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President's Corner

Headed to a New Destination in Tennessee



As I sit here and write this month's President's Corner, I am reminded that even during these trying times, the club's business is still getting done. In the middle of July, the International Rally Committee members gathered in Lebanon, TN for several days to finalize plans for the 2021 International Rally. For most, this was the first time to get out and go somewhere in their Airstreams. Practicing social distancing, wearing masks and using hand sanitizer was the norm during our time together. A lot was accomplished and the plans have been pulled together for a great rally next year. The staff at the fairgrounds went out of their way to make us feel at home with their hospitality and showed us some great local foods that we can all enjoy at the International Rally next year. We have located several places to get your fix of ice cream, which always seems to be high on the list of a good Airstreamer.

As people have started getting out in their Airstreams this summer, I find that slowly we are figuring out the ways we can still go camping and be safe. A lot of the campgrounds I have stayed at this summer have been fairly full but have been adjusted to deal with the COVID related items. I know that for some of you getting out and going somewhere is still not on your schedule. That is ok. I want every one of our club members to be safe. With Zoom meetings and Facetime, things are still getting done at all levels of the club. Some units have a Zoom social hour so they can talk and connect with their friends from afar and enjoy each other's company. There are many ways to stay connected to fellow club members. I want to encourage all of us to use the platforms you have at your disposal to keep us connected during these times.

The club continues to get record numbers of new members signing up to join us. I have been to the home office four times since the beginning of May. All four times, we had a new weekly record of new members. Coincidentally, Amanda, our club membership coordinator, would like me to stay all the time in Jackson Center so the numbers of new club members would continue to set new records. If these new members are part of your local club, please reach out to them and make them feel special and a part of this great club. Airstream Inc. continues to report record sales since mid April. This should be good for the club as most are first time buyers and potential new members. We have a great opportunity to grow the club this year.

If you haven't signed up to attend the 2021 International Rally, there is still time to do so. Check out the Rally website for the details. You can also join us on the Facebook page or twitter. Great things have been planned for this rally. We hope no one would miss out and not get to attend. Look on page ____ for some of the historic things to see in Lebanon. I want to thank the Lebanon and Wilson County Tourism group for this information.

See you down the Road.

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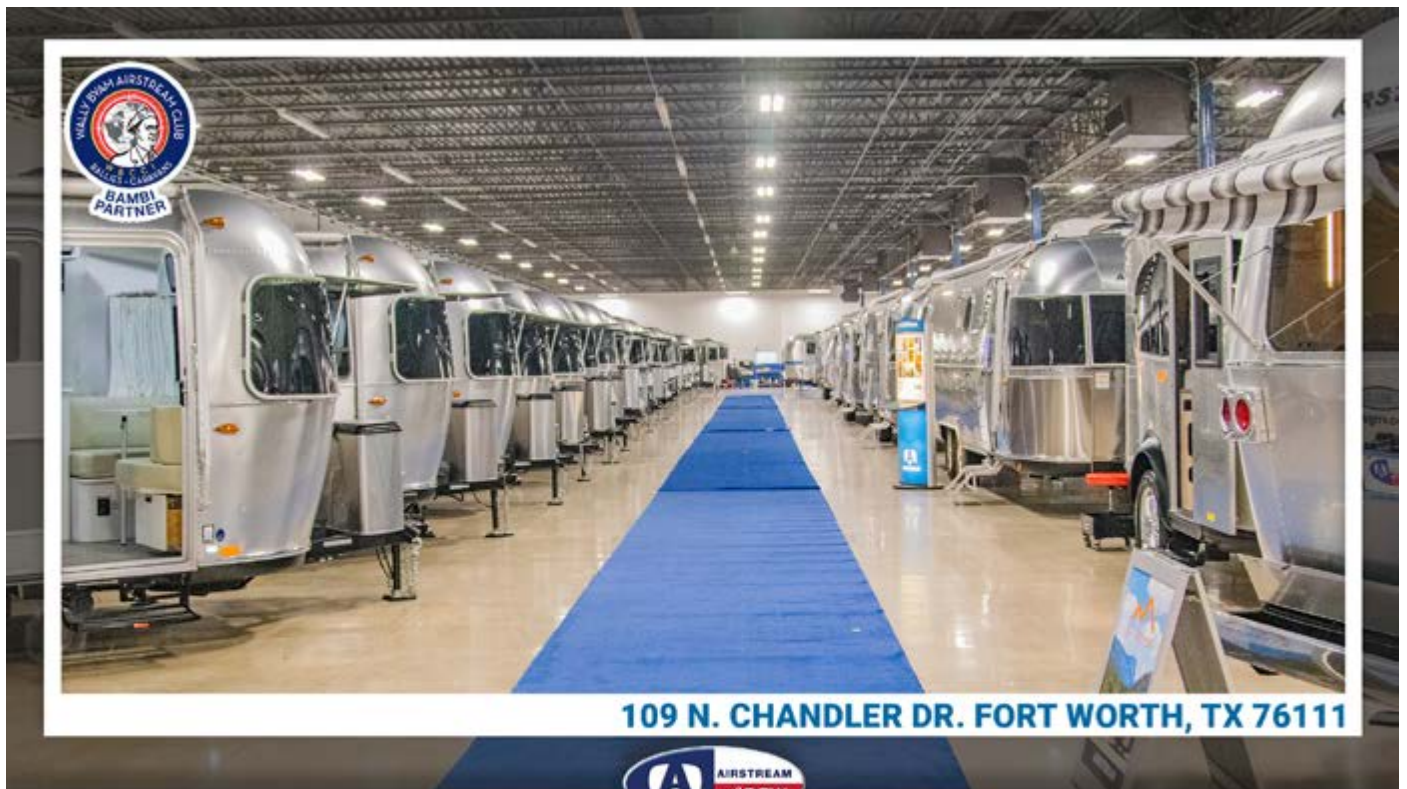
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Try This Tortilla Dip At Your Next Round Up!

Mark and I camped at Lake Owen (north of Cable, WI) for a couple of weeks in mid-July and it was more crowded than I've ever seen it. Can't fly? Camp! Trailer sales are booming, and I hear that Airstream can't keep up with the demand. Many dealers are sold out, and used Airstreams are a hot commodity as well. We will all remember this summer as the summer of cancellations: Loveland, Alumapalooza, most caravans and rallies. But we persevere, because we love our Airstream travels and what it does for our life experiences. We are a group of enthusiastic devotees who honk at an Airstream we pass on the road. A cult, maybe, but a good one, with great people who have changed my life. I've made so many friends these last four years, ones I hope to keep forever. And as the rallies and caravans return, we will make more friends. I consider myself an unabashed foodie, but I've met so many others who are cooks, bakers, grillers and passionate about food in many ways. I've learned so much from them. So thank you to all I've met, and will meet, and the food you've fed me, and the things you've taught me.

So... about the food. There is so much to try, new things every day, successes and failures. But I learn something from all it. I tried some Turkish Shish on metal skewers with lots of peppers and onions at Lake Owen, inviting family over for a test run. You know what they say about not making something new for guests? Hmm... never followed that rule. This time though, the meat melted off the skewers into the wood fire (should have covered grill with foil?) But what we saved was delicious and I'm going to try it again. Just not for company. If successful, I'll pass it along.

Also at Lake Owen, I learned from a niece of Mark's how to make a healthy and delicious tortilla dip called Cowboy Caviar. Also could be used as a topping for chicken or nachos. The kind of thing so good you could eat it with a spoon. Mostly raw, mostly vegan (except the honey, which could be maple syrup instead). Easy, but a number of ingredients and a lot of chopping. But it can be made in the trailer and it's worth every minute it takes to make. It makes so much that you can take it to a potluck.



Cowboy Caviar

Directions: Add everything to a big bowl. Make the dressing, pour over and mix.

Ingredients:

1 can black-eyed peas (drained, rinsed)
1 can black beans (drained, rinsed)
1 can corn (drained)
3-4 fresh tomatoes, small dice
1 red or orange bell pepper (or ½ of each), small dice
2 jalapeños, seeded, small dice
½ of a red onion, small dice
1 avocado, large dice (if you chop too small it disappears into the mixture)
A handful of cilantro, chopped not too fine. You want to be able to see it.

Dressing:

Juice of one lime, 1 tsp chili powder, 1 tsp cumin, 1 tsp salt, 1 T honey or maple syrup, ¼ cup of olive oil. If you want it tangier, add some white wine vinegar.

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



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Where did the summer go?

Many of us have been staying home, slipping out now and then for a trip in our Airstreams. Here in Oregon, we canceled all official rallies but kept site reservations so people could have a more casual “gathering” instead. No shared food but socially distant happy hours definitely happened. It was different but so great to see friends and get out in Alice the Airstream for some fresh air.

Speaking of summer coming to a close, we are nearing renewal time for your membership in the Airstream Club International. As you may recall, in the past, you needed to renew your membership by November to be included in the membership directory. But now, you will have the entire calendar year to renew your membership to be included in the directory. Now it will be published in February. The first renewal reminder will come from headquarters instead of your local club. All members will receive an email in late August, reminding you that it’s almost time to renew. A postcard will come to you shortly after as another reminder.

You’ll be able to renew easily online. If you prefer, you can still send a check or call the office to share a credit card.

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Speaking of membership: Lifetime Membership sales are booming! We’ve had 11 lifetime registrations in June vs. 9 in all of last year. People are getting on board with the potential cost-saving measure. With a Lifetime Membership, you’ll no longer pay yearly International dues. However, you’ll still need to pay local club dues if you belong to a local club. The cost of the LM is calculated based on the average age of the member(s). You’ll need a photo or scan of your driver’s license or other proof of age. For example, for Hal and me, we calculated the cost of a Lifetime Membership to be \$650. With annual dues at \$75, the lifetime

membership will pay for itself in less than ten years. Think about it. If you love your club and plan to stay a member, it’s a good deal.

I hope you are all staying well out there. Camping in your self-contained Airstream is one of the safest things you can do right now. We don’t know what 2021 will bring in terms of gathering as local clubs, but here in Oregon, we’re getting prepared. I’ve booked 27 rallies for our club, so we have sites to camp, even if we don’t know what those rallies will look like. We might share food and activities, we might not, but grabbing campsites now seems like the best idea. As you may know, Airstream is experiencing record numbers of people buying trailers during the pandemic. And other brands of RV’s are selling like hotcakes as well. Makes sense, right? But few new campgrounds are being built. This means there’s going to be tremendous pressure on the sites that exist now. If you can plan ahead and make rally reservations now, I think you should consider doing it. Even reserving a year in advance, I encountered parks that were already booked for the dates we wanted. Our state parks are only booking 30 days in advance, so we couldn’t secure those for 2021. But private parks and some county parks were often more bookable well into the future.

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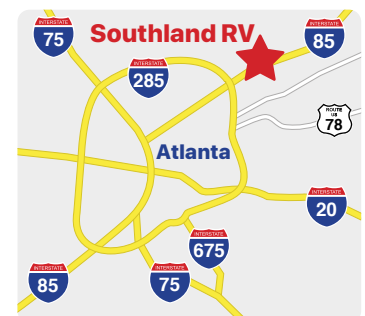
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Introducing the Indie Streamers Intra-Club

Are You a Solo Airstreamer?

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Do you Airstream solo some or all of the time? If so, you know that there are special challenges to traveling alone that may not be addressed by current club media.

The Airstream Club International is proud to announce that a provisional charter has been approved for a brand new Intra-Club, “Indie Streamers” (short for Independent Airstreamers).

The Mission: “Indie Streamers” who travel independently enjoy mutual support by sharing common interests and challenges through a moderated forum, social gatherings, friendship and the joy of safe and secure travel and camping.

Regular membership in Indie Streamers is open to any current member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. with an emphasis on independent travelers. *There are no dues.* The impetus for the Indie Streamers arose from conversations among Airstreamers who travel solo all or part of the time and encounter challenges not generally faced by those traveling with partners, such as:

- Hitching alone
- Backing without a spotter
- Socializing as a single at rallies and on caravans
- Ensuring safety on the road and at campgrounds
- Care of pets while shopping or touring
- Emergency repairs on the road
- Cooking for one
- Finding camping while in transit, planning ahead
- Navigating when the GPS isn't accurate

By connecting with other Indie Streamers through a private, moderated forum, members will have the opportunity to ask and receive advice, learn how others have confronted these and other challenges, and potentially make connections for traveling and camping with other Indie Streamers.

Perhaps you have been solo streaming for years and have a wealth of information to share, or maybe you are just starting your journey and can bring a new perspective to the experience. Either way, Indie Streamers can learn from each other.

If you would be interested in joining Indie Streamers, please click on the link below and you'll be added to the membership list. When the private forum is developed you will receive a login and password so you can start connecting with other independent travelers in the Airstream Club.

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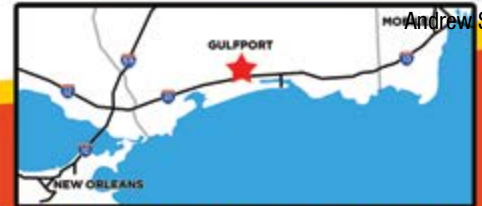
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There and Back Again

Part 1

(with apologies to J.R.R. Tolkien)

Stephanie Storms, #1547

"You're doing what?" This was the almost universal response of friends and family when we revealed the plan for a coast to coast, counter clockwise road trip in our Airstream. After confirming our commitment to this adventure, almost everyone said, "You're crazy."

Well, maybe. We'd done several longer road trips before – up to six weeks (driving up to 3,500 baseline miles), plus lots of shorter trips and weekend getaways. But putting this voyage together, contemplating more than 4 ½ months on the road and baseline driving of more than 15,000 miles, was a challenge.

Hi there - I'm Stephanie. My husband Max LaCounte and I took off from Sonoma, CA in our 2010 Airstream 25FB Safari on March 15, 2019. The Ides of March – was it a bad sign? Definitely not, though there are always challenges on such a long trip. We saw so many places and had so many adventures, too many to give each of them justice in this article. Instead I'll focus on places and experiences that stood out and sort of gloss over the rest.

Eagle View. After driving south through the Coachella Valley in Southern California, we paused to visit friends and family in the Phoenix area, staying at the lovely Eagle View RV Resort (Asah Gweh Oou-O) in Ft. McDowell, home of the Yavapai Nation. The RV park is perched on a bluff overlooking the Verde River valley. We were lucky to encounter naturalists from the Arizona Bald Eagle Management Program, who set up spotting scopes on the bluff. We actually saw a bald eagle! Beautiful as this site was, and as interesting as Phoenix is, our main destination in Arizona was Tucson, surrounded by the Sonoran Desert.



Eagle View

Tucson - Desert Water, Bikes and Spikes.

We avoided I-10 and drove the "back way" to Tucson, through Florence, AZ, stopping at the Windmill Winery. Who knew there are wineries in the desert? It was a short drive on through Tucson to Lazy Days KOA. Next day we woke to the sweet smell of orange blossoms - the RV park is full of citrus trees! We took off for Sabino Canyon, deciding to walk up the canyon and take the shuttle bus back down. We needed the exercise! Sabino is a special place, rising from the Sonoran Desert floor, following Sabino Creek into the Santa Catalina Mountains. Saguaro and typical Sonoran Desert plants cluster at the bottom, giving way to plants more adapted to the rocky, steep canyon sides.



Lower Sabino Canyon

We were headed for my parents' favorite shuttle stop, to remember them and honor their final years in Tucson. However, we'd never been here in the early spring, and found the low water crossings inundated! Undeterred, we crossed anyway.



Low Water Crossing

A new adventure awaited next day – exploring Tucson's historic Old Town. We strolled the North 4th Avenue arts and historic district and met up with our bike tour group at Tucson Bike Tours. Owner/guide Jimmy gave a great tour of the various historic districts in this area.



Biking in Old Town Tucson

Two final stops in Tucson drew us the following morning: the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum and Saguaro National Park. In retrospect, we were overly ambitious trying to do justice to both in one day. We'd visited both before,

but they never disappoint. So, starting at the Desert Museum – it was a wonderful sunny day with a cool breeze. Our arrival coincided with the full pandemonium of hundreds of school kids disembarking from busses! Despite this, everything calmed down once we were on the main trail, exploring several new exhibits.



Desert Museum Path

This is an interactive museum, with exhibits showing the plants and animals from many different Sonoran habitats. We had a late lunch at the Ocotillo Café, highly recommended if you have time for a sit-down meal.



Green Spikes



Pincushion Flowers

Sated, we headed off to Saguaro National Park - the Tucson Mountain Unit, located west of Tucson beyond the Desert Museum. This unit features the hotter, drier “low Sonoran” ecosystem, dominated by Saguaro cactus. From the excellent Visitors Center, we saw so many, many Saguaros, spread over the valley and backing hills in wild profusion. Saguaros grow



Saguaro Vista

very slowly, generally sprouting their first “arm” at 50 to 70 years. At maturity they can reach 60’ tall!

We had just enough time left to drive the Bajada Loop, stopping at Signal Hill picnic area to hike to the Hohokam petroglyphs. The dusty, partially paved drive and hike up the hill were truly worth it!



Hohokam Petroglyphs

Restaurant recommendation: Bistro at Tohono Chul Botanical Gardens. The gardens and galleries are fascinating, but the Bistro is the best part!

Deep in the Heart. Pressing east, we drove through New Mexico and West Texas on our way to Fort Worth to visit Max’s granddaughter, a freshman at Texas Christian University. She gave a great tour of campus and introduced us to the Fort Worth Stockyards. Yes, it’s touristy, but we had a great time, especially when the cowboys drove longhorn cattle through the streets. Next stop – Central Texas.

Texas Hill Country. We would be exploring San Antonio and visiting friends in Austin, so decided to stay at Hill Country Cottage and RV, near New Braunfels, which is sort of halfway in between. First stop – San Antonio. My dear friend Mollie grew up in San Antonio so we were armed with recommendations. Of course, everyone “does” the River Walk, lined with restaurants, galleries, shops, museums and other attractions of all descriptions. The River Walk is below street level, was initially created as part of a plan to control flooding on the river, and partially funded by the WPA.



Riverwalk with River Boat

On our visit it was somewhat overrun with tourists like us, but still so much fun! We had lunch at Boudro’s, outside right beside the river, and headed to the Alamo, not too far away. The entrance line was so long we elected to forego the building and instead walked the lovely “convento” courtyard.



In the Alamo's Convento Courtyard

Returning to the River Walk, we wandered everywhere, decided not to take one of the river boat tours, and instead ended up in La Villita, an artisan village on the National Register of Historic Places. The Little Church of La Villita is a gem.

Visiting Austin the next day was driven by my desire to drag Max to all of my old law school haunts at the University of Texas. We were able to find every apartment and house I lived in during 6 years in Austin!

Central Texas is known as the Hill Country; unlike much of the state, it has rolling hills, lots of lakes and many rivers to explore. After Max bought a pair of “roper” style cowboy boots, we took off on what I call our Hill Country Ramble – north of Canyon Lake and then to Blanco,



Luckenbach Funnel Cakes!

Luckenbach (Willie and Waylon and the boys were not in residence, but we ate funnel cakes to make up for it), Fredericksburg, and back to New Braunfels.

We extended the trip the next day, visiting the town of Gruene (pronounced “Green”), which has very atmospheric bars and restaurants built into historic riverside grist mill buildings.

Restaurant recommendation: Both overlook the River Walk in San Antonio - Boudro's and the Fig Tree (in La Villita) were most memorable.

Swamp Thang – the Atchafalaya Basin. From New Braunfels to Henderson, LA is over 400 miles, and though driving is all on I-10, the roadway was terrible in many places. After 7 jagged hours, we pulled into Cajun Palms RV Resort. Next day we drove to Lake Henderson



Our Trusty Airboat

and booked an airboat tour with Atchafalaya Basin Landing & Swamp Tours.

Guide Nick took us on a great tour! The swamp is beautiful, a bit spooky and filled with swamp-specific plants and animals.



Cajun Swamp

We saw three alligators (Boudreaux, Roxanne and Hercules), and a large osprey nest with mom and dad tending eggs.



Roxanne thinks we can't see her under her camouflage

Parts of the swamp have been invaded by a water weed from Brazil that is now spreading to the Mississippi delta. The floating weeds are pretty, but prevent sunlight from getting to the water below. As a result, native plants die off and oxygen levels in the water plummet. They have not figured out how to get rid of it and fish populations are way down.

Next stop was Avery Island, home of Tabasco hot sauce. They have a lovely museum and self-guided tour of the barrel rooms and processing plant. Tabasco uses unique peppers that are custom grown for them in several countries. After being mashed and salted, they are put in oak barrels and sealed with salt on top for three years before being blended with vinegar.



Tabasco Ageing in Salt-Covered Barrels

Tabasco sauce is sold all over the world – we saw a display of bottles labeled in 25-30 languages! The rest of Avery Island is a nature and bird reserve with many walking trails (and its own resident alligators).

We survived huge thunderstorms that night, with both flash flood and tornado warnings. After brunch in Lafayette, we visited the Acadian Cultural Center, a unit of the US Park Service's Jean Lafitte National Historic Site. Interesting exhibits, and a good movie about the French speaking Acadians (known as Cajuns here in Louisiana) and their expulsion from Nova Scotia.

Restaurant recommendation: Blue Dog Café in Lafayette, operated by the sons of renowned local painter George Rodrigue; many of his paintings adorn the walls and the Cajun food is wonderful.

NOLA. New Orleans is worth its own article, and I don't have enough space! So a few highlights: French Quarter RV (who knew you

could park your rig in a safe, clean, pretty park within walking distance of Bourbon Street?), the French Quarter itself (especially back streets and jazz clubs like Snug Harbor and the Spotted Cat), beignets (even if Café du Monde has a line around the block, they are available at other spots), the WWII Museum (amazing; we spent two days and did not see it all), and the River Road plantations on the lower Mississippi (Laura Plantation is a standout because it was a Creole plantation, unlike Oak Alley and other famous places).

Santa Rosa Sound. Heading east from NOLA, we landed in Navarre, FL – for a vacation from our vacation. Santa Rosa RV Resort is right on the Sound, with beautifully landscaped sites and great amenities. We needed to rest, read and sun by the pool.



View from our RV park across from Santa Rosa Sound

On a day when the weather was unsettled, we drove along Santa Rosa Island, one of the barrier islands that form part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The dunes and waving dune grasses stretched out to the Gulf of Mexico. We visited Fort Pickens, built in 1829 to protect the entrance to Pensacola Bay and its large naval shipyard. At the time, it represented the most modern technology and was one of the “Third Line” of defensive forts built on the US coastline. Of significant note - the Army used enslaved, skilled workmen from New Orleans and enslaved, unskilled workers from local plantations, paying their owners for the work.



Ft. Pickens Parade Ground

Our final stop was the Pensacola Lighthouse, located on the grounds of the Pensacola Naval Air Station (home of the Blue Angels). It is maintained by a local nonprofit and is in great shape.



Pensacola Lighthouse

Restaurant recommendation: Red Fish-Blue Fish in Pensacola Beach; honorable mention – the Say Cheese Airstream food truck in Destin.

St. Augustine. Founded by Spanish explorers in 1565, the city is the oldest continuously inhabited European settlement in the contiguous US. Spain controlled it for 200 years, before ceding it to England, which ceded it back after 20 years. Spain ceded the city to the US in 1819. St. Augustine is now one of our favorite places. The city has taken many steps to preserve its historic sites and neighborhoods.

It is very walkable and though there are certainly “touristy” things around, the overall effect is graceful. Our base of operations was the very nice Compass Rose RV park.

After taking an introductory trolley tour of the city, we headed to Anastasia Island to visit the lighthouse and get our first view of the Atlantic Ocean. Next day we began exploring in earnest, with the help of our guide Dale from Gold Tours. While the trolley tour was fun (there are several competing companies), we decided we needed an in depth, more private experience, and Dale did not disappoint. Most memorable were the

narrow streets in the old part of town, especially the houses built of cypress wood, which is highly resistant to bugs and rot.



Cypress House

The most famous is Gonzalez-Alvarez house, the oldest house in St. Augustine, with a history dating to 1723. Its lower floor was built from coquina blocks by the Spanish and the upper floor of wood clapboard was added by the British.

We also loved the beautiful hotels built by Henry Flagler in the late 1800s to promote St. Augustine and his railroad: the Ponce de Leon Hotel (now Flagler College), the Alcazar Hotel (now the Lightner Museum) and Casa Monica (still a hotel).



Casa Monica

St. Augustine was a “presidio,” meaning that the entire town was fortified, not just the fort. Regardless, the Castillo de San Marcos truly anchors St. Augustine. It is the oldest masonry fort in the US, was built with coquina blocks quarried on Anastasia Island, and was never taken by force. As a result, it is in beautiful condition. It’s location on the harbor is stunning, too. One favorite experience was a video presentation on loading and firing cannon and flintlock muskets.



Entrance to Castillo de San Marcos

Restaurant recommendation: Preserved, in the Lincolnville Historic District. Favorite atmospheric “Old Florida” joint: Hurricane Patty’s, overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway.

Savannah and the Low Country. Heading up the Florida and Georgia coasts to Savannah provided tense moments. The weather worsened, tornado warnings abounded, and we were pelted with rain and huge wind gusts, especially on the bridge over the St. John’s River in Jacksonville. The trusty Airstream performed like a champ.

Savannah is a lovely city built around 22 squares linked by a grid street system. The entire area is a National Historic District. We were there for several days on either side of Easter weekend, and on Easter Sunday decided to walk the historic district on Bull Street from



Fountain in Forsyth Square

Forsyth Park to the Savannah River. It seems most of Savannah was out strolling in their Sunday best, along with artists, street musicians and dogs!

While we did not see all 22 squares, the ones along Bull Street were magnificent, surrounded by mansions, churches and public buildings, all on a plan devised by founder James Oglethorpe. Our walk ended at the Savannah River; the city is and has always been a major Atlantic seaport.

Three, four and even five story commercial buildings line the river front, connected at city street level by the Factors Walk and at river level by River Street. Deliveries and storage occupied the lower levels, with offices on top. Pedestrian access from city street level is by way of bridges high above river level.



Factors Walk from the Upper Street Level

We took a road trip into the “low country” just north of the border between Georgia and South Carolina. Most compelling was Beaufort, a small town with lovely antebellum mansions along the Beaufort River (both pronounced “byou’-furt”). It was the home of author Pat Conroy and is the location of the Pat Conroy Literary Center which, unfortunately when we were there, was closed.



Mansion on the Beaufort River

A highlight for us was Fort Pulaski, on Cockspar Island, one of Savannah’s barrier islands. Built in response to the War of 1812, it is an engineering marvel with 15-foot thick brick walls, a moat and a maze of earthworks outside. Inside we enjoyed the best ranger led tour ever! More amazing engineering – a rainwater collection and filtering system, a system that created drafts to remove gunpowder smoke from the casemates, a drainage system to remove waste from the moat, and a system of

wooden pilings on which the entire brick fort was built. However, all of this technology was made moot by changes in technology – the advent of rifled cannon which could shoot longer and straighter. The beautiful walls were breached during the Civil War by Union cannon on Tybee Island, causing the Confederate garrison to surrender.



Cannonball Holes in Ft. Pulaski’s Brick Walls

Restaurant recommendation: Fox & Fig on Troup Square – it’s vegan!!

Charleston. Another city worth more space than I’ve got! We spent lots of time at a series of reunions with Max’s cousins, several of whom live in the Charleston area. Some highlights: the South of Broad neighborhood and brightly painted row houses (unlike Savannah, Charleston suffered a lot of damage at the end of the Civil War; it was rebuilt in a different style), a walk along the Battery (Charleston is at the confluence of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers), Middleton Place (a plantation on the Ashley River, with the first formal gardens planted in the US), Patriot’s Point and the carrier USS Yorktown. Fort Sumpter is also in the harbor, and although it’s a significant historic site, in truth there’s not much left to see – it was bombarded down to ruins in unsuccessful sieges by the Union throughout the Civil War. Several lower gun ports have been restored and it’s a stunning location – the fort was built on a reinforced sandbar!

OBX – Coastal North Carolina. I’d always wanted to visit Cape Hatteras, for its beaches, dunes and lighthouses. Also, I was born and raised in Dayton, OH, quite close to the home the Wright Brothers built after they became

famous, so I had to see Kitty Hawk. Our destination was Camp Hatteras RV, toward the southern end of Hatteras in the hamlet of Waves. We chose a site on Pamlico Sound rather than on the Atlantic beach side, and it was a good choice – great sunsets and lots of kite surfers.

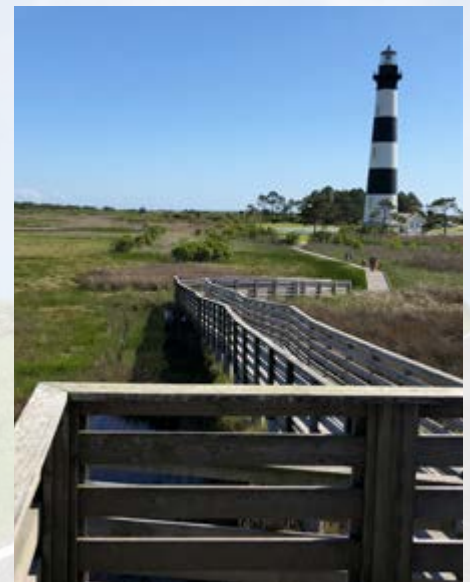


Dayton Girl at Wright Brothers Memorial

The Wright Brothers National Memorial is adjacent to Kill Devil Hill, site of the first sustained flight in 1903. The recently upgraded museum was great, and includes a full-scale replica of the original flyer, which is in the Smithsonian. At the top of Kill Devil Hill is an

impressive memorial to the brothers. High and sustained winds made this the perfect place to explore flight.

Those winds combined with strong currents and shifting sand also created a peril for mariners, so OBX has several lighthouses. On our way back to the RV park we visited Bodie Island Lighthouse (pronounced “body”), located in a gorgeous marsh.



Bodie Island Lighthouse

Back home at the Airstream, we found a restaurant/bar on the Sound and watched many kite surfers at sunset.

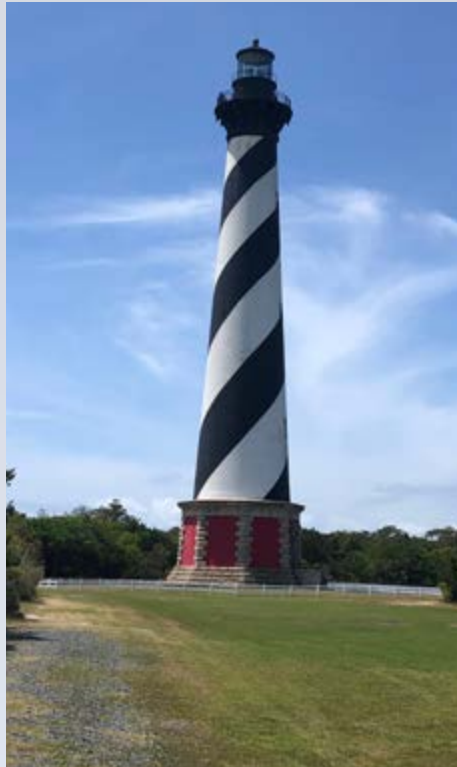


OBX Kite Surfers at Sunset

Next day we drove to Oracoke Island, accessible only by ferry. We had a long wait in the ferry line, but once on the island traffic moved well. The village was charming, the Park Service has a good Visitors Center, and we drove out to the Oracoke Lighthouse. It's small and you can't enter, but very charming. On our way back to the ferry we stopped to see the Banker Ponies, descended from shipwrecked horses who managed to swim ashore. These horses were chosen by the Spanish for their small stature and great strength. They ran free on the island for years, until the road was paved. After too many horse/car accidents, the Park Service built large fenced-in pastures called "pony pens."



Banker Ponies in their Pen



Famous Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

One final favorite - the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse: amazing, beautiful, very imposing. Per the ranger, it was built after the Civil War as a symbol that the US is one nation, and we're strong together. Did you know that it was moved from its old location in 1999, at great expense, because the ocean was encroaching?

Restaurant recommendation: Watermen's Bar and Grill, Waves, NC

At Rest. OBX was the last major stop on the first part of our circular tour. We drove to my friend Mollie's house in lower Delaware. The Airstream and Tundra rested there for two months; we flew home, knowing we'd return to resume the trip a couple of months later.

One Night Wonders - Places We Stayed That Offered Happy Surprises:

Van Horn, TX – We had no idea what would be in store for us here – the lovely, restored El Capitan Hotel.

A great bar, too, serving the full restaurant menu!

New Bern, NC – The New Bern KOA is a lovely spot on the Neuse River, with a fishing pier, kayak rentals and many activities for kids. It was severely damaged by Hurricane Florence in September of 2018, less than a year before our visit.

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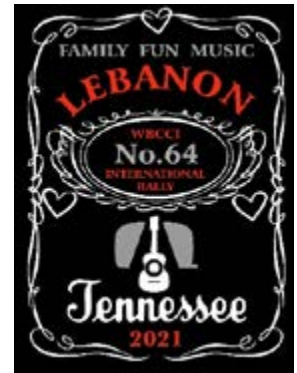
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Can-Am RV to our Rescue

Larry Duffy & June Muir-Duffy, #4665

April 22, 2020 found us in New Zealand under a strict lockdown. To make matters worse, we were on the South Island about 18 miles south of Nelson Airport. As far as isolation goes, it was a very safe location, on a farm about two miles of dirt road from a main highway. Every day we would check on our flight back to Toronto and the times and dates kept changing. It looked like the earliest we could go was May 7th. On Wednesday April 22nd, we left early in the morning to get groceries. Under NZ lockdown rules, we could only travel to get groceries or go to a drug store. So we were doing our weekly shopping and that meant only June could go in the store and I had to wait in the rental car.

When we returned to the farm with a little over \$200 of supplies, I checked on our flight home and it had disappeared from the Air New Zealand site. I called them and then spent the next two hours on the phone talking to a woman that was working from home, I could hear the kids in the background. It came down to a choice, board a plane at Nelson Airport for a 7:05 am departure the next day or wait until May 21st. We thought we had better go next morning because waiting just seemed too risky.

So, 7:05 am to 7:45 Nelson to Wellington, 9:15 am to 10:20 Wellington to Auckland, 9:45 pm to 2:55 pm (LA time) Auckland to Los Angeles. Then to our booked hotel, stay overnight then on April 24th 12:30 pm to 8:02 pm (Toronto time), LA to Toronto. Simple, right? Well, not really. We had to do laundry, pack, arrange returning the car to a company that was closed, book a hotel, put the insurance back on our truck, and figure out what we would do on Friday night in Toronto when we got off the plane. We knew about the two-week isolation thing, but we have been full timing since 2009. Our truck and trailer had been stored at Can-Am since we left the country at the end of October 2019.



June at the deserted Auckland International Airport on April 23

Desperate for ideas, I emailed Andy Thomson; it was titled "Panic". He answered right away, "no problem, I will send one of my guys to the airport with your truck. He will have a car hooked on the back of it, you take the truck and he can go home in the car. You can do your two weeks in your trailer here on our lot, we're closed anyway."

Well, talk about a relief! It all worked out fine. By 10:30 pm Friday night, we were in our pre-warmed trailer with power and water. The next issue was groceries. Pat Leggatt came to our rescue. She gave us groceries from her own stock and then by Sunday, we could add to her online order to tide us over.

Isolating in an Airstream trailer turned out to be no problem with the authorities. When they asked us at the airport if we knew we had to isolate for two weeks, we just said we did and

we had a plan! They never asked what the plan was.

Can-Am also let us stay on longer while we waited for our RV Park to open May 20.

We want to give our heartfelt appreciation to all the staff at Can-Am RV and especially to Andy for coming up with a great plan. While he was taking care of us, we saw Kirk out taking RV's to help front line staff to use so they could isolate themselves from their families.

A great big Thank You goes out to Pat Leggatt and to Murray, who also gave up his homemade stews and soups!

Stay safe. Be kind.

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

Courtesy Parking Dream

Ed & Lauren Moore, #12747

When planning a trip with our Airstream, we use a variety of resources. The WBCCI Courtesy Parking map is bookmarked for such occasions. We consider our destination, optimum travel time and other stops along the way.

Last fall, while planning such a trip, we reached out to a WBCCI member in Evergreen, CO. I emailed with our Club numbers, desired arrival date and length of our Airstream, indicating that we were not traveling with children or pets. We have plenty of solar power and prefer boondocking experiences to typical campgrounds, so the fact that this member didn't have power at the site was not a concern for us. We exchanged phone numbers and he asked me to text with approximate arrival time.



This is where it gets exciting! Approaching our deadline, my phone rings and it's our host, confirming our exact mile marker location on the interstate. Wait! What? He tells me he is behind us and plans to guide us to his house (talk about above and beyond). However, first he plans to pass us, exit at the next ramp, and take a photo of our Airstream coming over the hill. We had

never taken this route and had no idea what was on the other side but ok! We crested the hill just in time to see the Rocky Mountains at sunset. It was absolutely breathtaking!

As promised, he caught up to us on the highway and called to confirm which vehicle we were to follow. That was a good thing as it was nearly dark. By the time we arrived at his house, there was total darkness with only headlights to guide us. He helped us get into the spot and invited us inside for a glass of wine. We met his lovely family and sat on the deck outside near his fire pit while chatting about Airstreams, of course.



Morning revealed the most magnificent scenery with the aspen and fir trees for which the mountains are famous. It was so quiet and authentically magical! Our host invited us to stay another night and gave us tips for things to do in the area, even a text telling us a herd of elk was crossing the road in town. (We saw that, too.)



We never expect anything more from a host than a safe place to park overnight (and maybe the opportunity to see another Airstream) but this is one experience we will never forget. I'm sure it's exactly what Wally had in mind. At the end of your life, all you take with you are memories you have made of the places you have been and the people you have met along the way. The Airstream community has the best people. Oh! And our host? Yes, we still keep in touch.

P.S. Courtesy Parking is one of our favorite things about membership. We meet people, see their Airstreams, and get to know them on a more personal level.



In Memoriam

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

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Mission Possible: Airstream Serves as COVID-19 "Life Preserver"

Lew Brodsky, #2585

In April, our daughter, who lives in New York, contacted us with a dilemma. Her in-laws live in Maine and have a winter house in Florida. They were about to drive back to Maine from Florida during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. It would be a 1,600-mile road trip, almost entirely on Interstate 95. They planned to make the long drive in two days but were understandably reluctant to spend a night in a hotel along the way for fear that a rented room could be contaminated with coronavirus. They said they would be pulling off I-95 midway to sleep in their car. But our daughter had a better idea.

Knowing that we keep our 27-foot Airstream Safari trailer alongside our home, she called us and asked if we could de-winterize it immediately to accommodate her husband's parents overnight. It made perfect sense. We live in Northern Virginia a mile from I-95 and our home is just about halfway between central Florida and Maine. Also, we know and love her in-laws, Dan & Joan. Under normal circumstances they would be welcome to stay in our house but, in these strange times, most Americans are avoiding close contact to "mitigate the spread of the virus." Throughout April, we remained homebound as COVID-19 infections continued an upward spiral in the D.C. metro area. We felt safe and healthy at home and wanted to keep it that way. But, by offering Dan and Joan use of the trailer overnight, they would be welcome, comfortable, and quarantined!

It was a no-brainer. Years earlier we installed an RV electrical power outlet, along with a water spigot and a sewer connection next to the trailer. These allow us to power up with full hook-ups and use the trailer as separate, detached, "apartment." This is a great convenience, especially on Thanksgiving when lots of family members visit and the bedrooms and bathrooms in the house are insufficient.

We swung into action, determined to brave the unseen viral enemy, and get the Airstream ready for our overnight guests. We drained the RV antifreeze from all the water lines and sanitized them. We installed new water filters. Then we hooked up a supply hose to our "city water" and powered up all the systems. We tested the furnace, hot water heater, refrigerator, faucets, shower, toilet, and TV. We put in fresh towels, made up the bed, filled the liquid soap dispensers, and put in snacks, microwavable lasagna, soft drinks, some nightcap booze, and fresh flowers. We added a doggie bed and biscuits for their dog, "Koko." After we deployed the stabilizing jacks and placed an American flag out front, the Airstream was officially ready to serve as a "COVID-19 Aluminum Life Preserver."

Of course, "social distancing" was still imperative, so we telephoned our traveling guests and left the trailer door unlocked for them. We asked them to pull into the driveway upon arrival, enter the trailer, phone us, and make themselves at home for the night. This

was the first time Dan and Joan would be in an Airstream, so we placed written instructions in the trailer, headlining the paper "Dan & Joan's Excellent Airstream Adventure!"

After driving the first 800 miles of their journey, they arrived at 10:15 p.m. Once inside the "silver bullet", they dialed us up and exclaimed they were delighted with such "cozy" accommodations. Joan was amazed by the large shower and the efficient layout of an Airstream. "There's a place for everything," she said.

We knew they would have questions, especially concerning operation of the heating system and the toilet, and we were able to coach them because we each had I-Phones and could communicate easily with Facetime calls. Then, we in house, and they in the trailer, bedded down for a restful night.

In the morning, we all met in the driveway, remembering to practice social distancing and wear masks. Finally, we waved goodbye as they got underway for the second 800-mile leg of their trip home to Maine, leaving our Airstream as tidy as they found it.

Mission accomplished!

Thank You to the Northern Virginia Airstream Club for sharing your newsletter article with the *Blue Beret*.



Full hook-ups are installed on the side of the Brodsky home. They enable the Airstream to accommodate overnight guests in comfort.



In the morning, a masked Joan was most grateful for a cozy and restful night in Lew & Cathy's Airstream.



A not-too-subtle bed throw informed Joan and Dan they were safely staying in an iconic Airstream "silver bullet."



Flowers, food, drink, and an instruction sheet greeted the travelers.

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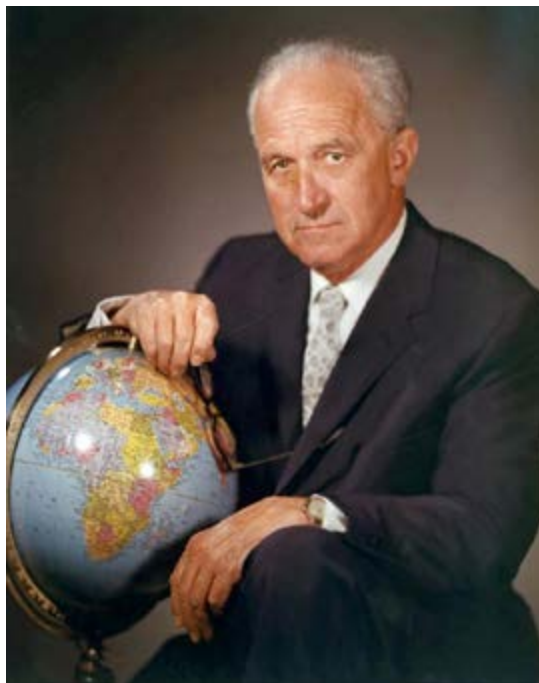
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Wally and Stella Byam - Heritage #1

At the virtual IBT Meeting on June 27, 2020, Wally and Stella Byam's #1 was approved as a Heritage Number which allows it to be recognized as such in the annual WBCCI Membership Directory and protects it from being reassigned to anyone else. This formal recognition was long overdue. As the founder of the Airstream Company, the father of Airstream Caravans, the namesake of our Club, and the leader of many historic caravans culminating with the 1959-60 African Caravan, there is no Airstream number more deserving of being recognized as a Heritage Number than Wally and Stella's #1.



Wally Byam, the World Traveler

"I am a man of extremes – either I will be a big boss, a rousing success, or a blank failure. In my heart I know I'll be a glorious success, and my name will go down in history."

After high school, Wally spent time as a seaman which explains his tendency to apply nautical names to Airstream trailers. In 1921, Wally graduated from Stanford University with a degree in history, not law or engineering as has been erroneously reported in the past. Wally began his post college life working in advertising and publishing which allowed him to hone skills that would

Though this article will not be a full biography, let us start with a few details of Wally's early life. Wally was born on July 4, 1896 in Baker City, Oregon into a life of hardship. He began working to make money at an early age and began his lifelong love of camping tending sheep in a small wheeled trailer pulled by a mule. Upon graduating from high school in 1916, Wally penned a comment in his journal that would define his life going forward:



Wally (cooking) and Marion (far right) camping with an early Airstream in the 1930s

later help him promote and grow Airstream. In June 1924, he married Marion James. While Wally loved hiking in the mountains and tent camping, Marion did not like sleeping on the ground, so in 1929 Wally was inspired to create a tent trailer for her. Eventually, this evolved into a hard-sided trailer and soon friends were asking him to build similar trailers for them.

In 1931, Airstream was born when Wally opened a factory to produce trailers in quantity, though initially they were made of wood and Masonite. In January 1936, the iconic riveted aluminum Airstream Clipper joined the product line.

After closing Airstream in 1941, Wally spent the wartime working at the Lockheed Aircraft Company. After the war, he led the travel trailer division of the Curtis Wright Company for a short time before reopening Airstream in May 1947.

Still the camping enthusiast, and consummate salesman, in 1951 Wally decided he needed to show a new customer how to get the most enjoyment from his Airstream, so the two made a camping trip to Ensenada, Mexico. They enjoyed themselves so much that for their next trip they decided to see how far into Central America they could pull their trailers. After their trip was advertised in trailering magazines, 63 trailers of all brands showed up at the rendezvous point. Between December 1951 and March 1952, they made it to Managua, Nicaragua and back.

The trailer caravan had been born.

In September 1952, Wally divorced Marion and married Estelle "Stella" North Hall who quickly became his enthusiastic sidekick. It is doubtful that Wally could have pushed his caravans to the zenith they eventually reached without Stella by his side.

Over the winter of 1952-53, Wally led his second trailer caravan on a tour of the west coast of Mexico. Wally hired a photographer and publicist to travel with his third caravan, the 1954 Mexico Caravan, resulting in coverage in numerous newspapers and magazines. His caravans quickly became larger and more daring. In the summer of 1954, Wally and Stella led the first Canadian Caravan. In 1955, they led 500 trailers on a Mexican Caravan. In 1956, Wally and Stella led caravans to Europe and Cuba. In 1959-60, they led their last caravan the length of Africa from Capetown, South Africa to Cairo, Egypt and then on to Trieste, Italy. In total, Wally and Stella led about 15 caravans between 1951 and 1959, but Wally was not done dreaming. In 1963-64 his dream of an Around the World Caravan finally came to fruition, though he did not live to see it.

By 1954, Wally's caravans were so popular that Caravanners began asking for a club to be formed. In 1955, Wally finally relented and allowed the Wally Byam Caravan Club to be created using his name. At the Caravanners' request, the club was restricted to Airstream owners, even though



Wally and Stella in costumes promoting the European Caravan at an Airstream Rally



Wally and Stella on the European Caravan



Wally's Birthday Party during the 1958 International Rally



Wally and Stella promoting the African Caravan at the 1958 Palm Springs Rally

Wally's caravans were still open to all brands of trailers to showcase the better durability and self-containment features of Airstreams. In 1957, Wally's caravans became restricted to "Airstreams only" as the most practical way to keep them to a manageable size.

The caravans were tremendous marketing opportunities for Airstream with frequent press releases, but the caravans themselves also needed promoting. Wally and Stella were not afraid to dress up in costumes at Airstream Rallies or hire lions and elephants to promote an upcoming caravan. Wally loved putting on a good party for his customers, so a celebration of his birthday became a tradition whenever July 4th occurred during a caravan or rally.

It should be recognized that Wally was not just "vacationing" when he led his caravans. The caravans were hard work! Wally was responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the Caravanners and he had to greet local dignitaries in the cities and countries they visited. Sometimes he traveled ahead of the caravan making arrangements.

Wally's caravans were also severe durability tests. Wally was known for sending messages back to his teams at the California and Ohio Airstream plants during his caravans informing them about what was breaking and advising them how to fix it.

Even though Wally loved organizing and leading the frequent caravans, they took a toll on his health. He developed gray hair during the 1951 Central America



Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie meets with Wally during the African Caravan



Wally dictating a message to Airstream during the African Caravan



Wally and Stella at the 1959 International Rally

Caravan, had a heart attack during the 1955 Mexico Caravan, and began to feel a general malaise during the 1959-60 African Caravan that would later be diagnosed as a brain tumor. That tumor would eventually take his life on July 22, 1962.

But thru it all, to his very last day, Wally was an enthusiastic cheerleader that could get Caravanners to do things they thought impossible, ranging from traversing impossibly bumpy, steep, rutted, or muddy roads to fording rivers or just pushing on when exhaustion set in. He knew that in a few days the memories of their adventures and accomplishments would make them forget the hardships they had faced.

In 1972, Wally Byam was part of the first class to be inducted into the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Indiana in recognition of his achievements creating both Airstream and trailer caravans. You can think of Wally and Stella's #1 being designated a Heritage Number as induction into our own WBCCI "Hall of Fame". Though our club may now have other "doing business as" names, Wally Byam will always be the namesake of our Club. He inspired Airstream owners, Caravanners, and Club members to a new way of life traveling and seeing the world in their Airstreams. For this, we are all eternally grateful.



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Winterizing

This item has been written about by various authors over the years. This is a compilation that includes the items to be considered when winterizing your trailer or motorhome. You may note some duplication – this should add clarity and emphasis as to what to do and how to do it.

Winterizing is not only important but a necessity. If you are in an area that freezes, you will almost certainly blow up a water pipe, water pump and/or a fixture if you do not do this properly. If you are unlucky, you might even have a pipe blow that is under the belly skin that will require drilling rivets to remove large sections of the aluminum at great expense.

First - To be most effective you should have a hot water heater bypass kit installed so that you can bypass the water heater tank. Otherwise, you will need six or seven gallons of antifreeze to fill the tank, so you can fill the hot water lines. With a tank bypass, you will only need about one gallon of antifreeze. In the summer, just run clean water through everything and you are ready to go. **HINT** - Make a sign "Heater Bypass Valves," indicate the direction the three valves should be turned to enable or disable the bypass and tape it over the switch. In bypass, the cold-in valve should be closed, the hot-out valve should be closed, and the by-pass valve (the one in the middle) should be open.

1. Drain and flush your black water tank.
2. Drain and flush your grey water tank.
3. Drain and flush your fresh water tank.
4. Drain and flush hot water heater. Reinstall drain plug.
5. If you have low point drain lines under your trailer/coach:

- Open the hot and cold faucets in your trailer/coach.
- Uncap the low point drain lines under the trailer/coach– let water drain completely.
- Recap/close the drain lines.
- Close the hot and cold faucets.
- Remove any water filter cartridge, if applicable.

Note: The above items need to be completed before winterizing with compressed air or antifreeze.

1. Winterize by blowing out water lines with air pressure – compressed air method:

- Screw on compressed air adaptor into the city water connection.
- Apply compressed air, keeping pressure between 50 - 60 psi.
- Open each faucet one at a time to force water out of lines.
- Depress toilet valve. Depress toilet hand spray, if applicable.
- Depending on your unit, you may have an ice maker, washing machine, etc. The lines to these appliances will also need to be drained and blown out (consult owner's manual).
- If you have an exterior shower, be sure to blow compressed air through this.
- If you have a black tank flush, be sure to blow compressed air in this fitting.
- Purge the water pump by turning it on and allowing air pressure to clear any water that may be trapped in the pump itself.
- Remove the compressed air adaptor from the city water connection.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains, and, to the toilet.

Summary: You can use an air compressor to blow the water out of all the lines. We recommend about 50 to 60 psi and a clamp on air fitting. You can obtain a male-water-hose connector to air-valve-hook-up. Hook up the air hose and open at least one faucet before you turn on the compressor. Make sure that there is always one open faucet. We recommend you start with the hot water heater; after it is blown out, shut off the compressor, turn off the heater bypass valves and close the heater clean out valve. Then open the bathroom hot water outlet and turn on the compressor. Make sure you open each individual outlet, including the spray hoses and water filter outlets, and allow them to completely drain. You should also blow out your external filter system and all the hoses that have been used. Throw out your old water filters and add antifreeze to each sink, shower and toilet drain to protect them. This approach is the fastest and if done correctly, will completely protect your water lines, fixtures and appliances. Be sure you have removed all the water from the water pump.

2. Winterizing using antifreeze:

- Use RV non-toxic antifreeze only. You will need approximately one to two gallons.
- Make sure the water pump is off and faucets are closed.
- Close the water heater bypass valve if applicable.
- Purchase an antifreeze 'T' kit to install on the inlet side of the water pump connection. This will allow you to pump the antifreeze from the jug into the water system.
- Switch on the water pump. It will start to pump the antifreeze through the water lines.
- Open each hot and cold faucet lines one at a time until you see the noticeable red color of the antifreeze flowing from each valve.
- Open the toilet valve and the shower valve until antifreeze flows through.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains, and to the toilet.
- Shut off the antifreeze 'T' valve installed near the water pump.

Summary: Using a special valve and hose input, pump non-toxic antifreeze through your water pump to all outlets in the RV. You turn on the pump and open each individual faucet one at a time until pure antifreeze is coming out. This includes the toilet valve, its spray hose, the kitchen spray hose and any external faucets. You must do this for both the cold and hot water outlets. Then some antifreeze should be poured into each drain and the toilet to keep them from freezing. Open the hot water heater drain and fresh water tank valves and leave them open during winter storage. Also leave all faucet valves open.

NOTE: Blowing out the lines and then pumping antifreeze through all parts of the system is the safest approach but may be considered overkill if you have a trailer, depending upon where you live. However, if you have a motorhome with an Aqua-hot heater, fridge with icemaker, washer/dryer,

dishwasher etc. you need to pump antifreeze to make sure all these units are thoroughly winterized. Check each appliance instruction manual for winterizing recommendations.

3. Winterizing an Alde system:

Drain all the water from the WATER system. It takes a while, especially from the 2.5 gallon hot water tank. **Do not touch the actual Alde glycol system.** You will need about three to four gallons of RV anti-freeze.

Close all valves and put 50 - 60# of air pressure into the lines. Then one by one open faucets and blow them out, including the low point drains and the drain for the Alde hot water jacket, which is a flip valve – that may be located under the front dinette end cap.

Install an antifreeze 'T' kit just before the water pump. You may need additional clear 1/4" line if the supplied line with the winterizing kit is not long enough. Put the valve in the winterizing mode and turn on the fresh water pump and start pumping RV anti-freeze through the system. Open faucets/sprayers one at a time, including the hot water jacket and the outside shower and the toilet to make sure the anti-freeze is through the system. Once done, drain the whole system and capture the anti-freeze by draining it from the low points and back into the gallon jugs. Blow out the lines again to get as much of the antifreeze out as you can. Clean up all the residual anti-freeze, pour some of the captured antifreeze down the drains and the rest into the gray and black holding tanks.

This whole process takes just about an hour. This method drains the antifreeze used for purging the water lines and the hot water jacket and reuses it in the drains and in the gray and black holding tanks. You could also just leave the antifreeze in place for the winter and purge the lines with water in the spring. Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains, and to the toilet. Shut off the 'T' valve when done.

Winter storage for your Airstream.

Here are some quick tips that you may want to consider:

- Wash and wax your Airstream (this will give you an opportunity to inspect for any areas in need of attention).
- Make a list of any items that you may find during your inspection that need to be repaired but that you feel can wait until spring. Place inside unit where you will find the list next spring.
- Inspect the roof of your Airstream, check all vents, skylights and covers for any cracks or to make sure the covers are not missing; this can prevent damage from leaks over the winter.
- Correct any areas where the sealer appears to be degrading or fill any visible voids.

- Store your Airstream inside a building whenever possible (an environmentally controlled building would be best). Don't store under trees or where there are weeds or tall grass. Airstream does not recommend using a cover for trailers because it can leave marks in the finish due to the cover moving when windy.
- Park your Airstream on a concrete pad or a level area. If you are parking on bare ground, put something between the tires and the ground.
- Check the tire pressure; fill the tires to the maximum sidewall cold pressure while being stored.
- If your Airstream is being stored outside cover your tires to prevent damage caused by UV rays.
- Charge lead acid batteries to full charge. A weak battery can freeze and damage the case or reduce battery life.
- You may want to disconnect the batteries and remove them from your Airstream; you can keep them charged up by using a battery maintainer. If you leave the batteries in the RV, you should activate the converter at least once a month to keep batteries charged. With the proper converter (three to four stage) you can just plug your unit into shore power and forget it.
- Drain all water lines and water systems including any holding tanks and the water heater. Also drain any water filters you may have in the system; don't forget your exterior faucets or outside shower.
- Winterize your Airstream by blowing out the water system with compressed air and putting anti-freeze in all traps and toilet or pumping anti-freeze through the complete plumbing system.
- Lubricate hinges, awning brackets, step hinge points (this should help prevent rust and corrosion during storage period).
- Clean and apply a lubricant to all gaskets to keep them pliable over the winter. (We have recommended 303 Aerospace Rubber Seal Protectant in the past.)
- The vent for the range hood should be latched using the travel lock clips.
- Clean the interior of your Airstream, as well as range/oven, microwave. Also clean out refrigerator and leave doors open several inches to prevent mildew.
- Remove all non-sealed food from the RV so you are not encouraging any winter guests.
- You may also want to install some moisture control in your Airstream, such as Damp-Rid or No-Damp dehumidifiers. If you have shore power available use a 1500 watt electric heater set at about 40 degrees F and open anything inside that you can to allow the warm air to reach all areas.

- If you have a motorhome, check all fluid levels; change the oil; check anti-freeze (cooling system and windshield washer) and filters prior to storage.
- Make a point to start your motorhome and generator each month. It is suggested running both at least 15 to 30 minutes at a time monthly. This will allow for circulation of the engine fluids as well as testing of the batteries if you do not remove them for the winter.
- You may also want to add a fuel stabilizer to keep your gasoline or diesel fuel from becoming stale, or to remove moisture.

WINTER HINTS: If you are closing the door of your RV for a winter layover period, don't walk away satisfied that all will instantly return to full operation when you are ready to go. After you complete the winterization basics with water systems, etc., it is time to consider other items that also need attention. Walk around your rig and squirt a few drops of WD-40 onto every door and cabinet hinge inside and outside your RV. Take the time to lay on a cloth full of furniture preservative on all wood surfaces inside to maintain those surfaces and to prevent "brittleness" and surface stain. Don't forget to lubricate your outside folding entrance steps. Turn all gas (propane) valves OFF. Cover all tires with wheel covers to protect against freezing dry rot and sun damage. In the case of motorhomes, fill the gas tank and add a few doses of gasoline preservative to maintain the chemical balance of the fuel in the tank (refer to preservative can label for dose requirements - available at auto supply stores). Lubricate both ends of your hitches whether you tow a trailer or automobile. Spray an antibacterial deodorizer into your grey-wash water drain hose and into its storage tube. Take the time to run a cloth containing rubber gasket

preservative over your outside window gaskets to preclude winter dryness and summer leaks. (We have recommended 303 Aerospace Rubber Seal Protectant in the past.) Don't forget the vent gaskets and include the Fantastic vent gasket if installed. After checking your propane valve(s) for OFF, open all your range burners (stove) to drain off the trapped gases (do the same for refrigerator valve) as it assures easier relighting when needed. Leave open all water faucets to vent out during nonuse periods. Periodically recharge your rig's batteries to maintain the wet cells and prevent sulfation and costly battery replacements. Lube your battery terminals to prevent rust coating. Your attention to the above items can make your return to the road much easier.

Thank you all for participating in the technical process by writing in with your questions and suggestions. Happy trails to you. See you, **safely**, down the road.

Kids Camp



Did you know that you can be a Junior Ranger for the National Parks Service? This free program is designed for children ages 6-12! Nearly every National Park in the system has a Junior Ranger program! Details are available at: <https://www.nps.gov/kids/become-a>

Top 10 Visited National Parks

Unscramble the letters below to reveal the Top 10 Visited National Parks

- AGRET YKSOM MUNIANOTS _____
- ARDGN YCOANN _____
- CRYKO TOINAUNSM _____
- ONZI _____
- ENTLOWYLSOE _____
- YIMESTOE _____
- AAAICD _____
- ANRGD NTEOT _____
- LIYPOCM _____
- LAEICRG _____



Find the 10 most visited National Parks below

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Fun Facts about our National Parks

Three of the 10 highest waterfalls in the world are located in [Yosemite National Park](#) in California.

Yellowstone National Park (in Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana) is the oldest U.S. national park, founded in 1872.

The national parks are home and habitat to more than 400 endangered or threatened plant and animal species.

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★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

REGISTRATION

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

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 8:00 pm. 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 rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to airstreamclub.org/Lebanon, 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 rally@airstreamclub.org.



64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN



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Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State/Province:** _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ **Phone (C):** _____ **Phone (H):** _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	Vintage	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$125.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00		Generator	
GRAND TOTAL:				\$	Solar	

Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____ **Registration Source:** Mail Online Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card **Amt Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #:** _____

Suggested Historic Things to do in Lebanon from the President's Corner

[Cumberland University](#)

Cumberland University is located in Lebanon, TN, 30 miles east of Nashville. Founded in 1842, Cumberland University offers a variety of educational, athletic and social experiences to enhance the learning opportunities of the current student body. The university has an exceptional academic program steeped in the liberal arts. Athletic teams regularly compete for conference and national championships.

[Fite-Fessenden House Museum](#)

The Fite-Fessenden House is a historic house in Lebanon, TN. It is now home to the Wilson County Museum. Tours are available by appointment only.

[Lebanon Museum & History](#)

Our past is something that we here in the City of Lebanon hold very dear. Tradition and honor are two values we hold in high esteem. The City of Lebanon Museum and History Center is now open Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Groups of 10 people or more are asked to call 443-2839 and prearrange their tour so guides will be available. Or, you may take the virtual tour of our exhibits right here from your own home.

[Pickett's Chapel](#)

Pickett-Rucker is a church that is more than 150-years-old church that strives to know love and serve Jesus Christ and to make Him known to all others.

[Fiddler's Grove](#)

Fiddler's Grove sits on a knoll among the trees at the James E. Ward Agricultural and Community Center in Lebanon, TN. This re-created historic village consists of original and replicated buildings, some using original materials from structures originating in the many small rural communities throughout Wilson County, TN. The village houses historical structures, and many of the buildings display collections significant to our Wilson County history.

[Historic Downtown Lebanon](#)

Historic Lebanon's overall goal is to use historic preservation for economic development. Our focus is concentrated in our Main Street area, specifically to increase tourism, entice more retail and businesses and to

create a sense of place with Lebanon's rich history and to create a market identity for the whole community. We strive to enhance Lebanon's quality of life and to increase our profile as a great small town.

[Historic Lebanon Driving Tour](#)

This <https://hldrivingtour.info/> historic driving tour highlights buildings, sites and areas which are unique to Lebanon and Wilson County. In all, there are twenty-eight county wide sites, many listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The sites along the tour route are identified with a numbered sign.

[Tennessee Civil War Trails](#)

The Tennessee Civil War Trails program is part of a five-state trails system that invites you to explore both well-known and less-familiar sites associated with America's greatest drama. Together, more than 1,500 places tell the epic and heartfelt stories of civilians and soldiers who experienced triumph and tragedy during the war.

[The Mill of Lebanon](#)

The Mill at Lebanon is a mixed use redevelopment project. We are on the National Registry of Historic Places and a 105 year old building with grandeur and character to spare. The sixth largest event facility in Middle Tennessee, we host events ranging from small private to trade show and concert. With restaurants and retail developing, we are becoming a destination site. Come visit!



The National Caravan Fund

Elna & Jay Thompson, #805

The WBCCI National Caravan Fund was set up in 2000 to promote WBCCI National Caravans, assist caravan leaders in the development of National Caravans, and to provide funds if caravans were canceled. The Caravan Fund has been maintained through an assessment of \$10 per Airstream traveling on a National Caravan.

This year, because of the coronavirus, three caravans were started and ended prematurely, and eighteen have been canceled. Our policy is that if a caravan is canceled, club members scheduled to go on the caravan will receive a FULL refund of their caravan kitty fee payments. Not all deposits and fees have been reimbursed by vendors and as a result, the Caravan Fund has been depleted.

The Caravan Committee needs to **temporarily** initiate the following fees to reimburse the Caravan Fund. We expect this to take approximately three years, but the length of time depends on how quickly we can resume running caravans. When the Caravan Fund is in the target range, these fees will be re-evaluated.

Caravan Fee

The Caravan Fee will be 3% of the kitty fee, with a cap of \$100.

Cancellation Fee

There will be a \$100 cancellation for all caravans. The cancellation fee, including any non-recoverable expenses, should be charged to a participant if:

They have made a deposit and are on the confirmed, or "go", list and choose to cancel for any reason

They have made a deposit and are on the confirmed, or "go", list and choose to move to a subsequent year

Most caravan leaders take a deposit from potential participants on a wait list (the first five rigs is a common approach). The cancellation fee should be charged to someone on the wait list if they have made a deposit and are asked to join the caravan by the leader and decline. The fee should not be charged to someone on the wait list if they call the caravan leader and ask to be removed from the wait list or be moved to a subsequent year.

Registration Fee

Registration for a caravan will soon be made only through an online application on the club website (airstreamclub.org). In order to register for a caravan, a non-refundable \$25 administrative fee will be charged per caravan. This fee will not be retroactively charged to members who have already registered (either online or by paper application). The administrative fee will be implemented when the club website (airstreamclub.org) becomes capable of accepting payments for caravans via a credit card (probably near the end of 2020). No handling fee will be charged to use the credit card.

REGION 1

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

Historically September is a month full of activity from starting the new school year; pick your own farm visits and the beginning of cooler evenings making a campfire a special place to be. The air gets a little crisper and the maple leaves are hinting at a color change soon to come. Sandi and I are usually sending regrets to the many rallies we are invited to when there are only four weekends for us to camp. Life is on hold right now and most of our WBAC friends are finding campgrounds in New England open but with a list of restrictions of things you can and cannot do. Now I refuse to get sucked into the political vacuum and remind our membership that the CDC is probably the best source for COVID information.

Every state has its own set of guidelines and restrictions which as we all know change weekly. However, we as Airstream owners have our very own "escape pods". There are many adventures to be found out there such as small town and state parks which offer wonderful locations as long as you don't mind everything being closed. The hardest part of any travel plan this year has been first finding a campsite and then finding something to do once you get there. So many of the museums and local attractions are either closed or with only a limited portion being open. Of course, you don't need me to find that out. What a wonderful opportunity to get back to basics. For us, we find ourselves doing what we did before we owned an Airstream. Sitting around a late afternoon campfire, cooking in cast iron and enjoying the surrounding nature. Finish up those last few unfinished novels under the trees and enjoying the quiet of the woods.

Sandi and I wish everyone good health and hope to see you down the road once again and as always, keep the shiny side up.

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
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"Who knew words from a car commercial of several years ago, with the young voice saying 'zoom zoom' when the new sporty car models flew past, would become part of our present vocabulary and so heavily occupy our conversations and time!" This is how Region 2 President Rich Short began his report back to local clubs following the virtual IBT meeting and Region Officers Forum in late June. He went on to say, that zoom meetings are here to stay. That's not hard to understand given that

COVID-19 remains a serious threat for large in-person gatherings and meetings.

Even though the province of Ontario is entering Stage 3 of recovery in July, it is likely that the Ontario Canada Airstream Club's fall rally and AGM scheduled for September will be cancelled. Typically, this event attracts over a hundred members. Instead, given the provincial limitations on the size of gatherings (50 people maximum indoors, and 100 outdoors), Ontario President Kate Dowsett will conduct the business meetings via Zoom. All voting, including a vote on the amended Constitution and By-laws, will be done subsequently through SurveyMonkey. Isn't it great that we have these electronic tools available so that we can continue to function as a Club and meet our Constitutional requirements!

The Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Rallies have also been cancelled. As in the rest of North America, Region 2's local clubs are striving to connect in person in as safe a manner as possible. The AI-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club is rallying this mid-July weekend and the Watchung NJ and Hudson-Mohawk clubs are still moving forward with plans for August and September. Here's how the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club envisions a September gathering in the Ithaca area:

- No organized group activities
- No sharing of food or potluck meals
- Happy hour or get-acquainted meetings held outdoors with 6 feet of separation
- No use of lodge
- No goodie bags, gifts, or table decorations
- No out-of-state attendees
- If you plan an activity you may open it to others at your discretion. (i.e. meet at a winery but take separate cars or plan a hike in the area, arrange a tee time for golf)

In the last issue, I wrote about the restrictions in place at Penn Wood Airstream Park and Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park. Jersey Shore Haven's website indicates it started taking weekly and monthly reservations on July 1, but Penn Wood's restrictions remain as they were. Again, it's best to check before heading out for either of these destinations.

For now, many of us are reluctant to travel very far and are applying the "Don't Move Firewood" principle to ourselves. By staying relatively close to home, we won't inadvertently move the virus to another area or carry it back to our own. Stay safe, everyone!

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region3

Region 3 Officers and Cabinet

Last month, the new Region 3 Presidents were introduced and this month the rest of the Region 3 team is revealed.

Elected:

President: **Bill Wild**, #3615, Top of Georgia Airstream Club

1st Vice President: **Christine Baum**, #4814, Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club

2nd Vice President: **Jerry Peterson**, #4381, South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club

Appointed (Volunteered):

Secretary: **Kimberly Funderburg**, #10718, Top of Georgia Airstream Club

Treasurer: **John Meeks**, #4906, Top of Georgia Airstream Club

Caravan: **John Becker**, #2048, Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club

Contributing Editor: **Joan Anderson**, #2056, Top of Georgia Airstream Club

Membership: **Jeanne Scheitler**, #4890, Southeastern Camping Unit

Parliamentarian: **Julian Clements**, #224, Top of Georgia Airstream Club

Registrar: **Dick & Judi Sells**, #3343, Top of Georgia Airstream Club

Safety: **Bill Townsend**, #27070, Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club

Webmaster: **Roy Beavers**, #4392, Southeastern Camping Club

President Emeritus: **John Leake**, #268, Palmetto State Airstream Club

Names in bold print are new to the leadership team. Please thank them all for volunteering their time and talents to Region 3.

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
region4.airstreamclub.net

Looking ahead, make plans to join us for the 45th Region 4 Rally – Peace, Love, Almost Heaven – at the beautiful Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, WV, on May 19-23, 2021. Meals, entertainment, and local tours will be available, plus access to all the activities at the Summit. This includes a ride on their zip line, rifle range, archery, canoeing, kayaking, fishing and much more. Check the Region 4 website <https://region4.airstreamclub.net/> for more details and for the registration form. Limited spaces will be available, so send in your registration early. All registrations paid and postmarked by December 31 will be put into a drawing for a \$50 refund. Six lucky winners will be drawn.

Many of the local clubs in Region 4 are starting to hold rallies and get-togethers again. Check the events section of the Airstream Club website for activities going on near you or where you are traveling. All local clubs are following social distancing guidelines.

Unfortunately, the 2020 Swiss Festival National Rally has been cancelled due to cancellation of the Festival by the town of Sugar Creek. However, we are starting to make plans for the 2021 Swiss Festival National Rally scheduled for September 25–October 3, 2021. Mark your calendars and start making plans to attend now.

REGION 5

Artie Martin, Contributing Editor
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Hello Region 5! I'm sure everyone has heard the news by now. Unfortunately, the Region 5 Rally in Columbus, IN has been cancelled. The risk to our members' health and safety was the determining factor. Plus, registration was far below what would have been needed to provide a "quality" Rally without going into the "red". Fortunately, all the work Chris and Nancy did won't go in vain. They are in contact with the fairgrounds in Columbus to reschedule the Columbus Rally for 2022. We will know more very soon!

This month I would like to share a story. It's an Airstream story of course! It is a story I'm sure is common across the USA, Canada, Europe and Australia. It's a story that could be shared about a lot of different clubs, workplaces and families.

It's a story about that "one" person we all know that always seems to be there to help you. You never have to ask! They somehow just show up and give of themselves and somehow make you feel like the world is still an OK place to live. You feel excited, happy, and warm inside just knowing they became a part of your life.

Maybe they drop your awning while you are away when there is an impending storm. Maybe they flush out your hot water tank when it smells like rotten eggs! Maybe they have a spare gear for your jack post. Maybe they help you install new axles on your vintage trailer. After a serious loss, they brought a couple's truck and Airstream home.

Totally selfless... where would we be without friends like these? Thanks S.B. for being our friend!

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region6

Region 6 President Jim Johnson has postponed the fall Region Rally due to Covid-19 concerns. The rescheduled rally will be announced when details are finalized.

Many clubs in Region 6 are taking special precautions in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and holding events. 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.

As of the deadline for this column, all rallies of the Alabama Airstream Club are suspended until further notice due to the Alabama governor's "shelter in place" order.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will be holding its award-winning, third annual Airstreams on the Square Rally, Sept. 10-13 in downtown El Dorado, AR around the Union County Courthouse. This year's theme is the 1950s, complete with a sock hop and a hula hoop contest. Special precautions are planned to insure a safe rally in compliance with the Arkansas Department of Health. Several from the Mississippi Airstream Club are planning to attend and hold their election rally.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club is planning its Rivets at the Ridge Election Rally at The Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville, TN Sept. 10-13.

The Louisiana Airstream Club is planning a "Limited-Informal-Installation" Rally, Oct. 5-9 at Riverview RV Resort in Vidalia, LA, taking special Covid-19 precautions by wearing masks and social distancing, etc. Looking ahead, their Christmas Lights Rally is Dec. 3-6 at Nakotosh Campground in Natchitoches, LA.

Mississippi Airstream Club members will hold their election rally Sept. 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 Oct. 2-5 with the caravan departing Oct. 5 arriving in Natchez, MS/Vidalia, LA on Oct. 8.

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

REGION 7

Jane Carmichael, Contributing Editor
region7.airstreamclub.net

Hello to our Region 7 members and to all of our readers! How have you been? Our summer in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is waning, which is the perfect time to go camping, in my opinion.

Some of us are squeezing in the last weeks of camping, sitting by the fire, and enjoying the cool nights. Eddy and I have reserved campsites in Copper Harbor, Ontonagon, Sault Ste Marie, and Steuben, all in the 906 area code, close to home.

Our Region 7 calendar of events originally included installation rallies for each of the three Region 7 clubs.

My plan was to join the September 10-12 installation rally in Williston, ND, held by the North Dakota Peace Garden (NDPG).

My "revised" plan is to join an ad hoc group in Bismarck, ND in mid-September. Road Trip! Fun!

The Minnesota Airstream Club installation was scheduled in Winona, MN for September 16-19. Perfect...except my 50th high school reunion in Iowa was also on September 19. Hmm. What to do? Resolution: They both have now cancelled. Darn.

Minnesota Airstream Club is now considering a Zoom + Live installation the weekend of September 11.

The Wisc-UP installation was set for August 22 during the Region 7 Rally at the Rippling River Resort in Marquette, MI. Right in my backyard. I was in charge of organizing the R7 Rally, so having it in my backyard was a no-brainer, eh?

Because I cancelled the Region 7 Rally and rescheduled it for August 19-24, 2021, that put the skids on the Wisc-UP installation. Sorry.

The Wisc-UP installation is now scheduled for September 26 on Zoom. (It won't be very far for me to travel to the kitchen table for this ceremony.)

Let's welcome our new local club Officers! Your leadership and volunteerism are what keeps our spirit, our camaraderie, and our smiles happening.

I extend a congratulations to all of the new officers across the WBCCI and ask the "old" officers to be sure to offer assistance.

Beth Zelten was installed on July 3 as the 1st Vice President of Region 7. Congratulations, Beth! Her ceremony was attended by her husband Kenn, Mark Kasten, and Gina Eggers. We sported 4th of July masks, made by Gina. Thank you, Gina, and Congrats, Beth!

Ad hoc camping. Rescheduled installations. Zoomed ceremony. Masked in-person meetings. Gosh, what a creative bunch in Region 7.

And all because: "Out of a Blue Clear Sky" *

*credit to lyricists Bob DiPiero, John Jarrard, Mark D. Sanders and to George Strait, singer + Forrest Gump

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
region8.airstreamclub.net

Here is an update on the "Charity Challenge" promised in the August *Blue Beret*. In early June, three local clubs had received over \$5,000 in donations. Two of the clubs were reporting only partial figures while the third club reported donations of \$3,735. While this challenge was not to be a competition in who could raise the most, I tip my hat to the members of the South Coast California Airstream Club. Everyone's donations are truly appreciated and know they did make a difference. A wide range of charities benefited from your generosity. Donations included food, clothing and money. With two regions reporting, \$8,610 was raised. Hopefully, the remaining regions will soon report their totals. Stay tuned! Although the Charity Challenge "officially" ended July 15th, I encourage everyone to keep contributing one way or another.

A few of our Region 8 Clubs held rallies and luncheons. The Nebraska Airstream Club even held picnic luncheons in June and July. They followed social distancing, of course. It was good to greet and chat with other members. Whether to continue holding rallies or not is a difficult decision. We are closely watching the CDC Guidelines as well as State and Local Governments' guidelines for gatherings. Some of our clubs held rallies during the past two months while others canceled their rallies set for remainder of the year. Plans for installing our incoming club presidents are currently being developed in case we are unable to hold our Installation Rallies.

See you soon!

REGION 9

Nancy Fitzgerald, Contributing Editor
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Howdy from the Texas and Oklahoma Airstream Clubs! With these uncertain times continuing to invade our fall travel plans, I want to encourage you to think about canyons! What better place than a canyon to practice social and physical distancing and still experience destinations that bring us closer to those wild places we seek. A September visit to the canyons of Texas and Oklahoma brings you views of the sun breaking on endless plain and wide sky.

Here are three must see canyons grouped in an accessible loop off I-40 traveling west of OKC and into the Texas Panhandle. By no means are these the only must-see canyons in Texas and Oklahoma, but the way these three just pop up or down so suddenly in the middle of nowhere serves as introduction to this unique region of our nation.

Red Rock Canyon, located about an hour west of OKC, is a beautiful example of nature's artwork in Oklahoma. Wind, water, and natural forces have shaped 260 million-year-old deposits from the Permian geological period into natural sculptures. Before the mid-1800s, Plains Indians used the canyon as a winter camp. During the 1849 California Gold Rush, the westward leading road was a haven for weary travelers. You can hike both the upper and lower canyon areas and find preserved wagon wheel ruts as well as CGR markers. Rare Caddo maples put on a spectacular fall foliage show from mid-October to mid-November.

Continue west on I-40 for three hours to Canyon TX and what Texans called the Grand Canyon of Texas – Palo Duro Canyon. Did you know Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon in the US? Palo Duro Canyon is 120 miles long and as much as 20 miles wide with a maximum depth of more than 800 feet. Palo Duro Canyon was formed by the remarkably insignificant Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River which over millions of years has carved and created the geological rock formations of a multitude of colors ranging from red to lavender. I read recently that the artist Georgia O'Keefe taught school in the Texas Panhandle long before she was famous. In her letters to friends she describes her fascination with the canyon. She wrote, "There is something wonderful about the bigness and the loneliness and the windiness of it all."

Continue south/southeast for a little over an hour deeper into the Panhandle to Caprock Canyon in Quitaque (pronounced "kitty-kway"). This is the third largest state park in Texas and its rugged beauty is home to a herd of bison, roosting bats, and 90 miles of trails. Caprock lacks the dramatic rim-level approach of Palo Duro, but the area has more off-the-

beaten path appeal. It is rugged and serene with tumbling transitions of high plains and rolling farmlands. One outdoor enthusiast proclaimed that the terrain has enough variation to make a mountain biker forget about Moab Utah.

I can think of no better medicine for the soul than to stand on the edge of a canyon and feel the vibrancy of millions of years pulsing in peaks, pinnacles, and spires of rock washed in brown, purple, pink, maroon, and orange – affirming that we can go outside, stand in the light, and live life.

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor
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Summer is fading fast!

As I write this, I am enjoying our Airstream sitting in a local campground with three other Airstreams. We are all physically distancing, (actually the two other Airstreams are home to essential workers, who are using their Airstreams as their isolation pod). With each working a 12- or 14-hour shift, we hardly see them. This is not our usual camping experience.

However, Airstreamers are creative folks. Some of our local clubs have been able to attend small rallies or rendezvous while keeping the local restrictions in mind; but many of us have attended virtual rallies (Vintage Club) and enjoyed our "zoomed" International business meetings.

Congratulations to the 2020 Executive team and Corporate Office staff for a very successful first-time IBT meeting and installation. Thanks to all the outgoing officers for a great job in very challenging circumstances. Welcome to the new board and Region officers and thank you for volunteering your time and efforts in support of our club.

Our Montana local club is planning a Northern Exposure Rally in September, BC, and Oregon local clubs also have scheduled local rallies. Please check their websites to confirm last minute changes.

Many local clubs are planning virtual business and installations. It can be done! Let's plan for a better travel, rally and camping year next season.

In the interim, keep posting and sharing your experiences on social media. We enjoy seeing all those adventures and renovation stories.

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

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
region11.airstreamclub.net

The Four Corners Airstream Club is having their third annual *Chili Run* Rally on September 4-7 in Silver City, NM at the Rose Valley RV Ranch. Silver City is a former mining town located in southwest New Mexico. It is also on the edge of three large National Wilderness areas. Rally planners usually plan interesting trips into these areas as part of the Rally schedule.

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club is having a no host Rally on September 10-13 on Boulder Mountain at the Single Tree Campground. Space is limited to 10 units that are first come, non-reserved sites. The Boulder mountain area is 15 miles southwest Torrey, UT.

The Arizona Airstream Club is having a Rally at the Woody Mountain RV Campground on Old Route 66. The Rally will be from September 17-20. Activities include a star gazing visit to Lowell Observatory and a tour of the Arboretum. Activities will be modified so that they comply with current safety recommendations. The Blue Grass Festival that was to be held in Flagstaff and was going to be a headline event has been cancelled.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region12

Hello again to my fellow Airstreamers from California and Nevada. Well it seems like folks are starting to go to rallies again. The Lake Tahoe Club had nine rigs at a FLASH Rally in June and our Lee Vining Rally will have 16 rigs this coming Friday. I know that NorCal has also had a couple of rallies. Let's keep this up and get back to quasi-normal.

The best news is that the Region Rally in Palm Desert is still on and has 94 rigs signed up so far. If you haven't signed up yet, do so now or you will be on the waiting list. People always drop at the last minute and you can jump in for the event. October 21-25 are the dates. Cecelia and I just met with Abe Hernandez and he and his committee have some great activities planned. Of course, that location, in late October, is a great place to visit. It's time to be sure you have the 2021 Region Rally on your Club calendars. It is October 6-10, 2021 at Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles, Ca.

Oh, by the way, many of you voted for motions and candidates presented by WBCCI. All the motions and candidates passed or were elected. The meetings of the IBT board all took place at the same times and dates that were to transpire in Colorado at the International Rally. Cecelia and the rest of the Region Presidents and the Executive Committee spent many hours on "ZOOM" conferences at the end of June.

The South Coast Club had a great rally idea in their newsletter. They knew that their members had been cleaning out closets and garages during this viral event. They set up a garage sale/swap meet at their next rally. They encouraged attendees to bring books, jigsaw puzzles, DVD's and excess RV equipment and anything else to the rally. You can also do this at the Region 12 rally.

If you don't want to carry stuff in your trailer, here are a few apps that will help. Jigsawexplorer.com allows you to do puzzles online. Happycolor.com has you coloring online and Moonlight lite will keep your mental abilities sharp.

See you down the road.

EUROPE

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

Easing of the lockdown continues and European camping places and national borders are open. The south of England "Chicken Cock" rally, cancelled due to COVID restrictions, has been rearranged in August and the Belgian rally in July was also cancelled but is now rescheduled for July 2021. By the time you read this in the paper copy, we will have finished the 2020 rallies but, at the time of writing, future rallies are listed below. Details and booking arrangements will be in emails and on the website.

As usual, an invitation is open to US and Canadian members planning to visit Europe, with or without their Airstream.

10 to 13 Sep 2020 - Jaunepass, Switzerland
 13 to 17 May 2021 - Mulhouse, France
 27 to 31 May 2021 - Chicken Cock, south England
 22 to 26 Jul 2021 - Bure, Belgium
 29 Jul to 02 Aug 2021 - The World Balloon Festival Rally in France
 06 to 09 Aug 2021 - Ettie's Field, central England
 09 to 13 Sep - Switzerland

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 are back over 100. Five-year stars have been distributed to our twelve earliest members.

Communication between members via email and the Facebook group, "The Airstream Club International/Europe" is popular with the new members able to catch up on the past news and discussions.

The planning of 2021 rallies has been brought forward and gives us a lot to look forward to with nine rallies planned this year and next. Updates and information for rallies is on the website. The coronavirus restrictions have affected us, but they have made Europe safe and they have not dampened our enthusiasm and the friendship in the growing Europe local club.

From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

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

I am happy to report that I am writing this article while sitting in our new corporate offices! This week our entire corporate team relocated to the new space. Originally, we had planned to move in March, but given the pandemic, we delayed the final completion of the new offices. I cannot wait to show many of you the new offices, plant and museum that are now built. Airstream still has to finalize our museum, but it should be ready once we resume plant tours sometime next year.

As you can imagine, things have been extremely busy in Jackson Center as Airstream is busy hiring new employees as we slowly ramp up to meet the increase market demands as a result of the recent change in consumer spending since the pandemic. It amazes me how many new customers are buying Airstreams and just how quickly it depleted our dealer inventories. The incredible sales increase has created the biggest supply shortage of new Airstream inventory in recent history; maybe ever. Ramping up Airstream production takes a lot of training since we are such a labor-intensive product. So, although we wish there was a magic production dial we could turn up to increase rates, it will be a slow and steady process that will likely keep us busy for at least two years.

While our production and supply chain teams are working with suppliers and human resource professionals to ensure we have enough parts and additional Airstream associates to increase those rates, the sales and service teams are busy focusing on new customers to Airstream. There are many new people Airstreaming which is great, but given the lack of human to human interaction, we are quickly pivoting to increase digital tools to help improve the ownership experience. From “How To” videos to digital delivery tools, the Airstream team is busy working with agencies, dealers and internal resources to provide as many tools for our customers that we possibly can. Keep an eye out for added customer resources for the remainder of the year!

Airstream is also conducting virtual meetings with dealers, suppliers and other business partners daily. The new world has us in “virtual meeting” mode as we do not want the lack of travel to result in a lack of “connection” to our dealers and customers. In fact, this August, we plan to have a virtual dealer council meeting to discuss areas we need to improve in light of the recent increase in business and new customers. Airstream also is planning a virtual meeting with our Airstream Customer Council to review areas

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Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings! I hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer season so far. It has been difficult, to say the least, for most of us with our travel plans during this pandemic but I hope you did find some time to travel and use your Airstreams. After a season of use, it is time to talk about holding tank maintenance. When I give seminars at the different events I visit each year, I always discuss briefly the topic of how important it is to use your black tank flush if your trailer is equipped with this feature. I will also discuss the black and grey tank chemicals we should use in each tank, etc.

What is a black tank flush and when do I use it?

The black tank flush is a shower head that Airstream installs in the side of the black tank. We also install a back flow preventer in this line to avoid any chance of tank contents coming back through the water entry line. We install it in the black tank only as this is the tank that holds all sewage of both solids and liquids. Liquids will empty quite easily but there are often chances that solid waste, toilet paper, etc. get caught in the tank. If not properly flushed when dumping, then the trapped solids will continue to build up until eventually it will clog the black tank system from draining or it can minimize the capacity the tank will hold in the future. The black tank flush should be used each time you dump the tank. Hook your city water hose into the flush inlet and let it run until the water running out of the dump hose is clear. When I perform the flush I usually close the tank valve and let the flush fill up the tank for a couple of minutes and then open the valve again. This will allow the clean water to build up and flush very quickly hoping to take any solids left in the tank with it. I usually do this twice and then let the flush run with the valve open for another 3 minutes. I have a mock-up of how the black tank flush is installed in the trailer below.

Back flow preventer.
Could be metal or
clear plastic.

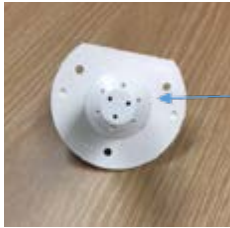
Black tank flush
inlet.



Shower head
installed in the
black tank.

Why do you call the black tank flush valve the use it or lose it valve?

The shower head installed in the side of the tank is made up of many small size holes to help build up the pressure to get a nice spray inside of the black tank. If you do not use this valve on a regular basis then solids will get caught in the small holes, eventually dry in there and completely plug up the shower head. I have seen this many times. Even hooking up air pressure to try and blow the debris out will not work. The tank cover will have to be dropped and a new shower head installed in the tank is the only option.



Tank side of the black tank flush shower head inlet.

What type of chemicals are available to help guard against build up and odors?

Thetford makes a variety of products to help with your maintenance needs for all of your holding tanks. They are the most common products used and can be purchase at most RV parts stores.

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Lastly, but just as important, make sure you use a quality grade RV/Marine toilet tissue. This tissue is usually a single ply biodegradable tissue that dissolves quickly in your holding tank making it easier to flush out when dumping.

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

Have a great month!



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From the Vice President of Sales

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of the customer experience we should continue to improve. Rest assured, the team is not sitting still and working hard to improve even when human interaction has been limited.

Our factory service center in Jackson Center has been busy this summer as well. Please keep in mind the factory service center remains open and we are following safety protocols to ensure a safe visit for our customers. Please call our service center if you have some work you need to do as service appointments are filling up quickly for the fall!

So on behalf of 895 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! Please keep safe, stay well and I hope to see you each on the road soon!

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International Rally

2021
Jul 17-24 2021 International Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee
Jan 18-22 2021 Mid-Winter IBT, Sarasota, Florida

National Event Rallies

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



REGION 1 *Activities*



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

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

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Sep 4-7 Flea Market Finds Rally, Village Green CG, 228 Sturbridge Rd, Sturbridge MA, Larry Lamontagne 413-245-9941, larry-pat@eckon.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

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

Oct 9-12 Columbus Day Rally, Wolf's Neck Oceanfront Camping, 134 Burnett Rd, Freeport ME 04032, Barbara Skelton

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

REGION 2 *Activities*



Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

CANCELLED Sep 11-13 Pennsylvania State Rally, Centre Hall, PA

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

Oct 3 Octoberfest Potluck Luncheon, Vinny & Dale Rossitto's Home, 437 Markle Rd, Apollo PA 15613, Vinny & Dale Rossitto 724-568-4801, rossitto@comcast.net

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

Delaware Valley New Jersey Unit - <http://dvnju.wbccci.net>

DelMarVa Airstream Club - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

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

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Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

Sep 11-13 Twin Streams Rally, Twin Streams CG <http://www.twinstreamscampground.com>, 2143 Rte 287, Morris PA 16938, Jody Dietz, jdietz4361@gmail.com

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net

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

Sep 25-27 Crabs Again?, Crisfield, 126 Lorrie Quinn Dr, Crisfield MD 21817, Wayne Berkebile, berkendorff48@gmail.com

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

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

Ontario Canada Airstream Club - 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, rsunde@verizon.net

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: airstreamclub.org/region3

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

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

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>

Oct 8-12 Daytona Beach/Annual Meeting Rally, Daytona International RV Park & CG, 3175 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach FL 32124, Larry & Linda Scovotto 386-405-0160, floridalarry@me.com

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

Sep 9-13 Lucky 7 Rally, Harrison Bay SP 423-344-6214 <https://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/harrison-bay>, 8411 Harrison Bay Rd, Harrison TN 37341, Roy Beavers 404-202-7795, 012info@wbcci.net

Oct 22-25 Business Meeting at Alumalina, Tom Johnson Camping World Rally Park, <https://www.facebook.com/Alumalina-1936819876344708/>, 348 Resistoflex Rd, Marion NC 28752, John Leake, john@leakesantiques.com

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

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net

Oct 7-11 First Landing SP Rally, First Landing SP 757-412-2300, 2500 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach VA 23451, Frank & Jane Munoz 703-969-7268, frankmunoz19@gmail.com

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

Oct 13-18 Fall Rally – Installation, Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Tim Johnson 706-878-3590, indi51619@gmail.com

Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

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

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

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

Oct 7-11 Rally, Meadow Lake Park, 8970 Canaan Center Rd, Wooster OH 44691, Gary Auman, jauman2346@aol.com

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

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

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

Miami Valley Airstream Club - miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net

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

Oct 7 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

Sep 12 Picnic & Election, Harrison Smith Park, 525 E. Wyandot Ave, Upper Sandusky OH, Ruth Pierce 419-989-7351

Oct 8 Luncheon & Installation, Village Restaurant, 435 N. Warpole St, Upper Sandusky OH, Sid & Bev Kelly 419-957-6571

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

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

Sep 17-20 Rally, Harrison Lake SP CG, 26246 Harrison Lake Rd, Fayette OH 43521, Dave & Nancy Brett 330-774-1287, dbrett@zoominternet.net
Oct 18 Luncheon, The Chop House, 1 American Way, Warren OH 44484, Don & Betty Burkholder 440-576-6560, catmar@embarqmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

Oct 30-31 Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon, Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48103, Jack & Bonnie Belding 517-423-5672

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

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

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

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - pensacolafloida.airstreamclub.net

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

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

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, damon.beals@gmail.com
Oct 16-18 Season Close Weekender, Versailles SP <https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2963.htm>, 1387 U.S. 50 East, Versailles IN 47042, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Sep 18-20 Road America Vintage Festival, N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth WI 53073, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com
Oct 16-18 Thanksgiving & Installation Rally, Lee County 4-H Center & FG, 1196 Franklin Rd, Amboy IL 61310, Peter Schwarz 630-561-1703, pschw@msn.com

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

Oct 22-26 Nauvoo Rally, Camp Nauvoo Retreat Center, 1095 S Warsaw St, Nauvoo IL 62354, Ann & Carl Leslie and Nancy & David O'Neal

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: airstreamclub.org/region6

CANCELLED Oct 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA
CANCELLED Sep 28-Oct 4 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
CANCELLED Sep 30-Oct 4 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN

Alabama Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/alabama

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

REGION 7 Activities



Region 7 Website: region7.airstreamclub.net

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

REGION 8 Activities



Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

CANCELLED Sep 22-29 Branson Musicland Revisited, Branson, MO

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net

Sep 17-20 Wilson's Creek Battlefield Rally, Springfield Rte 66 KOA 417-831-3645 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/springfield-route-66/>, 5775 West Farm Rd 140, Springfield MO 65802, Larry & Jackie Weidle 573-694-7642, grandpa1shot@hotmail.com

Oct 15-18 Installation Rally, The Landing Point RV Park 573-334-7878 <https://thelandingpoint.com/>, 3020 Boutin Dr, Cape Girardeau MO 63701, Lyn & John Heald 314-803-3699, john.lyn33@yahoo.com

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

Oct 8-11 Rally, Wilder Park, 22301 IA-3, Allison IA 50602, <https://iowa.airstreamclub.net/iowa-airstream-upcoming-events/>, John & Carol Heckman 319-429-8716, cecheck@mail.com

Iowa North Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.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
Oct 1-4 Rally, Sioux City, IA, Jeff & Jeanette Peterson 712-253-0245, jo6896@q.com

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogtrozark.airstreamclub.net

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

- Sep 5 Luncheon, Johnny's Tavern Topeka, 2821 SW Fairlawn Rd, Topeka KS 66614, Tracy & Glenda Ridgeway 785-478-9665, ridgeway1@cox.net
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
Oct 3 Luncheon, RC's Chicken/Backdoor Bar & Grill, 330 E 135th St, Kansas City MO 64145, Kay Corder 816-565-1722, kayceelsmo@gmail.com

Nebraska Airstream Club - nebraska.airstreamclub.net

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 10-13 Lubbock Rally, Ransom Canyon TX 79366, Joan & Larry Luman 806-786-3477, Lluman@sptc.net; Betty & Ron Foley 806-300-5592, bettyjayfoley@gmail.com
Oct 7-11 Amarillo Rally, River Falls Community, 12400 Wild Horse Trl, Amarillo TX 79118, Ray & Kandy Tillery 806-676-5767, kandyktillery@yahoo.com; David & Jan Thompson 806-681-8270, Nanaj@Highsiesta.com

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

East Texas Lakes Unit

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

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 SP, 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

- Sep 18-20 Heart of Texas goes to Oklahoma!, Great Plains SP, 22487 E 1566 Rd, Mountain Park, Oklahoma TX 73559, explore/heart-texas-camping-unit
Sep 21-Oct 1 3 State Caravan, First night of caravan: Palo Duro Canyon SP, 11450 State Hwy Park Rd 5, Canyon TX 79015, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>
Oct 30-Nov 1 Halloween Rally, LBJ National Grasslands, Decatur TX 76234, see Event details for directions, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>

North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

- Sep 10-13 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
Oct 8-11 Rally: Octoberfest, 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 Ebers, Timberintx@gmail.com

REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

- CANCELLED Sep 14-20 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
CANCELLED 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

- 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

- Sep 11-12 Cataldo Mission & Business Meeting, Kahndersosa RV Park, <https://www.facebook.com/TheKahndersosaRvParkCampgrounds/>, 14343 S Latour Creek Rd, Cataldo ID 83810, Dave Johnson 208-661-5136, davidj8@ymail.com

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

- Sep 3-6 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, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-waldo-lake-boondocking-rally>, Jim & Cheryl Jordan, Jay & Cindy Muir 541-760-8417, jordandvm@msn.com
Sep 11-13 April Foolish Rally in September, Casey's Riverside RV Resort, 46443 Westfir Rd, Westfir OR 97492, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/the-april-foolish-rally>, Mel Simrell 971-202-3040, melsimrell@gmail.com
Sep 24-27 LaPine State Park Rally, LaPine SP, 15800 State Recreation Rd, LaPine OR 97739, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/lapine-state-park-rally>, 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, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/not-a-weekend-rally>, Mo & Jim Ableman, Rhonda Levine 541-760-1197 ablemanj@aol.com
Oct 5-8 Wallowa Rally, Five Peaks RV Park, 508 N Mill St, Joseph OR 97846, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/wallowa-rally>, Bruce & Joanne Sorte 541-231-6566, sorteb@peak.org
Oct 8-11 Year End Rally, Silver Cove RV Park, 351 Hall Rd, Silver Lake WA 98645, <https://oregon.airstreamclub.net/2020-schedule/2020-year-end-rally>, Mike & Linda Able 503-222-7139, klmab11@comcast.net

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

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

Sep 10-13 Election & Installation Rally, Washington Land Yacht Harbor, 360-491-3750, <https://washingtonlandyachtharbor.com>, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia WA 98513, Terry Miller 360-259-3758, terrymiller5622@gmail.com

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

Sep 17-21 Joint Rally with Sacramento Valley Airstream Club: Bodega Bay Rally, 2001 CA-1, Bodega Bay CA 94923, Jack & Shirley Whitcomb, hpjack@comcast.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

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

Sep 24-28 Black Oak RV Rally, Black Oak RV Resort <https://www.blackoakcasino.com/>, 19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne CA 95379, Shari Gong 209-403-8541, sharigong1223@hotmail.com

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

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

Oct 7-11 Parkfield Rally, V6 Ranch, 70410 Parkfield-Coalinga Rd, Parkfield CA 93451, 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, hpjack@comcast.net

San Diego Airstream Club - www.airstreamsandiego.com

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

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

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

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

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

Sep 10-13 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 CO 81432, Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann 317-910-0986, cbshear@gmail.com

Oct 10 Luncheon, Castle Café, 403 Wilcox St, Castle Rock CO 80104, Susan & Greg Cadice, susancadice@hotmail.com

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

Sep 4-7 Third Annual Chile Run Rally on Labor Day Weekend, Rose Valley RV Ranch & Casitas, 2040 Memory Lane, Silver City NM 88061, <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2020-chile-run-rally.html>, Chris & Tom Kirk 602-320-8966, christinekirk60@gmail.com

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

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

Sep 10-13 'No Host' Rally, Singletree CG, 13 miles SE of Torrey on Hwy 12, Torrey UT 84775, <https://utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net/rally/>, Ron & Holly Jorgensen 801-298-8105, ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com

Oct 9-12 Rally at Capitol Reef, Thousand Lakes RV Park, 1110 W SR-24, Torrey UT 84775, <https://utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net/rally/>, Steve & Cindy MacKenzie, stevo@infowest.com

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

REGION 12 Activities



Region 12 Website: airstreamclub.org/region12

Oct 21-25 Region 12 Rally, Palm Desert, CA
CANCELLED Dec 28-
Jan 1, 2021 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA

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

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

EUROPE Activities



WBCCI Europe Website: -
<http://europe.wbcc.net>



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1/29-3/31

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3/2-3/18

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3/11-4/1

Start: Blakely, GA

Stop: Rutledge, GA

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Springtime in Kentucky

4/21-5/13

Start: Bowling Green, KY

Stop: Berea, KY

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Taste of the Blue Ridge

5/18-6/12

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5/27-6/22

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Canadian Rocky Mountain 6/24-7/15
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Southwest Adventure 8/16 -10/4
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Highway 61 Revisited 9/11-10/11
Start: Duluth, MN Stop: New Orleans, LA

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Northern Lights & Polar Bears 9/12-10/11
Start: International Peace Garden MB/ND Stop: Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Smidge of the Blue Ridge 9/17-9/25
Start: Bryson City, NC Stop: Boone, NC

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Gone to Texas 9/26-10/30
Start: Amarillo, TX Stop: Ingram, TX

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Sho-Me the Ozarks 9/30-10/27
Start: Mountain View, AR Stop: Van Buren, MO

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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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Misty Morning Sunrise

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El Camino Real Airstream Club prior to embarking on a whale watching cruise in the San Diego, CA area
- submitted by James Howard, #6292



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