

## Region 2 News June 2020

Covid-19, the cancellation of this year's International Rally, and subsequent work-from-home orders have created unprecedented challenges for your leadership team and staff at HQ in Jackson Center. The Executive Committee, Lori Plummer, and her crew are all working awfully hard to keep everything on track. Delegate Voting this year will be done by either Electronic Ballot or Paper Ballot. Accordingly, we needed to provide HQ with one (1) delegate per local club and other pertinent voting information. I sent out an email to our local clubs and had the info HQ requested returned to them within 48 hours! I want to thank all sixteen (16) of our local club Presidents for responding to me so promptly. Thank you all for your support. I greatly appreciate it. Voting materials will be provided by HQ in the coming weeks. We will be voting on our slate of International Officers as well as several amendments to our Constitution and By Laws. Details may be found in the most recent Blue Beret. If you have questions, please reach out to me. HQ and the Information Technology Committee are also working on the new membership database. Additions to our webpage will include a "members only" portal.

As mentioned previously, our Region 2 website has been transitioned over to the new AirstreamClub.org website. You can find us at <https://airstreamclub.org/region2>. Our Webmaster, Lawrence Northway, did a great job facilitating that transition and wrote two user manuals for our local clubs and Region webmasters to use. Those two tutorials, as well as three others, can be found at the Information Technology Committee site <https://itc.airstreamclub.net/airstreamclub-org-resources/>. Local club webmasters will find those user manuals and other valuable information there. Remember, it is the local clubs' responsibility to update their event calendar on the main airstreamclub.org website. You will be getting notice very soon to start transitioning your club website over. Now is the time to start planning an update to your club's site.

With many of our states starting to relax guidelines and opening their State Parks and other facilities to overnight camping, I have had questions as to whether the Club has an official position on local clubs holding rallies, etc. As far as I know, there is no official club directive other than to pay attention and adhere to local and state guidelines as well as CDC and health department directives. Be prudent. Be smart. Be safe and, importantly, mindful of others. I think we are all anxious to get out but wise enough to do so cautiously.

We still have a handful of our local clubs who have not taken the steps to change their names to include *Airstream Club*. I believe it is one of the most important things you can do to push your club forward. If your club has not, please consider doing so. I would like to see all the local clubs in Region 2 take advantage of our unique and valuable licensing agreement with Airstream, Inc. Please let me know if you need further info.

Best regards to all and we will see you down the road! Soon!

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