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Good To Be Home! - G&L



Greg and Linda approach Mt. Hood in the Columbia River Gorge.

Our social distancing for July and August took place over 8,800 miles. We were in our Personal Space for about 60 days, on the road from Virginia to Oregon and back. Your President and First Lady joined Cole McGregor, along with Keith and Grady Ferry from Texas, to "scout" the Oregon Trail from St. Joseph, MO, to Oregon City, OR. We will lead the 2021 Oregon Trail Caravan starting just after International next year.

Cole represented the Club by traveling with us from Georgetown, KY, to Pendleton, OR. We enjoyed many historical sights along the way, and had some great meals.



We were in search of evidence of the original Oregon Trail. At many points we found ruts where the wagons passed time and time again. At left, Cole is standing on the original Oregon Trail in some of the deepest ruts we found. The Oregon California Trail Association [OCTA] has marked many of the sights, along with other state and federal conservation groups. It was QUITE a trip.



Yes, We Had Another Fun Time at Misty Mountain - August 21-23



We sure wish MORE of you could come. It was so much fun to see each other again. Too many of our events have been cancelled during this crazy time.

As usual everyone pitched in. SPECIAL THANKS to the Tarrants and the Baums for their organizational skills. This was designed as our *First Annual Grandparent's Rally*, and we'll do it again for sure. The Lawn's brought the

only Grandchild to stay the camp weekend, and others visited. The rain came and went, and none of us melted. This will always be a "buddy rally" so all the family can come no matter what sort of camping gear they own. We all noticed that Misty Mountain was full the whole weekend.

Nancy and Ronan out adventuring





As usual the meals were extra special, including First Class breakfast Saturday and Sunday. We had Egg Scramble with sausage and potato and peppers. Joe Baum made baked apples in the Dutch



Oven. And the Pancake Flippers treated us Sunday morning with Pancakes and Bacon. We always eat well in the Airstream Clubs. The Potluck featured delicious food, creatively prepared, and we ate at socially conscious tables.



2021 Officer Do-Over!

2020 was such a bust the Officers asked for a Do-Over. In *The Time Before*, we'd elected a new slate of officers at the summer gathering in time to send the new slate to National for publication in print and on-line. This year we will merely tell National to keep the Club Officers as they are for the following year. The Newsletter Sidebar has been update with a new dates and the same names. We hope you all approve.



Our Lands End Store is OPEN!

You can order *anything* from the Lands End product line with YOUR logo applied from this store.

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

Click the Link below to go to Lands End or our own JotForm MiniStore

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

Future Planning Must Continue !!

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

September 2020

~~11-13 Annual Commonwealth Rally - Small Country - Hosted by Tidewater Club~~
~~11-13 or TBD - 149 Future Planning Two-Day Camp, site to be selected this week.~~
~~21-25 Caravan to Swiss Festival National Rally - Hosted by Douglas Powell (#109)~~

24 to Oct. 9 - NORVA Caravan "Ohio Presidents and Historic Icons"

[if space available] - Call Caravan Leader, Jackson McBroom (Cell 757-746-6535 or land line 231-526-8693)

~~26 to Oct. 3 - 2020 Swiss Festival National Rally~~

October 2020

22-25 - Alimalina - Hosted by Carolinas Airstream Club

November 2020

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

Rally Details . . .

Alimalina - Marion, NC - October 22-25

This "always fun" rally is again hosted by the Carolinas team and promoted by John Leake via the Airforums page: <https://www.airforums.com/forums/f288/alimalina-2020-a-208836.html>. That's how you register, so check them out.

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

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



OUR Club Decals are here!

I'm pleased with the quality of the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club decals we've ordered. If you'd like one or more, please visit the JotForm MiniStore mentioned above to place your order. I have mine proudly displayed on both the truck and the trailer.



We're Fans of Fans

Our trip West was loaded with beautiful, hot, sunny days. Sure, we had 50 amp full hookups most places, and Yes, our air conditioners worked just fine the whole trip. That said, our life is always made nicer because of the fans we carry in the Airstream.



Our small "clip fan" is moving just a little air in the bedroom, quietly enough we can run it all night.

Our Big Vornado plugs in to 120 and really distributes the A/C throughout the whole trailer. It does run on the inverter, too, so boondocking is always possible.

The Endless Breeze is a 12-volt fan made by Fantastic Fan. It draws very little power from our CLA outlets in the bedroom or the lounge.



Your Choice of National Club Logo



The International Board authorizes the use of the original, traditional logo circle, the new Wally Byam Airstream Club circle, or the Airstream Club International circle on our rigs. Choose the one you like, and encourage those without Big Red Numbers to join us for the fun.



Proud to be . . .

Your President and First Lady
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Keith and Grady Ferry - Greg and Linda Heuer

2021 Oregon Trail Caravan Leaders



The Grand Flamingo

Mascot of the Grandparent's Rally