tears, Wally and Stella's white #1 arrived at its rightful forever home in Jackson Center to become part of the Heritage Center.

We feel honored to be a part of this trailer's history and we would like to again thank all those that helped us along the way. We hope you can stop by and see this iconic trailer at Airstream's new Heritage Center!



Kevin Drake, a very talented sign maker from Seattle repainted, by hand, Wally and Stella's #1 above the front and rear windows and their names and list of dates and countries on the front curbside corner, duplicating the exact placement of each letter and numeral.

Next to the lettering on the front curbside corner was a mysterious oval decal. From photos, we could only partially identify it as being from the Cabello Trailer Park in Mexico City, indicating that it had been added during the 1956 Mexico Caravan. We shared the best photo we had of the decal with

We had the trailer mostly done in time to take it to the 2018 International Rally in Salem, Oregon. For the first time, we took two Airstreams to a club event. Megan towed our Around the World Caravan Airstream (her first travel trailer towing experience) while I followed with my father-in-law's truck with the white #1 behind it. I've never been so nervous towing an Airstream.

The International Rally was our first, and we stayed busy. Between sharing the white #1 trailer with everyone and participating in all the Around the World Caravan festivities Joe and Lorrie put together, we only left the fairgrounds for one or two quick grocery runs. It was an incredible coincidence that the Airstream photo booth at the rally had a backdrop of "our" white #1 trailer from the 1956 European Caravan.



The photo of our family in the booth became one of our favorites.

Another highlight was the chance to reunite two Airstreams from the 1956 European Caravan. The 1956 22' Flying Cloud used by wagon boss #50 Louis and Mildred



hq Headquarters Notes

Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager

Hello members. I hope everyone is safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. I am pretty sure I am like most of you and just itching to go someplace. I wanted to update the membership on the multiple projects the HQ team has been working on and will be completed at different times in the next two to six months.

COVID-19 Operations

The HQ team resumed working at headquarters on May 4th. As I write this, Ohio is operating under a Stay Safe Ohio order as well as the Responsible Restart Ohio protocols. All businesses are yet to open but Ohio is adding different sectors of industries each week. HQ is practicing social distancing, cleaning/disinfecting protocols, daily health checks, as well as limited capacity in the office. HQ is welcoming members **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** during this time. To schedule a visit, you can call 937-596-5211 or email Info@airstreamclub.org.

Three Emblems

During the 2020 Mid-Winter meeting, the International Board of Trustees approved the use of three different emblems on club badges and decals. Members will be able to choose which emblem they prefer for their badge and decal.

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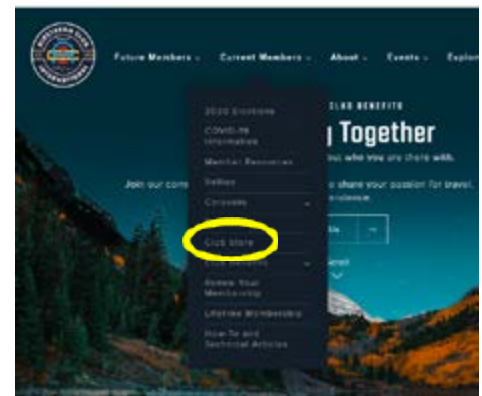


Now with the ability to choose an emblem, HQ will be printing individual badges. These badges will be a little different than in the past and will no longer be a heat-sealed badge having a piece of paper in a slot. Instead, the badges will be printed per order. For those clubs that order blank badges from HQ, you can still order blanks but will need a label maker to add the members' information to it. HQ will continue to carry the old-style badge supplies until we are out of stock.

Along with the badges, 5" decals will be available in all three styles. Lifetime members can also choose their decal of choice. All these items will be available on the club's new store website that will launch around June 15th. Go to airstreamclub.org to find the store under the current members tab.

2021 Renewals

HQ will start the 2021 Renewal process with the kickoff of the new Member Self-Service Portal. You can read more about it from Project Manager and International Third Vice President, Eric McHenry on page 14 of this issue.



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HQ will not be printing the three-part renewal form as we have done in the past. We have learned that the majority of the clubs were not utilizing these forms, and it ended up being a waste. In the Member Self-Service Portal, each member will have the opportunity to select their renewal preference of electronic or paper. So, if a member wants a paper renewal form, we will get them one. If you do not wish to use the self-service portal that is okay too, call Amanda, Membership Coordinator, at 937-596-5211, and she will get you renewed over the phone or mail you a form. Amanda can also be reached at membership@airstreamclub.org.

Currently, over 80% of renewals are completed through our website. HQ will initiate the renewal with the member, and if we are unable to connect with the member, we will reach out to their local club. As we do now, we will notify the local clubs of any renewals during this process. Another benefit to the Member Self-Service Portal is logged in members can see up to the minute membership status and even filter it down to just their local club. The goal is to make the renewal process as easy as possible for both the member and local club officers who do the renewals. Local clubs will still have to manage the collection of affiliate members' dues for now, but we will have this service down the road.

2021 Membership Directory

In June, HQ is asking the International Board of Trustees to change the month of printing the annual printed Membership Directory from January to February. Since club memberships are by the calendar year, we believe delaying the printing of the Membership Directory until February will provide a more complete directory. If approved, the new deadline to be published in the membership directory will be December 31st.

HQ will be sharing more information on all of these items as they become available. So, keep your eyes out for this information to be published.

As always, the HQ team is here to help and assist you in any way we can. Stay safe and keep washing those hands.

Take Care!

HeadQuarters has new email addresses. Please update your address books:

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Caravan - caravan@airstreamclub.org

General - info@airstreamclub.org

Membership - membership@airstreamclub.org

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For Certificates of Insurance or 990N filing information, email: - info@airstreamclub.org

Stories and Pictures Wanted

We are looking for your stories and pictures. Do you have a great Courtesy Parking story?

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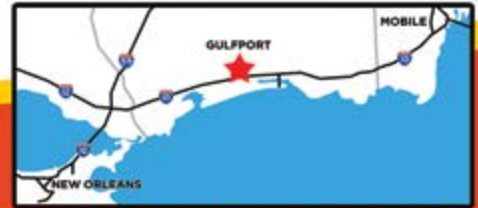
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Thornton Adventures

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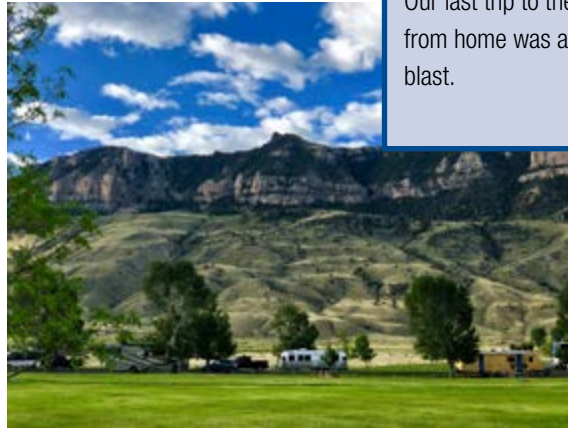


Crossing Haines Pass in the Yukon in route to Haines, Alaska

I usually travel with my parents and we have been traveling to Canada/The Yukon for many years. My parents had an Airstream when I was a kid and we camped in lots of different places. That's where I was introduced to Airstream. I always wanted one and once I retired from corporate America, that was top on the list. So my parents and I purchased identical Classics and kept the travel up. Now my parents are 87 & 88 and we still travel together, not quite as far as the Arctic, but we still spend several months a year traveling about. We usually travel just the three of us (four including Walter the Goldendoodle) because we take our dear time. Our last trip to the Yukon, the total time away from home was around 4.5 months. We had a blast.



North Mississippi Camping



Camping in Cody, Wyoming



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Camping in Havre, Montana

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Camping in the Yukon



In Mayo, Yukon



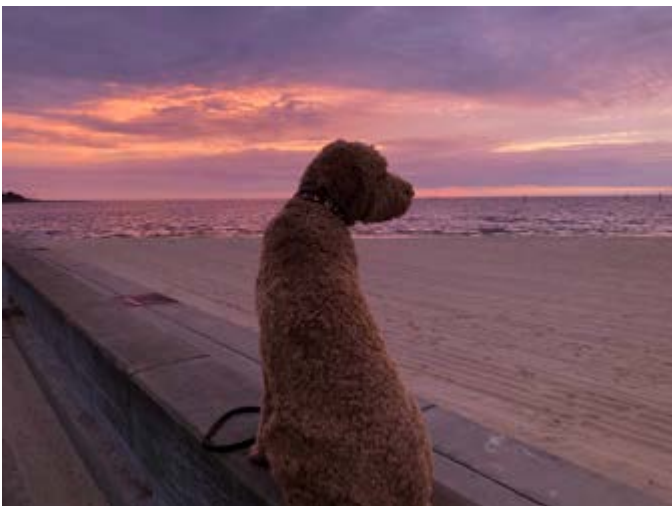
Mississippi Gulf Coast at sunrise



Resting in the Yukon



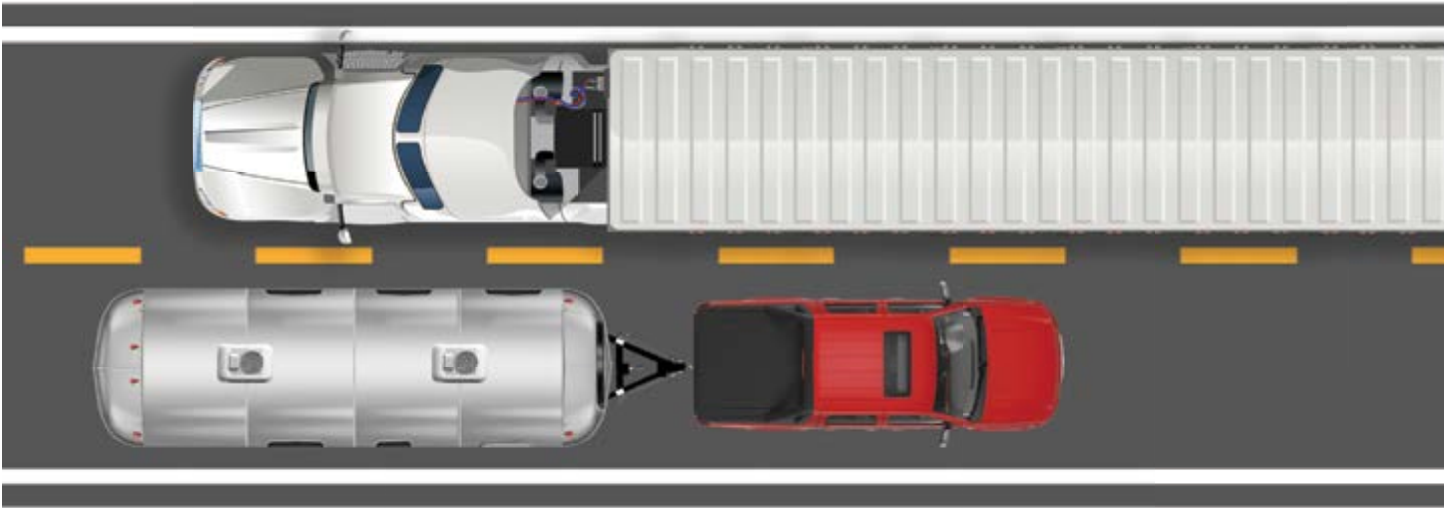
Nice little campground in Delta Junction, Alaska



Walter at sunrise on the Mississippi Gulf Coast



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AIRSTREAM
TECH HELP GROUP

techhelp@wbcci.org

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

To: Airstream Tech Help Group

I really appreciated your article on Airstreams and interior condensation issues.

We winter in the south in our Airstream and north of Toronto in summer, both areas and timeframes with much dampness inside the trailer. We had to clean our walls and ceiling a few times yearly to remove moldy residue. We tried for years to find a good solution.

A few years ago, we finally found a good solution. We use a combination of a great electric anti-moisture device called Davis Air-Dryr 500 and DampRid particles in a little bucket.

We think it is the Davis Air-Dryr that really made the difference. We leave it plugged in on the stovetop during any damp periods of the year. Condensation problems have all but disappeared. We are thrilled with this product.

We have a 25' Airstream so 200 sq. ft. and found our 4+ months on the road, with the two of us living in it, built up a lot of condensation residue on walls and ceiling.

No more. We are very pleased with this change and thought you'd like our input if you haven't encountered the Air-Dryr before. Hopefully, it's still available. I've enclosed a photo of it.

Cheers and see you down the road.



Davis Air-Dryr 500 available at Amazon. Air-Dryr Mildew Fighter. Say Goodbye to Mold, Mildew and Moisture. 1459 Air-Dryr 500. Handles up to 500 cubic feet of living space. Draws only 0.6 amps, 70 watts. Rectangular unit measures approx 14 x 5 x 4.5" (36 x 13 x 11 cm). Air-Dryr is an inexpensive and effective way to fight moisture problems, cold drafts, and corrosion. Designed to operate anywhere, 24 hours a day. Place Air-Dryr on the floor in any damp, enclosed space and plug into a 110/120 volt outlet. The damp air is heated to the point moisture is held in suspension (above dew point), then released through the top vents of the device. As warmed air rises, cooler damp air is drawn in, where it too is heated. Air-Dryr costs no more to operate than the burning of a light bulb. A thermal cutoff turns the unit off should air flow be impeded. Attractive, neutral beige housing made of polycarbonate for strength and durability.

Automatic refrigerator coil cooling fan. Hello out there. Now that it is summer one of the issues an Airstreamer has to deal with is keeping his or her refrigerator working as efficient as possible during the hot weather. Your refrigerator may work on 120VAC, 12VDC, or propane. Either way, during the really hot weather, it helps to add air movement over the refrigerator cooling coils (on the back of the refrigerator) to increase cooling and reduce heat in the refrigerator air vent compartment. This is best done by adding a cooling fan in the refrigerator air vent compartment with an on-off switch (either near the fan or inside your trailer). Even better would be a totally automatic system. Basically, you can set it and forget it.

Here are the details for the automatic refrigerator coil cooling fan. Photos available upon request.

Parts from Amazon: \$7.99 – Switch – Rio Rand RR-PWM-15V, low voltage DC motor speed controller; \$26.99 – Thermostat – TDCQ non-programmable electronic thermostat, 1 heat/1 cool (you will use only the cool switch on this job); \$9.99 – Fan – Fugetek 12V DC brushless blower cooling fan, HT-07530D12, 75 x 75 x 30 mm, 2 pin, dual ball bearing computer fan.

Connections: 12V power connection – red+, black -; red + to + switch terminal #3; black – to blue T-stat (Y terminal); yellow T-stat (O terminal) to switch #4; switch #1 black – to fan black; switch #2 red + to fan red +; switch ON/OFF/speed adjustment. Wire color is not critical – use what you have. 18 GA is fine.

The Rio Rand switch allows you to choose and set the optimal fan speed (for sound); The T-stat allows you to set the temperature at which the fan comes on. As soon as the temperature reaches the T-stat set point the fan will automatically turn off. I set the T-stat cool setting for 77 degrees. At 77 degrees ambient temperature the fan comes on. As soon as the temperature drops below 77 degrees the fan will shut off. Thermostat wire is fine for this job. T-stat setting on the faceplate: fan – auto; system – cool; setting – 77 degrees.

Email any questions to techhelp@wbcci.org. Best Regards,

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Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)

is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Eureka

is one of the highly trained dogs that CCI provided to recipients to assist with daily tasks and increase independence by reducing reliance on other people.

Airstream is the manufacturer of the iconic "silver bullet" travel trailer that inspire the owners to travel, explore and sightsee the country. Airstream travel trailers are some of the safest and easiest to tow.



Together, CCI and Airstream provide Eureka and his partner the perfect opportunities for traveling and exploring the country with independence and comfort.



Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) Hearing Dog, Eureka

Hearing Dog "Eureka" at Work

Eureka's human partner is a U.S. Air Force Disabled Veteran with hearing challenges. Eureka is a specially trained Hearing Dog who alerts him to key sounds by making physical contact, such as nudging the leg or arm, then leads them to the sound.

Among the many sounds that Eureka is trained to recognize and respond to are doorbells, alarm clocks, fire alarms, or someone calling a name.

After being placed, Eureka's training was "customized" to his partner's particular environmental needs, such as timers on microwaves, dryers and other appliances.

Eureka makes a real difference in his partner's life. Eureka is his partner's ears when they are out and about. While traveling, Eureka works very hard for his partner alerting him to everyday sounds that could otherwise be missed. For example, when walking, his partner can be alerted to what Eureka is paying attention to and react accordingly, such as approaching cars.

Equally as important, Eureka also provides emotional support through his constant companionship. He gives his hearing challenged partner confidence to reconnect with friends and community and embrace the life that he wants to lead.

The assistance that Eureka provides helps his partner with an increased feeling of security and self-confidence by heightening awareness of everyday environmental sounds.

"There is fun to be done"

Traveling with an Airstream travel trailer is a great way to travel. This is especially true for a disabled traveler with a service dog who may encounter too many obstacles while traveling through airports and hotels.



Eureka and his partner enjoying the view at Banff National Park, Canada

Traveling in an Airstream has many perks including having a clean bathroom, a place to prepare and eat our food, and a place to stay when "pet friendly" hotels are not available.

Eureka and his human partner have been a team since 2017 and have traveled over 50,000 miles in their Airstream since starting these adventures together.

Together, they have been up and down the East Coast, driven as far west as the Grand Canyon and enjoyed the sights of the Canada Rockies. They have attended the International Balloon Fiesta National Rally in Albuquerque NM, the International Airstream Rally at Doswell, VA, and enjoyed a 3-month trip as part of the Canadian Rocky Mountains Caravan. Recently, they completed the amazing Southwestern Adventure Caravan. In 2020, they are looking forward to attending the International Airstream Rally at Loveland, CO and traveling over 10,000 miles to Alaska as members of the North to Alaska Caravan.

The best part of traveling is the people they meet. They love camping, meeting people, finding out where they've been, and the *places they will go*.

Eureka and his partner traveling in their 25' Airstream International travel trailer



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S'MORES RECIPE

You will need:

- 1 box of graham crackers
- 1 bag of marshmallows
- 1 large breakable chocolate bar

Instructions:

1. Heat marshmallow over campfire with an adult helping.
2. Place 2 pieces of chocolate on one graham cracker.
3. Place cooked marshmallow on top of chocolate and top with additional graham cracker.

FUN FACT

In 1927, a recipe for "Some More" was published in Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts. The contracted term "s'mores" appears in conjunction with the recipe in a 1938 publication aimed at summer camps.



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Georgia Plantations and More Caravan

Lynn & Jim Soltys, #19794

Photos by Lynn Soltys, Vicki Digby #9113 and Carol Montague #807

Georgia - a song of you comes sweet and clear like moonlight through the pines (as sung by Ray Charles.) Perhaps we are biased because our love of this state and its people have kept a hold on us for nearly forty years. And yet, we found that there was so much more of Georgia to see and learn about on this caravan as assistants to leaders Winston and Carol Montague. We found ourselves roaming country roads past cotton fields, pecan and peach orchards.

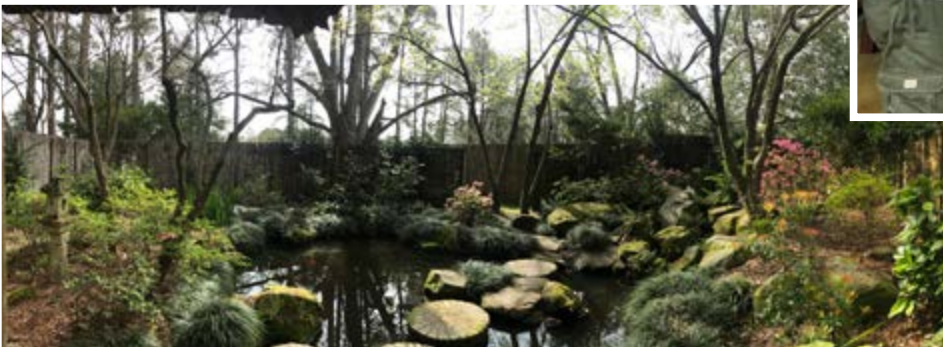
Starting at Hard Labor Creek State Park in Rutledge on March 8, we all gathered for an orientation session followed by a lovely buffet dinner in Social Circle at the famous Blue Willow Inn. We were treated with traditional Southern delights including fried chicken, collard greens, sweet tea, tasty desserts, and much, much more.

The following day, we learned about the life of Joel Chandler Harris and his writings at the Uncle Remus Museum. There, "Miss Georgia" told us of her heritage as a descendant of slaves. She pleaded with us to continue to tell the stories, as it preserves what was the heritage of a people unable to read or write. She made Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, and Brer Bear come to life! We all left in a sense of awe at what we had just experienced.

Our final day at Hard Labor Creek, we explored Rose Cottage, Rogers House, and Heritage Hall in the lovely town of Madison. This gave us a glimpse of what life was like in the 1800's, and of the architectural style of homes in that era.

The next stop was Indian Springs State Park in Flovilla. Our first day here, we were able to explore Dauset Nature Park and or High Falls State Park on our own. Both are areas maintained to preserve natural beauty. A lot of time could be spent relaxing and enjoying both.

Jarrell Plantation tour was our first exposure to an actual plantation. This plantation remained in the Jarrell family for over 140 years! Fortunately, it was spared by General Sherman, but other hardships of disease and boll weevil infestation of the cotton had to be overcome. Eventually, the farm prospered and expanded its crops as well as processing machinery.

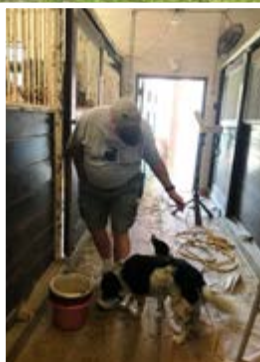




Many of us took a side trip to Juliette, GA and the Whistle Stop Cafe, where the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes" was filmed. (Of course, this later led to a movie night complete with popcorn and Cokes - a good time was had by all!) The day ended with Joan Anderson (#2056) giving us a tutorial on Southern Talk followed by s'mores at the campfire. Dan McNulty and Chuck Zellermyer provided us with music well into the evening.

Stopping at Massee Lane Gardens to view the thousands of camellias in bloom on the way to Americus proved to be an enjoyable detour. We then had the opportunity to try our hand at glass blowing. All came away with a feeling of accomplishment and many beautiful ornaments.

Our free day allowed us time to visit Plains, GA - home of former President Jimmy Carter, and Andersonville - site of the largest Confederate military prison. Other places of interest were the Telephone Museum and Habitat for Humanity Global Village.



Stop number four was quite a unique place - Bradley's Country Store in Tallahassee, FL. Here, we boondocked among towering Live Oaks draped in Spanish Moss. From here we were able to visit Goodwood Museum and Gardens and Pebble Hill Plantation, and they did not disappoint! The splendor and beauty of these homes and gardens are what we picture when we think of the Old South.

Our journey ended at Kolomoki State Park in Blakely, GA. This is an interesting site that exhibits an excavated Indian Mound. The town of Colquitt boasts larger than life sized murals on many of the town's buildings and grain elevator.



White Oak Pastures ended our adventures with a farm fresh meal accompanied by an explanation of how the farm maintains their practice of humane, ecologically sustainable farming.

So, we went away happy, and knowing that Ray Charles was right when he declared, Georgia, "the road leads back to you." That old, sweet song keeps Georgia always on our minds.

Many thanks to the Montagues for being able to make this caravan happen. Their experience and expertise along with hours of planning and revising made it nearly flawless!

If all ya'll haven't spent any time in Georgia, bless your hearts. You will have another opportunity to join up with us in 2021!



CARAVANS



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 Tamastslit 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 Tamastslit 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 Tamastslit Cultural Institute tour with dinner and the Happy Canyon Pageant.

Optional Tickets, limited quantities:

Friday Rodeo \$28 each

Saturday Rodeo (finals) \$28 each

Tuesday Pendleton Underground Tour \$15 each

Branson Musicland Revisited Rally

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Gary Rush

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

Hosted by:

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

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally

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

Russ Pry

Rally in Athens, AL for the 54th Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Early parking for the volunteers available on September 28. The Airstream rally starts on September 29 with welcome dinner. Upon arrival, sign up for tours to area destinations. A free concert opens the convention on October 1. The \$55/person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. Competitions include playing instruments, singing and dancing. Craft and food concessions found throughout campus. Exclusive WBAC parking includes 20 AMP power, water and one (1) pump out for \$25/night located within 3/10 mile off the main venue. Parking

reservations requires four (4) night minimum. Rally attendees are also welcome to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15. Visit <http://region6.airstreamclub.net> for Airstream Rally updates. Visit <http://www.tvotfc.org/> for convention information and schedule updates. All rally attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Jam sessions planned at the WBAC camp site and/or the Domino Room at Athens - Limestone County Visitors Center.



Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally

**Ketchum, Idaho
October 12 - 18, 2020**

Bob Caldwell

Over 40 of the best musical groups - some from around the world - 200 performers in all - take the stages daily in the several venues at the Sun Valley Ski Resort, nestled in the heart of the Sawtooth Mountains, during the peak of autumn colors. Sun shining through the golden aspen leaves makes for spectacular scenery for biking, hiking and fishing.

From Orlando, New Orleans, St. Louis, Sacramento, and places in between, musicians arrive in Sun Valley ready to make musical memories. There's vintage jazz, big band jazz, swing, zydeco, blues, cabaret and more music played and sung by soloists, duets, small combos and big bands. The Midiri Brothers, Yve Evans, Bob Draga, Cornet Chop Suey, Carolyn Martin Swing Band, Bruce Innes Trio, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Gator Nation, and Tom Hook are coming, to name a few of the groups at this year's festival. The festival is organized into 1-hour sets with time between to move to a different venue for the next. You can choose to spend most of your time in one venue and see most of the groups or follow your favorite from place to place. See the Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival website <https://www.sunvalleyjazz.com/>.

In addition, there are silent movies and dueling pianos. You can take dance lessons and learn the Lindy Hop, the Charleston and the Fox Trot.

There is free Jazz in the Square (in Ketchum), and special ticket events including a Kickoff Party Tuesday night, and an Afterglow Dinner Sunday evening (Requires additional ticket). Priority Seating continues again this year, with a special pass. For \$100 per person, you can be assured of the best seats for each set (open to others after the first 10 minutes).

For those who want to enjoy other activities in the area including the Trailing of the Sheep Festival www.trailingofthesheep.org, our RV Parking (dry camping only) is available beginning as early as Friday, October 7. RVs must be self-contained; however, free use of luxurious bath and shower facilities at the lodge (a 3-minute walk) is included. Generators are permitted 7 AM to 10 PM. Weather is highly variable at this time of year and freezing nights are possible.

Although the festival officially begins on Wednesday, October 14, our Rally begins one day earlier, on October 13. We will have Social Hour Tuesday the 13th at 2:00 PM and give you time to enjoy the area earlier in the day. Parking is open on the 12th at noon. Our heated rally tent will serve as our informal gathering place for small events and coffee in the morning.

Please register online for the Rally at the Region 10 Website <https://region10.airstreamclub.net/>. The Rally Fee is \$12.00 per person. When you register, you receive a code to get our guaranteed Early Bird Festival Fee.

PLEASE NOTE: This Year the Festival and Parking Fees are not being collected by the Rally Organizers! When you finish registering for the Rally, you will be directed to the Festival "ticketing" area to pay your Festival and RV Lot Parking Fees. Those with a volunteer position confirmed by the Volunteer Coordinator and contributing 12 hours to the festival receive their festival pass and parking free as a "thank you" from the Festival. Those who wish to volunteer are urged to register early to ensure their requested volunteer position.

Other Camping Choices

For those who prefer hookups or need them for cold-weather camping, two campgrounds are available in the area. Because of high RV camping demand for the Trailing of the Sheep and the Jazz and Music Festival, those wishing to camp off site are encouraged to make reservations early. The trailing of the Sheep Festival is a highly rated destination event that's easy to combine with the Sun Valley Jazz Festival and has events throughout the local area. It runs Wednesday, October 7 through Sunday, October 11 this year. The Sheep Parade is on Sunday, October 11 at Noon.

For further rally information contact one of your rally co-hosts:
Bob and Darlene Caldwell: airstream267@gmail.com 780-964-5444 or
Tom and Marilyn Usselman: usselmant@hotmail.com

REGION 1

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

Welcome to the month of June and to Region One. Historically we discuss “cabin fever” and the need to get out on the road and camping the beginning of April and here we are finally starting our camping season. Slowly we will all get used to the new normal, but for now let’s enjoy all that Mother Nature has for us. Gather up your Airstream friends and put together some mini rallies. In the meantime lots of things are happening in the background at Jackson Center to slowly but surely get everything back on track. The most important thing to hang onto is that everyone is safe and healthy as we move forward.

June has lots to offer everyone and has always been a month for special events and family gatherings. Did you know that June has more daylight hours than any other month? Now you know why you start your campfires at 9:15 in the evening. Tough to do when everyone goes to bed at 9:00. This month brings us vivid colors radiating from our flower gardens, warmer days and cool evenings. The “official” flower is the rose. A big month for wedding anniversaries too! Hint, hint! Of course on the flip side while we are celebrating spring turning to summer, those in the southern hemisphere are going from autumn to winter. National iced tea month is celebrated during June. I would have thought August a better month, but Lemonade Day is August 20th.

As we reorganize and slowly get back on the road, let’s remember there are folks out there still trying to get back on their feet. So many who have been out of work for so long, many with no job to go back to. Children trying to home school with the balance of their school year cancelled. They all need our help if we can. Please look locally when thinking of giving as the help you provide will stay in your neighborhood. Things will get better. Not today or tomorrow, but they will get better. And as always, see you down the road and keep the shiny side up.

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
region2.airstreamclub.net

It’s April 15. The province of Ontario, where I live, has been in a State of Emergency since March 17 and it’s now been extended until May 12th. Some parts of our Region, such as New York and New Jersey, have been hit extremely hard by this virus. Fortunately, the curves are starting to flatten in a number of areas and it’s hopeful to hear talks of gradually re-opening the economy and society. Eventually we’ll be able to get out, travel and gather with our Airstream friends.

In the meantime, we’re all figuring out ways to carry on Club business. Like many other clubs/units, Ontario Canada had to find a way to vote on a few issues which would normally be dealt with at our spring rally. While an email discussion and vote were manageable at the Executive level, with 188 memberships in Ontario ranks, that same strategy wasn’t going to work for matters involving the general membership. Enter SurveyMonkey – easy to use for straightforward ballots when little or no discussion is necessary (such as a name change) and easy to stay in compliance with our Constitution and Robert’s Rules of Order. By the time you read this, with a little help from Monkey, our Unit’s name should be officially changed to the Ontario Canada Airstream Club.

Region 2 President Rich Short reports that Lea Plant, our Region’s Membership Chair, has been working with our local club membership chairs to welcome 46 new members to the Region. In the six months ending March 31st, Lea had sent over 150 notes to new Airstream owners, enclosing the colorful Airstream Club brochure and inviting new owners to learn more about the Airstream Club and the local clubs in our Region. Says President Rich, “Way to go, Lea, and thank you!”

Webmaster Lawrence Northway has transitioned our Region 2 website over to the new AirstreamClub.org platform. In addition to the new layout, Lawrence and President Rich overhauled the content, including linking a new Region 2 Google photo album to the site. In the spirit of Airstreamers helping Airstreamers, Lawrence also created a PowerPoint tutorial as a tool to help other Regions and local clubs update their websites to the new platform. President Rich extends a big thank you to Lawrence for his efforts and also to our Club’s Information Technology Committee for their support.

He also thanks Al-Mon-O Airstream Club member Cody Klinger in another example of Airstreamers helping Airstreamers. Cody, whose family owns an embroidery and imprint business, is eager to assist our local clubs bring some pizzazz and style to their club attire. He’s helped several local clubs in our Region to set up online shopping on their websites. There, members can shop for apparel emblazoned with their club logo. Check out the Watchung NJ Airstream Club store by clicking here <https://stores.inksoft.com/watchung/shop/home>. Also, check out the Al-Mon-O Airstream Club store by clicking here <https://stores.inksoft.com/almono/shop/home>.

Finally, President Rich reminds us that while we are all anxious to get out, travel and camp, we need to stay safe and healthy. Even when restrictions are eased, we need to keep an eye on directives and guidelines from the states and locales in which we will be traveling. Let’s continue to be mindful of others while enjoying our Airstreams and the great outdoors. He and First Lady Kathi hope to see you down the road soon!

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
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So near and yet so far apart!

The last few months have been, at the same time, scary, frustrating, boring, eye-opening, sad, confusing and nerve wracking. Depending on where you were sequestered and who and how many you were confined with made a major difference in your attitude and comfort. Frustration came to many – students trying to do schoolwork in a non-school environment, parents trying to do new math, grandparents missing their hugs from grandchildren. But the most frustrated were Airstreamers learning that their rallies, caravans and campouts were cancelled due to the virus. And though we constantly heard “Better safe than sorry” and believed it, it was still frustrating.

Staying together while keeping our distance, or worse, being quarantined, is hard to do for those of us who are used to going, seeing and doing in our campers. And though it is necessary to be apart for many important reasons, Airstreamers are anxious to get on the road again.

But while being apart personally, we can be together electronically thanks to WBCCI/WBAC and Region 3. Roy Beavers is our Region 3 Webmaster and he has been working to migrate the Region 3 website to its new home on the Airstream Club International website. At <https://airstreamclub.org/region3> you will be able to keep in touch with friends in your club or other clubs in the Region! Included at the site are Region 3 officers, Region 3 events with map locations, Airstream parks in Region 3, information about local clubs and units, local club and unit newsletters, Galax Rally information and links to other interesting and important sites.

If you are the kind of member who wants to “reach out and touch someone” but can’t there is always the computer or telephone. Get out your Airstream Directory or Club’s Member Handbook or bring up your digital member directory. Pick out two letters of the alphabet. Look up two friends’ names that start with one of the letters each and call or email one in the morning and one in the afternoon each day. Wouldn’t you like to hear from someone you met on a caravan or at a rally or even in your club? Try it, you’ll like it!

REGION 4

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With the Region 4 Rally canceled, and many local club activities canceled, people still have a chance to come to our region in late September for the 58th Swiss Festival National Rally.

The dates of the Swiss Festival Rally are September 26 - October 3. If you have never been to Sugarcreek in Southeast Ohio you should come to this beautiful countryside with its rolling hills in Amish Country. The rally participants interact with Amish folks on tours to their businesses, to two Amish schools and even meals in an Amish home. There will be entertainment every evening and a Day in the Park with an Amish bake goods sale, homemade ice cream and a lunch for Amish school children. It’s a rally to put on your bucket list and to check off your list this year in September. The registration form is on the Region 4 website <https://region4.airstreamclub.net/swiss-festival-national-rally/>.

Even though Region 4 is not the sponsor of the rally, all the Region 4 Officers have committed to support the rally now and into the future. It is the oldest National Rally in WBAC and possibly in the world, and the Region 4 Officers are committed to keeping that way. Region 4 2nd VP Fred Kiehl has been chosen to be the assistant rally director to galvanize this commitment.

We welcome you to come to Region 4 and the 58th Swiss Festival National Rally when the COVID-19 virus shelter-in-place is in our past.

We are also in the planning phase for the 2021 Region Rally. The dates are May 19-23, 2021. More details and a registration form will be on the Region 4 website by June 1.

Until then, stay healthy and safe.

REGION 5

Artie Martin, Contributing Editor
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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,

As I'm writing this article, it is the middle of April. We are in our homes and praying that this Virus will go away so we can go camping together. We have a great Region 5 Rally planned in Columbus on September 16 to 20. We have a great charity with the Columbus Fireman's Cheer fund. We have great entertainment with Artie Martin and Retro Betty. We have tours scheduled at Cummins and with the Columbus Architectural tours. All we need is for you to sign up. The coupon has been in the last three Blue Berets for sign up and is still available on line at the Region 5 website at region5.airstreamclub.net. Please signup, as we would like to see all of the region there.

See you down the road,

Christopher and Nancy Seplak
Region 5 Vice President

*The following is a reprint from an article I received from Hensley Manufacturing. It was an interesting read, but I will include a disclaimer that I have no intention of advertising their products. It is simply another opinion of the environment we now live in.
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April, 2020 - Are we entering a Golden Age of RVing?

Dear Artie:

I know. That's a strange headline given our current circumstances. Most industries, RVing included, are being hard hit by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 crisis. But, like many companies, we've been asking ourselves what will our industry look like after the last coronavirus patient has recovered. I have to tell you, I think we've chosen the lifestyle that is about to explode in popularity. Read on and I'll explain why.

As most of have settled into the "new reality" of life during COVID-19, many of us are wondering what life will look like after the current crises passes. History has shown that major events like this result in global changes in social behavior. Those of you reading are RVers or considering an RV. Hensley, of course, is part of the RV industry, which is a category of the travel industry.

And that's the key word: travel.

Up until this year, most of considered various options for travel. We could take a cruise, fly to another country, stay in a resort, the list goes on. But what will the rest of 2020 look like? And will these changes in our behavior become a permanent part of our culture? Let's look at the options with our new perspective:

Air Travel: the white elephant in the room. How many people will feel comfortable flying after 2020? Air travel spread this virus at a rate that

would have been impossible prior to the 1960s, when air travel began to dominate as the preferred method of travel. It will still be essential for business (though scaled back) and visiting far away loved ones, but as a means of vacationing, I suspect a lot of people will shy away from the risks involved.

Cruise Ships: this is not the first time that cruise ships have become floating petri dishes. We've all watched, in horror, as cruise ships full of infected passengers were denied entry into ports. That image won't go away soon. While I pray that the cruise ship industry survives, I can't imagine they'll return to their former glory.

Hotels: I was in a hotel in Ohio in early March. The COVID-19 news was just started to ramp up. By the end of the week, I was pressing elevator buttons with my elbow and refusing room service. Again, they'll still be a necessary service, but as a vacation option, I suspect it will be a long time before people feel safe in a room that is inhabited by hundreds of others throughout the year.

Then there's RVing. Here is the one area in the travel industry where you are completely self-contained. We can hook up to our trailers and 5th wheels, tow our sanitized second-home to a park, and unhook it in a site that has likely been empty for several days, with the sun, rain, and wind cleansing every surface. If we avoid the restrooms, the only points of cross-contact are places like the dump station, the guy who refills our propane tanks, and the gas station. The time spent at these places is very short and well defined. We know how to protect ourselves with the use of gloves (doggy poo bags are also handy if you don't have gloves), face masks, and social distancing, something we've all become experts at.

Am I just trying to convince myself and fellow Hensley employees that everything will turn out fine? I don't think so. We've been down this road before and have taken drastic measures to save our business. This time feels different. We don't feel a looming disaster like we did in '08, when \$4 per gallon gas prices created the perfect storm. Looking past the next few months, we see our industry as the one that will rise to the top as the preferred method of travel. And won't we all be desperate to get out of the house for a while?

What do you think? Are we entering the Golden Age of RVing?

Friends,

I anticipate we will be camping sooner than later! When we do, please be healthy and safe! Please adhere to the CDC guidelines and wash our hands and practice Social Distancing!

I can see a huge campfire with couples sitting 6 feet away from other couples, and the circle is so big around we have to yell at each other!

I welcome the opportunity to yell across the campfire!

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
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Region 6 President Jim Johnson invites all Airstreamers to the October 2020 Region 6 Rally, saying, "Why should Region 6 have all the fun? Whether you are from Region 6 or another region, who cares? Everyone is welcome to join us for a long Columbus Day weekend October 8-11, camping along the mighty Mississippi River in Natchez, MS and Vidalia, LA at the 2020 Region 6 Rally. Natchez offers historic homes, cooking classes, local breweries, hiking trails, and War Between the States sites. Something for everyone!"

The rally fee is \$40 per person which includes two catered meals and one night of entertainment. The campground is River View RV Park in Vidalia, LA, and there are 60 full-hookup sites reserved, with room for more Airstreams in a grassy overflow area, also with full-hookups. The park has a large club house for activities.

Each rig will make its own reservation. The arrival date is October 8, for four nights, departing on October 12. Please tell them you are with the Airstream group to get the discounted rally rate of \$36.82 per night. The campground does not extend the rally rate beyond these dates, but it does offer the normal discounts for additional nights.

COVID-19 concerns: We are planning as if this rally is going to happen. We will know more as the summer progresses. Unless overruled by local/state authorities, we plan to make the go/no-go decision in mid-August. Do not delay registering for the rally. The registration form is on the Region 6 website at <https://region6.airstreamclub.net>

Make reservations through River View RV Park at <https://www.riverviewrvpark.com> or email the park at info@riverviewrvpark.com. The campground phone numbers are 888-628-2430 and 318-336-1400. The park is located at 100 River View Parkway, Vidalia, LA 71373 (For GPS, use 800 Martin Luther King Ave.). Regarding cancellations – There is a \$10 cancellation fee. To avoid additional fees, you must cancel by 1 p.m. the day before arrival to avoid a one-night cancellation fee.

Ferriday, LA is just 15 minutes from the campground and offers the historic Frogmore Plantation and the Delta Music Museum. For additional information, check out these websites:

- Frogmore Plantation -- <http://frogmoreplantation.com>
- Delta Music Museum -- <http://www.deltamusicmuseum.com>
- Natchez attractions -- <https://www.visitnatchez.org>

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. Elsewhere around the region --

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 are planning a float trip on the Spring River, July 16–19. They will camp at Spring River Oaks Campground near Mammoth Springs, AR.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club will join the Carolinas Airstreamers June 10–14 at Bryson City, NC, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Nearby is white-water rafting on the Tuckasegee River, train rides, and fly fishing. On July 15–19, they will camp again with the Carolinas Airstream Club at the Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park in Limestone, TN for fishing and touring nearby Jonesborough, the oldest town in Tennessee.

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

The Music City Tennessee Airstream club's David Crockett Rally and Natchez Trace Caravan have been postponed until October 2–5, with the caravan departing October 5 arriving in Natchez, MS/Vidalia, LA in time for the Region 6 rally that begins October 8.

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club holds its rallies at Mystic Springs in McDavid, FL. There are no events currently scheduled.

REGION 7

Don Thompson, Contributing Editor
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Good morning Region 7 Airstreamers and all - For some unknown reason, we have had no response to our generous offer of some or all of our old fluffy white material. Well I am sorry to inform you all that spring is rapidly taking our supply. Now the Red River of the North is several miles wide in places as it moves its water North to Canada. Nothing new for this time of year. Soon it will be in Hudson Bay so we can see it along with the Northern Lights and Polar Bear National Caravan September 14 to October 12. The other Event in Region 7 this fall is the Region 7 Rally in the beautiful upper Michigan. As of this date it is still a go. I do hope that we will all be out of jail by then. I feel that the International Officers have the safety of the folks in mind when working on schedules. It is just crazy

not knowing when the next shoe is going to drop. We see on TV that the trucking industry has not missed seeing that we are supplied with food, meds etc. Region 7 Officers (Zeltens) are helping with that task every day. We pray that they are safe on the road.

I do not know where the last two years have gone. I have had fantastic help from everyone as region president. To the folks that stepped up to fill region positions, I cannot thank you enough. Those officers were Gail Harrower, Treasurer, Bruce Coonrod, Recording Secretary, Lillian Thomson, Corresponding Secretary, Linda Agre, Membership. Now Region 7 will have Jane Carmichael as President and Beth Zeltens as Vice President. Please give the new officers your full and complete support. I have had a great two years, and met many friends on this journey. Thanks so much for the experience.

As Always - Be Safe.

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
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As I sit down in late March to write this article for the June *Blue Beret* issue, the country is wrapped with fear and anxiety over the world-wide pandemic. And it's a good reason to be cautious and to follow the recommendations from health officials. Most of today's news is not what we want to hear. So, let's look forward and spin a more positive outlook at what's in the future. Some car commercial said if you keep looking back you cannot see what's coming ahead!

And my fellow Airstreamers, there is a lot coming ahead for us! Yes, many rallies, including our International Rally, and luncheons were cancelled. Just take a look at the multitude of all the upcoming rallies and where each is being held. My bet is those will be well attended. Many of us are ready to get that silver rig out and start this year's adventure. Look at the caravans still scheduled. Our hope is things will settle down and this will end up being a better year to remember.

The Iowa Airstream Club's Irish Fest Rally (if not cancelled due to coronavirus), is July 30 – August 2 and will be held in conjunction with the **Iowa Irish Fest**. This is **one of the largest Irish Fests in the United States**. The Fest dates are July 31 - August 2. We are able to buy Fest tickets at discount and camping is \$18 per night. We already have a reservation from some Florida Airstreamers! Email your reservation or questions to Norm Beu - beu146@gmail.com or John Heckman - jeheck@mail.com.

There will be rallies and caravans this year. There will be Region Rallies and an International Rally next year. In the meantime, **be careful and stay safe**.

REGION 9

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Howdy! Not in our wildest dreams could we have ever imagined a year like this. We are challenged by a virus unlike any we have previously experienced. Events and gatherings have been cancelled, stay-at-home orders have been issued, social distancing has become the new norm when shopping and socializing, and our Airstreams are parked for the unforeseeable future. What a way to spend the summer!

However, when we are handed a basket of lemons, let's make lemonade! Now is the time to work on projects on our "Honey Do Lists". Traveling has been a great excuse for allowing these lists to get longer each year instead of shorter. Now we have the time, and maybe the inclination, to shorten the lists. Doesn't sound like a good idea? Or you no longer have a "Honey Do List"? Then how about learning something new, like a new craft, new techniques for repair work, a new recipe, or planting a garden, learning to play an instrument? What about reading that book that has been sitting on your nightstand for the past several months?

Just because we can't go anywhere doesn't mean we can't spend time in our own yards embracing nature. Be creative. Think outside the box. There is a great big beautiful world out there, enjoy it. Inhale the fresh scents of the blooming flowers or the freshly mowed grass, listen to the birds singing, feel the sunshine on your face, and look forward to the day when we can once again be on the road in our Airstreams.

Reach out and touch someone, figuratively, during this time when we feel so isolated. In this day of modern technology there are so many ways we can stay connected with each other. When was the last time you wrote a letter or sent a card to someone to let them know you were thinking of them? Sounds old-fashioned, but mail is making a comeback. Some people enjoy receiving a letter or a card. It can be read over and over again, especially if it is from a loved one. Not into letters or cards? Then pick up the phone and call someone. You can actually talk to someone, leave a message, FaceTime, or even conduct a conference call.

If you are more tech savvy, you could Tweet, Twitter or Facebook. You will either love it or hate it, but you should give it a try. Facebook really lets you reach out and touch someone. You can stay updated with family and friends; send photos of yourself, Fido and Kitty; or photos of your proudly

completed projects from your “Honey Do List”. Even though you can’t physically be with family and friends, they still want to know how and what you are doing.

More recently many people are using the Zoom app to keep in touch. Zoom is a great way to conference with many people at the same time. Have that family birthday celebration, holiday celebration, or conduct an electronic meeting using Zoom.

Stay connected with family and friends during this time of social distancing. Check on the elderly neighbor next door, stay in touch with your parents, siblings, children and grandchildren. Discover unique, fun ways to stay in touch and create ways to stay actively involved in their lives. Cherish every opportunity to spend time with those who matter the most, even if it must be from a distance.

How many times have we said, “Gosh, if I only had time to do...” Now we have the time, so embrace the moment. Recognize the gifts you have right around you. Call someone, start on your “Honey Do List”, be creative. There isn’t going to be a better time than now!

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month’s question is: Eleven Region 9 Rallies, the most held in one location, have been held in Harlingen, Texas. Did you have the correct answer? This month’s question is: When was the first Region 9 Rally cancelled? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, stay healthy and safe.

REGION 10

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How fast our world changes!

As I prepare for this column, I am “self-isolating” in our home, in April, wondering what June will bring.

Our rallies are cancelled as we speak, our national, state, and provincial parks closed, our border closed, and many campgrounds closed, etc. We contemplate what the summer will hold as we seek a positive in all of this.

Members of our Airstreaming family have volunteered in numerous ways to assist in “flattening the curve” of this pandemic by lending an Airstream, providing a parking space for a full-timer, sewing masks, or coming out of retirement to work where needed. We are all grateful for what you are doing. It is amazing how one community can come forth to help each other.

Each of us have family connections - either personal, faith, community, or the Airstream Club. For some full-timers or those with family far away, the Airstream Club may be the closest connection they have to family. While losing the rally or caravan is heartbreaking for them; we can make sure they do not lose the contact.

We can be a support to each other. Call or email each member of your local club. Support your local club with posts on social media to keep the connections strong. Check in on your local officers. They are making some hard decisions now for the local club in addition to supporting their own family.

Be grateful to have an opportunity to learn new skills and to have time for that Airstream remodel or repair (without the constraints of attending that next rally). I am sure we will have gourmet “potluck dinners” at future rallies! Until we can travel, we will be visiting our Airstream in the driveway to enjoy a glass of wine and laugh at the memories the plaques on our memory board bring to mind.

Share your gratitude for all the positives our Airstream family have given us and will give once again in the future.

The last few months have taught us that we are all in this together. In our Airstream community, we must look out for each other.

Stay healthy, stay positive and check the Region 10 website (region10.airstreamclub.net) for the latest details of rallies or cancellations.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
region11.airstreamclub.net

The Four Corners Unit (4CU) still has a Rally scheduled for June 11-14 at the Views RV Park and Campground which is near Delores, CO. It is located in southwest Colorado and directly across the road from McPhee Reservoir. It is also near Mesa Verde National Park and many other points of interest. This Rally, which was going to be a stop on the way to International in Loveland, is now a destination Rally. This Rally is sold out, but this is a never forget it area and should be on every Airstream Campers got to go list.

REGION 12

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Hello West Coast Airstreamers. As I read various club's newsletters, I am amazed that their rallies are all at the same location. Some place named "CANCELLED". I think it is somewhere near "LIMBO". Oh well, I hope everybody is getting plenty of sleep and staying well.

Hopefully, you have been able to read the May *Blue Beret* and are familiar with the three Constitutional amendments that were listed there. The President of your club is supposed to hold an election to approve these motions. Membership, delegates meeting and Constitutional updates are the topics. An email or phone vote should be fine, since most of you are not gathering at this time. The regular meetings that are held during the International rally will occur on the same dates that were scheduled. They will just be ZOOM video events.

Region 12 is the first region to align it's website with the new WBCCI website (way to go Linda Maddox). The access address is <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>.

The Region 12 Rally is still happening at the end of October in Palm Desert. Plan on being there for a big R12 get together. Be sure and check the R12 website, as I am writing this in April, and you will be reading it in June.

Most of you probably know that the Cali Rally was postponed until the Spring of 2021. We would like to thank the V6 Ranch for allowing this with such short notice. Most of our attendees have remained signed up for next year. However, there may be some openings. Check with Jim or Linda Polk.

I hope that everyone is OK during this weird time. Stay healthy and take this opportunity to get those rigs ready to roll, once again, in our quest for fun and friendship. See you soon.

EUROPE

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

We are going through strange times. From a period of looking forward to the 2020 rallies earlier in the year, we now wonder when we will meet again. Campsites are closed, international travel is impossible, social distancing measures prohibit gatherings and Airstreams are staying at home for the foreseeable future. Whilst the restrictions vary from country to country and changes are imminent, the first two rallies in May and July have been cancelled. The May rally in England will take place later in the year. Update will be on the website <https://europe.wbcci.net>

New membership has slowed due to the virus lockdown, but the membership numbers remain strong with most people now renewed for 2020. Many are taking advantage of the stay-at-home period to attend to maintenance and refurbishment and some are camping in their driveway or garden.

Communication is still good between members, via email and the Facebook group (WBCCI Europe) and we hope we will see each other at our rallies later in the year. We have also been considering "virtual" rallies using Zoom video conferencing software. The virus can affect our activities, but it cannot dampen the spirit of friendship in WBCCI Europe.



In Memoriam

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

- Dixon, Dwight (038-IL).....#4122
Unit Past President
- Otto, Robert (091-OH).....#8181
Unit Past President
- St John, Evelyn (032-GA).....#2102
- Syrett, Gordon (150-SC).....#9313
Unit Past President
- Wright, Jim (009-FL).....#31
P. Int'l Treasurer



From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

Greetings from your extended Airstream family here in Jackson Center, OH! I hope everyone is healthy, safe and hopefully, enjoying your Airstream in these unprecedented times in our nation.

My heart breaks every time I hear another one of my favorite events is canceled. From the International Rally to Airstream's annual dealer meeting being canceled, there are so many events that I appreciate today more than ever before. And although canceling them was and is absolutely the right thing to do to keep us all safe, you can bet I am going to be much more appreciative of these many events once we are on the other side of this terrible pandemic.

Airstream sells a discretionary product. So, when a pandemic hits and the state orders our factory to shut down for six weeks, as you can imagine, we've had to take some action to quickly respond to the circumstances. This unfortunately meant we had to enact some pretty significant layoffs which is by far the worst part of our jobs as managers. In addition, I stepped back into the VP of Sales role from COO. I had been VP of Sales for seven years before stepping into the COO role for the last two, so it is something I look forward to as we all try to navigate these unique times moving forward.

As you can imagine, the month of April was one for the history books. The year started off with a bang as our winter shows were very strong and our order backlog was extremely healthy. The new factory opened up in January and by the end of March, things were flowing great. However, removing 100% of your shipments for six weeks is more than daunting! During the shutdown, we looked at the market post pandemic and analyzed what it may look like for our business and for the economy as a whole. During the factory shutdown, we never shutdown our call center, parts department or service center. Although operating with skeleton crews to honor social distancing and working from home where we can, we were able to continue to support both dealers and customers alike.

Given how most every state had some type of stay at home orders, our dealers still managed to sell more Airstreams than we had forecasted for the month of April. In fact, our dealers sold almost the same amount of our motor homes year over year and travel trailers, though considerably down, were much stronger than we had forecasted! This made us feel a lot better as the month continued especially after most of our dealers had laid off anywhere from 40-60% of their employees the first week of April.

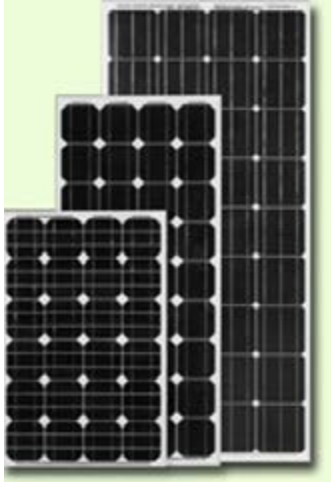
During the stay at home period, our team discussed at length the idea that although the pandemic was surely to have some significant short-term challenges, that long term, the prospects looked really good. With the country coming off such a scary pandemic, the idea of RV'ing seemed like it would be considered by more people than ever before as the thought of planes, hotels, and cruise ships would be less desirable by many, which would change consumer behavior. So, although April was a disaster from a business standpoint, we felt very optimistic that our longer-term outlook seemed positive at the thought of renewed interest as a safe, fun form of travel and recreation.

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I am happy to report the numbers are supporting this theory. Airstream's website traffic is growing substantially by the day and our dealers are reporting sales in May that are either breaking or on the verge of breaking single month records for sales. Although it's just one month, and it could be impacted by pent up demand and people with extreme cabin fever, it does appear RV'ing is attracting a consumer we have not seen before. Our team feels this will change how consumers use our products, especially our vans. What a great product to replace the need to fly! Not only does it get you from point A to B, but you have your own bathroom so no need for rest stops and your own kitchen so no need for public restaurants! Yet our vans are small enough to park in most parking lots. So, we see more people considering products and integrating them into their life more than just for recreation. It will be fascinating to see where it takes us all!

So, although we are encouraged RV's may be in for better days, we are continually saddened by the impact this virus has had on families and communities. Airstream's sewing department made facemasks for local health care professionals and we loaned trailers to hospitals with mobile testing centers. In addition, we have been working with local authorities to donate many needed items like gloves and medical supplies we had at

the factory. As we returned to work, we developed a 24-page playbook of working safely for our employees to keep them safe while building Airstreams. So far, this has worked very well.

The human toll of this pandemic has been devastating and we recognize that the economic toll could still have a big impact on our country and business moving forward. So, although we are encouraged with recent market indicators, we are certainly cautiously optimistic about the future. I am certain our brilliant medical professionals will find a cure and a vaccine soon so our country can begin to heal, and our Airstream community can begin to reconvene. In the meantime, we all need to stick together and help those out in the community who need it most.

So, on behalf of 715 hard working families here in Jackson Center, Ohio, I would like to thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts for your business. It is during difficult times like these where you count your blessing much more often and the incredible support of our club and owners in general is something we are very thankful for every day! I hope to see each of you on the road soon!

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2020 International Rally, Loveland, Colorado

National Event Rallies

- Aug 2-9 **CANCELLED** Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
- Sep 14-20 Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, OR
- Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisted, Branson, MO
- Sep 23-27 Antelope, Medicine Bow, WY
- Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH
- Sep 28-Oct 4 Athens Old Time Fiddlers, Athens, AL
- Sep 30-Oct 4 Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
- Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM
- Oct 9-12 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day, Bristol, VT
- Oct 13-19 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Sun Valley, ID
- Dec 28-Jan 1, 2021 Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA



REGION 1 *Activities*



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

Oct 9-12 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club -
capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 3-8 Scusset Beach Rendezvous, Scusset Beach State Reservation, 20 Scusset Beach Rd, Sagamore Beach MA 02562, Eddie Carll 508-454-6895, ecarl162@gmail.com
- Jun 25-28 Lake Pemaquid Rally, 100 Twin Cove Rd, Damariscotta ME 04543, Jared & Heather Lawler 207-831-4732, airstream4998@gmail.com
- Jul 9-12 Summer Fun on the Connecticut River Rally, Pastures CG, 400 NH Rte 10, Orford NH 03777, Toni Nolder/Roland & Sandie St. Laurent & Eddie Carll 508-454-6895, ecarl162@gmail.com
- Aug 5-9 Sagadahoc Bay Rendezvous, Sagadahoc Bay CG, 9 Molly Point Lane, Georgetown ME, Jared & Heather Lawler 207-831-4712, airstream4998@gmail.com

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club -
charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

Jul 9-12 Rally, The Pastures CG 603-353-4579, 499 NH Rte 10, Orford NH 03777, Eddie Carll 508-454-6895, ecarl162@gmail.com

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

- Jul 15-20 River Drivers Rally, Libby Farm, 455 S Chester Rd, Chester ME 04457, Pam Bleakney, pam5432@verizon.net
- Aug 6-9 Outdoor Mystic Art Festival Rally, Seaport RV Resort & CG <https://www.mysticchamber.org/events/mystic-outdoor-art-festival>, 45 Camp Ground Rd, Old Mystic CT 06372, Tess McShane 860-536-4113, suzzypoi@gmail.com

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club -
northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 11-14 Ralliement Rivières et Montagnes/Rivers & Mountains Rally, Camping Nature Plein Air, 2733 chemin de la vallée Missisquoi, Mansonville QC JOE 1X0 Canada, Robert Dion & Claude Jolin 450-558-5226, robert-dion@videotron.ca
- Aug 20-23 Weekend D'Acouverte Vignoble, Weekend enivrant, Camping Domaine Tournesol 450-263-9515, 327 Chemin Brosseau, À Cowansville À QC J2K 0B4 Canada, Janelle Harbec & Claude Brodeur, janelleharbec@gmail.com

For the most current information, go to airstreamclub.org/events
Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

Sep 11-13 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.wbcc.net>

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

Jul 16-19 Airstreams in the Park, Hickory Park 585-494-1513 <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hickory-Park-in-the-Village-of-Bergen/322445771192126>, South Lake Ave, Bergen NY 14416, Randy Hill 585-820-0061, 002president@wbcci.net

Aug 13-16 Hickories Park Rally in Owego, Hickories Park <http://townofowego.com/parks-department/>, 359 Hickories Park Rd, Owego NY 13827, John & Nancy Hussar, hushhearts@greygoosegraphics.com

Ontario Canada Unit - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

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

Pennsylvania Airstream Club - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net

Washington DC Unit - wdcu.airstreamclub.net

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

Jul 15-19 Joint Rally w/East TN AS Club, David Crockett Birthplace SP, 1245 Davy Crockett Park Rd, Limestone TN 37681, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/july-2020-rally-limestone-tn/>, CG Reservations: Call Jackie Fisher 423-257-4500, Tell the Campground you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally

Aug 12-16 Boone, NC Rally, Boone KOA, 123 Harmony Mountain Lane, Boone NC 28607, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/august-2020-rally-boone-nc/>, Ray Combs, raycombs100@gmail.com

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

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

Florida Springs Airstream Club - floridasprings.airstreamclub.net

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.wbcc.net>

Aug 21-23 Grandchildren's Rally, Misty Mountain Camp Resort 888-647-8900, <https://www.mistymountaincampresort.com/>, 56 Misty Mountain Rd, Greenwood VA 22943, Ken Tarrant

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net

Jul 16-19 Kiptopeake State Park Rally, Kiptopeake SP, 3540 Kiptopeake Dr, Cape Charles VA 23310, Greg & Ellie Worcester 757-456-5287, gworchester15@cox.net

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net

Jul 3-4 Patriotic Celebration, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Tim Johnson 706-878-3590, capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com

Jul 21-26 Youth Rally - Buddy Rally, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Tim Johnson 706-878-3590, capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com

Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

Aug 12-16 A Weekend on the Farm, Pegasus Farm <https://pegasusfarmcampground.com/wp/>, 1900 Electric Rd, Salem VA 24153, Jeff Cutright 540-989-6331, jcutright4@msn.com

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: region3.airstreamclub.net

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

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - <http://bigbendflorida.wbcc.net>

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

Jun 3-7 Pipestem, WV Rally, Pipestem Resort SP, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/june-2020-rally-pipestem-wv/>, 3405 Pipestem Dr, Pipestem WV 25979, CG Reservations: Call 833-987-2757, Tell the CG you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally

REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

Jun 2-6 Rally, 2010 Waycross Ave, Akron OH 44320, Fred Kiehl 330-697-4132, fred@kiehlbuilding.com

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

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

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

Miami Valley Airstream Club - miamivalleyunitofh.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 3 Breakfast, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Ralph Reboulet 937-433-0632, r.reboulet@sbcglobal.net
- Jul 1 Breakfast, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH, Ralph Reboulet 937-433-0632, r.reboulet@sbcglobal.net
- Aug 5 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 24-28 Titusville Pennsylvania Rally Titusville, PA, 323 N Franklin St, Titusville PA 16354, Marla Gregg 614-717-9287
- Jul 22-26 Christmas in July Rally, Medina, OH, Ruth Pierce 419-989-7351
- Aug 13 Dinner Meeting, Oak Park Tavern, 2919 St Rt 430, Mansfield OH, Marty Weithman 419-468-5004

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

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

- Jun 10-14 Rally, Mosquito Lake SP, 1439 Wilson Sharpville Rd, Cortland OH 44410, Don & Betty Burkholder 440-576-6560, catmar@embarqmail.com
- Jul 15-19 Rally, Salt Fork SP, 14755 Cadiz Rd, Lore City OH 43755, Gary & Edna Todd 330-853-0729, gwnetodd@att.net
- Aug 19-23 Rally, COE Outflow Camping Area, 1579 Mae West Rd, Confluence PA 15424, Rick & Elaine Richardson 440-812-6490, rickelaineqh@gmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 19-23 Joint Rally w/Ohio Lake to River AC Club, Markin Glen County Park CG, 5300 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49004, Chip & Lori Deleew 517-250-5060, cdeleew@comcast.net

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

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 16-20 Region 5 Rally, Columbus, IN

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

- Jul 23-26 Swiss Days Festival Weekender, Ouabache SP <https://swissdaysberne.com/>, Bluffton IN 46714, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 4-7 Meadery of the Mother Road, Unpossible Mead <https://www.unpossiblemead.com/home>, 111 E Chippewa St, Dwight IL 60420, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com
- Jul 9-12 Great Airstream Smokeout, Lowden SP, 1411 N River Rd, Oregon IL 61061, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com
- Aug 13-16 Buddy Rally, Rock Cut SP, 7318 Harlem Rd, Loves Park IL 61111, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 19-23 Amana Colonies Rally, Amana Colonies RV Park, 3850 C St, Amana IA 52203, Beverly & Carroll Hensley and Waneta & John Rigenbach

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

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

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 10-14 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
- Aug 12-16 Hot Air Balloon Rally in the Smokies, Big Meadow Family CG, 8215 Cedar Creek Rd, Townsend TN 37882, Teresa Herrmann 865-437-9038, tmaemoore@gmail.com

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - pensacolafloida.airstreamclub.net

REGION 7 Activities



Region 7 Website: region7.airstreamclub.net

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

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 3-8 Tech Rally, MN Airstream Park, 8795 82nd St, Clear Lake MN 55319, Linda Agre, agre5628@aol.com
- Jul 15-20 Rally, Rothenberg CG, 33 S Cass Ave, Springfield MN 56087, Chuck Dodd, 055president@airstreamclub.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

For the most current information, go to airstreamclub.org/events
Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

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

- Jul 23-26 Airstream Driver Class Rally, Upper Peninsula State FG, 2401 12th Ave North, Escanaba MI 49829, Beth & Kenn Zelten, mlkmade@hotmail.com, everkez51@gmail.com
- Jul 29-Aug 2 Kids, Kids, Kids Rally, Whistle Stop CG <https://whistlestopcampground.com>, 114 Whistle St, Marshall WI 53559, Kelly & Jason Staffin, kelly@staffin.org jason@staffin.org

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

- Aug 18-24 Red River New Mexico Rally, Roadrunner RV Park, 1371 E Main St, Red River NM, Dick & Sherri Lanham Dick Cell 806-674-9849; Sherri Cell 806-674-3153, sdlanham@sbcglobal.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

- Jul 15-19 Land of Lincoln Rally, Double J CG 217-483-9998 <https://doublejcampground.com/>, 9683 Palm Rd, Chatham IL 62629, Barry Johnson, ctajohnson@aol.com
- Aug 19-23 Johnson Shut-ins Rally, Big Creek RV Park 573-598-1064 <https://bigcreekrvpark.com/>, 47247 MO-49 Annapolis MO 63620, Barry Johnson, ctajohnson@aol.com

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

- Jul 29-Aug 2 Rally, Antique Acres, 7610 Waverly Rd, Cedar Falls IA 50613, <https://iowa.airstreamclub.net/iowa-airstream-upcoming-events/>, Norm Beu 319-240-1013, beu146@gmail.com

Iowa North Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 3-7 Western Getaway, Pammel SP <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Madison/Park/Pammel-State-Park.aspx>, 1900 Pammel Park Rd, Winterset IA 50273, Scott & Jodi Jensen 515-321-0703, jo1213c@gmail.com
- Aug 5-9 Rally, Miller Park, 1002 Sanborn St, Sanborn IA 51248, Fred & Ann Marcalus 515-310-2816, marcrxia@globalccs.net

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozk.airstreamclub.net

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

- Aug 1 Luncheon, Austin's Rest., 11180 S Lone Elm Rd, Olathe KS 66061, Lynn & Sue Anderson 913-484-7943, kla47sea@me.com

Nebraska Airstream Club - nebraska.airstreamclub.net

REGION 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

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

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 3-8 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
- Jul 8-12 Rally in the Sawtooths, Smiley Creek Lodge, 16546 State Hwy 75, Ketchum ID 83340, Larry & Gail Conn 208-297-8622, lconn@me.com
- Aug 20-24 Officer Installation & Business Meeting Rally, River Pond CG, 40 S Middle Fork Rd, Garden Valley ID 83622, Duyane & Judy Canada 208-921-2860, decanada@gmail.com

Inland NW Airstream Club

- Aug 20-24 Nakusp, Arrow Lakes, Nakusp, BC, 925-354-2988 <https://www.nakuspcampground.com/>, 4th St at 10th Ave, NW, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0 Canada, Dave Johnson, davidj8@gmail.com

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

- Jun 3-8 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 11-14 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
- Jul 11-15 Playdate at Pelton, PGE Pelton Park, 3300 NW Pelton Dam Rd, Madras OR 97741, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/playdate-at-pelton>, Carol & John Dion, Marge Peavey & Bill Hemphill 503-729-3910, jh.cd.dion@gmail.com
- Aug 12-16 Bend Brewfest Rally, Crown Villa RV Resort, 60801 Brosterhus Rd, Bend OR 97702, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/bend-brewfest-rally>, Gayle McConnell & Steve Cunningham, Rhonda Coleman, gayle@lutink.com

REGION 9 Activities



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 11-14 Rally, Copper Breaks SP, 777 State Hwy Park Rd 62, Quanah TX 79252, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>
- Jun 13-20 "Road Less Traveled" Caravan, 109 King St, Quanah TX 79252, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>
- Jul 23-26 Sun & Fun, Fairfield Lake SP, 123 State Hwy Rd P64, Fairfield TX 75840, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>
- Jul 25-Aug 2 Gulf Coast Caravan, Dellanara RV Park, 10901 Termini-San Luis Pass Rd, Galveston TX 77554, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

- Aug 19-23 Belknap Hot Springs Rally, Belknap Hot Springs & Spa, 59296 Belknap Springs Rd, McKenzie Bridge OR 97413, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/belknap-hot-springs-rally>, Ray & Jeanean Craig, John & Laura Jacobsen, Buzz & Lynn Blick 503-507-8044, jeaneancraigresults@outlook.com
- Aug 26-30 Cascadia Safety Zone Seafood Eat Food Rally, Bastendorff Beach County Park group area, 63379 Bastendorff Beach Rd, Coos Bay OR 97420, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/cascadia-safety-zone-seafood-eat-food-rally>, Steve & Tina Holmes, Kate Kelly, Rhonda Levine & Judy Mitchell 541-664-2558, tholmesr1@charter.net

Washington Airstream Club - [washington.airstreamclub.net](https://www.washington.airstreamclub.net)

- Jun 4-7 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, terrymiller5622@gmail.com
- Jul 15-19 Splash Rally (Rafting), Howard Miller Steelhead Park, 52804 Rockport Park Rd, Rockport WA 98283, Lee & Jan Wymann 206-419-1726, lee_janwymann1@comcast.net
- Aug 6-9 Salmon Rally, Washington Land Yacht Harbor 360-491-7350, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia WA 98513, <https://washingtonlandyachtharbor.com>, Randy & Sherry Peryman, perryman.randy58@yahoo.com

REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: [Region11.airstreamclub.net](https://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](https://www.arizona.airstreamclub.net)

Colorado Airstream Club - [colorado.airstreamclub.net](https://www.colorado.airstreamclub.net)

- Jul 15-19 Mountindale Just Campin', Mountindale RV Resort <https://mountindalecampground.com/>, 2000 Barrett Rd, Colorado Springs CO 80926, Susan & Greg Cadice, susancadice@hotmail.com
- Aug 12-16 Buena Vista Rally Just Campin', Arrowhead RV Park, 33975 US Hwy 24N, Buena Vista CO 81211, Shari & Rob Davis, Shari@insideout-design.net

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

- Jun 10-14 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 cverhines@gmail.com

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

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

- Aug 12-17 Rally at Bryce Canyon National Park, Ruby's Inn CG, 300 S Main St, Bryce Canyon City UT 84764, <https://utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net/rally/>, 801-298-8105 (leave a message) ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com

Wyoming Unit - <http://wyoming.wbcc.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.wbcc.net

El Camino Real Airstream Club - [elcaminoairstreamclub.net](https://www.elcaminoairstreamclub.net)

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - [greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net](https://www.greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net)

- Jun 10-15 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](https://www.greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net)

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

- Aug 6-10 Clio River's Edge Resort Rally, Clio River's Edge RV Park <https://rvthelostsierra.com/>, 3754 Hwy 89, Clio CA 96106, Eatchel/Maddox 714-393-9858, linda7915@gmail.com

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

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

- Jun 2-7 Lone Pine Rally, Boulder Creek RV Resort, 2550 Hwy 395, Ridgecrest CA 93555, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com
- Aug 4-9 Fort Bragg Rally, Pomo RV Park, 17999 Tregoning Lane, Ft. Bragg CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - [sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net](https://www.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](https://www.southcoastca.airstreamclub.net)

EUROPE Activities

WBCCI Europe Website: -

<http://europe.wbcc.net>

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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.

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.

Sho-Me the Ozarks 10/1-10/28
Start: Mountain View, AR Stop: Van Buren, MO

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

Made in U.S.A. 9/8-10/12
Start: Jackson Center, OH Stop: Milwaukee, WI

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

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East 9/12-9/27
Start: Manistique, MI Stop: St. Ignace, MI

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

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 locales 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 9/27-10/31
Start: Amarillo, TX Stop: Kerrville, TX

The letters G.T.T. were popular in the United States during the early 1800's. The phrase "Gone to Texas". Come with us and see why it was the place to be.

Southeast Coast 10/6-11/7
Start: Bethany Beach, DE Stop: Jekyll Island, GA

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

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Three Mexican Gems

Start: Nogales, AZ

1/29-3/31

Stop: Lukeville, AZ

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

Cajun Country A1

Cajun Country A2

Start: Breaux Bridge, LA

3/2-3/18

3/9-3/25

Stop: Lafayette, LA

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

Georgia on My Mind

Start: Blakely, GA

3/11-4/1

Stop: Rutledge, GA

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

Start: Bowling Green, KY

4/21-5/13

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.

Taste of the Blue Ridge

Start: Bryson City, NC

5/18-6/12

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

Start: Estes Park, CO

5/20-6/14

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

Start: North Sydney, Nova Scotia

6/23-8/18

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

Start: Drumheller, Alberta

6/24-7/15

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

Start: St. Joe, MO

7/29-8/29 (approx.)

Stop: Oregon City, OR

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

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

Date of Application: _____ Caravan # _____ Caravan Name _____

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

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

Summer Address: _____

Winter Address (if applicable): _____

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

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

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

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

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

Mail to the Caravan Leader

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

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 WBCCI # _____
 Trailer/Motorhome Length _____

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

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

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

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

SUN VALLEY JAZZ & MUSIC FESTIVAL RALLY
 River Run Ski Lodge Parking Area, Ketchum, Idaho
 October 12 - 18, 2020

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____
 No host dinner Oct. 13 at 5 PM - # Attending _____
 Arrival Date _____ WBCCI # _____

Rally Fees: Amount
 Region 10 Rally Fee \$12/person x _____ = \$ _____

This year, we are asking registrants to pay their admission and parking fees **DIRECTLY to the Festival**, using our Discount Code. Those using this coupon, please phone the Caldwell's at the info telephone number or email below to get the code to register for the Festival, then register at the Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival website below. Fees for the Festival include access to bathroom/showers at River Run Chalet and shuttle service to all venues from our dry camping lot.

Alternately, you may register for the Rally online at the Region 10 Website <https://region10.airstreamclub.net/> After registering, you will be directed to the Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival website www.sunvalleyjazz.com to register for the Festival.

Make checks payable to: Region 10, WBCCI
 Mail check & coupon to: Tom Usselman #2270
 4821 N Mountain View Dr., Boise, ID 83704

Further info contact – airstream267@gmail.com or 780-964-5444

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/Prov _____ Zip _____
 Home Unit/Club _____ Home Region # _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Please circle type of rig: MH TRLR Slideouts Vintage Parking Y or N

Rally Fee:
 1 rig w/2 ppl, 4 nights camping _____ X \$275 = \$ _____
 1 rig w/1 person, 4 nights camping _____ X \$215 = \$ _____
 Each extra adult, age 17+ _____ X \$ 60 = \$ _____
 Per Child _____ X \$ 50 = \$ _____
 Extra nights parking (Wed thru Sat night included in fee) _____ X \$ 25 = \$ _____

TOTAL 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>

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

Last Name _____
 First Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____
 WBCCI # _____ Unit # (no names or abbreviations) _____

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

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

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

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

All rally related correspondence is electronic.

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 _____

Camping per night (water/30amp/dump) \$40/night x _____ nights = \$ _____

You may arrive on Thursday 9/10/20 NO earlier than 3:00 PM and must depart by Noon on Monday 9/14/20, a MAX of 4 nights. *No open flames will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

Rally fee includes two breakfasts, catered dinner, 1 night entertainment

Rally Fee per person (Ages 13 & up, under 13 free) \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

Rally T-Shirts available: size (adult) ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL

____ XXL (additional \$2.50 fee) Total: _____ (shirts) @ \$15 each = \$ _____

RSVP by June 30 with T-Shirt orders. RSVP by August 3, 2020 (with no T-Shirt order)

The Centre County Grange Fairgrounds offers a great location with many options 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.

During the COVID-19 Quarantine

When you can't travel...
 - submitted by Rick Nelson, #6111



In Kentucky, the governor asked residents to show their solidarity by using green lights for Kentuckians who have passed away because of COVID-19 - submitted by Karl Weisenberger, #1885



Nor Cal's President, Ray Bell, organized a Friday Happy Hour using the Zoom program. Everyone had the opportunity to download Zoom and at the appropriate time, sign in for Nor Cal's Happy Hour. It was a fun hour of laughs, questions, sharing and general comments about how the current problem is being handled. 34 families participated using their computer, iPad, or phone - submitted by Bob Vasser, #26071

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Joint Rally with El Camino Real & San Diego Airstream Clubs at Quartzsite, AZ - submitted by James Howard, #6292



At Organ Pipe National Monument, Ajo, AZ - submitted by Charles & Evelene Gallardo, #4208



Our co-pilot, Zak! - submitted by Michael & Cindy Boekhoff, #5078



Camping at Fish Lake, Utah - submitted by Ron Jorgensen, #1218



Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club Rally at Matagorda Bay Nature Park, Texas - photo by Peter Sajovich, #13349, submitted by Mike Richards, #3196



At Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Texas - submitted by Dennis Carroll, #3915

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