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We Fly Our Colors

The new Club Flag is here. Linda holds it up for you to admire. Our earned Honor Streamers are attached at the top. We are ready to represent the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club at future events.

THE VOTES ARE IN!!!

Our new Region 3 officers have all been voted in unanimously!

President Bill Wild # 3615 of the Top of Georgia

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Future Planning Must Continue !!

CAMPING TIME will come again, AND we need things to look forward to, don't we? Here's a summary of what we know, or think we know today . . .

June 2020

~~12-13 - Houston Fest - Cool Breeze Campground, Galax~~

~~20-27 - Loveland, CO 2020 International Rally~~

July 2020

11 - Spirit of VA Executive Committee Conference Call

August 2020

~~3-8 - 85th Annual Old Fiddlers' Convention - Galax~~

Some of our folks are still going down to Cool Breeze just to get away. If you'd like to join them call the Cool Breeze Campground [267-236-0300] - reserve a site. This is an Excellent, Friendly camp. Very well run and comfortable. Here's your link: <https://www.coolbreezecampground.com/>

21-23 - 1st Annual Grandparents' Rally - Misty Mountain - details below.

September 2020

11-13 - Annual Commonwealth Rally - Small Country - Hosted by Tidewater Club

21-25 - Caravan to Swiss Festival National Rally - Hosted by Douglas Powell (#109)

24 to Oct. 9 - NORVA Caravan "Ohio Presidents and Historic Icons" [if space available]

26 to Oct. 3 - 2020 Swiss Festival National Rally

October 2020

22-25 - Alupalina - Hosted by Carolinas Airstream Club

November 2020

5-8 - Silver In The Streets, Abingdon - Hosted by Club #109



1st Annual Grandparents' Rally - Greenwood, VA - August 21-23

Ken Tarrant and Joe Baum are teaming up again to create fun for all ages at our FIRST Grandparents' Rally. This is a *BUDDY RALLY* - family and friends are invited and encouraged to come IN ANY KIND OF CAMPER OR TENT. The Rally is NOT restricted to Airstream products. [cont.next page] . . .

... Start signing up your family, reserving the weekend, and finish out the Summer with a ton of family-oriented games and activities at the Misty Mountain Camp Resort. WE WILL MAKE YOUR CAMPING RESERVATION FOR YOU!

Registration is by JotForm here :: [CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#). Don't delay. The space at the camp, as you imagine, will be limited at the end of the Summer.

Commonwealth Rally - Louisa, VA - September 11-13

Our Tidewater friends are hosting the annual Commonwealth Rally at the Small Country Campground in Louisa, VA, this year. Most of us know this Camp and like the down-home atmosphere there. This is several weeks away. The Tidewater Team will get registration information out of all of us in the near future. Set aside that weekend to re-connect with the Airstreamers from all over our State. If it's your FIRST Commonwealth as part of the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club, please drop me a note. I'll be delighted to introduce you to some of the finest people on the planet.

NORVA Caravan "Ohio Presidents and Historic Icons" [if space avail.] - September 24 to October 9

Jackson McBroom is the NORVA Caravan Leader. Openings for members of other clubs may be available. You will need to contact Jackson directly in order to learn if there is space for you - (757) 746-6535.



2020 Swiss Festival National Rally - Sugarcreek, Ohio - September 26 - October 3 - "58th Annual - Longest Running RV Rally in the World"

Caravans arriving with 5 or more **pre-registered** RVs may park one day early at no extra charge, on Friday, Sept. 25th, 2020 from 1-5 pm. To register, (DOWNLOAD) print and mail in the 2020 [Registration Form](#) which contains more specific mailing information.

Payment (US \$) can be by check or money order made out to: **Swiss Festival National Rally**. Please include a self-addressed stamped business envelope to mail back your Acknowledgement Card, map, & rally info letter. Cash payments are accepted if registering in person. Contact the Rally Registrar with any questions or to address special travel circumstances at: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com.

Alumalina - Marion, NC - October 22-25

This "always fun" rally is again hosted by the Carolinas team and promoted by John Leake via the Airforums page: <https://www.airforums.com/forums/f47/alumalina-2019-a-195376-18.html>. This link is for last year, but when you advance to the last page of the thread you'll find he's accepting names for the 2020 event. There will be a new 2020 page on Airforums soon. That's how you register, so check them out.

Silver in the Streets Urban Rally - Abingdon, VA - November 5-8

If you haven't done an Urban rally yet, this is one to put on your calendar. It's open to all Clubs, hosted by Virginia Airstream Club #109. We don't have full registration details at press time, but they will be available soon.

New Lands End Store is OPEN!



You can order *anything* from the Lands End product line with YOUR logo applied from this store. Linda and I have ordered some shirts.

There is also a link to order flags and decals at the **JotForm MiniStore** on the main page of our store. Get your Spirit Up so you are ready to camp with Pride.

Click the Link below to go to Lands End.

<https://business.landsend.com/store/spiritofva/>

[OR Click Here to check out Decals and Flags.](#)

Proud to be . . .

Your President and First Lady
Greg & Linda Heuer - WBAC #1927

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58th Annual SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY

"In the Heart of Amish Country"

September 26 – October 4, 2020 Sugarcreek, OH



COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED RALLY! Park at Winklepleck Grove for nine days of fun, fellowship, excitement, and new things to see and experience. We provide water, 7-amp electric, 1 black water dump, a wide variety of tour choices, nightly entertainment, hospitality, and door prizes. Pets are welcome! Play a game of golf at the golf course adjacent to our rally site. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner in an Amish home or nearby restaurant. Shop in the many furniture, gift, antique, and craft shops in the area. Buy world-renowned Swiss cheese to take home and share with friends and family. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the 67th annual Swiss Festival Sept. 27 & 28 when we shuttle you downtown for the festivities and parades. Bring your motorcycle and enjoy the back-roads tour planned for you.

Our "**DAY IN THE PARK**" on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen, and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream, fresh popcorn, and a ham and bean dinner cooked in huge kettles over open fires. We'll put you in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

SUGARCREEK, OHIO is located in the rolling hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover (I-77) and 18 miles east of Millersburg (Holmes County) on scenic Route 39. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community and populated largely by the Amish. With eight Swiss cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized worldwide as the center of some of the finest made Swiss cheese produced in the USA.

NAME _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____
 ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ WBCCI # _____
 E-MAIL _____ REGION & UNIT # _____ - # _____
 HANDICAPPED _____ 1ST-TIMER _____ CARAVAN LEADER _____ CARAVAN _____
 MOTORHOME / LENGTH _____ TRAILER / LENGTH _____ MOTORCYCLE / SIZE _____

Region or International Officer? (specify title): _____

NUMBER OF: ADULTS _____ GUESTS OVER 18 YRS _____ CHILDREN UNDER 18 YRS _____

Interest to Participate: HOBBY SHOW _____ FLEA MARKET _____ GOLF _____ MUSICAL (Bring your instruments) _____

Airstream, 2 Adults \$275
 Airstream, 1 Adult \$200
 Each add'l >18 yrs \$125 x _____
 Each child <17 yrs \$100 x _____
 Early Parking (Indiv.) \$25 (Sept 25)

Make checks payable to: **SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY**
PLEASE, enclose a self-addressed, **stamped, business envelope**
 to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card** & other rally information

Mail check, reservation form, & stamped business envelope to:
 Karin Kurkowski
 3665 Crooks Rd.
 Troy, MI 48084
 Cell Phone: 1-586-214-1777

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHECK NUMBER: # _____

Home Phone: 1-248-649-5355 (May-Sept)

Rally Parking is Saturday, September 26, 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. from the **Rally Bullpen**; early **individual** rally parking Friday 1-5 p.m. for a **\$25 fee**. **Caravans** arriving with 5 or more **pre-registered** RVs may park at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 25, from 1-5 p.m.

Cancellations: Refunds will not be distributed without the Rally Chair first receiving your mailed **written request** stating your reason for cancellation, along with your **Acknowledgement Postcard** and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail should arrive no later than Saturday, September 25, 2020. **Refunds** will be dispersed after the rally; the amount returned will be at the discretion of the Rally Chair.

KARIN & LARRY KURKOWSKI, 2020 RALLY CHAIRMEN
 Rally e-mail: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

~~~~~ **FOR RALLY REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY** ~~~~~

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Card Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cancellation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Refund Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Check Sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_ Early Worker? \_\_\_\_\_ RALLY ID # \_\_\_\_\_



## Springtime De-winterizing Checklist for Travel Trailers

De-winterizing is easy and actually kind of fun because it signals the start of the summer travel season. Use this list to be sure your Airstream is ready to roll.

For more information about these procedures, or what to do if you find a problem, refer to Airstream Life's (Nearly) Complete Guide to Airstream Maintenance, available at [store.airstreamlife.com](http://store.airstreamlife.com) or on Amazon.com. **Page numbers refer to this book.**

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|   | <b>Outside Your Airstream</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|   | Check and top up the distilled water level of the trailer batteries if they are not a sealed type ( <b>page 178</b> ). Reconnect the batteries if they were removed. If they are not already fully charged, plug in the Airstream overnight to allow them to charge fully.          |
|   | Check the air pressure on all of the tires (including the spare). Pressure should be within 5% of the maximum air pressure rating printed on the side of the tire. Add air as needed ( <b>page 119-120</b> ).                                                                       |
|   | Check the propane level in both propane tanks, and fill if needed. Check propane pigtail hoses for cracks ( <b>page 189</b> ) and check propane system for leaks ( <b>page 187-188</b> ).                                                                                           |
|   | Open the awning. Make sure it deploys properly and is free of unwanted creatures.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|   | Open the exterior door to the water heater and look for any signs of insect nests, webs, or leaks. Replace the nylon drain plug with a new one, if it was removed ( <b>page 210</b> ).                                                                                              |
|   | Slide under your tow vehicle and inspect its receiver with a flashlight. Look for any cracks (which may appear like rusty lines), broken welds, loose or missing bolts, or other signs of damage ( <b>page 115</b> ). If anything looks suspicious, have it checked professionally. |
|   | Lube the hitch ball and coupler ( <b>page 114</b> ), as well as the weight distributing hitch as recommended by the manufacturer.                                                                                                                                                   |
|   | Test the breakaway switch by pulling the pin out briefly ( <b>page 117</b> ). The trailer brakes should come on full.                                                                                                                                                               |

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|   | <b>Inside Your Airstream</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|   | Inspect the interior for signs of rainwater or snowmelt leaks that might have occurred over the winter ( <b>page 68-71</b> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|   | Sanitize the water system ( <b>page 94</b> ) This ensures you start the season with a fresh system, and can help remove some of the lingering taste of RV Anti-freeze (if it was used during winterizing).                                                                                                                          |
|   | If your Airstream has a built-in water filter, replace the filter cartridge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|   | Press the Test button on the smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors. While you are at it, supply each with new, 9-volt batteries ( <b>page 161-162</b> ).                                                                                                                                                                           |
|   | Turn on the furnace to be sure the blower and heat are working properly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|   | Turn on the air conditioning unit (if connected to shore power) to be sure it's cooling properly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|   | Light the stove and oven to make sure both of them work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|   | Turn on the refrigerator and let it run overnight. The freezer should make ice within a day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|   | Turn on all lights and replace bulbs as needed (Airstreams with LED lights don't have bulbs, so if they don't come on, check the fuse box, <b>page 167</b> ).                                                                                                                                                                       |
|   | Turn on all the fans to make sure they work. Check fuses on the fans themselves and the batteries in the remote control (if applicable) if there's a problem.                                                                                                                                                                       |
|   | <b>Final Steps</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|   | Hitch up, then check the trailer lights (including brake and turn signals), and check the operation of the brake controller. If everything's good, head out for a short tow. While you are out, roll down the windows and listen for strange noises from the hitch and trailer that could indicate a need for adjustment or repair. |

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