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President's Corner



As I sit and write my first President's Corner column, I am reminded of where this all started. When we joined WBCCI in 2004, we just wanted to follow in my grandparent's footsteps and take their Airstream camping on the weekends. Little did I know then that I would be President of this great group of Airstreamers. I would like to thank all the people that I have met along the way and that have encouraged me to be involved in club leadership. I could not have done it without your words to guide me.

I had a local club president tell me a long time ago that I would meet people from all over the world in this club and they would be my best friends. I just laughed and thought she does not know what she is talking about. Needless to say, she was totally correct. We have met club members from all over the world and they are some of our best friends.

As we look forward to the start of a new year in the club, our world has been turned upside down with the Coronavirus-19. I will say though, that there is always good that comes out of bad situations. We now use Zoom for meetings and we will have delegates vote with Survey Monkey. Who would have thought six months ago? The club has been very adaptive to new ideas to make improvements for our members.

I am encouraged by seeing our membership numbers continue to grow even though most of us have been staying at home a lot lately.

We had 46 new members in one week in May. I have also seen and read several news articles that say that RV sales are twice what they were a year ago at this time. People want to get out and be outside with their families in an RV. This is very positive news for Airstream and the club.

I want to thank all of the people that have just finished their terms of office and all of the new people that have stepped up to fill those open positions. We can't do it without you. Your voluntarism is what makes this club go. There will always be a need for new people and new ideas, so do step up and make a difference in the club.

Please know that in coming months, more improvements to the database and the website will give all club members more benefits. If you see something that looks like it might be for the club, please pass that information to someone in leadership so that we stay on the cutting edge of social evolution.

In closing, I challenge all members to welcome new Airstreamers when you see them. Ask them to join you in the fun and fellowship that we all enjoy. Before you know it, you too might have best friends from all over the world.

See you down the road.

andren M. Felke

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The Perfect Summer Lunch... And the Perfect Pita

In early May, Mark and I took a camping trip to South Dakota's Black Hills. The campgrounds there reopened on May 2nd, but without facilities. We figured we could isolate at home or isolate in our Airstream. The weather was cold, but the roads were deserted and the people few and far between. There wasn't anything open, and when we ran out of bread, the first thing that came to mind that can be made in a few hours is pita bread. If you've not made bread before, the versatile and easy pita is multi-useful. You can use it to dip into a meal with a sauce. You can split it and make sandwiches. You can slather it with hummus, which I can make into a meal all by itself. Leftover or stale pitas can be made into a delicious snack chip. Split them in half (top half from bottom half), then cut them into wedges. Place the wedges on a cookie sheet. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle with a dried Parmesan garlic seasoning. (My favorite is Johnny's. It's dried Parmesan with garlic and seasonings for garlic bread in a shakable plastic container.) Bake the wedges in a 350 degree oven until they crisp up and start to turn brown. These are delicious! You can eat alone or with dips.



The photo here is stuffed with falafel (a chickpea patty), tzatziki and cucumbers. You can bake pitas in your oven, on the stove in a cast iron pan, or directly on your grill.

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 <u>upnorthbread@icloud.com</u> and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.

Pita Bread

14 oz. flour (bread flour or all-purpose or wheat is fine too). This is about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups

1 package instant yeast (Red Star is my favorite) or 2 1/4 tsps.

10 oz. water (room temperature) 1 T honey A good glug of olive oil (about 1 oz.) 1 ¼ tsp. salt

1. Mix everything together except the salt, mixing until well combined. Let sit for 15 minutes, then add the salt and knead with your hands in the bowl for 5 minutes. To knead, pull up one side of the dough and stretch over the top of the dough. Rotate bowl ¼ turn and repeat. Work around the edge of the bowl with your hands or a dough scraper (a very handy \$2 item). Dough will be sticky.

2. You can let sit for a few hours at this point (covered) or put it in the fridge overnight.

3. Divide dough into 8 roughly equal pieces. Roll each one into a ball, spritz or rub lightly with olive oil and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise until double, from 30 to 60 minutes depending on ambient Airstream temperature.

4. If baking in your oven, preheat to 450 degrees. Likewise, you can preheat your grill or a cast iron pan to a medium high heat.

5. Sprinkle each dough ball with flour and flatten with your hand. Press or roll out to about 7".

6. Bake or grill for a couple minutes on each side or until dough puffs up. Flip, another minute or two.

7. Stack pitas in a towel, on top of each other, covering with the towel after each one.



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Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



While one of my tasks as membership chair is to be welcoming to new members and deal with member concerns, another task is to find out why people might not be renewing their membership.

To that end, I sent 1700 survey monkey links to members who did not renew for 2020. I wanted to try to identify any common themes related to non-renewal.

Of the 1700, 183 people (about an 11% response rate) responded to the multiple-choice survey. That's not a terrific response rate, but I think if someone didn't renew, they might choose not to open an email from WBCCI. The choices I offered included "I sold my Airstream", "I forgot to renew", "I'm not using my membership", "I'm not a groupie when it comes to camping", "it just wasn't for us", "we tried a rally and it just wasn't for us", "there weren't enough rallies in our club for us", "my local club closed", "there are aspects of the club we didn't care for". It also included an opportunity to make a comment, related or unrelated to the choices given. There was not an opportunity to select more than one response, which looking back, was an error. Of the 183 who responded, 49% added comments. These comments were probably the most revealing part about the survey.

Twenty percent of respondents said they had sold their Airstream. 5% said they forgot to renew. 4% said they weren't using their Airstream anymore, 11% said they just weren't group campers, 3% said they tried a rally and it just wasn't for them. There was less than 1% who chose any other answer on the survey.

Comments included the following: there are too few caravans, the rallies were too expensive, the club is too militaristic, the club is too religious, there is not enough benefit for the cost, didn't like the discussion of inclusivity in the *Blue Beret*, some had a bad experience at a rally, and the dues were too high. However, the most common comments, repeated by multiple responders, were as follows:

1. We're a young family and there's nothing for our children to do at rallies

2. The club is too elder-centric, too few activities for those outdoor adventurers among us

3. Lack of inclusivity in the club

4. Too cliquey, wasn't able to "break in" to the groups within clubs that had already formed

5. The saddest set of comments, and the most common ones were that they were too old to tow anymore or that their significant other had died and they didn't want to camp alone

These comments suggest that local clubs need to focus a bit more on inclusion of younger families. While the club is predominantly older folks, Airstream buyers are getting younger and younger and we need to pay attention to this demographic change to stay relevant. But the other important theme identified was the lack of a welcoming feeling. Repeatedly, responders said that they were unable to break into the cliques formed within clubs. While there isn't too much we can do about the costs of rallies and caravans at this point, we definitely can do better with being welcoming, right? We can also make a point of including activities in rallies that are for those more physically active and also for our younger families.

Next month, I am going to share with you some very concrete suggestions from one of our local clubs about how they welcome others. Until then, if there is a new person or new people in your club, please reach out, take them under your wing and make them feel glad they joined. And if your club has good ways to welcome folks, share them with me, will you, and I'll share them next month. It will be a whole column, just about welcoming!

I will continue to survey those who do not renew for 2020 and I'll also write up the results of this survey for my next membership column. One good result of the survey is after the survey went out, 175 people renewed their membership for 2020.

This is such a challenging time for all of us. Please socially distance, wear your face covering, and avoid large indoor crowds, in particular. As a nurse practitioner, I've seen what COVID can do and it isn't pretty, trust me. We want you around to camp with us in the future so please take care.



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Airstream Club International Courtesy Parking

Tim Doherty & Connie Kupferschmidt, #27507

Our cup runneth over with gratitude and fortune. For the small cost of membership in the Airstream Cub International, we have gained friendships, experienced generosity, and opened our eyes to a warm community of fellow Airstream owners.

We are traveling full-time in our Airstream Interstate. We have been planning this portion of our life for a long time. In October of 2018 and 2019, respectively, Connie and I left our careers in the hands of younger and more energetic professionals and set out in our motorhome. We share the same wanderlust, and our journey is open-ended. Prior to leaving our home in St.

Paul, Minnesota, we joined the Club. Our plan was to combine stays with Club members, friends from our curling and gymnastics world, and with family along the way.

We loaded up the Interstate with food and gear that we planned would sustain us for a long while. To our surprise, we barely cracked open the refrigerator for nearly a week. Friends, family, and club members were feeding us generously and copiously along the way.

After nearly a week on the road, the first Club member we contacted for Courtesy Parking was Jane Carmichael in Marquette, Michigan. Jane is the Region 7 President. We had never met, but Marquette was on our route, and Jane's was a perfect stopping point. The weather had been getting quickly and unseasonably cold, and Jane offered us homemade chili when we arrived. "What is the wine pairing for chili, red or white?" I inquired. "Either!" Jane enthusiastically responded. "We're going to get along just fine" I said.



Tim Doherty & Connie Kupferschmidt

Arriving at Jane's, we quickly got down to the business of drinking wine and having chili and laughs. Lots of wine. Lots of laughs. We had a great time. We got along swimmingly. We stayed a couple nights at Jane's, did some bike riding around Marquette, and continued to get chased south by the cold. Our first Courtesy Parking stay with a club member was wonderful. A great start to our open-ended journey.

(Side note: in my conversations with Jane, I mentioned how I would be sixty percent happier in life if people just learned how to use apostrophes. "Oh, you know grammar? How would you like to be our newsletter editor"? asked Jane. "If it will make the world a better place" I consented. Here I am as your contributing editor). After a time visiting family and friends in lower Michigan, we continued on to Ohio. We contacted Club members Thomas and Nanette LaVergne in Kenton, Ohio. It was our intention to arrive in daylight hours, but we were delayed at the Bowling Green Curling Club, curling, making new friends, and having beverages. (We tend to close the party down). We arrived after dark and after our hosts had turned in for the night. They left a 30 amp plug for us in the driveway and we quietly pulled in. The LaVergnes left for work before we got up, so we never met them face-to-face. We left a thank-you note for the Courtesy Parking and continued south ahead of the cold.



Continuing south, we have stayed at several members' homes along the way: Frank and Debbie DiBona in Asheville. If you've joined Airstream Addicts Facebook group, you'll notice that Frank has an interesting presence there; he expertly grafts Airstream trailers into famous works of art. Bill and Shelly Watkins in Augusta, despite never meeting them, were superb hosts, providing a beautiful place on the bikeway. We had a lovely dinner with Ron and Liana Mezza in Delray Beach, Florida, while on our way to the Keys. Larry and Judy Boudreaux of Thibodaux, Louisiana taught us all about the bayou. Merci, nos nouveau amis! We listened to the yip and howl of coyotes outside our camper at Neill and Nita Freeman's in Oro Valley, Arizona

We have spent days with many members, having breakfast, lunch and dinner, touring their towns, and socializing in their homes. We have learned so much. We learned about rallies and caravans. We have learned about our fellow members' lives. We have been warmly received everywhere. It is now late May and we are in Utah, relaxing and enjoying mountain views, warm days, and cool nights. Reflecting back on our decision to travel and meet club members was clearly the best we could have made. I shouldn't be surprised at the welcome that we have received, for those who open their homes to strangers would likely be friendly. We have been made to feel welcome at every member's home. We were always welcome to stay longer and were always sad to leave.

The strength of any group or community lies in the participation of its members. It is our hope that we are good ambassadors and guests and have furthered the sense of community of the Airstream Club International. We look forward to meeting many more of you along the way.

Safe travels, all!

Thank You to Region 7 for sharing your newsletter article with the Blue Beret!

Meet Your President

Martha A. Divine

What is your story and how did you get started in the riveted lifestyle?

My Grandparents Airstream - Summer of 1975

Childhood memories of summer vacations are unforgettable, especially if they include an Airstream trailer. Trekking across the United States from Indiana

to Colorado with my brother, my cousin, and my grandparents in their 1959 Airstream was one of mine. The majority of the trip spent in the back seat of my Grandparents' 1972 Cadillac Sedan Deville tow vehicle with my 5'2" grandmother behind the wheel. We couldn't see her over the high back front seat, but the scenery out the side windows was spectacular. Those cornfields through Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska were some of best.

The trailer has been a big part of my family since 1969 when my grandparents first bought it. The memories made in it can never be replaced. We have now started to make some new memories in it. Number



Andrew Selking

6062 once again made its way to an International Rally in Springfield, Missouri, where I proudly wore my Grandpa's blue beret. I know we will continue to enjoy our time Airstreaming and making new friends wherever we go. One day I hope to take my grandchildren across the United States for the trip of a lifetime.

This excerpt is taken from an article that was published it the Blue Beret in June of 2007. My Grandparents' Airstream by Andrew Selking #6062

Tell us about your wife Barb:

I was blessed to meet Barb about the 1st day of the year in 1978. For me, it was love at first site. Barb took a little longer to come along. We got married the 28th of December 1978, not that long to get her to come along with me. Barb was the best wife anyone could ever ask for. She had a nice warm caring attitude for anyone she came in contact with. She made me what I am today. In August of 2018 she was diagnosed with stage 3B lung cancer. She

fought the good fight against cancer for a little over a vear. On October 24, 2019. the Good Lord called her home to be with him. She suffers no more and is in heaven enjoying the good life. When I decided to run for International office about four years ago, she told me I was on my own. She was not real happy with me, if you know what I mean. She would support me but I would be doing all of the work myself and she would be my wife. Little did I know that those words were preparing me to handle the job all by myself. So pay attention to what others tell you, it might just be true. I do miss her but she has me ready to hit the ground running. LOVE YOU BARB!

Tell us about your family:

Barb and I were blessed with one son, Andrew Mark Selking Jr. He went to the University of Oklahoma. There he met his beautiful wife Lauren. They have two children. Tripp, also Andrew Mark Selking the III, and Annabelle Jean. These two grandchildren love their PaPa. I know they say you can't have favorites with your grandchildren; Tripp will always be the first-born and Annabelle will always have grandpa wrapped around her little finger. I have a family that I am so proud of. My grandchildren love the "Stream", that is what Tripp calls our trailer. They are ready to go tailgating in it at the OU football games this fall. For the Ohio State fans, OU is Oklahoma University. Boomer Sooner.

Tell us what you do to help in the Community of Hillsboro:

Over the years living here in Hillsboro, I have done lots of different things involving maintenance and repairs. At the North Texas Airstream Park, I presently lead the crew that maintains the tractors and mows the large areas of the park. At Christ Lutheran Church, I am on the board of Elders and head up the Property Maintenance Board which keeps the building and grounds in working order. As you can see, I enjoy fixing things and keeping them in good working order. Making improvements - Wally would be proud.

So Andy tell us about the changes in your life this past year:

Well to start with, Barb my loving wife of 40 plus years, was called home to heaven on October 24, 2019. Needless to say, her dog Coco and I miss her an awful lot. I will say though we have both moved on and are at peace with her not being here. In early December, I took the Airstream and ventured out by myself and headed to California and stayed in Oceanside for a couple of weeks. Coco and I spent Christmas with my cousin Terry and his wife Mary Lou and my Aunt and Uncle. We had a great time. I helped bake lots of Christmas cookies and had to taste test each batch. Terry and Mary Lou were great tour guides and showed me lots of things in the San Diego area.

At the end of the December, I was able to go to the Rose Bowl Rally put on by Region 12. It was a fabulous time had by all. Go if you get the chance.

I then spent the next several weeks site seeing in southern California and then met up with my dear friends, Matt and Beth Hackney, in Death Valley. We had lots of fun and did a lot of hiking and site seeing. Death Valley is very pretty in January.

My next stop was the Midwinter IBT in Las Vegas, Nevada. Region 12 hosted a very nice rally and the club took care of the business that needed to be done. After the IBT Rally, I headed home to the North Texas Airstream Community. I was home several days, long enough to do the wash and restock the trailer full of food and headed to Augusta, Georgia. I spent a couple of days with my Airstream in Matt and Beth Hackney's driveway. After that, we all left and headed to the big Farm Life Rally in Florida. It was a great rally lots of good food and entertainment.

Now come the big changes in my life. On my way home, I decided to shave off my full beard. And it was full if you saw a picture of me. I kept the mustache and people say I now look 20 years younger. Don't know if I buy the 20 years, but I do look younger.

I had been thinking about going on a diet for some time because some of my pants did not fit anymore and it was time to go buy some bigger ones. I looked at the Noom diet and decided to give it a try in mid-February. I also started running a mile every day to get back into shape. It is the last week in April when this is being written. I am proud to say I have lost about 33 pounds in two and a half months and am now down to 185. I plan to stay right in that area. I have lost my big belly and now I need new pants, not larger but several sizes smaller. I look and feel like a new person and I am ready to take on the job of leading the WBCCI club.



2021 Mid-Winter IBT

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Deadline for Registrations: December 15, 2020

Questions to Matt Hackney via e-mail eroney@aol.com





If a Bass Plays in the Forest...

Dan McDougall, #1971

After a month of painting, deck board flipping, and more painting, I'm leaving my parents' house in Washington. Roughly, heading east, with no timeline. Santa Fe Opera Festival was to have been my 2-month summer concert engagement, but I learned during this trip that it was cancelled.

I would've loved to have camped at Mt. Rainier, but all campgrounds were still closed. So, I "settled" for this:





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Campground closure info was changing daily, but I took a risk. It was a weekday, and Rimrock Lake, off Highway 12, hadn't yet gotten busy. And since the adjacent true campground was closed, it was "free". I called the ranger office to confirm.

Sadly, its easy proximity to Yakima also meant that it had seen some hard use. I spent one morning's walk picking up a few bags of trash and recycling from the road. When I left the next day, there were fresh beer cans on that same route.

Although I brought my double bass with me, I hadn't touched it all month. Watching concert after concert disintegrate was demoralizing. Santa Fe Opera's cancellation was the last nail in that coffin, and even looking at the bass just made me sad.

The double bass is a social instrument in a now socially-distant world. Being the bottom voice means the most rewarding playing (for me, anyway) involves collaborating with others. And a key ingredient to those collaborations is an audience. Sigh...

I decided to play a little concert for the lake. That no human would hear.

To answer the age-old question:

If a bass plays in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?

Using the Bluetooth stereo in the Airstream to play along with the orchestra, I read the part from my iPad.

I started with repertoire that had been cancelled: Holst's "The Planets".

Army helicopters flew overhead. Jet skis and pleasure boaters zigzagged across the lake. Kayakers paddled by. My campsite was distanced enough from others and the road, that I'm fairly confident no one heard a note. Just the lake.



Never did this movement heading ever ring truer

I played a little "Vocalise", bits of some Rachmaninov symphonies, among others. After a month without playing and my fingers hurt, but I decided to play one more thing. Copland's "Appalachian Spring".

Nothing fancy. An easy bass part. But playing it then, in that space, for no one in particular, felt right.

This is a snippet, with part of the 'Simple Gifts' section. https://videos.files.wordpress.com/71YSEc26/equi.mov

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

-Shaker Melody (text, Joseph Brackett)

For more of Dan's trailering adventures, see <u>https://tabadabadoo.com/</u>

Thank You to DelMarVa Airstream Club for sharing your newsletter article with the Blue Beret.





Camping in a Post-COVID-19 World

Don McKelvay, #205

In addition to all our normal camping etiquettes, in a post-COVID-19 world we now need to think of other measures to reduce the chances of contracting a future round of the disease. Here are some suggestions we should all take most of which are simply thinking of others and ourselves.

1. One of the first things to do is a thorough inspection of the Airstream, determine if there are any repairs or maintenance required and contact your dealer as soon as possible as they may have a lot of appointments. In addition, there may be a delay in obtaining parts.

2. It is likely getting private and national/ provincial/state campground sites will be more difficult as many people who would normally travel by cruise ships or airlines will choose to find other options and RVing is certainly, as we know, safer. Therefore, much more planning and trying to make reservations rather than relying on 'drive up' will probably be necessary. It will be important to determine if some of the pre-COVID campgrounds are still in business. On-site amenities, however, may not be quite as quick to open. Pools, clubhouses, and other recreation areas could be slow to return depending on their size, placement, and demand. 3. Some RVers will choose to camp later in the season so winterizing, if done, may be later and possibly a little more challenging given the cold weather.

4. Stock up on food, medicine etc. beforeleaving to ensure you will have what you need.Where you go may not have sufficient supplies.

5. Where possible, pay for services in advance which will minimize contact with staff and eliminates the need to handle pens and credit card machines.

6. When possible do not park right next to other RVers providing everyone as much distance as possible.

7. Although the sun and UV light will kill the virus within a few hours, to be safer consider disinfecting the electrical box, water handle/tap and picnic table with Clorox/Lysol wipes or a spray bottle with Clorox and water.

8. Carry protective gloves or plastic bags as well as disinfecting wipes when using other public facilities and in particular bathrooms and showers, wiping down anything you might be touching with your hands such as door handles or light switches. And leave them cleaner than when you went in. 9. Have masks and gloves and disinfecting wipes available when going shopping in case they might be necessary such as door handles, shopping carts, etc. Bread bags, magazine bags, etc. can also be recycled by having them available instead of gloves but remember to use them only once and safely dispose of them. Never touch your face with your hands until after you wash your hands with soap and water.

10. Carry disinfecting wipes in the tow vehicle for use including gas pump handles, steering wheel, etc.

11. Never drive with a mask on as it restricts oxygen and there have been vehicle accidents when a driver wore a mask and passed out.

12. Continue to wash your hands particularly each time you return to your RV.

 Remind any of your accompanying family how important it is to not cut through other RVers yards and respect their space.

14. Where necessary, consider social distancing and remind others of the same.

Hopefully, we will be fine, and our Airstream activities will be back to hugs and friendship.

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Membership Benefits and Dues

Budget Committee

It has been 10 years since WBCCI dues were increased. As part of the 2021 budget discussions, the WBCCI International Board of Trustees has authorized a \$10 per year increase in member dues. This dues increase was proposed and approved during the June Board meeting and will become effective for the 2021 membership renewal period which begins August 1, 2020.

WBCCI Membership Dues History

- January 2021 \$75 (\$6.25/month)
- January 2010 \$65 (\$5.41/month)
- January 2005 \$55 (\$4.58/month)
- January 1994 \$45 (\$3.75/month)
- January 1989 \$35 (\$2.92/month)

Why are the Dues going up \$10 per year?

Since the last dues increase in 2010, inflation has increased more than 17%, resulting in increasing costs for normal overall operations. The dues increase of 15% (\$10 per year) allows our Club to balance our budget and maintain the quality of service our members have come to expect.

Remind me: What benefits do we get as members?

First and foremost, people join and thrive within WBCCI because of the uniqueness of our Club; the culture, feel of family, feel of community, caravan opportunities, history of our Club, a place to have questions answered and a place to receive wanted help. The new Club-wide map of all events (rallies, caravans) at <u>airstreamclub.org/Events</u> allows members to more easily find and participate in any Club event, nationwide.

In addition, WBCCI members have access to some unique member-only benefits:



Access to over 500 FREE Courtesy Parking spots offered by Members at <u>airstreamclub.org/CourtesyParking</u>. Typical savings: over \$150 per year (if used only three times). This is a great benefit for overnight stays while traveling, especially as RV camping spots get more difficult to find and will completely offset all your WBCCI dues.

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- WBCCI lifetime discount at Harvest Hosts. This discount is an annual discount of 15%, available only to WBCCI members. Typical annual savings: \$12 to \$18 per year, based on membership level. Please refer to the Blue Beret for the discount code.
- Member-only discounts at Farm and City Insurance Services (FCIS).
- Additional benefits similar to the Harvest Hosts will be coming in the future.

WBCCI Adopted Budget

The majority of our Club income comes from membership dues, plus Blue Beret advertising revenue. The main expenses are Headquarters labor (four full-time-equivalent staff), Blue Beret publishing costs, membership supplies and the reimbursement of Region and International Officer travel to the Mid-Winter Board meeting. Travel reimbursement is also budgeted for Region Officers to encourage attendance at club events, which helps them exchange ideas and get to personally know the people they represent when they sit on the Board.

The annual International Rally and Club Caravans are self-funding, paid for by attendees.

Two interesting notes are that banking fees comprise an additional 6% of overall expenses; this is an increasing cost, mainly due to the Club absorbing the cost of online membership renewals (PayPal, credit cards, etc.). Another recent change is that Local Club (Unit) expenses have been reduced due to Headquarters creating and mailing name badges. Now, new members quickly receive a professional "Welcome" packet directly from Headquarters which contains their personalized name badge and other information introducing their new membership and how to get involved in an event.





For more information, please view the 2020 International Board of Trustees Summer Meeting online on airstreamclub.org.





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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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Airstream Serial Numbers

WBCCI members own a wide variety of Airstreams ranging from rare 1930s models to current models. For vintage Airstream owners, and especially for first-time vintage Airstream owners, the ability to determine year and model can be a challenge. Trailer registrations and titles cannot be relied upon as many examples exist where a vintage Airstream is registered and even titled as an incorrect year. Thus, the ability to find, read, and decode vintage Airstream and Argosy serial numbers is important to many club members. We'll divide this serial number discussion into four different ranges.

1931-41 Serial Numbers

Airstream formally began production in 1931 and ceased production in 1941 due to materials rationing. Airstream production records from this time period have not been found. The vast majority of pre-WWII Airstreams produced were made of wood and Masonite and verv few of these have survived, though a larger percentage of the relatively rare riveted aluminum 1936-39 Airstream Clippers have survived. Surviving Airstreams from this time period do have assigned serial numbers that were stamped into a metal plate that was affixed to each trailer, but due to the low number of pre-WWI survivors (think 10s, not 100s), information is hard to come by and a comprehensive study of their serial number formats has not been made.

1947-1958 Serial Numbers

Airstream reopened its doors after WWII in May 1947 making only riveted aluminum trailers, so the number of surviving examples is high enough to make a study of Airstream serial number formats more viable. From 1947 thru most of the 1958 model year, Airstream used very basic serial numbers that were stamped into a metal plaque near the door. The plaques were mostly brass in 1947-48 but were aluminum from 1949 onward. These plaques were relatively small, sometimes with square corners and sometimes with rounded corners. The design motif on the plaques changed several times between 1947 and 1958.

Serial numbers were typically just 4 or 5 numeric digits and did not include the model year but can be decoded to indicate trailer length and occasionally model. Serial number sequences continued from one model year to the next and did not reset back to "0" or "1". California production records for these years have not been found. Ohio production records usually fail to indicate the serial number breakpoints where model years changed. This leaves these years open to interpretation and thus further research is needed before a reasonably accurate year by year, model by model serial number decoder can be created for the years 1947 thru 1958. That said, according to our best current understanding, a high-level breakdown of the normal California and Ohio

Serial Number Plaques





1947 (with Atypical Leading "0")







1948 Late



serial number ranges used by length and model during the years 1947 thru 1958 is as follows, though custom and experimental trailers may differ.

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1947-1958 California

California serial numbers were most often just 4 numeric digits. California did produce trailers with overlapping serial numbers in the 2000, 5000, 7000, and 8000 serial number ranges which resulted in hundreds of pairs of 1940s and 1950s Airstreams of different years, lengths, and models having the exact same serial number. In mid-1958, California began adding a leading 2-digit length in front of the existing 4-digit serial number to eliminate this ongoing issue.

> 201 thru 494: 1955-57 16' Bubble

1001 thru 1484+: 1947-51 22' Liner

2001 thru 2008+: 1948-49 28' Whirlwind

2001 thru 2020+: 1953-54 17' Clipper

3001 thru 3150+: 1948-49 16' Wee Wind & 1954-55+ 18' Globetrotter

4001 thru 18-4164: 1957-58 18' Traveler & 18' Pacer

> 5001 thru 5078+: 1948-52 19'/18' Trailwind & 18' Clipper

5001 thru 30-5244: 1953-58 29'/30' Liner, 30' Commodore Vanderbilt, & 30' Sovereign

6001 thru 26-7200: 1949-58 24' Limited, 25'/26' Cruiser, & 26' Overlander

7001 thru 22-8609: 1950-58 21'/22' Flying Cloud

> 8001 thru 8075+: 1951-52 15' Cruisette

1953-1958 Ohio

Ohio serial numbers were most often a leading "O" or "O" for Ohio followed by 4 numeric digits. Most 1953 Ohio SN plaques listed only the California address. Ohio added an optional "I" after the leading "O" in 1958 for the "International" trim level. In some cases, sequences of serial numbers within the stated range were skipped, so last minus first may not accurately reflect the total number built.

> SS100 thru SS141: 1958 18' Pacer

01010 thru 0l1100: 1955-58 16' Bubble

02001 thru 02242: 1953-58 17' Clipper, 18' Globetrotter & 18' Wanderer

03001 thru 03544: 1953-58 21'/22' Flying Cloud

> 03700 thru 03711: 1955 22' Panorama

0I3800 thru 0I3803: 1958 22' World Traveler

04001 thru 04255: 1953-57 25'/26' Cruiser

04301 thru 04305: 1958 22' Falcon

04600 thru 04609: 1955 26' Romany Cruiser

04900 thru 04909: 1955 26' Cruiser with large bath

05001 thru 05231: 1953-58 29'/30' Liner, 30' Salon Liner, 30' Commodore Vanderbilt, & 30' Sovereign

> 06001 thru 06433: 1954-57 22' Safari

07000 thru 07741: 1955-58 26' Overlander

09001 thru 09399: 1956-58 22' Caravanner

Serial Number Plaques



1955 California



1955 Ohio



1958 California (with Leading Length)



1958 Ohio (with International "I")



1961-65 Bambi/Caravel



1961-65 Land Yacht



1961-65 International Land Yacht

1959-80 Serial Numbers

Serial numbers started becoming more complex in 1959 when the Ohio plant began encoding the model year into its serial numbers, though California did not typically do this until 1964. Both plants began encoding trailer lengths in 1959 as two digits, except for 1964 when California used a single encoded digit for length on most trailers. Encoding soon included trim level, such as "International" or "Excella 500" and layout, such as "twin" or "double" bed. For 1965, when serial number formats were finally made common between the Ohio and California plants, a letter indicating the assembly plant location was added. For 1971, the sequential production number part of the serial number evolved from being individual to each length, model, and plant to being intermixed among all lengths and models within the plant that produced them.

From 1959 thru 1979, Airstream serial numbers were still stamped into a plaque next to the door, but the design of the plaque evolved over the years.

1959 and 1960 Airstreams continued to use small plaques like previous years.

From 1961 thru 1965, the serial number plaques became much larger and featured the classic image of a bicycle pulling an Airstream and came in three varieties. 16'/17' and some 19' trailers got simpler plaques that said only "Airstream" in large letters, while larger trailers usually got plaques that said "Airstream Land Yacht" or "Airstream International Land Yacht" depending upon trim level.

1966 thru 1979 Airstreams all used thicker serial number plaques that for the first time were made of cast metal rather than being stamped or etched aluminum. In the middle of this "long and skinny" plaque was a flat section where the serial number was stamped at the bottom below the words "Land Yacht" (with other numbers that we currently do not know how to decode stamped above it). To the left of the serial number area was a big "Airstream" and to the right was a recessed model name in a script font. This new design merged the previously separate serial number and model name plaques/emblems into a single piece.

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Beginning in 1971, the serial number, build date, and weight information was also stamped into a small aluminum plaque near the front streetside corner of the trailer.

1970s Argosy serial numbers were only stamped into an aluminum serial number, date and weight plaque on the front streetside corner of the trailer or motorhome.

In 1980, Airstream trailers eliminated the cast serial number and model name plaque near the door and only had an aluminum serial number, date and weight plaque on the front streetside corner of the trailer.

The Ohio and California serial number formats changed several times between 1959 and 1980 and 1970s introductions of the Argosy sub-brand as well as motorhomes created more serial number variations. All of this makes it too complex to explain all the serial number format variations for these years within the confines of this article. Until recently, no comprehensive serial number decoder for these years existed. The few attempts that had been made, were neither complete nor completely accurate for the information they did provide.

Fortunately, a new decoder has been developed to fill this information gap. I worked with Samantha Martin, the Airstream, Inc. Archivist/ Historian, to create the recently published 1959-1980 Airstream and Argosy Serial Number Decoder. This decoder is the result





1966-79 Serial Number Closeup



1971-79 Airstream



1972-79 Argosy



1980+ Airstream

of months of research in Airstream's historical archives, supplemented by online research to fill in some gaps. In its 11 pages it covers serial numbers for Airstream trailers from 1959 thru 1980, Argosy trailers from 1972 thru 1980, Argosy and Airstream motorhomes from 1974 thru 1979, and even the long commercial trailers made by Airstream and its Mobile Industrial Division from 1960 thru 1964. It can be accessed in the Document Archive on the Airstream, Inc. website under the title Airstream VIN Numbers Pre-1980 or by using this direct link:

https://www.airstream.com/wp-content/ uploads/2020/06/1959-to-1980-Airstream-and-Argosy-Serial-Number-Decoder-2020-06-16.pdf

The direct link above may fail to work in the future if the 1959-80 Decoder is updated, as the date of the file is encoded in the document name, though the "Pre-1980" link in the Document Archive should continue to work.

It should be cautioned that while this new decoder reflects the best combined knowledge of Airstream, Inc. and WBCCI, it may be revised

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in the future if errors or new information are discovered. Please read the "errors and omissions" statements on its first page.

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1981 - 2021 VINs

In 1981 Airstream adopted the government mandated 17-character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) system and applied it to all of their trailers and motorhomes. Until the early 2000s, these serial numbers were stamped into an aluminum plaque on the front or front streetside corner of the trailer or motorhome, though the metal plaques have been replaced by printed decals in more recent years. Given the wide breadth of Airstream and Argosy products produced during these years, it is best to consult the Airstream VIN Numbers Post-1980 decoder in the Document Archive on the Airstream, Inc. website if you need to decode a 17-character VIN. Here is a direct link:

https://www.airstream.com/wp-content/ uploads/2019/01/Reading-VIN-Numberspost-1980.pdf

A Call for Topics and Stories

Do you enjoy reading about historic caravans? Historic caravanners? The experiences of long-time members? Airstream company history? Vintage Airstream technical details? Something else? Let me know. I am trying to keep this column fresh by writing about a variety of topics, but I want to make sure you find it interesting to read.

Do you have a specific topic that you'd like to see covered? This could be about a specific caravan, person, rally, etc. Send me your suggestions and I'll research and write about them.

Better yet, do you have an article you'd like to write and submit to be included in this column in the future? If so, please contact me. I am always happy to include firsthand stories from club members. See your name in print! Don't worry about your writing ability. I am willing to help with the editing and even ghost write your article from rough notes if that would help.

Thanks in advance!

Joe

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A Home for our Airstream

Peter West, #3851

This project started with an idea I noticed in the Trailer Care Magazine about shelter coverings for campers. I live on a gravel road in Loudoun County, Virginia. Previously I kept our Airstream outside in the summer and squeezed it through a 10' X 10' foot barn door in the winter. Dust from cars going past on the dirt road continually covered the Airstream necessitating frequent washings.

When I built the barn 15 years ago, the Airstream was not in our plans so the lean-to on the side of the barn was built 8' wide as a place to store the tractor (in hindsight a mistake). By simply extending the lean-to another

12', I am now able to store the Airstream year around under cover as well as my gooseneck flatbed trailer. With the barn now located between the Airstream and the road, dust is no longer a problem. The sloping terrain helped maintain the roof pitch. I ran a 30A power line with a weather-proof outlet out beside the trailer to be able to keep it charged.

One important addition was to install chicken wire over all horizontal boards up under the roof of the shed to keep the pigeons from roosting and pooping on the trailers.

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Three Mexican Jewels Caravan

Ted & Pam Garrett, #3262

Inspired by my parents' tales of past adventures on two WBCCI Caravans through Mexico (Yucatan and Baha), Pam and I leaped at the opportunity when we heard WBCCI was planning another Mexican Caravan.

The caravan was custom designed for Airstreamers by Caravanas de Mexico, a wellestablished Mexican company, in cooperation

with WBCCI. The Three Mexican Jewels consisted of a four-day trip by rail up the Copper Canyon and back again with two nights in Creel, three days in the heart of Mexico City, and a stay in Mazatlan in time to see a carnival that rivals that of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Native children posing for pictures on brink of Copper Canyon

The setting for these jewels was just as attractive being the colonial central core of Mexico - Durango, Zacatecas, Guanajuato, Patzcuraro, Taxco, plus other unique towns and cities from the colonial era. We also toured ancient ruins from 200 B.C., the National Anthropological Museum in Mexico City, Aztec ruins, a Monarch Butterfly Biosphere, to name a few. In addition, we enjoyed historical and cultural presentations plus beautiful beaches in small out-of-the-way towns away from the crowds found in many tourist areas.



Our caravan consisted of 13 Airstreams plus our Wagon Master's RV. We entered Mexico at Nogales on February 8, 2020. Our Wagon Master was contracted by Caravanas de Mexico who has been operating tours and caravans into Mexico for more than 10 years. Our Tail Gunners were the Angeles Verdes-Green Angels, who are trained and

equipped by the Mexican Department of Tourism to handle almost all automotive repairs that might be required, to facilitate our caravan in and through large urban areas, and through various government and military checkpoints. They added to our safety and ease of travel. Between the expert guidance and care of our Wagon Master plus the Green Angels, our entire group had no major issues during our caravan.

We traveled a total distance of approximately 3,300 miles over mostly good roads, but shoulders and guard rails were often absent. We used toll roads a lot because they offered better surfaces, less traffic, and more consistent caravan speed. At all times we had to be on the lookout for topes, which are speed bumps on steroids, plus potholes, even on the highways. One highway that deserves special mention is the new highway from Mazatlan to Durango through the Sierra Madre Mountains. With 61



Baluarte cable-stayed bridge
tunnels and 115 bridges, including the 3600-foot Baluarte cable-stayed bridge, the highest in the Americas, the highway is an engineering marvel. The scenery was incredible and the views breathtaking.

Campground amenities were rather basic. We had several days of dry camping, some modest facilities and a few deluxe full-service RV parks with swimming pools. Good consistent hydro could be an issue in most places, so we relied on our solar panels and propane converted Honda generator. As drinking water was questionable, we bought five-gallon jugs of water, which could be found everywhere for approximately 30 pesos per jug and dumped them into our water tank. We added 4 ml of bleach per jug for added peace of mind. Laundromats were non-existent but a laundry service could usually be arranged at most campgrounds for a very reasonable fee. For groceries, we usually stocked up at Walmarts which were located in most of the cities. Fuel, gas or diesel, was never an issue. Getting our propane bottles filled was not an issue.



Ginger on the Mazatlan beach

At the Mazatlan Carnival

There were three dogs on our caravan. Twice we had to leave them for a few days at our trailers while we ventured into the Copper Canyon and Mexico City. Staff at the respective campgrounds provided excellent pet care while we were away.

A lot of our lunches and dinners were arranged for us. We experienced many traditional Mexican foods. On quite a few occasions, we were treated to Mariachi music at mealtime. We also enjoyed our share of Margaritas.

Our caravan was supposed to run for 60 days; however, it was cut short by 11 days due to the Coronavirus situation. For the most part, we did not have access to English speaking TV or radio. Family members of our group started texting and emailing us about the severity of the pandemic back home. On March 21st we had a group meeting and unanimously agreed to end the caravan and return to Arizona, as a group. At this time, we were just east of Puerto Vallarta. On March 27th and approximately 1,400 miles later, we crossed into the U.S. at Lukeville, Arizona with no U.S. border issues. On April 2, 2020 and approximately 2,370 miles later, we crossed into Canada at Fort Erie with no Canadian border issues. Traveling through the U.S., we overnighted at truck stops.

All in all, it was a great trip full of wonderful memories of a very beautiful and varied country full of friendly, accommodating people.

Thank You to the Ontario Canada Unit for sharing your newsletter article with the Blue Beret.



Pam & Ted Garrett



Water Filtration

Larry Brodsky, #2371

With time on my hands this year, I decided to tackle and invest in serious water filtration. First, some basics. Why filter your water? Yes, to get stuff out of it, namely particulate matter, chemicals, cysts, bacteria, and even viruses. Those were listed in order of decreasing size and that becomes a major factor in the decision. More in a bit. Next, what should you filter with and what are the consequences? You can filter all of the water coming into the trailer, just your drinking water, or both. Note that filtering the water coming into the trailer does not filter out anything that may accumulate in the fresh water tank, although periodic sanitation with bleach can be sufficient to assure a clean tank. The consequences include pressure reduction and flow rate reduction from the filters in the water stream. The pressure reduction is generally not an issue, but the flow reduction can be a problem. Another factor in the decision.

The first decision is to filter sediment, the biggest particles. This stuff can clog the faucet screens, accumulate in low spots like the water heater, and makes cloudy ice. A simple 10" canister filter on the city water hose with a 5 or 10 micron filter, usually paper or fabric, clears that up. One filter should last an entire camping season. If the decision is to filter out chlorine, other chemicals, and cysts on all of the incoming water, then a standard dual canister filter does the job with the second filter at 1 micron with granular or charcoal block. Charcoal has long been used to remove chemicals in water and if fine enough will remove cysts. But, 1 micron filters will reduce flow rates to about 4 gpm. This is adequate for a shower but will be a notable reduction from no filter. This filter will also last one season. Note that if you camp intermittently like we do, you probably want a secondary filter that is bacteriostatic, meaning that it will prevent bacteria from growing on the filter medium when it is not in use. KAC is the most common filter addition for that, a combo of metal alloys to kill stagnant bacteria.

If you decide you want a finer filter for drinking water only, you can use the single canister outside and install an in-line filter under the sink. Note that with a separate filter at the sink, water from the water pump/water tank would also be filtered. Some Airstreams come with the standard Shurflo RV filter for this purpose and it does the job for giving you good drinking water. Just be advised that you would still have chlorine, bacteria and cysts in the shower and lavatory. For really good drinking water, you need a finer filter like Seagull IV or Nature Pure by General Ecology. At 0.4 microns, those filters will remove bacteria and provide bottled water quality water. To remove viruses requires more money and sophistication, UV light or Reverse Osmosis. Both of these are available, at considerable cost, in under-counter units suitable for drinking water applications and both require power sources.

What I settled on to try on my next camping trip is a two canister external filter in the city water hose, a 5 micron sediment filter and a 0.5 micron charcoal block filter. In addition, I have installed a separate spigot through the kitchen counter with an under counter Nature Pure filter, for drinking water. I used a Seagull on my boat for almost 20 years (new filter every year) and was very happy with the drinking water quality, especially since a boat fresh water tank is more of a problem to sanitize. I have included a couple of pics of the Nature pure installation, the filter under the sink and the additional faucet on top. The installation took less than an hour, including the time to drill a hole in the countertop for the new faucet.



Filter under the sink



Additional faucet on top

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

CLUB NFWS

The GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) Mystery

Over the past several months I have camped at four areas which only provided power through the use of GFCI receptacles. At three of these my motor home immediately tripped the GFCI and cut off my power while the fourth campground worked fine. All my other trips involved either a 30 or 50 ampere circuit with which I had no problems. My home 20 amp receptacle had no problems powering the Coach. I checked with several friends who own motor homes and found similar results with some camp areas working and others immediately turning off the power. It seems that lots of parks, fairgrounds and campgrounds are going to GFCI receptacles as a liability protection to prevent a shock hazard.

The GFCI is not really a ground monitoring device. Its purpose is to monitor the current in both the Hot and Neutral (white and black leads) and make sure they are both the same. If they are not within 5 ma (.005 amperes) of each other, then the GFCI switches off both the hot and neutral leads. The GFCI is constantly monitoring the current in each leg of the circuit and comparing the two. You can think of this as similar to an electricians' clamp-on current meter, which gives instant readings on the current being drawn. If you use two clamp-on meters and then compare the readings, you have the GFCI sensor system. Now if they differ by more than 5 ma the GFCI opens both the hot and neutral lines thus removing the output power. The imbalance could be caused by a leakage to ground caused by a defective appliance or by a person touching the circuit and unbalancing the current.

In fact, a GFCI does not require any connection to ground at all. You can install GFCI protected outlets in any house regardless of age whether or not a system ground was included in the original house wiring. A GFCI has a set of output terminals, so extra outlets may be wired and also protected. Once the basic GFCI receptacle is tripped the extra outlets will

also have no power. Another option, Figure 1, is to use a GFCI Circuit Breaker. This looks just like a regular breaker, but it has the GFCI reset/test button built into it.

My Coach has a 20 amp GFCI Breaker with 8 outlet receptacles connected to it. This provides excellent protection with a considerable cost savings. The breaker has two screw terminals,



Figure 1

one for the hot and one for the neutral input leads. The hot lead is connected through the normal breaker mount and a separate wire (from the breaker) is connected to the neutral bus. This provides the current measuring capability for both circuits. There is no ground connection. Now let us assume that your Coach is wired correctly and there are no shorts. An easy test is to plug into a GFCI which then trips. Turn off all the circuit breakers including the main breakers and all the separate circuits. Plug it into the reset GFCI and if it does not turn off the power turn on the breakers one at a time till you find the current leakage causing the problem. However, if the GFCI turns off with all the breakers off then the problem is not in the individual circuits. In fact, my coach measured a direct short between the ground and the neutral lines regardless of how the breakers where set. Thus, connecting to a GFCI receptacle would immediately shut it off. Further investigation indicated that the Inverter/ Converter had a direct connection between the neutral and ground. It seems that when the coach is being powered from the Inverter the power source must have the neutral and ground connected. This is true in your home as well as any shore power source. Neutral and ground are always connected at one point in the Power Distribution System Box. I checked with two major Inverter/Converter manufacturers and they both do this. There is a relay which has normally closed contacts (connection between

ground and neutral) on the Inverter output. When the Inverter senses 110 VAC on its input line it operates the relay and opens the neutral/ground connection. This then allows the shore power connection to take over. Unfortunately, the GFCI outlet turns off immediately thus not allowing the relay to operate.

Why did my coach operate on one of the GFCI equipped campgrounds? They did not have any ground hooked up to their GFCI receptacles, thus the Inverter relay could operate and remove the short since there was no imbalance in the currents. In fact, if all camping areas realized that they could have the proper protection without a ground that would solve the problem for us. This leads to a logical solution to the problem, regardless of what the campgrounds do. I built a GFCI interface box which simply goes between the motorhome 20 amp input and the campground 20 amp output. Figures 2 and 3. Hook the hot and neutral leads together and insert a switch between the ground leads. If you trip the GFCI then insert the interface box and turn off the switch (ground removed) and allow the Inverter to sense the shore power. Once the Inverter relay has turned on and removed the short you can throw the switch and connect your coach ground to the campgrounds ground and enjoy the shore power. Be sure to use a 110 VAC, 20 amp rated switch. This problem primarily applies to a motorhome equipped with a high capacity Converter/Inverter system that is usually capable of operating everything except the air-conditioners. However, if you install extra batteries and a Converter/Inverter in your trailer you may also have a similar problem. By the way if you carry a Honda generator, you will find that it does not have its ground connected to the neutral. This is done so you can connect multiple generators to increase the total capacity. If you want to be completely safe, you should connect the generator ground to the neutral line. This will insure that your trailer will not be hot relative to a puddle of water. A simple jumper is all that is needed. If you connect your trailer to a GFCI receptacle at home to power your trailer, you may find that the GFCI in your trailer will trip immediately due to the fact that the first GFCI will see the second GFCI as a fault due to the wiring per code. The GFCI interface box will allow you to correct this condition as stated above.



Figure 2



Figure 3

GFCI Discussion

Comment: After reading your solutions to ground fault grounding and giving a little thought I will as a member pass on my insight to you. I think maybe you should correct your statements in the *Blue Beret*. First off, National electric code allows for the neutral = white wire and the

ground which = bare or green wire to be bonded (that means connected) at the source only and only one time. If a device such as a power supply is installed with a make before break relay bonding the two wires it will not be consistent with NEC. It will always trip a GFCI and should. In code classes we learned the reasons for grounding. The code books do not give you that. The primary reason for an electrical system to carry a ground is LIGHTNING PROTECTION. There are other reasons, too. In class I found that surprising! Therefore, your solution to switch off the ground even for a moment is a NEC VIOLATION! The solution to your problem is not to switch off the ground but to choose a power supply that does not bond the neutral away from the source panelboard anytime. I suggest you contact Jackson Center for one that will work for you. I have an '88 Excella, and do not have a problem.

Your second solution bonds the neutral and the ground of a generator. Now picture this. Electricity goes out the hot wire and comes back to the source on the neutral or white wire. It does not just disappear. The only thing that happens to it is the voltage is reduced by the amount of resistance of the appliance. So, when the ground and the hot are connected the trailer could have as much amperage running on the trailer frame as the hot wire of the circuit does. OK? Yes, where they are connected might make a difference. Although the generator becomes a new source like a panelboard bonding is not an acceptable solution. NEC requires all generators used on construction sites and all buildings not attached to the main building to have a driven ground rod. Few do. I believe a person should not use insulating blocks under their trailer jacks. There is a chapter in NEC that deals with recreational vehicles, I do not know if it would be of help to you. I hope I have been of some help.

Answer: Thanks for your input. Unfortunately, as campers, when we rent a spot, we have no choice in how a campsite is wired or what is available to us. I am aware of all the reasons for grounding and why it is important. The makers of large capacity inverters include the relay grounding systems I describe. By switching off the ground, allowing the inverter relay to actuate, and then turning on the ground you can safely utilize the power source you have been presented. If this is a NEC violation, I don't think our members will be too concerned. However, I do not believe it is, since RV manufacturers must comply with similar standards. In fact, if the campground owners knew how to wire, they would not have the ground connected directly to their GFCI receptacles since they do have a proper ground connection in the primary supply panels.

My Airstream Coach does not have a ground to neutral connection on the GFCI Circuit Breaker. It is connected to 8 receptacle outlets. All Class A motorhomes use this approach. I have not run into a trailer that uses a large enough inverter to have this problem. This is my article about what caused the problem and how to fix it.

Please continue to send your questions in to <u>techhelp@wbcci.org</u>. See you, safely, down the road.



CLUB News

Hiking Sticks



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Tape sections of the stick to make stripes and other shapes. Press firmly. Paint in the areas between the tape. Let the paint dry. Apply a seond layer.

Wrap yarn, twine and string around the pole to create bands of texture and color. Tie them in place like you would laces on your shoe.

String beads and other objects together. Tie them to the pole to make it uniquely yours. Experiment with how to attach it to the pole, just make sure its secure.

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Kids Camp



Give it a try!

Divide into two groups

The first group goes ahead and places trail signs for the second group to follow.

Add a surprise at the end for the other team to find.

After the second team finds the treasure, switch teams and try again!

Trail Mix Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 cups raisins
- 2 cups peanuts
- 2 cups chocolate coated candy
- 1 cup sunflower seeds

Instructions Mix all ingredients together ENJOY!





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REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at <u>rally@airstreamclub.org</u> for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to <u>airstreamclub.org/Lebanon</u>, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to <u>rally@airstreamclub.org</u>.

64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB **★** INTERNATIONAL RALLY

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California Architecture, Food and Wine Caravan

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

If you are interested in a small, intimate caravan, think about joining Phil and Lynda Terhorst for a tour of California's wine country. Because most of the wineries will have small, mostly private tasting rooms, no more than 10 Airstreams will be allowed on the caravan. In order to camp in Sonoma County, Paso Robles, and Santa Ynez, taste wine, send some home and become familiar with some of the world's famous architecture, contacting Phil and Linda at 949-903-1356 or <u>pitaiah@gmail.com</u> is essential.

The caravan will start on 6/12/2022 in Forestville, CA (<u>www.</u> <u>sonomacounty.com</u>) and end approximately 7/7/2022 at San Dimas, Los Angeles County, California.

Starting in the Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, one of the region's premier wine growing areas, the caravan then moves on to Petaluma (<u>www.cityofpetaluma.org</u>). The caravan will visit four wineries and dine in restaurants in and around Healdsburg. Included is exploring the Point Reyes Seashore (<u>www.nps.gov/pore</u>), and seeing the famous Marin County Civic Center in San Rafael (<u>www.marincounty.org</u>) – one of Frank Lloyd Wright's (<u>www.franklloydwright.org</u>) last projects. Free time will allow caravanners to choose to dine at gourmet restaurants in Yountville - French Laundry (<u>www.french laundry.com</u>), Bouchon (<u>www.bouchonbistro.com</u>) or in Berkeley - Chez Panisse (<u>www.chezpanisse.com</u>).

Heading south, the caravan will stop to see more of the Wright architecture including the Kundert Medical Clinic (<u>www.franklloydwrightsites.com</u>) in downtown San Luis Obispo – one of the few commercial buildings designed by Wright. On the way we will be stopping in Paso Robles for dry camping at a vineyard to experience this unique wine region. In the Central Valley, one Wright house and two Richard Neutra (<u>www.neutra.org</u>) modernist homes will be visited in Bakersfield. On a historic note, dining will be at the last original Woolworth's Luncheon Counter!

Heading to the coast from Bakersfield, dry camping is on the agenda in a vineyard outside Los Olivos (<u>www.losolivosca.com</u>). Many wine tastings will be on the list including one on the winery owner's back porch. Dining on the famous Santa Maria BBQ (a regional culinary tradition dating back to the mid-19th century) and visiting two 19th century stagecoach stops are also planned.

On to southern California and San Dimas just east of Los Angeles. Camping near a light rail station, several days will be spent in and around Los Angeles visiting many modern and not-so-modern architectural sites. A special stop will be at one of the oldest wineries in California. There is planned a wine tasting in the backyard of a winery owner's 1920's Spanish Revival home. A walking tour of historic downtown Los Angeles will include a stop for cocktails on the 71st floor of the highest restaurant in LA and west of the Mississippi River. Note: Public transportation and private vans will be used in the city to avoid caravanners driving in the city's traffic.

Included will be the modernist Wayfarer's Chapel and Aline Barnsdall Hollyhock House (both by Frank Lloyd Wright), the Chang Residence -Lim Chang in Pasadena and the Case Study Home #22 aka Stahl House by Pierre Koenig. A free day is planned to explore Southern California's beaches, mountains and deserts.

The final banquet will be in a 19^{th} century building that has been in use as a restaurant since the gold rush days.

Phil and Lynda want you to know: "If you enjoy fine wine, fine food and world-class architecture, this caravan is for you. It is a little more expensive than the usual caravan; this is because of the small size and because of the fine dining we will be enjoying. If you are a beer and hot dog type of person, this caravan is probably not for you. Come join us if you love wine, food and architecture."



Storytelling Rally

Jonesborough, Tennessee September 30 - October 4, 2020

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

Imbued with the natural beauty of Northeast Tennessee, Jonesborough has played host to the National Storytelling Festival since its inception in 1973. Tucked away near the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee's oldest town offers historic charm, modern services and small town hospitality. It is a storybook setting for three days of storytelling festivities. The picturesque place is where the storytelling revival began, and where thousands return each year to share the time-honored tradition.

Take advantage of early parking beginning September 27 at only \$28.00 per night with full hook-ups. Come early and have time to do some touring in the East TN, Southwest VA, and Western NC area.

A must visit is the Gray Fossil Site only 2 miles from camp (discovered in 2000 and is one of the largest, deepest fossil sites in the world with finds of red panda, rhinos, camels, alligators, tapirs, saber-tooth tiger, elephant, etc.), tour Bristol International Speedway, attend a play at the famous Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA and have lunch at the historic Martha Washington Inn, take a day trip to Asheville, NC to tour the Biltmore Mansion, visit Natural Tunnel, VA or visit the home of President Andrew Johnson with lunch at the historic General Morgan Inn in nearby Greeneville, TN. We will be available to offer any guidance, suggestions or directions.

If you plan to come early, you will want to also get tickets for the Donald Davis performance on Wednesday evening, September 30. You can order those when you call for your festival tickets. Mr. Davis is a retired Methodist minister and a favorite storyteller of many. If you have never heard him, you have missed a real treat.

Everyone is responsible for ordering their tickets to the festival. You can call 800-952-8392 or check online at <u>www.storytellingcenter.net</u> Check the coupon section in the back for the registration form. We hope you will plan to come join us for this exciting event.

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.



Please register online for the Rally at the Region 10 Website <u>https://region10.airstreamclub.net/</u>. The Rally Fee is \$13.00 per person. When you register, you receive a code to get our guaranteed Early Bird Festival Fee.

For further rally information contact one of your rally co-hosts:

Bob and Darlene Caldwell: <u>airstream267@gmail.com</u> 780-964-5444 or Tom and Marilyn Usselman: <u>usselmant@hotmail.com</u>



REGION 1

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

There is no doubt that these have been trying times and for many of us if not all, making major adjustments in our daily lives. I rarely have trouble in writing the column for Region One, always finding a little something to share whether important or not so important, however this month is extremely difficult. There is nothing I can share with you that you have not already heard or read about.

Looking for just a glimmer of good news has been a challenge but I refuse to give up! August is National Catfish Month! Who knew? Now this major national celebration has some serious contradictions which are still being debated and may become a bit confusing.

"Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 25, 1987, as National Catfish Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh. Signed: Ronald Reagan"

Now, how is it that National Catfish Day is in June but August is the National Catfish Month? In addition, what does this have to do with Airstreams, Wally Byam and our wonderful club? The truth? Absolutely nothing. Obviously, things have been a bit slow to happen in our region with only an occasional rally functioning within guidelines as presented by the CDC and each state's governor's executive orders.

I am happy to congratulate our new Region One Officers and wish to thank them for stepping forward and volunteering their time and efforts in supporting our club. Doug Hart, president, Bard Fuller, first vice president and RJ Dominic, second vice president.

So, looking forward, please stay safe and healthy and as always, keep the shiny side up.



Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor region2.airstreamclub.net

President Rich Short shared the best news with us on May 27th during our very first Region 2 Zoom business meeting! Said he, "It is with great pleasure and great relief that I announce we have a full slate of

Region 2 Officers for the 2020-2021 term!" Of course, all 22 participants in the Zoom meeting, enthusiastically supported the slate which was unanimously elected. Rich wrote in a subsequent communiqué to Region 2 Clubs, "Congratulations to RJ Marquette #13270 of the Washington DC club and Gary Russo #1061 of the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club for stepping up to take the 1st and 2nd VP positions, respectively. I personally want to thank them both for working with me and, most importantly, with each other as we ironed out the details of their service to the Club and our Region. I am confident our future is in good hands and their efforts will continue our trend of a renewed, active, and dynamic Region 2."

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We all know that, going forward, we face a real challenge as we reimagine how to go about Club business and maintain connections in our pandemic world. As I write this in mid-June, some areas of our Region, particularly major cities in Ontario, remain significantly restricted. Other areas are cautiously opening. Each of our local Clubs is focusing on how to protect the health and safety of members. While members connect through virtual happy hours, campfires, social media and phone calls in most Clubs, Keystone PA Airstream was able to have a small rally in mid-May. Everyone was mindful of staying safe – there were no joint meals and folks who didn't live together stayed their 6 feet apart from others during campfire, the sole group gathering. Even with the uncertainty facing us, most Clubs are still hopeful that events planned for later in the summer and fall will happen even though they will likely have a different "look and feel".

Notably, the two Airstream parks in our Region have restrictions in place to deal with COVID-19. As I write this, Penn Wood Airstream Park is open with restrictions such as lower occupancy, first come, first serve, and no access to laundry or washrooms. To avoid disappointment, if you're planning to head there, check their website - http://www.pennwood.org/ - for their current status. Also, Jersey Shore Haven is currently open only to seasonal lease holders. Of course, this may change by the time this issue goes to press, so keep an eye on their website for updates http:// www.jerseyshorehaven.org/

Lastly, by the time you read this, we anticipate that the IBT will have approved President Rich's motions for a name change to Ontario Canada Airstream Club and for the new logo and flag of the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club. Rich says "Thank you to club #124 President Kate Dowsett and #002 President Randy Hill for their leadership in initiating the new name and new look for their respective clubs. Well done!"

Stay safe, everyone, and stay connected.



Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor airstreamclub.org/region3

Let's welcome our new leaders!

Region 3's new President is Bill Wild. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 48 years and have two children and four grandchildren. Bill and Barbara live in Cumming, GA, and are members of the Top of Georgia Club, having served as President during the year the tornado did extensive damage to the Top of Georgia Park. All that behind him, John Leake recruited Bill to be 2VP for Region 3 and now he is our President.

Bill's 34 years working for The Southern Company (Georgia Power) and at the same time being in the Navy (active and reserve), his BBA and MBA in Accounting have served him well in preparing him for this leadership role. Both Wilds have been very active in Airstream rallies as well as in leadership roles in their HOA and their church.

Both Bill and Barbara are excited about the opportunity to serve Region 3's 17 units for the next two years as President.

Region 3's First Vice President is Christine Baum. She and her husband Joe have been married for 38 years and have three daughters and five grandchildren. Christine and Joe live in Richmond, VA, and are members of Spirit of VA Club. Christine is a former teacher, garden club president, Altar Guild member, and a Master Gardener. Christine admits to loving their trailer and camping more than she thought possible and is excited and honored to be Region 3's First Vice President.

Jerry Peterson is Region 3's Second Vice President. He and his wife Debra live in Moncks Corner, SC. They have two children and four granddaughters. Retired after 23 years in the Navy, Jerry worked for Bulldog Highway Express retiring after 22 years as the Vice President of Safety and Training. Members of South Carolina Coastal Club and camping as much as possible, the Petersons also spend their time volunteering at their local church and deliver Meals on Wheels to senior shut-ins.



Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor region4.airstreamclub.net

Just like everyone in WBAC, some local clubs have started to reschedule rallies. New rallies are including social distancing in their planning. Our president, Karen Fisher, will be encouraging the local clubs to list their events online so all members can be referred to airstreamclub.org for upcoming events and details. We regret to inform everyone that the 58th Swiss Festival National Rally and the Swiss Festival in Sugarcreek, OH have been cancelled by the city fathers. It has been the longest running rally in the world. So, hopefully the pandemic will not spoil the record. But we plan to go forward with this rally in 2021, so stay tuned for further details. We hope to see many of you in Sugarcreek next year.



Artie Martin, Contributing Editor region5.airstreamclub.net

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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.

We have a great Region 5 Rally planned in Columbus in September. 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 the region there.

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor airstreamclub.org/region6

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

The Alabama Airstream Club is gearing up to host the Athens Old Time Fiddlers National Rally, September 28-October 4, which includes the 54th annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Athens, AL. This National Rally is sponsored by the WBAC and the Alabama Airstream Club. It is normal to have more than 200 musicians participating for awards in categories that include fiddle, guitar, harmonica, mandolin, bluegrass banjo, dobro, dulcimer, old time singing, banjo, and buck dancing.

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Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will be holding its award-winning, third annual Airstreams on the Square rally, September 10-13 in downtown El Dorado, AR around the Union County Courthouse. The rally coincides with the SouthArk Outdoor Expo on Saturday - a day of live bands, car show, dog show, and exhibits for outdoor enthusiasts. Register online at <u>www.mainstreeteldorado.org</u>. This will also be the club's election rally.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club is planning a Hot Air Balloon Rally, August 13-16, in conjunction with the fourth annual Great Smoky Mountains Hot Air Balloon Festival in Townsend, TN. They will camp at Big Meadow Family Campground. Watch the balloons set up. Talk with the pilots. Arrange for a tethered ride. Experience a balloon "glow." September 10-13 are the dates for the club's Rivets at the Ridge Election Rally at The Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville, TN. For those who enjoy the art of storytelling, club members will be attending the International Storytelling Festival Rally, September 30–October 5, in Jonesborough, TN, Tennessee's oldest town.

The Louisiana Airstream Club events are cancelled until further notice.

Mississippi Airstream Club members will hold their election rally September 10-13 in conjunction with the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club's Airstreams on the Square in El Dorado, AR.

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 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 <u>https://region6.airstreamclub.net</u>

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



Jane Carmichael, Contributing Editor region7.airstreamclub.net

Hello to all from your brand-new Region 7 President. It sure would be nice if I could meet each one of you and could thank you for belonging to this fine Airstream Club. I hardly need to say, but will, that you are the only reason this Airstream Club exists.

The shoes I have stepped into are pretty big. We have been very fortunate to have had really nice Region 7 Presidents to provide leadership. But each 2 years, we have to say good-bye to our Region President.

We thank Don Thomson and his wife Lillian for their dedication as the President and First Lady of Region 7. Don and Lillian held two Region 7 rallies. One was in Fargo, ND and another one in Winnipeg. Don will be the Region 7 Past President for 2 years. Thank you, Don and Lillian, for volunteering to lead Region 7 for the past 6 years. We appreciate

your dedication and commitment to the Local Clubs, to the Region, and to the International. Well done.

The North Dakota Peace Garden and the Minnesota Airstream Club have each cleared their calendars for 2020. The Wisc-UP Airstream Club gatherings may only happen on an informal basis with a few members hoping to go to the Peninsula State Park. I think everyone is anxious to get the tires rolling. Aren't you?

I participated briefly in the Minnesota Airstream Club Zoom meeting and really enjoyed seeing and talking to everyone. It was a happy group and we were all glad to have visual contact with one another. There was a bit of friendly kidding going on, too. Yes, they picked on me...

By now, you know that the 2020 Region 7 Rally has been cancelled and rescheduled. The decision was hard but appropriate. To cancel became the only possible way to assure the safety of our members. I could not put 114 persons on 2 buses and expect any type of social distancing to occur.

So, it came down to common sense.

We are all looking forward to the Region 7 Rally that will be in Marquette, MI from August 19-24, 2021. Updates regarding the 2021 Region 7 Rally will be posted on the R7 website. We will keep the theme of Anatomy of a Murder. Your speakers and presenters are on board, your campsite reservations and rally fees were rolled over, and your activities are being planned.

If you have a chance, please read the Region 7 Summer Newsletter that went out to R7 members in July. We welcome Tim Doherty as our Editor and Bob Manak as Publisher. Thank you for making this happen.

Cheers & Smiles.



Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor region8.airstreamclub.net

CONGRATULATIONS to Andy Selking, our new International President, and the rest of the newly elected International Officers. We look forward to working with you. And THANK YOU Mona for your leadership during this difficult past year!

Some of the Local Clubs in our Region have held rallies and luncheons, being sure to stay safe and social distance. Next month our Installation Rallies will begin, though we have alternative plans should the pandemic continue. We certainly hope things can get back to normal in the near future. I was recently asked by a member what can the Airstream Club organization do in this time of great need. After some thought I issued a challenge - not only to our region's Local Club Presidents, but to all Region Presidents to participate in the collection of money for donation to local charities of their choice. The pandemic's toll on charitable organizations such as food banks, homeless shelters, etc. has been tremendous. The challenge was not to see which Region would raise the most in donations, but to simply participate in the challenge of helping others locally. Stay tuned for more on this effort in the next *Blue Beret*.

Stay safe!

REGION 9

Joanne Miller, Contributing Editor region9.airstreamclub.net

Howdy! The year 2020 is certainly going to go down in the history books as a year like no other. Perhaps by now, almost the end of summer, some things have slowly gotten back to a "new normal", whatever that may be. Stay-at-home orders have been lifted, I hope, but we are most likely still practicing social distancing and wearing masks whenever we leave home. Some of our favorite places may finally be reopened. We may even have been lucky enough to do some traveling this summer. Maybe we have gradually resumed activities that we had to put on hold until conditions started to improve. With daily changes in restrictions, regulations and conditions, it would be a very good idea to check the status of a situation before you plan to attend an event, or travel.

The month of August has many Daily Holidays, and Special and Wacky Days. When you google "August", you will find something listed for everyday during the month. However, many events, festivals and exhibits are being held virtually this year. Check all listings and choose something you might not "normally" do. You might enjoy a "virtual visit" to an unusual location, festival or event. You might enjoy it so much that you decide to add it to your Bucket List for future consideration when you can actually attend in person. Until so many things are resolved in our daily lives, keep making lemonade with all those lemons in your basket. Need a good recipe?

Region 9 was one of the Regions that cancelled its annual Rally which was scheduled for this past spring. Like many other Regions, business meetings, elections, and training sessions, as well as fun activities are scheduled to take place during the Region Rally. This year Region elections were held via electronic voting, training sessions were limited,

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business meetings were conducted via Zoom, and fun activities were skipped. Many of us have become quite adept at conducting or attending Zoom meetings. Is this going to be a new norm? I hope not! Personal contact with old friends and the opportunity to make new friends is so very important to all of us. We all missed the in person socializing and our friends. I guess that will have to wait awhile, until we can once again meet in person.

A giant Region 9 THANK YOU, with hugs, to Immediate Past President Bill Kindle and his First Lady, Dorma. They visited local clubs, installed officers, planned events and handled Region business for us during the past two years. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer as our leaders and to help us remain a healthy and growing Region. Thank you!

The Region Leadership Torch has been passed to our 2020-2022 Leaders. We are pleased to announce that Region 9 has a complete slate of Region Officers for 2020-2022. Congratulations to our new Region 9 Officers: President, Bill Miller; First Vice President, Nancy Fitzgerald; Second Vice President, Scott Graham; Secretary, Keith Ferry; and Treasurer, David Thompson. This Leadership Team is full of enthusiasm and exciting new ideas which will continue the familiar traditions and create new ones within Region 9.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: The first Region 9 Rally to be cancelled was in April 2020, due to COVID-19. Did you have the correct answer?

Until next month, participate in a new activity or event while staying healthy and safe. Enjoy the rest of your summer! Let's all send this little note to August:

Dear August, Please be awesome. Please be great. Please be different. We're ready!



Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor region10.airstreamclub.net

Summer is fading fast!

BUT, we still have great weather ahead; with a bit of good fortune, you are able to attend our upcoming rallies. I have to admit, this has been a very unique season.

We continue to keep in touch with friends, and fellow members through virtual rallies, zoom or FaceTime chats. It is amazing how our community can come together to connect.

We welcome Rhonda Levine and her partner, Judy, and furry friend, Monte, as our Region 10 Board 1st VP. Congratulations, and thank you for volunteering to join the leadership team.

We have been enjoying our Airstream and "camping" adventures very close to home.

It is interesting to see how folks can adapt to our new "normal". We can enjoy ourselves, cycle, kayak, canoe and visit over campfires all within 50 Klm of home. Some members have been enjoying happy hours or playing scrabble or rung ho in their Airstream in the driveway! Airstreamers are creative.

Region 10 Vintage club held a virtual rally; but most of us are anticipating that we will be able to attend our fall rallies in reality.

The Sun Valley Jazz Festival rally is still in the works for October. There will be many Units rallies possible also.

As the campgrounds and parks open, let's enjoy and appreciate the opportunity. Explore as much as you can and as far as you are able.

Stay healthy, stay positive and check the Region 10 website (<u>region10</u>. <u>airstreamclub.net</u>) for the latest details of rallies, and updates.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor region11.airstreamclub.net

The Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club is meeting at Ruby's Inn Campground near the entrance to Bryce Canyon National Park on August 13-19. The park is open, but activities may be limited. This is Bryce Canyon and the attractions are the views to the East and the trails that wander through those views.

The New Mexico Airstream Club will be meeting at the Red River RV Park in Red River on August 18-24. Red River is in northcentral New Mexico on NM 38. The scenic drive north from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, then Taos and on to Red River is a memorable adventure that includes interesting mountain driving, great look out sites, and fun towns to stop and shop.

The Colorado Airstream Club is having a "Just Campin" event in Arrowhead RV Park on August 13-16. The site is on or near the Arkansas

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river and is known as a world class fishing area as well as a whitewater rafting challenge. All sites are full but remember this site as a place to camp when traveling thru the mountains of central Colorado.

The Airstream Club's Southwest Adventure Caravan will be starting their Caravan in Albuquerque, NM on August 16 and may travel thru some or all of the above sites over the next seven weeks. This Caravan could be called a tour of Region 11.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor airstreamclub.org/region12

Hello to my sheltering, streaming friends in California and Nevada. Instead of asking "What's up," "What's not up" seems more appropriate. Never fear however, R12 clubs have been up to good things during this time.

The NorCal club created a Haiku Contest (Japanese form of poetry). There were three winners:

Ray & Carrie Bell Hitched up and unplugged

Forgot the steps, bent

The entire checklist complete

Cathy Maffei

Rambling down the road Silver home trailing behind Joining streamer friends

First Place went to Sharon Froelich On the road a tow Chair circle lit from fires glow Stars above chin high

Not only did NorCal also have a "Zoom" Happy Hour, they had a training session on how to use the social media app before the event.

The South Coast club took up a challenge from Region 8 and raised \$3000+ for charity. This was money they would have used for cancelled rallies. The El Camino club also got into the donation mode.

Other clubs also got busy sewing face masks (flamingo fabric was popular). Some newsletters also had photo galleries showing members doing alternative activities instead of rolling down the road.

It looks like most groups are holding onto their fall plans for limited gatherings. The R12 rally is sold out and still on the books at this time. However, Riverside County, that Palm Desert is in, is making shut down noises. We will see what transpires in the future.

Pasadena will decide whether or not they will have a Rose Parade by August 1st. That will tell us whether or not there will be a Rose Parade

Rally. If they cancel it, that will end the last 36 years of R12 involvement in that event.

On another note, I wanted to mention the passing of a historical and beloved member of Region 12. Marion Bechthold ended a 99-year love affair with life this winter. She founded the Golden West club (now Sacramento Valley AC) with her husband. They infected their son Ken with "Aluminitis" and he passed on the disease to his wife Judy. It's always important to remember the people that came before us and started this great organization. See you down the road.

EUROPE

lan Jamieson, Contributing Editor http://europe.wbcci.net

We are at last seeing easing of the lockdown and I hope that, by the time you read this, we will have had chances to meet at rallies somewhere. Camping places and national borders are opening. We have had to cancel two rallies planned for May and July but there are three planned for later this year. Details and updates will be in emails and on the website.

Social distancing measures will still be in place in some countries and where there are local hot spots, but the number of infections is now very low in most countries except the UK.

New membership has picked up again as people see the prospect of Airstreaming returning to normal. It slowed due to the virus lockdown, but the membership numbers remain strong and approaching 100.

Airstream sales in Europe have continued and it is likely that more people will take to camping holidays because staying in home countries and avoiding airports, flights and hotels have become a popular choice. Airstream Germany, the importer for mainland Europe, posts regular photos on social media of new owners driving off with their new trailers.

Communication is still good between members via email and the Facebook group, "The Airstream Club International / Europe." Meetings have been held using Zoom video conferencing software and these have been useful in keeping interest going by agreeing strategies for the next 18 months and keeping Europe in touch with the Club's international committee.

The planning of 2021 rallies has been brought forward. Dates are agreed and six rallies have been arranged. Updates and information for rallies is on the website and adding the six in 2021 brings the total of rallies yet to be held to nine! The virus has challenged our organisation but it has not dampened the spirit of friendship in the Europe local club. AIRSTREAM

From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

Greetings from your extended Airstream family here in Jackson Center, OH! In these unprecedented times, I hope everyone is safe and healthy while enjoying their Airstream this summer!

When I last wrote to you, it was in May and we were experiencing an incredible amount of interest for our products. The month ended with a record number of retail deliveries at our dealers. In fact, it was the biggest retail month since 1980, which is as far as records go back to! And then we entered June, and June blew May away in terms of retail sales setting a record once again. It was clear something had shifted in the industry. We went from concerns during the stay-at-home orders that business would come back to concerns that can we build enough to keep up with our dealer orders!

What is driving the record sales? Airstream is seeing an influx of new customers who have never owned an RV before. In fact, all of our metrics are through the roof right now from website traffic and brochure downloads to media impressions. Our marketing team conducted a survey to see how people will change their vacationing habits over the coming years and the results post-COVID-19 were astonishing. Considerably more people are now turning to the great outdoors for their vacations and recreation time and it is driving sales to record numbers across the RV industry.

This is really good news for all of us. The increased demand increases the residual value for your Airstream. In fact, used Airstream values, which have always been high, are increasing even more. It is good for the club as you should see new members, and most of these new members have never owned an Airstream before, so the club is in a great position to help integrate them into the lifestyle and community. And finally, the added business is great for us and comes at a great time when we have a larger factory for both our travel trailers and our touring coaches. In fact, our capacity as a company has never been larger.

As a result of the increase in sales, and in particular, the influx of first time Airstreamers, we have pivoted to help new owners with added resources. On our website, we have added more "How To" videos in case a new owner is stuck and doesn't know how to troubleshoot or operate a system on their Airstream. The Airstream team is also researching new technologies that could help new owners in other ways moving forward. Things are moving fast, and we want to make sure they have everything they need to enjoy their new Airstream so they will be customers for life.

The new travel trailer factory has really helped in this new world of social distancing. There is much more room that allows our associates to spread out much better. Over our annual 4th of July shutdown, our motor home operations moved to the old travel trailer plant which more than quadrupled their manufacturing space, and like travel trailers, couldn't come at a better time for

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added social distancing during the manufacturing process. Our number one priority is to methodically increase rates to supply our dealers while keeping our associates safe and maintaining quality.

As a result of the record retail months combined with our factories being idled for six weeks, our dealer inventory is the lowest it has been in over a decade. The lack of dealer inventory is driving a record number of retail orders which is compounding the dealer inventory problem. These are good problems to have, but many of our dealers are now completely out of inventory which is a real challenge for them and us. Airstream knows how important it is to supply our dealers so they can keep their employees working. It is something we take very seriously. Unfortunately, the remainder of the year is going to be very tough as we slowly, but surely ramp up.

As we head toward the fall, it will look a lot different than years past as two major shows have been canceled – the Hershey, PA show in September and the Fontana, CA show in October. In fact, we had rescheduled the Alumapalooza rally for September but had to cancel it as well. It is important we all do our part to remain as safe as possible. Airstream understands our role in this process, and we are proud of the fact we make a product that allows people to safely travel across our great nation!

So, on behalf of 887 hard working families here in Jackson Center, Ohio, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our company. It means the world to each of us and is something we are very thankful for every day! I hope to see you each on the road soon!

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 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT

Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club -

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capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 6-9
 Sagadahoc Bay Rendezvous, Sagadahoc Bay CG, 9 Molly Point Lane, Georgetown ME, Jared & Heather Lawler 207-831-4712, <u>airstream4998@gmail.com</u>

 Sep 4-7
 Flea Market Finds Rally, Village Green CG, 228 Sturbridge Rd, Sturbridge MA, Larry Lamontagne 413-245-9941, <u>larry-pat@eckon.net</u>
- Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club -

charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

Aug 14-16 Wine Tasting Rally, Traveler's Woods, 152 River St, Bernardston MA 01337, Gail Downing 203- 241-2537, <u>ctnanabug@comcast.net</u>

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

Aug 7-9 Outdoor Mystic Art Festival Rally, Seaport RV Resort & CG <u>https://www.</u> <u>mysticchamber.org/events/mystic-outdoor-art-festival</u>, 45 Camp Ground Rd, Old Mystic CT 06372, Tess McShane 860-536-4113, <u>suzzypoi@gmail.com</u> Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - guebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

Aug 20-23 Weekend Couverte Vignoble, Weekend enivrant, Camping Domaine Tournesol 450-263-9515, 327 Chemin Brosseau, Cowansville QC J2K 0B4 Canada, Janelle Harbec & Claude Brodeur, janelleharbec@gmail.com

REGION 2 Activities

Region 2 Website: <u>Region2.Airstreamclub.net</u> CANCELLED Sep 11-13 Pennsylvania State Rally, Centre Hall, PA

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club - <u>al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net</u>

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club – <u>centralpa.airstreamclub.net</u>





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

Aug 14-16 Hickories Park Rally in Owego, Hickories Park <u>http://townofowego.com/</u> parks-department/, 359 Hickories Park Rd, Owego NY 13827, John & Nancy Hussar, <u>hushearts@greygoosegraphics.com</u>

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

Sep 17-24 Finger Lakes Rally, Hammondsport/Bath KOA 800-760-0947 https://koa.com/campgrounds/hammondsport/, 7531 County Route 13, Bath NY 14810, Gayle & Rob Sunde, <u>rsunde@verizon.net</u>

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net



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

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

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

 Aug 13-16
 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

 Sep 17-20
 NC Outer Banks Rally, Sanctuary Vineyards, 7005 Caratoke Hwy, Jarvisburg NC 27947, https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/nc-outer-banks-rally/, Bruce Thompson, 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

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

Florida Airstream Club - http://floridaunit027.wbcci.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.wbcci.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

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net

Sep 2-7 Labor Day Rally – Elections, Top of Georgia, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Tim Johnson 706-878-3590, indi51619@gmail.com

Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

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



Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

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

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

 Aug 20-23
 Rally, Kokosing Valley CG 740-599-7056, 25860 Coshocton Rd (SR 36), Howard OH 43008, Jack & Elaine Ketterer 330-806-4127 or 330-649-1706, jketterer@neo.rr.com or eketterer@neo.rr.com

 Sep 17-20
 Rally, Austin Lake 740-544-5253, 1002 Township Rd 285A, Toronto OH 43964, Linda Stallard, stallardtax@aol.com

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

Jul 29-Aug 2	Social Distancing C19 Rally, Pipestem Resort SP CG 833-987-2757
	https://wvstateparks.com/park/pipestem-resort-state-park/, Route 20,
	Pipestem WV 25979, Wayne Barth 304-320-7717,
	<u>cwbar@suddenlink.net</u>

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

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

Miami Valley Airstream Club - miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net

Aug 5	Breakfast, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH,
	Ralph Reboulet 937-433-0632, rreboulet@sbcglobal.net
Sep 2	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

Aug 13Dinner meeting, Oak Park Tavern, 2919 St Rt 430, Mansfield OH Marty
Weithman 419-468-5004Sep 12Picnic & Election of Officers, Harrison Smith Park, 525 E Wyandot Ave,

Upper Sandusky OH, Ruth Pierce 419-989-7351



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

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

Aug 19-23	Rally, COE Outflow Camping Area, 1579 Mae West Rd, Confluence PA 15424, Rick & Elaine Richardson 440-812-6490,
Cap 17 00	rickelainehq@gmail.com
Sep 17-20	Rally, Sauder Village CG, 22611 0H-2, Archbold OH 43502, Dave & Nanc Brett 330-774-1287, dbrett@zoominternet.net

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club -

southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

Aug 19-23 Joint Rally w/Mohican Valley Ohio AC, Markin Glen County Park CG, 5300 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49004, Chip & Lori Deleeuw 517-250-5060, cdeleeuw@comcast.net

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



Central Indiana Airstream Club -

centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 16-20 Business Meeting, Bartholomew County FG, 750 W 200 S, Columbus IN 47201, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, <u>damon.beals@gmail.com</u>
- Indiana Airstream Club indiana.airstreamclub.net
- Kentucky Airstream Club kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 14-16
 Buddy Rally Rock Cut SP, Rock Cut SP, 7318 Harlem Rd, Loves Park IL 61111, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, <u>pschw@msn.com</u>

 Sep 18-20
 Road America Vintage Festival, N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth WI 53073.
- Sep 18-20 Road America Vintage Festival, N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth WI 53073, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

Aug 20-23 Amana Colonies Rally, Amana Colonies RV Park, 3850 C St, Amana IA 52203, Beverly & Carroll Hensley and Waneta & John Riggenbach

REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: airstreamclub.org/region6 Oct 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA

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

Alabama Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/alabama

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 13-16 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
- Sep 10-13 Rivets at the Ridge Election Rally, The Ridge Outdoor Resort 865-505-3111 <u>http://www.TheRidgeOutdoorResort.com</u>, 1250 Middle Creek Rd, Sevierville TN 37876, Bruce Jones 865-679-1820, <u>b.w.jones@icloud.com</u>

Louisiana Airstream Club - Iouisiana.airstreamclub.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - <u>musiccity.airstreamclub.net</u>

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - pensacolaflorida.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

 Sep 16-21
 Fall Installation Rally, Prairie Island CG, 1120 Prairie Island Rd N, Winona MN 55987, Chuck Dodd, 055president@airstreamclub.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

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



Greater St. Louis Airstream Club -

greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net

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

lowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

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

Iowa North Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

 Aug 5-9
 Rally, Miller Park, 1002 Sanborn St, Sanborn IA 51248, Fred & Ann Marcalus 515-310-2816, marcrxia@globalccs.net

 Sep 9-13
 Rally, Prairie Flower Recreation Area, 10263 NW Lake Dr , Polk City IA 50226, Dave & Candy Jones 563-340-5658, cejones4210@gmail.com







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Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net

Sep 16-20 Fall in the Ozarks Rally, Mountain View RV Park, 711 N Bayou Dr, Mountain View AR 72560, Rick & Marsha Keith 918-314-1041

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

- Aug 1 Luncheon, Austin's Rest., 11180 S Lone Elm Rd, Olathe KS 66061, Lynn & Sue Anderson 913-484-7943, <u>kla47sea@me.com</u>
- Sep 5 Luncheon, Johnny's Tavern Topeka, 2821 SW Fairlawn Rd, Topeka KS 66614, Tracy & Glenda Ridgeway 785-478-9665, <u>ridgeway1@cox.net</u> Sep 9-13 Fall Installation Rally, Rutlader Outpost RV Park, 33565 Metcalf Rd, Louisburg KS 66053, Charles & Nadine Colbert 913-484-9864,
 - ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net

Nebraska Airstream Club - nebraska.airstreamclub.

net



Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

East Texas Lakes Unit

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Sep 10-13 Bonham Car Show Rally, Bonham SP, 1363 State Park 24, Bonham TX 75418, Kristin Speake 903-952-8521, <u>65airstream@gmail.com</u>

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Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net

 Sep 3-7
 Labor Day Rally, Blue Lagoon RV Resort, 717 Fulton Beach Rd, Rockport TX 78382, Clark Gardner 713-204-8126, rcg1726@comcast.net

 Oct 1-4
 Fall Rally at Brazos Bend State Park, Brazos Bend SP, 21901 FM762 Rd, Needville TX 77481 Clark Gardner 713-204-8126, rcg1726@comcast.net

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net

- Jul 26-Aug 1
 Gulf Coast Caravan, Dellanara RV Park, 10901 Termini-San Luis Pass Rd, Galveston TX 77554, https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/ events/

 Sep 18-20
 Heart of Texas goes to Oklahomal, Great Plains SP, 22487 E 1566 Rd,
- Mountain Park, Oklahoma TX 73559, <u>/explore/heart-texas-camping-unit</u> Sep 21-Oct 1 3 State Caravan, First night of caravan: Palo Duro Canyon SP, 11450 State Hwy Park Rd 5, Canyon TX 79015, <u>https://heartoftexascamping.</u> <u>airstreamclub.net/events/</u>

North Texas Unit - <u>northtexas.airstreamclub.net</u>

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

Sep 9-13 Rally: It's a Wonderful Day in our Neighborhood, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson 936-635-2094, emmalee@consolidated.net

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net

Sep 10-13 Wine & Roses Rally, Bushman's RV Park 903 894-8221 https://www. bushmansrvpark.com/info, 51152 US-69, Bullard TX 75757, Keith Ferry 832-928-5727, ferry-keith@hotmail.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Sep 30-Oct 4 Rally, Gonzales TX 78629, Tim & Allison Ebbers, Timberintx@gmail.com

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

Aug 19-24	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
Sep 9-13	Lubbock Rally, Ransom Canyon TX 79366, Joan & Larry Luman
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806-786-3477, <u>Lluman@sptc.net;</u> Betty & Ron Foley 806-300-5592, bettyjayfoley@gmail.com

REGION 10 Activitie

Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

CANCELLED 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

 Aug 21-24
 Officer Installation & Business Meeting, River Pond CG, 40 S Middle Fork Rd, Garden Valley ID 83622, Duyane & Judy Canada 208-921-2860, decanada@gmail.com

 Sep 17-20
 Rally in the Narrows, Narrows RV Park, 33468 Sodhouse Ln, New Princeton OR 97721, Kim Blackburn & Gary Betts 208-322-3411, redhead58@gmail.com

Inland NW Airstream Club

Aug 21-24	Nakusp Rally, Arrow Lakes 925-354-2988 <u>https://www.</u> nakuspcampground.com/, 4th St at 10th Ave, NW, Nakusp BC VOG 1RO
	Canada, Dave Johnson, davidj8@ymail.com
Sep 11-12	Cataldo Mission & Business Meeting, Kahndersosa RV Park, <u>https://www.facebook.com/TheKahnderosaRvParkCampgrounds/</u> , 14343 S Latour Creek Rd, Cataldo ID 83810, Dave Johnson 208-661-5136, <u>davidj8@ymail.com</u>

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

Aug 13-16	Bend Brewfest Rally, Crown Villa RV Resort, 60801 Brosterhous Rd, Bend OR 97702, <u>https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/bend- brewfest-rally</u> , Gayle McConnell & Steve Cunningham, Rhonda Coleman, gayle@lutink.com
Aug 20-23	Belknap Hot Springs Rally, Belknap Hot Springs & Spa, 59296 Belknap Springs Rd, McKenzie Bridge OR 97413, <u>https://oregon.airstreamclub. net/2020-schedule/belknap-hot-springs-rally</u> , Ray & Jeanean Craig, John & Laura Jacobsen, Buzz & Lynn Blick 503-507-8044,
Aug 27-30	jeaneancraigresults@outlook.com 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 &
Sep 3-6	Judy Mitchell 541-664-2558, tholmesrn1@charter.net Crafts by the River Rally, Boardman Marina & RV Park, #1 West Marine Dr, Boardman OR 97818, https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020- schedule/crafts-by-the-river-rally, Heather Cook, Dace Roll, Lise Driggers, ilovebeachmusic@icloud.com
Sep 11-13	Waldo Lake Boondocking Rally, Waldo Lake Shadow Lake CG, C Group site, Crescent, Willamette National Forest OR 97733, <u>https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-waldo-lake-boondocking-rally</u> , Jim & Cheryl Jordan, Jay & Cindy Muir 541-760-8417, jordandvm@msn.com



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- Sep 11-13 April Foolish Rally in September, Casey's Riverside RV Resort, 46443 Westfir Rd, Westfir OR 97492, <u>https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-april-foolish-rally</u>, Mel Simrell 971-202-3040, <u>melsimrell@gmail.com</u>
- Sep 24-27 LaPine State Park Rally, LaPine SP, <u>https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/lapine-state-park-rally</u>, 15800 State Recreation Rd, LaPine OR 97739, John & Laura Jacobsen 541-424-2200, jacob47@peak.org
- Sep 29-Oct 2 Not a Weekend Rally, Linn County Riverbend CG, 45931 Santiam Hwy, Foster OR 97345, <u>https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/</u><u>not-a-weekend-rally</u>, Mo & Jim Ableman, Rhonda Levine 541-760-1197 <u>ablemanj@aol.com</u>

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 6-9
 Salmon Rally, Washington Land Yacht Harbor 360-491-3750, <u>https://washingtonlandyachtharbor.com</u>, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia WA 98513, Randy & Sherry Perryman, <u>perryman.randy58@yahoo.com</u>
- Sep 10-13 Election & Installation Řally, Washington Land Yacht Harbor, 360-491-3750, <u>https://washingtonlandyachtharbor.com</u>, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia WA 98513, Terry Miller 360-259-3758, terrymiller5622@gmail.com



Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

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Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

Sep 17-20 Flagstaff Rally, Woody Mountain CG, 2727 W Rte 66, Flagstaff AZ 86001, Rick Carmichael, <u>rick@carmichael.be</u>

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

- Aug 13-16
 Buena Vista Just Campin', Arrowhead RV Park http://arrowheadpointresort.com/, 33975 US Hwy 24N, Buena Vista CO 81211, Shari & Rob Davis, shari@insideout-design.net Carter Lake Rally at South Shore, South Shore CG at Carter Lake https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/parks/carter-lake, 971 N Co Rd 31, Berthoud CO 80513, Susan & Von Campbell 970-449-3059, susan@nighthawknest.com
- Sep 24-27 Just Campin' at Ridgway State Park, Ridgway SP, 28555 Hwy 550, Ridgway C0 81432, Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann 317-910-0986, <u>cbshear@gmail.com</u>

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

- Jul 30-Aug 2 Crook Campground Summer Rally, Crook CG, Mogollon Rim, Payson AZ 85541, <u>https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html</u>, Cathy Verhines, <u>cverhines@gmail.com</u>
- Sep 4-7 Third Annual Chile Run Rally on Labor Day Weekend, Rose Valley RV Ranch & Casitas, , 2040 Memory Lane, Silver City NM 88061, <u>https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2020-chile-run-rally.html</u>, Chris & Tom Kirk 602-320-8966, <u>christinekirk60@gmail.com</u>

New Mexico Unit - <u>newmexico.airstreamclub.net</u>

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

Aug 13-17 Rally at Bryce Canyon National Park, Ruby's Inn CG, 300 S Main St, Bryce Canyon City, UT 84764, <u>https://utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net/rally/</u>Barb & Jim Powell 801-208-9300, <u>utahairstreamers@gmail.com</u>

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



Jan 1, 2021 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Unit - www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area

Jul 30-Aug 3 Jackson Rancheria "Social Distancing" Rally, Jackson Rancheria RV Park <u>https://www.jacksoncasino.com/hotel/rv-park</u>, 12222 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson CA 95642, Dennis Shakespeare, <u>dshakespeare@airstreamclub.net</u>

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/lake-tahoe

Aug 7-10	Clio River's Edge Resort Rally, Clio River's Edge RV Park https://rvthelostsierra.com/, 3754 Hwy 89, Clio CA 96106, Linda Maddox
	714-393-9858, lindaas7831@gmail.com
Sep 24-28	Black Oak RV Rally, Black Oak RV Resort <u>https://www.blackoakcasino.</u> <u>com/</u> , 19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne CA 95379, Shari Gong 209-403- 8541, <u>sharigong1223@hotmail.com</u>

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Aug 5-9	Fort Bragg Rally, Pomo RV Park, 17999 Tregoning Lane, Ft. Bragg CA,
	Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com
Sep 9-13	Coast Redwoods Rally, Ancient Redwoods RV Park, 28101 Valley of
	the Giants, Redcrest CA 95569, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884,
	plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

Sep 17-21 Bodega Bay Rally, Bodega Bay RV Park, 2001 CA-1, Bodega Bay CA 94923, Jack & Shirley Whitcomb, <u>hpjack@comcast.net</u>

San Diego Airstream Club - <u>www.airstreamsandiego.com</u>

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net



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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	3/2-3/18
Cajun Country A2	3/9-3/25
Start: Breaux Bridge, LA	Stop: Lafayette, LA

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

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.

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Springtime in Kentucky Start: Bowling Green, KY	4/21-5/13 Stop: Berea, KY	Southwest Adventure Start: Albuquerque, NM	8/16 -10/4 Stop: Albuquerque, NM	
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		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.		
bring your derby hat.		Made in U.S.A.	9/7-10/9	
Taste of the Blue RidgeStart: Bryson City, NCS	Stop: Greenwood, VA	Start: Jackson Center, OH	Stop: Milwaukee, WI	
		Discover how some well-known products are manufactured,		
Bring your camera, binoculars, fishing and – most importantly – sense of adv	• • • •	starting at the Airstream factory.		
vacation with us in the Blue Ridge Mountains!		Ores, Shores, Waters, and Ligh Start: Manistique, MI	nts – East 9/11-9/26 Stop: St. Ignace, MI	
Springtime in the Rockies Start: Estes Park, CO	5/27-6/22 Stop: Gardiner, MT	See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops.		
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.		Northern Lights & Polar Bears 9/12-10/11 Start: International Peace Garden MB/ND Stop: Winnipeg, Manitoba		
Viking Trail Start: North Sydney, Novia Scotia Sto	6/23-8/18 p: North Sydney, NS	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		
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world-renowned Calgary Stampede wh "greatest outdoor show on earth."	•	The letters GTT were familiar in the United States during the early 1800's. They meant "Gone To Texas". Come with us and see why it was the place to be.		
Nuts for Ruts: Finding the Oregon	Frail			
• •	7/29-8/29 (approx.)		6.	
Start: St. Joe, MO St	top: Oregon City, OR	Sho-Me the Ozarks	9/30-10/27	
Following the path of the early pioneers		Start: Mountain View, AR	Stop: Van Buren, MO	
plains searching for the actual ruts the way west. We will visit museums, histo find wonderful places to meet and eat.	orical sites, and will	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 feed not to be missed		

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Start: Forrestville, CA

6/12-7/7 (estimate) Stop: San Dimas, CA

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Southwest Adventure

Start: Albuquerque, NM

8/15-10/3 Stop: Albuquerque, NM

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Start: Jackson Center. OH

9/6-10/8 Stop: Milwaukee, WI

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Northern California Airstream Club Rally at Napa, CA submitted by Bob Vasser, #26071





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