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Thoughts from the President....



Lee and I wish you the best of the New Year! We appreciate the times we had in the last year and the opportunity to be part of Virginia Airstream Club. We have a lot going for us and we hope we can involve some new folks in club leadership in 2020. There are several jobs

available that require intermittent input but are very critical for the function of the club.

Lee and I had a good holiday with family and friends gathering or visiting. Our youngest daughter made it home from Atlanta with her 1 1/2 year old chocolate lab. Couple that guy with the two Huskies the other daughter has and we had a circus a few times. Friends and family are so important to spend time with and unfortunately the time is limited.

We are looking forward to the up coming year with the Virginia Airstream Club. We have three events that will hope bring out a few new folks? Our annual business meeting will be at Elkins, WV. We hope to take over Pegasus Farm in Elkins, WV and ride some trains. There are other

options besides the train, as in rail-trails and civil war sites to visit. It's home stomping ground for me and was always considered "the gate way to the mountains".

The next item is the caravan to the Swiss Festival. I have always been told this is a great rally. Another West Virginia site is on the agenda as our overnight on the way to Winklepleck Grove, OH.. We plan to be there several days. I don't recall all the significance of these two Ohio River towns, but Parkersburg, WV and Marietta, OH, have a lot of history.

Our last event is a Silver in the Street at Abingdon, VA. So many of you know the area from the Barter Theatre, Martha Washington Inn, and the Creeper trail. We hope to make all these things available. Its in the early stages of planning, but by the second weekend in January we hope to open the event up to as many as 75 units.

If you have questions, care to get involved or have comments, please contact us. The best of 2020 to everyone!

See you down the road.

Thanks!

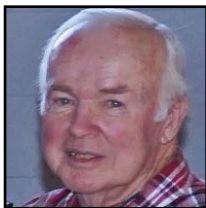
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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON December 7, 2019

It was easy to tell that the Holiday spirit abounded as we entered the town of Lynchburg - the sidewalks were teeming with shoppers and parking spaces were at a premium. President Jeff & First Lady Lee Cutright gave each Virginia Airstream Club member a hearty welcome as they arrived at RA BISTRO. The tables were all set quite festively with appropriate decor of the season and each couple received a goodie sack from Santa which included the ultimate gift - a new AIRSTREAM (*ornament, of course*).



Bob Lee



Linda Lee

After much animated conversation, bountiful kisses and hugs, it was time to be seated and think about our menu options. Once all orders were finalized, fresh fruit, pastries, coffee & tea were consumed in impressive quantities while the conversation continued at a feverous pitch. It was wonderful to have former club presidents BOB & LINDA LEE join the group for the day. They have been sorely missed and having them with us again brought back many fond memories. We had a great

time reminiscing about rallies that we all had enjoyed together in the past.

Just as the wait staff informed us that the meals would be arriving shortly, we received a wonderful surprise - longtime members LINTON & GRACE LEARY arrived! Their arrival sparked more enthusiastic conversation regarding past activities (no, Linton had not indulged in his signature routine of

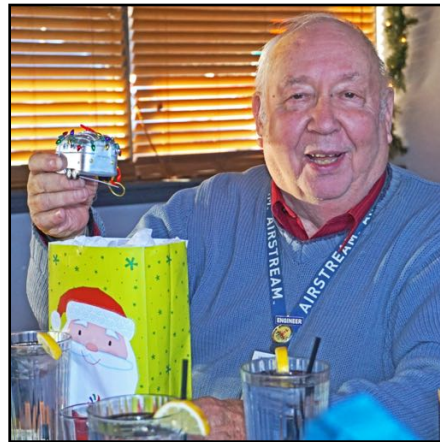


Linton Leary

stopping for a swim in any available body of water on the way to the RA Bistro). They were able to place their meal orders just prior to the arrival of the waitresses with trays loaded with the bounty of skilled chefs in the kitchen. The food was served and the effect was almost magical - all conversation ceased! It's obvious the quality of the meals was worthy of total concentration and conversation did not resume until President Jeff rose to offer the best wishes of the Cutrights to all for a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season! Jeff then spoke about the VAC's 2020 schedule briefly and encouraged all to attend as many events as convenient.



Grace Leary



Linton happily displays the Leary's new Airstream, complete with holiday lights that work!



President Jeff Cutright addressing the group and announcing the lucky winner of the door prize.

Finally he announced that it was time to determine the winner of the door prize. Everyone had to check the bottom of their goodie sack from Santa to see if it had a number on it. Lo' and behold - the lucky winner was none other than LINTON LEARY! The grand prize was a brand-new AIRSTREAM, complete with christmas lights that actually work (once again, it was a beauty but was only about 3 inches long and 1.5 inches high)!

Nevertheless, you couldn't wipe the broad smile off Linton's face as he proclaimed that Grace and he could really use a new trailer.

We all parted company and headed home with spirits high and happy holiday wishes abounding.

Swiss Festival National Rally Caravan



“Home Sweet Home” during the Swiss Festival in Sugar Creek, OH.

During the first weekend in October this year, the town of Sugarcreek, Ohio, will again host its annual Swiss Festival. During the week that ends with that Friday and Saturday

event, an Airstream Club “Swiss Festival National Rally” is held at the Winklepleck Grove park near Sugarcreek. Some of us have attended this big rally in past years and highly recommend it. There are usually more activities and tours there than one can attend in a single trip!

I have now been informed by the 2nd VP of Region 4 that the popular Airstream rally will again be held in 2020 for the 58th year, and that it will run from September 26 until October 4. Caravans of five or more Airstreams may park on Friday, September 25, at no additional cost. Rally costs and details should be made available in early February, with registrations usually being required by May. Meanwhile, those interested can find similar information from the 2019 event on the Swiss Festival National Rally web site.



A special meal being prepared.

I have been asked to again organize and lead a Virginia Airstream Club caravan this year to the rally. In order to do that I am already working to find a rendezvous site a few days in advance and suitable routes and camping locations for stops along the way. They will hopefully be near places of interest we can visit, ending with a September 25 arrival at the rally. This will be a simplified pay-as-

we-go rally and caravan. Participants will be making their own registrations once the schedule is published. Our goal is to arrive and park together after enjoying the trip there.



Sugar Creek is located in the heart of Ohio Amish country and local residents visit the camp regularly.

At this point I don't know how many Airstreams will be in the caravan, but there must be a minimum of five to qualify for the Friday early arrival parking. Already five Virginia

Airstream Club members have committed to going along, and there has been interest by some members of the other clubs in Virginia in joining us.

At this early stage Doris Anne and I only need to know who else is planning to go with us for camping site reservation purposes during the trip. I can easily be reached via my e-mail address below.

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MEMORY JOGGER....



Have you forgotten to do anything important for 2020, like renewing your membership in the Virginia Airstream Club? With the frantic pace of life today, everybody forgets to do something. I'm sure that

you don't want to miss out on all the varied and interesting outings scheduled for the upcoming rally season. It's not too late - you can do it quickly via the internet at wbcci.org (remember, you want to renew with club 03-109, the Virginia Airstream Club). If you prefer to do business via telephone, call 1-937-596-5211 and ask for Barb Langston.

NEWFOUNDLAND



Rose Blanche, southwest side of Newfoundland

Martha and I had a wonderful two-month trip around Newfoundland (newly found land). The scenery is spectacular and the people wonderful. People said there is nothing there; the roads will destroy your Airstream; what will you do there for two months? I could go right back next year for three months, but that's just me. A three-week trip is more Martha's cup of tea. With 2 national and 22 provincial parks, there is plenty to explore. Coastal villages make up most of the settlements, where fishing has been the mainstay since Leif Erikson spent nine months at L'Anse aux Meadows almost 500 years before Columbus "discovered" America.

Fishing is now limited and highly regulated by the Canadian government, so we found fresh seafood in some places and not others. However we discovered packages of cooked, picked and frozen lobster to be awfully convenient and quite tasty! With dependency on fishing changing rapidly, they place great value on tourism. Crafts have always been a mainstay for winter projects, so we found lots of interesting things – quilts, wooden bowls, jewelry and more. We brought back wedding and Christmas gifts.

With a huge rails-to-trails project, one could bike from the ferry to St. John's. We met two nice young ladies who were biking for two weeks. Hiking is spectacular in Gros Morne National Park and on the East Coast Trail. A friend from Mexico City came to visit for a week, when we did a number of great hikes. I had hiked the Appalachian Trail through the Shenandoah National Park for nine days, and Diego said he wanted to do a hike on the AT with me. I told him I would much rather hike the East Coast Trail on Newfoundland.

We spent four days exploring the Codroy Valley in the southwest, but we barely saw it. It is comprised of

farmland and rivers with a background of spectacular mountains, conjuring up images of Jurassic Park. We worked our way up the west coast, stopping at Gros Morne National Park for a week. It wasn't enough, as it was beautiful everywhere we went. We hiked Gros Morne Mountain and took a cruise up beautiful Western Brook Pond. If you want to hike a lot, you'd best be in shape, but there are easy hikes and something for everyone. There were two great geology lectures on sites, learning how Europe was once connected to Newfoundland. We toured the Tablelands, a very unique area, and took a long hike to spectacular Green Gardens on the coast. If I go back, I will take a tent and sleeping bag and explore Green Gardens for a few days.



Codroy Valley

Moving up the west coast to the tip, we explored L'Anse aux Meadows, where it rained almost every day, and it was colder than other areas we visited. Back down and across the top of the big island, we explored each peninsula, Twillingate, Terra Nova and Bonavista. We took a ferry and spent a day on beautiful Change Island and another day on Fogo Island, but it could have been more.



Green Gardens Trail, Gros Morne National Park

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are extremely happy to welcome our new members and look forward to meeting them all at the upcoming club activities scheduled during 2020.

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Members are encouraged to watch for all these new folks at our upcoming gatherings and be sure to make them feel welcome and at-home within our club.



I'm not much on cities, but we really enjoyed St. John 's, spending three or four days there. We explored the five peninsulas on the east side, each being a bit different and all beautiful. We drove the Irish Loop and Discovery Trail. Dining in little restaurants proved to be one of the highlights, but call ahead to out of the way places. A couple of places weren't open when we arrived hungry. Keep your gas tank filled, as some areas are quite remote. Take all the tours – whale tours, puffin tours and fiord tours. We took the ferry back from Argentia, which is 12 hours, but it is quite comfortable with staterooms, nice restaurants and entertainment. Just writing about it makes me want to go back. If you want more details, visit my blog at www.airstreamtime.com. The roads were fine for the most part. Less traveled roads can be quite rough, but then, so are many of the roads in the States.

by Greg Wall, #7351



2020 RALLY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 15: VALENTINE LUNCHEON (Joint Event) - County Seat Restaurant, 3883 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA, 804-598-5000. Hosted by Lisa Sachs (#149) safari27fbse@hotmail.com.

APRIL 1 - 5: REGION 3 RALLY - Ocean Lakes Campground, 6001 South Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 877-510-1413. All sites in the H and HH sections are reserved for this rally - make your campground reservations **NOW!** Hosted by Region 3 President John Leake, john@leakesantiques.com.

APRIL 17 - 19: SPRINGTIME BLUEBELL CAMP (Joint Event), Shenandoah River State Park, 350 Daughter of Stars Drive, Bentonville, VA 22610, 540-622-6840, ShenandoahRiver@dcr.virginia.gov. Hosted by Linda Heuer (#149), gheuer@umich.edu.

APRIL 24 - 26: BREAKOUT & MAINTENANCE RALLY (Joint Event), Small Country Campground, 4400 Byrd Mill Road, Louisa, VA, 540-967-2431. Hosted by Tom Carmichael (#110), tomc@sportsimageinc.com.

JUNE 12 - 13: HOUSTONFEST, Cool Breeze Campground, 2330 Edmonds Road, Galax, VA, 276-236-0300, coolbreezecampground.com. This is not an official rally hosted by anyone, it is just a gathering of Airstreamers who enjoy Bluegrass music and are not traveling to the International Rally. Be sure to get your festival tickets in advance via houstonfestgalax.com.

JUNE 20 - 27: INTERNATIONAL RALLY, The Ranch Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO. To register please call BARB LANGSTON at club headquarters, 937-596-5211.

AUGUST 2 - 9: GALAX OLD TIME FIDDLER'S RALLY, Cool Breeze Campground, 2330 Edmonds Road, Galax, VA, 276-236-0300, coolbreezecampground.com. Hosted by Region 3, region3airstreamclub.net. Details and fees are available on the region website. Simply make a reservation with the campground, tell them you are with the Airstream group and all other business can be conducted upon arrival at the rally.

AUGUST 13 - 20: VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB BUSINESS RALLY, Elkins, WV. Further details are forthcoming. Hosted by Jeff Cutright (#109), jcutright4@msn.com.

SEPTEMBER 11 - 13: COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA RALLY, Small Country Campground, 4400 Byrd Mill Road, Louisa, VA, 540-967-2431. Hosted by the Tidewater Airstream Club (#111).

SEPTEMBER ??: CARAVAN TO SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY, details TBD. Led by Douglas Powell (#109), 434-572-7048, douglas@banisterriver.com.

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 4: SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY, 2800 Winklepleck Rd NW, Sugarcreek, OH. Directions on how to make a reservation will follow in a later edition.

OCTOBER 23 - 25: SILVER IN THE STREETS RALLY, Abingdon, VA. Details are still being planned and will be published at a future date. Hosted by Jeff Cutright (#109), jcutright4@msn.com.

DECEMBER 5: HOLIDAY LUNCHEON. This is an event traditionally hosted by the new President. It's details will be determined after elections to be held at the business meeting in August. Hosted by the President (#109).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

07 Linton Leary
29 Richard & Mary Bartelt

FEBRUARY

10 Cecil & Della Hoosier
15 Harold & Maxine Hamlett
23 Bill Worrall
25 Jack O'Regan

MARCH

01 Mary Bartelt
05 Nancy Whiteley
11 Jeff & Lee Cutright
18 Linda Lee
19 Gary Brink
22 Maxine Hamlett
24 Betty Patton



Review of DEVIL'S BACKBONE CAMPGROUND & FACILITIES

Lee and I stopped by the Devils Backbone Basecamp Brewpub & Meadows on the way home from the Commonwealth Rally. We found it busy and in a nice setting. There are several alcohol related businesses on Rt 151 outside of Charlottesville, so Devil's Backbone is not your only option. This facility is located at the base of the mountain below Winter Green. There were lots of activities, the campground seemed full and there were a good number of tent campers. The facilities in the campground and in the Brewpub were well built and maintained. There was a variety of food options from sit-down restaurants to handheld food around the fire pits. The full hook up sites were limited. The issue is the shared water & electric and the odd placement of the sewer connection. Folks in the full hook up drive throughs were headed in opposite directions to each other in order to connect to utilities. It was their biggest complaint and one would understand it when you pulled into your site. The other thing that concerned me is that at a place that serves significant amounts of alcohol, the fire rings appeared to be farm tractor rims. That's a pretty big fire ring! There was a burn ban in effect on the days we were there, so it didn't matter to us. Along with the full hook ups, there were tent sites and a back-in parking area that had limited utilities.

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