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President's Corner

Making New Friends and Renewing Relationships



I am reminded that we all have friends from all different walks of life. The friends that we have in fellow Airstreamers are some of the best. I would encourage you to always be open to welcoming new members, they just might be your new best friend in the future. Sometimes it is helping them with an unfamiliar item or feature on their new Airstream. Other times, they just need some advice on what you do with your Airstream. We have lots of things we can share with our new members and even those that have been members for a long time.

I have made lots of new friends lately on the club Facebook page and other Airstream pages. Being the President of the club does have its advantages! The friends that I have made are interesting and we have good discussions back and forth on all kinds of topics. Right now, these are what I would call long-distance relationships and you never know who you might meet. My goal is to someday meet these friends at a rally or on a caravan and grow that relationship that we started online to an in-person relationship.



Airstreams at Sarasota

Renewing relationships that we already have is something we sometimes neglect. Texting our friends or calling them just to say hi lets them know you care about them. Making plans to go travel with friends is always a good way to renew that relationship. Even the Zoom meetings that club members use is a way to stay connected to our friends or start a new friendship with others.

I am excited that slowly Clubs are starting to have rallies and we are learning how to social distance and wear masks when needed as we get together to once again camp, which many of us have not done in awhile. Please continue to be safe when gathering. If you don't feel comfortable getting out, that is ok. Oh, I forgot the hand sanitizer! Do this on a regular basis too!

We will be having the Midwinter IBT meeting in Sarasota, FL in January 2021. I would encourage you to go to the club website and sign up. A good time will be had by all as the Southeastern Camping Unit is hosting this event. They know how to have fun!! Hopefully, we will have good weather while we are there. This is Florida in January, so should be good temps. There are lots of good things to see and do in the Sarasota area.

Andrew M. Selberg

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We regret to inform you of the passing of Norm Hewer on August 6, 2020. Norm was the 42nd International President of WBCCI. Heartfelt condolences are extended on behalf of all WBCCI members to Norm's daughters Susan, Marla and Patricia, family and friends.

Norm served in the Navy during the Korean War. He retired from CN Canadian National Railroad with over 30 years of service.

He was a member of WBCCI for over 35 years and also served as Metro-Detroit Unit President and Region 4 President. The International Rally was held in Huntsville, Alabama, during Norm's presidency and over 1,500 attended.

Norm made a motion at the Mid-Winter IBT meeting in January 1993 to officially charter the Vintage Airstream Club as an Intra-Club of WBCCI. This Intra-Club is still in existence today. Norm and his wife Lucile led several caravans during the 1990's and 2000's. They were the Lighthouse Color and Ores, Shores, Waters, & Lights caravans.

In his October 1996 President's Corner, Norm stated "The health of the WBCCI membership is the responsibility of each member of our club... The only magical answer to a healthy membership is *hard work*."

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Wineries, Food & Dunes in Traverse City, Michigan

We are camping in the Traverse City, Michigan area on the Leelanau peninsula, which juts a long finger northward into Lake Michigan. If you aren't familiar with this area, I'd highly recommend you find some time to take a trip up north, with the fall season offering beautiful changing leaf colors. Traverse City is known for its vineyards and wineries, but cherries (including a cherry festival usually held in early July) are another specialty. Traverse City is known as the cherry capital of the United States. Unique and tasty restaurants abound, one of the best of those is **Red Ginger** (231-944-1733), which never fails to impress (reservations needed). If you enjoy the water, Lake Michigan will stun with sandy beaches and sparkling waters. Every time I visit, I am awed by the beauty. The gently rolling hills make for lovely drives and stunning views. So a missive today that is a little bit food, a little bit wine and some travel tips.

You will find a plethora of campgrounds in this area. We are staying near Suttons Bay, at **Wild Cherry RV resort**, across the road from a winery. This is currently an RV only resort, and lots of Airstreams were present. It's a quiet and pretty place with full hook-ups and sites are roomy. The downside is it's pricey. There are also no laundry facilities or public bathrooms, and very weak cell phone coverage and internet. Traverse City has a nice state park, [Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park](#), which is 2 miles from the downtown and is accessible to the [Traverse Area Recreation Trail](#) (TART) if you bring your bicycles. [Traverse Bay RV Resort](#), located about 10 miles east of downtown, is one of the more unique Traverse City campgrounds. Amenities include an outdoor heated pool and spa, complimentary cable TV, a state of the art fitness center, a clubhouse with a library, tennis

and pickleball courts, complimentary bikes, 12 ponds with fountains and waterfalls, and a free shuttle to the nearby casino (description compliments of The Dyr).

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (located north of Empire on M-109) is a must-visit, with a popular sand dune climb and long hike to Lake Michigan should you have the energy. The round trip is 3.5 miles with lots of climbing and can take 3-4 hours. The sand can be hot, so you'll need shoes. The dunes rise 400 ft above Lake Michigan. The reward at the halfway point is a beautiful beach and swimming to cool off. No pets are allowed on the Dune Climb.

Ferry service is offered to both North and South Manitou islands, wilderness areas for hiking, backpacking and rustic camping. Ferry service has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19. No pets are allowed on the islands.

There are five beaches (some which allow pets). The visitor center and maritime museum are also popular attractions. The park is open year-round.

Another fun place to visit is **Fish Town**, just outside Leland, which still operates as one of the only commercial fishing villages in Michigan. Fishtown was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. There are cute shops and restaurants, but it's always pretty busy.

If you enjoy wine, this region specializes in white wines of many varieties and most of the grapes are grown right here. There are wineries making some nice reds as well, **Ciccione** is one of the better ones (fun fact: it is owned by Madonna's stepdad). The other winery I'd recommend is **Leelanau Cellars**, with its plentiful styles of

wine, free tastings and views from the deck of the entire Traverse Bay lake area. **Mawby** specializes in sparkling wines. Some of the others we enjoyed were **Laurentide**, **Willow**, and **BlackStar Farms**, which recently won an award from USA Today for the Best Wine Hotel in the country. There are several cider tasting rooms; I'd recommend **Suttons Bay Ciders** (gorgeous views and outdoor seating) over **Tandem Ciders**, which was uniformly disliked. The **Old Mission Peninsula**, which is closer to Traverse City also has a lot of winery options. Try **Two Lads Winery** with its unique architecture (and pricey wine), or **Bowers Harbor Vineyards** which has always been a favorite of mine.

The group of friends we were traveling with had a potluck every night, which makes dinner easier when you're out and about all day. One couple hosted dinner each night and provided the main course. Each guest (or couple) brought a side dish. We kept it simple so dinner could be ready in 45 minutes or so. Some shrimp in foil packets on the grill, another night it was whitefish cooked the same way. Side dishes were orzo (a small pasta) mixed with asparagus and parmesan, a caprese salad (chopped tomatoes, basil and mozzarella tossed with olive oil and a dash of white wine vinegar), and sliced potatoes and green beans in foil with some butter, cooked over an open fire. It is good sometimes to not have to follow a recipe. Open your fridge or look at what's sitting out on your counter. I have a lot of zucchini and yellow squash right now, so I slice them lengthwise, marinate in Italian dressing while the grill is heating and plop them right on the oiled grates. Flip after 3 or 4 minutes and repeat. Bon Appetit!

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Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



In a previous column, I talked about how people who did not renew their membership felt, among other things, that the club was too elder centric. There is too much focus on more senior members, not enough on younger members. I would agree that that's probably true, and we must work to make the club more friendly to all ages of those who belong. Next month, I'm going to write about the work of Linda Amme. She has, for many years, chaired the committee that coordinates youth programs at International rallies.

But for this month's column, I'm going to step back and talk a bit about our older members. When Hal and I joined the WBCCI eleven years ago, we reviewed the membership brochure that we received. Everyone looked so old! I remember Hal (a retired medic and fire chief) saying, "We'll go to one rally, and if we don't have to do CPR (I'm a nurse practitioner), then we'll go again." We didn't have to do CPR and never have at a rally (though we do carry a defibrillator in the trailer). And now, we're probably the ones who would look old in the brochure. I quit coloring my hair at the beginning of the pandemic and hardly recognize the person in the mirror these days. How time marches on, right?

We have two women friends, in their 70's, who have lost their husbands as traveling companions recently. One is a widow and one whose husband lives in a facility as he became too much for her to manage alone. They both pull their Airstreams to rallies. They hook up, drive long distances pulling their trailers, they back in, connect everything, cheerful and good

company, and are role models for me. And I know that there are older women all over this club, doing the exact same thing. My friends' relationships with Oregon club members are an essential part of their lives, and they are simply unwilling to give it up. As a result, we all benefit. They have more social connections, and we still get to enjoy their companionship. I'm not sure that if I found myself in their situation, I could be as brave and determined to learn all that I would need to know about the care and feeding of our Airstream. So when you find in yourself in the company of these people who are traveling alone (and yes, it could indeed be men and people who are just single), I think it's good to reach out and be welcoming. Offer help with a heavy hitch or offer a guiding hand for the backing up process. Invite them to happy hour, offer to share a bottle of wine, sit together for coffee in the morning. I know that my friends both really miss their husbands. How simple it is to offer kindness to someone who has an empty hole in their heart.

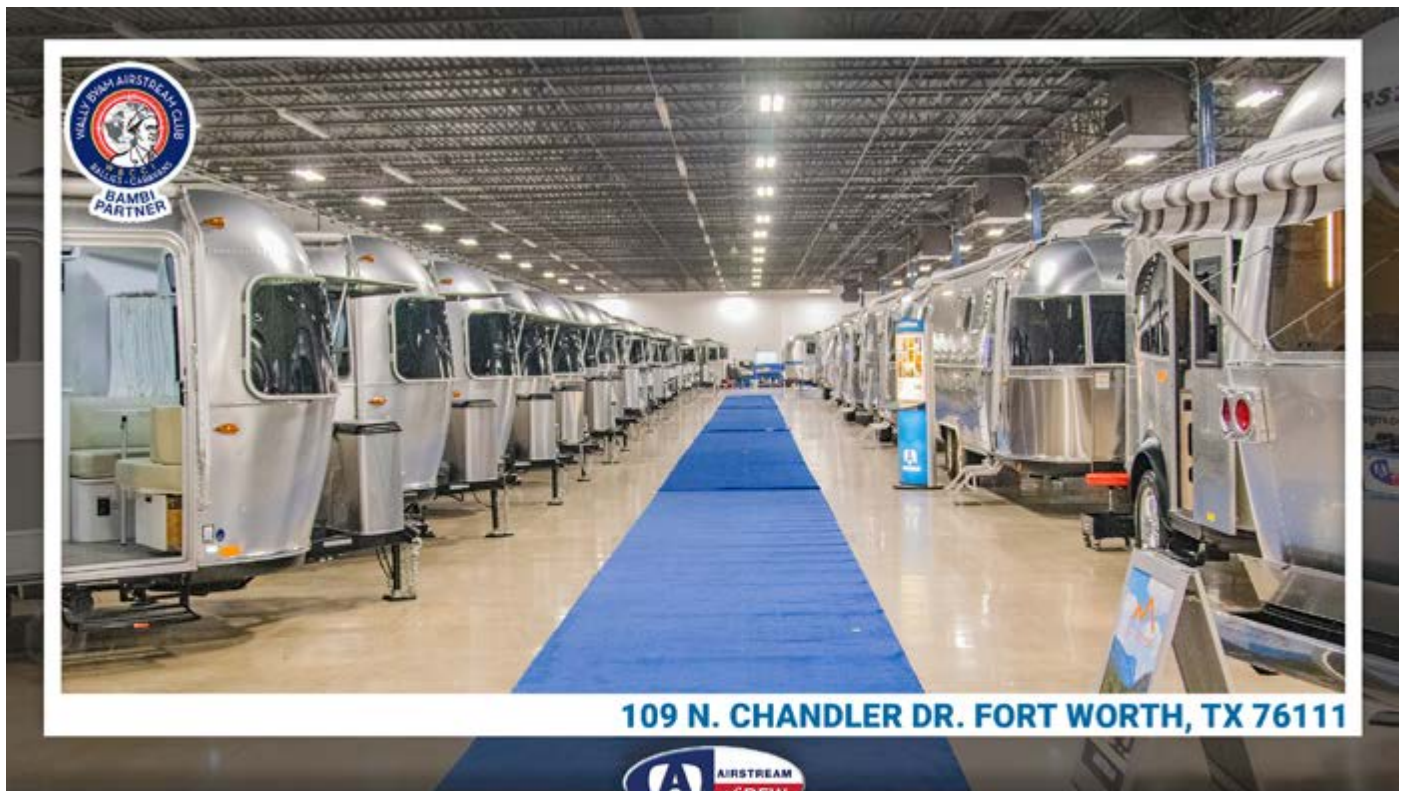
Another thing that can happen is that a person can lose a spouse or companion, and the person who is left can no longer manage their Airstream. What happens then? Do they have to give up these friendships that have been in place, in some cases, for decades? This question came to me while doing an installation at the Montana Airstream Club just last week. A woman lost her husband only a few months prior. She sold her trailer and tow vehicle, but still wanted to remain an active member of the club and attend rallies when possible, staying in a cabin or other shelter. In their infinite wisdom,

the crafters of the WBCCI Constitution made a provision for that situation:

"Members, who were in good standing when they sold their Airstream recreational vehicle, may, upon request, retain their membership, provided such members do not own another brand of recreational vehicle, except such members, may own another brand recreational vehicle that is parked in a permanent or semi-permanent location to be used by the members as a vacation facility or as a home."

When I sent out the survey to people who had not renewed their International membership for 2020, I got many fascinating responses, but this one truly touched my heart. I asked the author, Martha, if I could share her thoughts in my column, she said yes. Martha lost her husband a little over a year ago. Here is what she wrote:

"I love the WBCCI and all the places we were able to travel. We were both teachers, and every summer, we would pick out a part of the United States and go there for two months and see all there was to see really well. We took our daughter to all 48 contiguous states during those summers. North Dakota was our 48th state. Later, we were able to take her on a cruise to Alaska. Bill and I made it to all 50 states. She still needs to make it to Hawaii, and then she will have traveled to all 50. When we went on the WBCCI trip to England, Scotland, and Wales, our traveling buddies were Barb and Ted Adamson. We had so much fun together. Barbara still lives at NTAC, and we chat on the phone 2 or 3 times per week. I guess the best part of Airstreaming is the friendships you make. My non-trailer



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friends couldn't understand why we loved it so much. Then I would ask them, "How many friends have you made traveling when you stay in motels?" Taking a walk around a campground in the evening, meeting people from all over the United States, sitting around their campfires, was a real treat. So I say to all you younger travelers, treasure each day and go out there and make beautiful memories. They will help warm you when you're 85, like me."

I have to admit, I cried as I thought about her memories and how much she must miss her Bill.

For you younger folks, we older ones might seem less relevant, a little set in our ways, maybe not quite fun. But I would encourage you to look deeper, beyond the stereotypes and the silver hair, and find the value in the experiences

we've had and the knowledge we've gained along the way. And most often, we're delighted to share what we've learned.

Enough about that.

In the past month, I have received two emails and had one personal conversation with WBCCI members who have been given a hard time about not having big red numbers on their trailer. And when I say a hard time, in two cases, enough of a hard time that they will not be renewing their memberships in an organization they see as rigid and negatively bound by its own history. Let's be clear: the big red numbers are a fun thing for WBCCI members to put on their trailers if they want to, to identify themselves as members of the club. But about half of our members do NOT put their numbers on their trailers for a variety

of reasons. This is their choice; it is requested, but not required. The numbers are not the club. The club is about friendships and adventure. Your AAA membership card is not AAA; roadside services are AAA. Losing two perfectly lovely couples as members shouldn't happen over something like a big red number display.

Our beautiful state is going up in flames, as I write this. My house smells of the smoke that wafted in to tell the story of hundreds who have lost their homes and sometimes their family members. It's heartbreaking. Trees will be replanted, and houses will be rebuilt. Towns burned to the ground will be risen from the ashes.

It's still just heartbreaking.



Basecamp 20: For the Family of Adventurers

**New, 20-foot Basecamp features bigger floor plan,
more amenities, and endless adventures**

Jay Cullis, Airstream Content Manager

First introduced in 2005, the original 16-foot Basecamp was designed for adventurous travelers who want to get further afield. Since its update and re-release in 2017, the award-winning Basecamp has claimed the position as Airstream's top-selling travel trailer model. The sleek 16-foot trailer is light enough to tow with an SUV or small truck, accommodate life on the road or weekend trips, and spacious enough to relax after

a long day with all the essentials you expect from an Airstream – a full kitchen, a restroom, and comfortable sleeping space – plus many amenities that go above and beyond your expectations.

The all-new Basecamp 20 takes that original idea and expands upon it, with everything you need in an efficient size for a small group to enjoy themselves. While the original Basecamp (now known as Basecamp 16) received design and

interior decor updates over the years, there was something missing in that 16-foot model – the ability to bring more people. Airstream is a company built on the concept of community, kinship, and learning through life's experiences no matter where the road may take you. With the 2021 model year release of the Airstream Basecamp 20, there's an even bigger list of reasons to steer towards our most adventure-ready floor plan to date.



The Standard and X-Package

Airstream has always listened carefully to customer feedback. Understanding those needs allows Airstream to continuously make product improvements in between model years to stay ahead of the curve in innovative design. The Basecamp “X package” was introduced as a response to customers who wanted to go further off the trail and journey to less crowded locations. With larger off-road tires, rock guards, and front window protection, the improvements did just that for the original Basecamp. Now, Airstream is launching the Basecamp 20 and Basecamp 20X, with both packages available at the same time this summer.

For those moments where the asphalt turns to dirt or you have your eye on the perfect campsite but just need to go a little further off the trail, the Basecamp 20X is the solution. The X-package features a lift kit, larger Goodyear off-road tires and stylized wheels, stainless steel front stone guards, and tinted window guards. Also, due to the size of the lift kit and tires, there’s a double step to the main entry door to make getting in and out of the Basecamp 20X easier.

Bigger Floor Plan Features

The Airstream Basecamp 20 answers the call of adventure for an easily towable, sleek, and stylish trailer that can seriously haul some gear while bridging the gap between asphalt and dirt without hesitation.

This floor plan isn’t just longer – it’s also taller and wider than the Basecamp 16. By extending the floor plan by four feet and reconfiguring the layout, the space feels significantly larger and serves the needs of the modern nomadic family.

Encapsulated at the front of the Basecamp 20 with the panoramic windows is the all-new U-shaped dinette. This seating space allows for comfortable lounging for up to 4 adults with room to spare. The tabletop is designed to swivel completely around without thumping into anybody sitting around the dinette. This feature also allows for quick entry and departure from the seating area from either side without having to have the whole gang stand up each time somebody needs to access the fridge or sink.

By having a large dinette that can seat multiple people, it means that owners can keep the rear bed set up throughout the day

and still have a space to sit down to enjoy a meal, knock out work emails, or socialize with guests.

Doubling up as an additional bed in just two simple steps, the convertible dinette can be transitioned into a sleeping area or lounging space. No matter what the end goal is, the transition only takes about 30 seconds to complete.

Basecamp 20 Galley

By designing an updated dinette at the front of the Basecamp, it meant that the kitchen appliances needed a new place to call home. Unlike the Basecamp 16 which had the entire kitchen situated at the front of the travel trailer, the Basecamp 20 has the kitchen counter, cabinets, sink, and range top across the hallway from the wetbath in the galley.





The updated, larger all-electric refrigerator and optional microwave are conveniently located in between the dinette and galley. The space saving engineering of stacking the refrigerator and microwave also opened the opportunity for additional storage spaces next to the convertible dinette. If the optional microwave is not selected, the space then becomes another storage location above the refrigerator.

A Larger Convertible Rear Bed

With the same number of convertible options as the Basecamp 16, the Basecamp 20 offers an ultra-flexible space that can be used as an open floor for tossing in gear or

bikes, half beds from the sides or front to back, as well as a massive complete bed that measures 82 in x 78 in.

By having more length to work with throughout the entire floor plan, we were able to extend the flexible seating and sleeping area in the back of the interior.

Additional 2021 Basecamp Updates

- More storage options throughout the interior, including a floor compartment that is easily accessible through the rear hatch
- Exterior shower with hot and cold water
- Upgraded continuous and tankless hot water heater

- Individual fresh water, gray water, and black water tanks with black tank flushing system
- Airstream Connected pre-wire

With the introduction of the Basecamp 20 and Basecamp 20X to Airstream's model line, the existing models are now known as Basecamp 16 and Basecamp 16X, creating no shortage of options for those who are looking for the perfect towable travel trailer that can be towed behind just about any mid- to full-size SUV or truck. The same interior decor options (Forest Ridge, Red Rock, and Glacier Lake) will carry over into the Basecamp 20 models.





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Ten Lessons Learned from Living an Unconventional Lifestyle

Sara Davidson, #5982

I live full time in a 27-foot long Airstream in 200 square feet of space with all my belongings. I'm not a minimalist nor a nomad, but I am living an unconventional lifestyle. I decided to follow my imagination down this path in hopes of discovering parts of myself I have not yet found. It has challenged me, it has taught me many things, and it continues to intrigue me to no end.

I developed the following list over several months of living tiny in a completely unfamiliar dwelling. After reflecting, analyzing, and talking-it-out, here are ten things I've learned. These insights may be of interest to anyone full-timing in an Airstream, spending large amounts of time on the road in one, or anyone interested in personal growth.



Sara takes possession of her 2016 Airstream International Signature trailer.

Number One:

The things that matter are obvious. Everything else is supplemental. If it's not important, there's not a need to stress over it. If you're stressing over a relatively unimportant thing there is something else going on (mentally/emotionally) that you need to acknowledge and work through. I've never thought more about Maslow's hierarchy of needs theory than while living in my Airstream. I rarely thought about physiological and safety needs when I lived in a traditional sticks-and-bricks home. Now questions that regularly run through my head related to the needs hierarchy are: "Where will I park tonight?" and "Will I have a water hook-up?" When you're focused on these fundamental aspects of life, your perspective on the "importance threshold" changes a little.

Number Two:

You're alone a lot. It may be lonely at times but being alone doesn't always mean you're lonely. Also, getting used to being alone a lot can come in handy. You must be able to be by yourself with your thoughts and be happy, healthy, and productive. Life can change rapidly and drastically and the only thing that will always be there is what you've got going on inside of your mind, body, and soul. This will either help you get through the tough parts of life or it will trip you up. Time spent alone can help identify your "inside bits" that may need a little more love and attention.

Number Three:

Change can be forced, but that doesn't make it bad. Ask yourself what is great about the current situation and then find ways to enhance what is great. Don't focus on what's not so great.

Living in an RV forces you to adapt and be resourceful. Hitching up and moving my Airstream means there is a chance I'll run into issues along my route or something will be broken when I get to my destination. Being comfortable with change makes it easier to deal with these problems that pop up.

When your RV is also your home, the stakes are higher. The issues en route or the surprise leak or broken item can become overwhelming if you are inflexible and resistant to change.

Number Four:

You can waste a lot of time. You have to be deliberate with creating goals and have a plan to achieve them. If you don't do things, they won't get done because there is no one else to do them.

I'm always tinkering with my Airstream. As soon as I complete one project, I'm on to the next. If I'm not following through with the ideas and plans I make, my quality of life quickly decreases. Remnants of unfinished projects and clutter collect fast in a tiny space.

Number Five:

Always travel with cash. If you're in a bind and are asking for favors, sometimes cash will get someone to do something they otherwise wouldn't. It's also nice to surprise a Good Samaritan with a \$20 bill to show your appreciation.



When tinkering with your trailer, have a "plan of attack." Deliberate goal setting helps you prioritize and succeed.



Simplify. A propane campstove is nice, but it's not the gear you need; it's the people.



Being alone isn't always lonely. A visit from "Lucy," a friend's golden retriever, provides companionship.

I've been in binds before and have found that people are willing to help if they can. But kindness can run out and that's when money talks. I've also had people go out of their way to assist, and it feels cursory when the only thing I have to offer them is a heartfelt "thank you."

Number Six:

Change makes you find new ways of doing things. You might gain a new perspective or discover a better way of doing something. Or perhaps you'll just be able to say you dealt with change in a mature way and leave it at that.

Number Seven:

Everyone has a story. People will come and go. You won't hear a story or know a soul until you care to.

You will meet many people on the road and in RV parks/campgrounds. Each has a reason for being there and a story that got them to that place. The stories can be fascinating, but you'll never know if you don't open your heart to

hearing them. Don't judge the permanent park residents. They have chosen that lifestyle, and there's likely an interesting story behind that choice.

Number Eight:

There is freedom in living light (physical, mental, and emotional). Be in a headspace that allows you to be present and adaptable. Try to find the good side of everything.

Number Nine:

The best experiences my family and I have had are the ones that were the simplest. Reducing distractions helps to stay present, grateful, and connected.

You don't need all that gear. Stop packing all the extra stuff you might need. Forget about Wi-Fi and cell coverage. Don't worry about planning out your trip and "hitting all the sites." Spend time with your favorite people and rediscover the things you love about them.



A mechanical breakdown shouldn't cause an emotional breakdown. "With change comes growth. Embracing change turns problems into adventures," says Sara.

Number Ten:

Stress can build quickly. Remind yourself that you can do it, even if "it" is getting through the next five minutes. Set small milestones, only focus on what you can truly control, and remind yourself often that you will get through it one way or another.

Trying to tackle the never ending "to-do" list can feel overwhelming if you try to do it all at once. Leave time and space for the unexpected. A good pace will build resilience. Going too hard too fast will make it unenjoyable and burn you out.

To Sum It All Up...

Many of the lessons my Airstream lifestyle has taught me were born from necessity. I encountered several problems of varying degrees. These challenges were opportunities to learn something new. The more difficult the challenge, the more you have to learn. There are plenty of challenges to the lifestyle I have chosen, but it's right for me right now.



With tow vehicle in the shop for weeks, Sara found a new way to get around. In this case, a smaller vehicle with better gas mileage!

Currently, my husband and I are both in the military and stationed 500 miles apart. Even with the challenges of being apart and living in my Airstream, it has some benefits. We are more financially flexible, we have stability when we meet at our half-way rendezvous point with the trailer in tow, and our communication has improved. These benefits make the separation easier, but we are looking forward to cohabiting again in a couple of years. Until then, we are enjoying this adventure!

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NORVA members Sara Davidson and husband Brad Wilkof.





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Our (*abbreviated*) 2020 Cajun Country Caravan...

Charlie Michels, #1208

After 2+ years on the waiting list, I was notified this past January that a spot had opened to join the Airstream Club's Cajun Country Caravan in SW Louisiana the second week of March! I jumped at the opportunity and began preparations, including mapping a route and friendly places to stay on our way down. We were not sure about how much food to pack, long sleeve or short sleeve shirts, types of and amenities in campgrounds and how many etc., until we received more info from the Leaders a bit later.

On March 7th Nancy and I headed south to spend the first night at my brother Andy's near Greensboro, NC, and the second night at my brother Fred's near Seneca, SC (home of Clemson U). The next day was a longer day around Atlanta and stopping at Magnolia Branch Campground near Atmore, AL. Up again early, as we needed to arrive at the Caravan's first campground by 2:30 or so. We arrived at the Cajun Heritage RV Park around 2:15 after surviving a dangerous rainstorm around Baton Rouge.

The Official Caravan began at 3:00 in park's big hall with intros and initial review of the prodigious Cajun Country Caravan Handbook. I was pleasantly surprised to meet some Wisconsin Streamers, Sandy and Ed, whom I had met and hung out with at the International Rally in Escanaba a few years ago! After the official meeting, we queued up at 6:00 for a monster pot of spicy chicken and sausage gumbo with rice, cake and BYOB. Seated across from us was our International President, Mona Heath and partner Tim: it was fun getting to know them! Following the opening series of events, we made our way back to the 1968 Globetrotter to relax and call it a day!

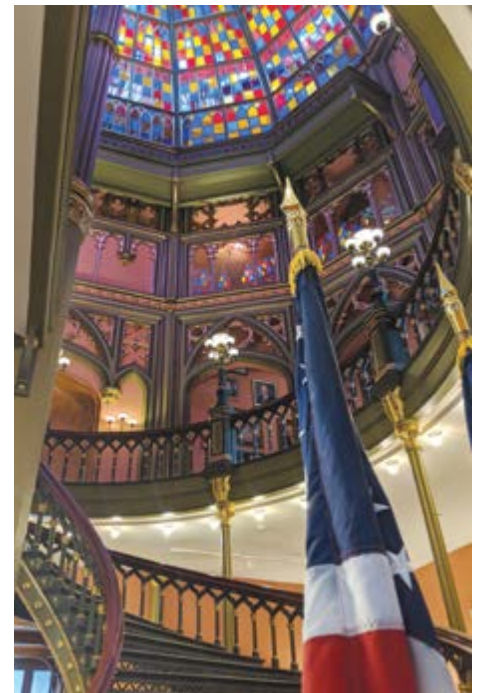


Governor's Mansion

Day 2: Up early to board a beautiful coach bus by 8:00 to head back east to Baton Rouge for a day of sightseeing, beginning with a stop at the very stately Governor's Mansion and grounds. After an informative tour of the two first floor living/parlor and dining room, we were delighted to be graced by an appearance of First Lady Beal. On into Baton Rouge for a great buffet lunch at the Jolie Oyster a few blocks from the Mississippi, then a great tour of the original State House which had certainly had its share of ups and downs, but now beautifully restored. Back to the RV park for the first (of 5) Get Acquainted Meetings (GAMs). These apparently are typical for Caravans, but new to Nancy and me, as this was our first Caravan. A quiet dinner in the Globetrotter and we called it a day.

Day 3: Up again early to board the same coach bus, and back toward Baton Rouge for our initial stop at the LSU Rural Life Museum. Caravan Leader Peter served fresh bread pudding muffins on the bus that were tasty indeed! We toured the Museum initially on our own, then

met up for a short video and split into two groups for an informative tour of the grounds and era appropriate buildings that had been carefully brought to the grounds. We were



Old State House



LSU Rural Farm Museum



Isle of Iberia RV Park

then treated there to a lunch of jambalaya, salad, roll and sweet tea. Following lunch, we headed to the current and considerably extravagant State Capital built by the legendary (and still controversial) Governor Huey Long in the 1930s. Built in the Art Deco theme, it was purposefully built as the tallest State Capital at 450'. Cramped elevators took us up to the 27th floor observation deck followed by a guided tour of the beautiful rotunda area and both ornate 'Houses'. It was a sight to behold! Back on the bus and back to the RV park to recuperate before heading to the famous Pat's Fisherman's Wharf for dinner seated as a group, but paying separately...And what great seafood!

Day 4: Up for a leisurely breakfast, then ready the Globetrotter for an easy drive at 10:45 to the Isle of Iberia RV Park where we were set up and relaxing by 12:30. The afternoon had no scheduled activities, so Nancy and I headed to Avery Island to tour the Tabasco Factory and meander through the significant gift shop! Whilst in the gift shop, we heard the announcement that this was the last day the gift shop was going to be open due to word of the Corona Virus becoming a news topic... The self-guided tour was just OK, but following we accessed the beautiful Jungle Garden across the road. What a delightful leisurely driving tour of the significant Garden with plenty of places

to stop, walk around and enjoy the sights and sounds including some gators, amazing live oak trees, bamboo, azaleas and camellias. Avery Island is actually considered a salt dome, from which the special salt was mined and added to vinegar and ground hot peppers to make 5 generations of tabasco sauce! Back to the RV park to relax and freshen up, then into town for dinner at Preservation where I had made reservations. Once inside we saw and then were asked to join Mona, Tim and fellow Caravanner John for dinner. A great meal and plenty of raucous conversation! That concluded our busy day.



Louisiana State Capitol



Tabasco Factory



Live Oak



Rip Van Winkle Gardens

Day 5: Up around 8:15 for leisurely breakfast and standard French press coffee followed by a 10:00 GAM. Driving separately, the gang went to the Rip Van Winkle Gardens and Mansion for self-guided tour of the grounds and a tour of the Mansion via some rather stern docents! The Mansion and grounds were built by, and then named by the famous actor Joseph Jefferson whose longtime role was playing Rip Van Winkle in the early 1900's for nearly 30 years! This area was built on another local salt dome under a small lake which in 1980 catastrophically collapsed whilst being drilled for oil resulting in a vortex, flooding, mud slides and the swallowing a newly built house and 65 acres. The lake eventually increased 1000% in size. We drove back to the RV park to relax then to a provided

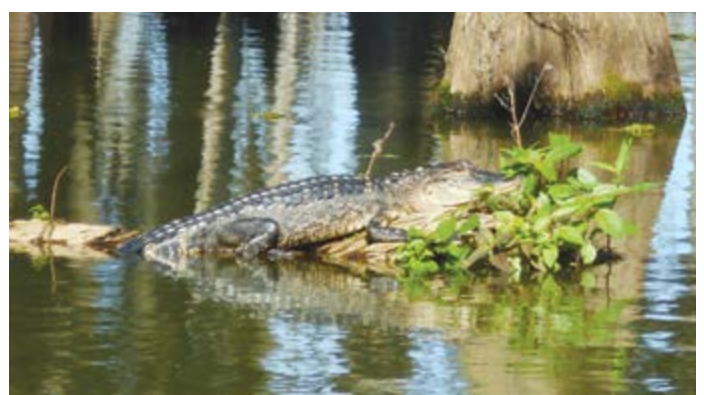
wine and cheese event at the Park's Big Pavilion. Nancy and I then went back into town to eat at a nice restaurant: Jane's Seafood and Chinese Restaurant!

Day 6: A big and busy day, once again! Rolling separately to our much anticipated Champagne's Cajun Swamp Tour, we arrived and after (typical with this vendor) loading into aluminum flat bottom boats with swivel seats, we toured connected swamps (still water) and bayous (moving water) for about two hours. We had a very knowledgeable guide using vernacular terms and expressions. A great morning! Off to St. John's Restaurant for once again an excellent provided meal! One of the fellow Caravanners at our table noted that this

meal surpassed all meals he had on a previous 4-week Caravan! Wow! Now to the Martin Accordion factory, where we packed into a cozy space and learned about the history of Cajun and Zydeco music from the daughter of Mr. Martin. This story was accompanied by music provided by Mr. Martin on the pedal steel guitar and his (Internationally renowned) grandson on accordion, with daughter either on bass guitar or for Cajun songs, keeping beat with a triangle. We sat in the front row and I actually recorded a few songs on my Pixel phone: Wonderful! I had been anxiously awaiting hearing some traditional Louisiana music and considering what our immediate future held, was certainly glad to have been graced by this performance. We then had the opportunity to see the accordion



Swamp



Swamp Gator



Zydeco Cajun Music



Martin Accordians

shop and listen to Mr. Martin explain some of the processes. As a fellow woodworker, I had to query him about a few things and was very impressed with the quality of their work with the tools and machines they were using. We drove back to the RV park for another GAM and dinner in the Globetrotter. I was beginning to seemingly see issues with my Globetrotter's single 12V battery...

Day 6: Fortunately, we had an empty a.m. Caravan schedule which provided me time to really check out my now 5-year old monster Trojan battery and realized it was tired and done. I swapped it out for a new AGM battery from AutoZone several miles away and back to 12+ volts. Whew! I needed to be creative with holding this smaller one in place and did so with some scrap firewood and using a battery-operated circular saw from our neighbor! (It held all the way home!) We individually drove to the Konrico Rice Company Mill, which is the oldest continually operated ricer mill in the US. We viewed a video on the Mill's history followed by a brief tour of the Mill. Nancy and I scooped up bags of their famously tasty pecan rice in their gift shop, along with a few other things. The pecan rice does not have pecans in it, but part of the tasty hulls of this type of rice. It does require storage in your freezer or fridge... Back to the RV park for laundry and tidying up the Globetrotter for an impromptu Open House from 2:00-4:00. It is always fun to see

folks' reactions when entering my significantly renovated 1968 Airstream! Nancy and I then hosted a GAM and had fun conversations with caravanners we now knew a bit better. One couple has hosted the Kentucky Bourbon Caravan and was looking for recruits...sounded like a fun possibility in the fall! The entire gang then met in the Big Pavilion for conversation and updates. We did celebrate several birthdays and anniversaries of participants, including Nancy's. By this point, the COVID-19 pandemic was becoming a more serious concern across the country and our Leaders informed us at the meeting that the next week's activities had all been cancelled by the vendors, etc., short of an outside crawfish boil in two days after another set up at yet another RV park. The next park had no restrooms or showers (WTH?!), which is a bit problematic with the Globetrotter, and... Nancy and I had eaten crawfish etouffee with several meals, and...we had a long way home with questions now about gas availability, camping spots, traffic, etc. Other folks had the same travelling concerns, others were getting dinged by their kids to get home, some had underlying conditions, and some were a little less worried. It was indeed a disappointment to have the Caravan end with a fun week yet to go... Folks asked about getting back together next year but were told there were over 100 folks on the waiting list already.

Interestingly, President Mona Heath recorded

her sad video regarding the cancellation of the upcoming International Rally in Colorado while there in the RV park...I think my Globetrotter was in the background. At that point in conversations with the AC Leadership team, she was unable to share with our group the current status of AC events.

We decided to pack up and head north the following day on the 17th, St. Patrick's Day and Nancy's birthday. After 3 loooong days of driving with one stop in rural Alabama at a very nice Montgomery South Campground, followed by a night at brother Andy's, we arrived safely back home on March 19th. Refrigerated items into the house along with laundry and called it a day with Nancy heading back to her house south of Smyrna. The following day I did all the necessary Airstream end-of-road-trip tasks including washing the Globetrotter and tucking it back into its secure resting spot...Away for who knows how long now!

It had been a busy two weeks including the driving and we surely were sad about having the second week of the Caravan cancelled, but we arrived home safely and there can always be a trip in our future to SW Louisiana for wonderful sights, sounds and food! Laissez les bon temps roulet!

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

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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Propane Generator?

Elisa Ungerman, #3334

Got generator? While staying in place has kept most of us at home, I'm sure it has not kept most of us from thinking and perhaps even planning for the next "wanna-get-a-way" moment. With many RV parks and campgrounds currently closed, that may mean boondocking or camping without electricity for the near future. And that also may mean using a generator during your trip.

For those that have not yet purchased a portable generator(s), suffice it to say that there are many to choose from, and a Google search will lay them out. But what to do if you want your generator to run on propane, not gasoline? We recently made the purchase of an RV generator and for us, it made much more sense to buy one that runs on propane. We already carry an extra propane tank and did not want the added weight, burden and hazard of a portable gas tank, nor the fumes. After much research, we discovered that there are two viable options when it comes to small portable RV generators that run on propane: The Champion 3400 dual fuel, and a converted Honda 2200EU2200i.



Honda EU2200i with Hutch Mountain propane conversion and adapter

We moseyed over to Camping World and checked out the Champion 3400, which we really thought we would like. Until we tried to lift it. It weighs, out of the box, almost 96 pounds. Both my husband and I envisioned our discs rupturing in some remote campsite if we needed to lift it in and out of the truck. For us, it simply was not "portable." So that left the converted Honda option, since the Honda weighs less than 47 pounds and either/both of us could lift it.

We went with Hutch Mountain, a highly-rated Utah-based company that makes a conversion kit for the Honda. <https://www.hutchmountain.com/> Hutch Mountain offers two options: (1) supplying you with a conversion kit that you install on your self-purchased generator (there are many YouTube videos of the process) or (2) selling you the conversion kit, facilitating the purchase of the Honda generator through a local Utah company, contracting with a local professional install the conversion kit on the generator for \$60.00, and shipping it to you, ready for use. We chose to have the kit pre-installed on the Utah generator, and, although more pricey than the DIY option, it worked out great for us. Plus Hutch Mountain's customer service was fantastic. We later bought a quick disconnect set-up so we can run the generator using our Airstream propane tanks when desired.

There is another option: Genconnex, a Massachusetts-based company, not only sells conversion kits for propane and natural gas, but fully converted generators as well. <https://genconnexdirect.net/index.htm> A few NorCal members who have purchased from Genconnex have given the product high reviews. Comparing prices, the two companies are roughly the

same once all the add-ons are accounted for. But note: with the Hutch Mountain conversion, you can run the generator on gas if necessary, while the Genconnex conversion is a permanent conversion, allowing the generator to run only on propane.

The Micro Air EasyStart, or other soft start appliance attached to your Airstream's air conditioning unit, allows one Honda EU2200i generator to power up and run your Airstream's 30 amp AC. If however you need two generators, both Hutch and Genconnex offer the proper equipment to convert the EU2200i-companion model to propane as well. Just make sure to order the proper kit for the companion model as it is NOT the same.

To be fair, there are other companies that supply conversion kits for Honda generators, such as Century Fuel Products and US Carburation, and these may be worth checking out as well, but be sure you are matching the proper kit to the particular generator you have. For example, US Carburation does not appear to have a kit for the EU2200i (as opposed to the EU2000) and you have to search on the Century Fuel Products website to find the EU2200i.



Close-up of Hutch Mountain hoses and external propane regulator



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The 1960 European Caravan - Part 1

Very little was written about the 1960 European Caravan back in its day, so until recently it was not possible to tell the story of this caravan in any significant detail. Fortunately, a large collection of letters sent home from the 1960 European Caravan by African Caravanners #2374 Alfred and Fern Olsen were recently obtained. Their letters, plus a few other recently discovered sources, allow us to finally tell the story of the 1960 European Caravan for its 60th anniversary.

The 1960 European Caravan ran from April to October 1960 with a reported round trip shipping cost for two people, car, and Airstream of \$3500. While Wally Byam did not personally lead this caravan, he was actively involved in its planning, even slipping away from the African Caravan for a few days in February 1960 to fly to Paris, France to discuss final details with the 1960 European Caravan Leader, Ben Kemperman. Ben, a native of the Netherlands who spoke several languages, was the scout on the 1956 European Caravan. Between 1956 and 1960, Ben worked on seven other caravans to Cuba, Mexico, Canada, and the USA before being named the leader for Caravan 24 – 1960 Europe.

Wally also had his cousin Helen Byam Schwamborn, a veteran of the 1956 European Caravan, doing the detailed planning for the 1960 European Caravan. She organized

the rendezvous in the USA, traveled with the Caravanners by ship to Europe, and then sped ahead by car to Trieste, Italy to arrange the reunion with the African Caravan. African Caravan mechanic Arturo Ruiz would become the 1960 European Caravan mechanic when the caravans merged. Airstream Ohio Plant President Andy Charles, wife Connie, and daughter Christine were also 1960 European Caravan participants and would be reunited with son, and African Caravan Scout, Nick Charles when the two caravans merged in Trieste.

Travelling off and on with the 1960 European Caravan were 1956 European Caravan veterans Ardean and Norma Miller and sons Randy, Bruce, and Bradley. The Millers had authored the story about the 1956 European Caravan that appeared in the June 1957 issue of National Geographic. The Miller family often traveled separately from the 1960 European Caravan, but would reunite with it periodically so that Ardean could take “glamour shots” of Airstreams in front of famous European landmarks.

With this team in place, the 1960 European Caravan was in good hands when it assembled near Philadelphia, PA in late March 1960. On the morning of March 28, after a couple of days of get acquainted sessions and meetings, 56 caravan rigs received a police escort down the New Jersey Turnpike to the port in Trenton, NJ. The Caravanners were able to see the first rigs

Shipping to Europe



Caravanners Dockside in New Jersey



Loading Airstreams onto the S.S. Wasaborg



More Loading in New Jersey



Caravanners on the S.S. Maasdam

loaded onto the S.S. Wasaborg before buses took them to the Governor Clinton Hotel in New York City. After a couple of days sightseeing in NYC, buses returned the Caravanners to the Port of Trenton to board the S.S. Maasdam on March 31, 1960.

The S.S. Maasdam made stops at Cobh, Ireland and Southampton, England on the way to Rotterdam, Holland, where it arrived on April 10, 1960. Caravan Leader Ben Kemperman, who was already in Europe with his Airstream, met the Caravanners as they disembarked. The Caravanners took a boat tour of the harbor and saw their rigs aboard the S.S. Wasaborg waiting to be unloaded. After a night in Rotterdam's newest hotel, they picked up their unloaded rigs and a police escort led them to their campsite. During shipping, two rigs had been slightly damaged, and one had been broken into, so insurance claims had to be filed.

On April 12, Helen Byam Schwamborn and an assistant named Jon left by car to begin their advance trip toward Trieste, Italy, checking on caravan arrangements along the way. Jon would take over this responsibility when Helen left the caravan after Trieste, so this leg of the caravan was his training.

On the morning of April 14, after a couple of days getting their butane tanks refilled and stocking up with supplies, a police escort led the string of 57 gleaming Airstreams from their Rotterdam campsite to the German Autobahn. Accidents on the Autobahn (none involving Caravanners) made for slow going, but by the end of the day they made it to their planned stopover at a Campingplatz on the bank of the Rhine River in Köln (Cologne), Germany, where they camped in a wagon wheel formation. There was no time for sightseeing as they were making a rapid trip to Trieste to rendezvous with the African Caravan and they would be making

an extended stop in Cologne later during the caravan.

The next day, they took the Autobahn to Karlsruhe, Germany driving past springtime trees in bloom and farmers tilling their fields. After a 3-day stop at Karlsruhe, they proceeded to München (Munich) for another overnight stop. The next day they entered Austria and found the mountain roads narrow and twisty. They overnighted at Rattenburg, near Innsbruck. Longer visits to the Munich and Innsbruck areas for sightseeing would occur later in the caravan itinerary.

The following morning, they climbed 4500 feet to Brenner Pass and crossed into Italy. At the summit it took two hours to clear customs and buy coupons that provided tourists with a 30% reduction in the price of gasoline. From the summit, police led them down to their campsite at Trento. Many Caravanners took a bus trip to a ski resort near Trento, even taking a ski lift to enjoy the view from the top of the mountain.

Their next stop was Mestre, Italy, just 5 miles from Venezia (Venice). On Sunday, April 24, some Caravanners ventured into Venice for sightseeing even though they would be returning soon after uniting with the African Caravan.

Finally, on Monday, April 25, the caravan proceeded to their campsite on the coast of the Adriatic Sea in Trieste, Italy so they could prepare for the arrival of the African Caravan. On April 27, a delegation of European Caravanners met Wally Byam and the African Caravanners at the Yugoslavia-Italy border and escorted them to the campsite where the African Caravanners were greeted by cheering European Caravanners. Each African Caravanner had lunch in the trailer of a European Caravanner. That evening, after the formal Reunion Dinner, the European Caravan teenagers sang songs

Trieste and Venice, Italy



European Caravanners greeting the African rigs at the Yugoslavia-Italy border



Cheering for the African Caravanners



Wally Byam speaking in Venice - Ben Kemperman seated to his left



Gondolas in Venice

and the African Caravan kids performed a humorous skit poking fun at the triumphs and hardships of the African Caravan. Everyone had a great time. Wally Byam talked about a possible 1962 Around the World Caravan and announced the wedding of Art Ruiz and Toni Grabowski that had occurred during the African Caravan.

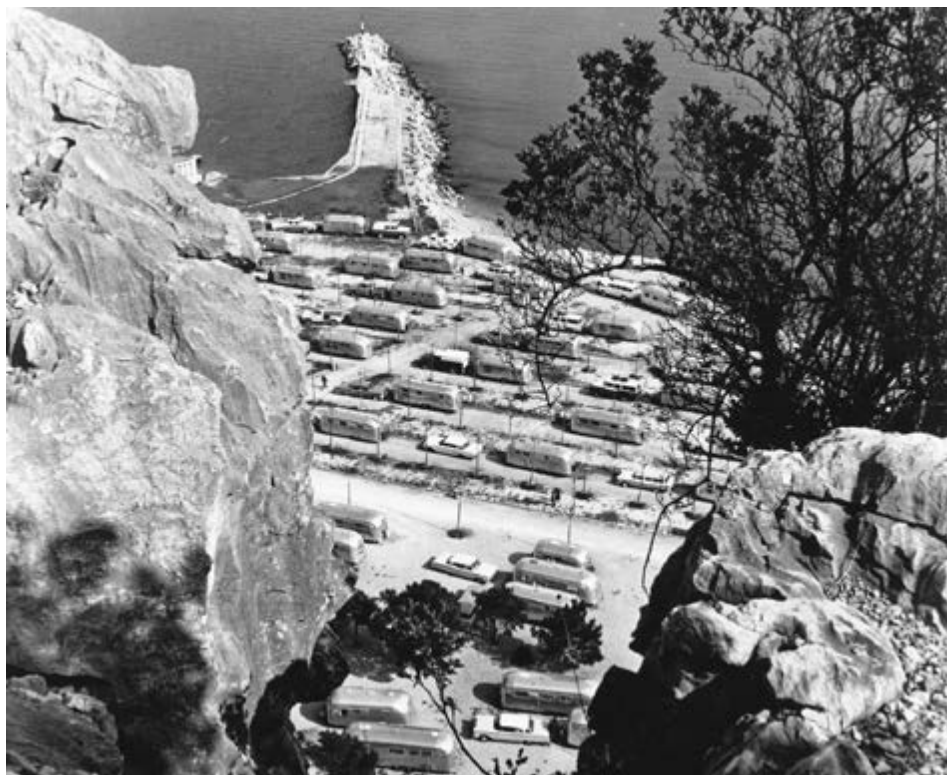
On April 28, 25 lucky Caravanners were invited to visit with Prince Raimund Von Thurn Und Taxis and tour his 13th Century Duino Castle on a cliff overlooking the Adriatic Sea. The following day, the Prince visited the campsite and had breakfast with Wally Byam in the Airstream of Ardean and Norma Miller. Afterward, the Prince personally greeted each Caravanner and toured several Airstreams, shaking many hands and signing guest books along the way.

On April 30, the merged caravan moved back to Mestre, near Venice. The next day, 30 gondolas took the Caravanners thru the canals of Venice accompanied by a 4-piece orchestra and two singers. The Honeymoon Gondola was rented for newlyweds Art and Toni.

As the caravan prepared to depart Venice, several African Caravan rigs left to ship home. Twenty-two Africa rigs officially joined the 1960 European Caravan temporarily bringing it to its maximum size of 79 Airstreams, though in the weeks and months that followed some Africa rigs would trickle away, leaving to see Europe on their own or ship home early.

Wally Byam, Helen Byam Schwamborn, and African Caravan Scout Dale Schwamborn also left after Venice to spend a little time in Paris, France before heading home.

It should be noted that from this point forward it was not uncommon for Caravanners to come and go as they made side trips to see sights of personal interest, since security was not an issue.



Merged Campsite in Trieste, Italy on the shore of the Adriatic Sea

On May 4, the caravan departed for Klagenfurt, Austria where they camped in a state park with water and electric hookups. That evening they enjoyed a large bonfire and were entertained in camp by a German style brass band, a 30-voice men's choir, and folk dancers in lederhosen. The next day, twenty 16-year old boys who were studying English were granted leave from school to act as guides for the Caravanners. This arrangement had begun in Italy and would be repeated in many cities for the remainder of the caravan. The Caravanners took a bus trip to Hochosterwitz Castle, reportedly the best preserved in all of Europe and claimed to be the inspiration for the castle in Walt Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

On May 7, the Caravanners pulled their rigs to Graz, Austria over several steep mountainous grades and one European Caravanner was frightened enough to quit the caravan. The

doctors on the caravan were warned to not practice medicine or write prescriptions in Austria, lest they get in trouble. A 40-piece band entertained the Caravanners as they arrived. Among the sights seen in Graz were a clock tower high on a hill which provided fantastic views, and a museum containing several thousands of pieces of polished medieval body armor, helmets, and weapons that were used to defend the area from raids by the Turks in centuries past. The Caravanners also started to discover that wearing their blue berets often got them into attractions without having to pay the normal admission fee.

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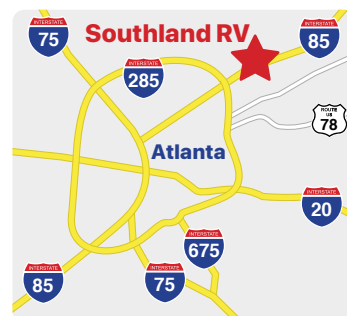
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The Half Pint Adventure...

Maria Tobin, #8518

As quoted from Vinny Rossitto, President of the Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club, "One of our newest members, Maria Tobin, wrote a heartwarming article for this newsletter that tells the story of her long, long journey that ultimately led her to find "Half Pint" and the Airstream lifestyle. Welcome to AL-MON-O Maria, and thank you for making such a nice contribution within your first month!"



youngest siblings, as the older siblings were grown and out of the house. My third oldest sibling who I've never had a chance to travel with as a child, invited me to the 2019 Blue Grass Festival Rally in Somerset, PA. This would not only be my first camping experience with my sister Cindy, but my first experience witnessing the wonderful world of Airstreaming. While sitting around the campfire with these newfound friends, I knew I wanted my own Airstream. Time moved on and I was once again invited to a rally in July 2020. It was wonderful to see those familiar faces once again. After several inquiries about whether or not I'd found an Airstream, someone suggested I take a look at Facebook Airstream Hunter. Low and behold, there she was! Located in Georgia. So the Half Pint journey began. My sister Cindy and brother-in-law Doug graciously offered to accompany me on my trip. First in order was to have the electric brake installed on my 4Runner and purchase the sway bars. Doug was beyond kind in giving me a hitch to complete the package. Georgia here we come! To say we were excited would be an understatement. Over the hills and through the woods of Pennsylvania,



West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia we go. Upon arrival, there sat Half Pint in a million-dollar house cul-de-sac. She was beautiful. After a 45-minute orientation by the seller, we were off to Top of Georgia Airstream Park. If you haven't been, you should go! We had one of those "never stop smiling" kind of evenings. Dinner was at Cowboys and Angels in Helen, GA, then back to Top of Georgia for a blissful happy hour on the swings in the pavilion. Half Pint received multiple compliments of how cute she is. I, on the other hand, received multiple comments on how difficult it will be to back her up!

In all my Half Pint adventures, I hope I can be as brave and confident as my mom was! And one day, my granddaughter Penny will be writing those book reports and we will be enjoying the Half Pint adventures together. Cindy and Doug, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and support through this journey. I couldn't have done it without you guys!! And to all the Airstream friends who will surely be helping me and offering advice, I thank you in advance!!

Edisto Island here I come!!

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"Hello to everyone out there. In this issue we have a follow-up discussion about the GFCI article in August, and an article about the proper use of Side-View Mirrors. Thanks to everyone out there that make comments and suggestions for the good of all your fellow Airstreamers. Keep up the good work!"

Safety Side-View Mirrors ***Eliminating the Blind Spot***

Over the years I have developed a habit of glancing over my shoulder as an extra precaution (in addition to checking the mirrors) when I want to change lanes while driving. Wanting to move to the left lane on the interstate, I activate the left turn signal; look in the windshield mounted rear-view mirror; look into the door mounted left sideview mirror; and glance over my left shoulder to see if a vehicle is in my "blind spot." The blind spot is a position not visible in your rear-view mirror and just outside of what is visible in your left side mirror. Frequently, drivers who are in the lane to your left, slightly behind you, and in the left side of that lane are in your blind spot. My glancing habit has saved me from numerous "close calls" whether I am changing lanes to the left or changing lanes to the right on multilane interstate highways.

If the truth were known, most of us position the view from our door-mounted side-view mirrors incorrectly. For some reason we set the left and right mirrors, so we see the edge of our vehicle in each mirror. It is comforting to look out and see a part of a rear fender or a rear door handle in each mirror (see photo below). Perhaps it comes from wanting to use those mirrors to back into narrow parking spaces. By setting mirrors in this manner, we increase the size of the blind spot on each side of the vehicle, which increases our chance of having an accident.

Having recently read a recommended procedure for setting side-view mirrors to eliminate the blind spot, I decided to give it a try. The procedure is to sit comfortably in the driver's seat with eyes straight ahead. Lean to the left until the upper side of your head is touching the driver's window. With your head in that position, set the left sideview mirror so you are just able to see the left side of your vehicle in the edge of the mirror. Return to your normal driving position, eyes straight ahead. Estimate the width of your head, then move your head to the right a distance equal to two of those widths. At that point turn your head to look at the right side-view mirror and set it so you are just able to see the right side of your vehicle in the edge of the mirror. What you have accomplished by resetting the mirrors is to widen the field of view to eliminate the blind spots on either side of your vehicle (see photo with reset mirror now showing car previously in blind spot).



GFCI Discussion Comment

Your second solution bonds the neutral and the ground of a generator. Now picture this. Electricity goes out the hot wire and comes back to the source on the neutral or white wire. It does not just disappear. *(Actually, current goes out and back on both wires, changing direction 60 times per second. That is the nature of alternating current.)* The only thing that happens to it is the voltage is reduced by the amount of resistance of the appliance. *(The voltage should be 120 volts 60 Hz AC at the appliance on the hot wire as measured to either the neutral or ground and 0 volts between the neutral and ground wires regardless of the resistance of the appliance.)* So, when the ground and the hot are connected the trailer could have as much amperage running on the trailer frame as the hot wire of the circuit does. OK? *(Not OK, even assuming the "ground and hot are connected" is a typo. "Amperage would not run on the frame because it has nowhere to go on the frame. The ground to neutral bond is typically (and should be) made at the generator. In this way, it meets NEC in that when using the generator, neutral and ground are connected only at one place, and at the source. Further, the only way current could flow from an appliance in the trailer to the generator on the ground line is if there were an open neutral and/or a hot ground or neutral-ground fault in the trailer. The hot-ground fault should cause a breaker trip and the others would be detected by an outlet tester in the trailer. Both are trailer faults and should be detected and corrected.)* Yes, where they are connected might make a difference. Although the generator becomes

a new source like a panelboard bonding is not an acceptable solution. NEC requires all generators used on construction sites and all buildings not attached to the main building to have a driven ground rod. Few do. *(An RV is neither a construction site nor a building under the definitions of NFPA70-2020. NFPA70-2020 Article 445 deals with generators. We can find nothing in that Article requiring grounding of generators. Article 250.34 deals with portable and trailer mounted generators and says, quoting in part, "...Portable generators are not required to have their frame grounded when equipment is connected by a cord and plug connection to receptacles on the generator, the non-current carrying conductive surfaces of the equipment are connected to the ground connector of the generator receptacle, and the ground pin is connected to the frame." We cannot speak to the design of other generators and trailers, but a stock Classic 30 connected to a Honda EU2000i meets all these requirements.)* I believe a person should not use insulating blocks under their trailer jacks. *(We know of no basis for this. Jack plates sitting on an undefined surface cannot be relied on for any safety purpose.)* If one believes a ground is needed one should drive a ground rod. *(We do not believe so, and we cannot find an authoritative reference that says a ground rod should be used.)* There is a chapter in NEC that deals with recreational vehicles, I do not know if it would be of help to you. I hope I have been of some help. *(Article 551.30 deals with generators on RVs. We can find no reference requiring a ground rod or neutral-to-ground bonding in the Article.)*

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After driving for several weeks with these changes in place, my personal evaluation of revised side-view mirror settings would be at the top of a ten-point scale. The awareness of other vehicles, close to yours, is very reassuring and leads to safer driving. Driving has been rated as the most dangerous thing we do each day, especially when traffic is heavy, hectic, and traveling at freeway speeds. Reset your side-view mirrors and

remember that your driving skills may be responsible for the safety of people who surround you on the highway as well as those who occupy your vehicle.

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Lebanon, Tennessee

Susan Martin, #4334



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Let's start at the epicenter of our Rally next year - the city of Lebanon in beautiful Wilson County. Lebanon is located about 30 miles east of the capital of Tennessee, and the home of country music, Nashville. We will be convening at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center, home of the premier County Fair in the state of Tennessee.



Fiddler's Grove

Grove is collection of 49 historical structures, some moved there and restored, some replicated. You can relax and stroll through the village, learning about and getting the flavor of Wilson County's history. Among the buildings you will find a train museum, post office, general store, schoolhouse, and chapel. Historical plaques will give you a feel for the development of Lebanon through the 1800s and early 1900s.

Lebanon is a small city, the county seat, and its public square is on the National Register of Historic Places. The square was built over Big Spring, which provided the town's water supply until 1932. Big Spring can still be heard running under the square, especially when you are visiting the replica of the Neddy Jacobs Cabin at the northwest corner of the square. Also in this area, you will find an Arcade, the location of Sam Houston's law office, the renovated Capitol Theatre, and antique shops.

For the discerning shopper looking for hidden treasures, there are antique shops throughout Wilson County. Some are located in Mt. Juliet about 15 miles east of Lebanon. For those who need more up-to-date shopping, Mt. Juliet has a large shopping complex, Providence Market Place, located right off I-40. And just south of Lebanon, you will find the Lebanon Outlet Marketplace.

There are a few antique shops in Watertown, too, about 10 miles southeast of Lebanon. But the big draw in Watertown is the Stardust Drive In. This new facility, opened in 2003, has two screens and a great concession stand. Take yourself back in time to this outdoor movie venue and relive your youth. Just one thing - no speakers to mount on your car door, you pull the sound in over your FM radio, either the one in your car, or one you bring from home!

OR - stay in Lebanon and find another venue for reliving the good old days. Snow White's Drive In will have you looking around for the Fonz! You can eat in or order from your car. It's said you just flash your lights and the server will come take your order. The time to go is Friday because each Friday there is a cruise-in. Never know if there will be 2, 10, or 20 classics, but it will be fun.

Outdoor buffs can find a variety of things to do in Wilson County. Cedar Creek Sports Center in Mount Juliet has some great Putt Putt golfing, or for greater distance, there is a driving range. They also have batting cages. The Go-Karts may or may not be running again next year. We'll just have to see. Cedars of Lebanon State Park is about 8 miles south and has lots of good hiking, horseback riding, and a disc golf course. By the early 20th century, this area, once a beautiful cedar forest, had been depleted due to high demand for its fine wood. During the Depression, a WPA project reforested the area, making it one of the largest stands of eastern red cedar in the whole country. There is some good camping available there if you choose to arrive early or stay on after the rally!



Cedars of Lebanon State Park

Another location for some easy hiking is the Sellars Farm State Archaeological Area. Relics from the Mississippian Period have been found here, indicating the presence of a fortified pre-historic Native American Village from roughly 1000 AD - 1300 AD. The site is open from 8:00 a.m. until dusk every day. Kiosks provide self-guided tour material at the beginning of the mile and a half loop trail, and information along the route.

Other historical locations are scattered around Lebanon. The campus of Cumberland University, founded in 1842, is located within the city. The campus of the now defunct Castle Heights Military Academy now houses, among other things, the Lebanon Museum and History Center. Tours can be arranged for groups larger than ten. The museum will give you a good sense of life in Lebanon over the past nearly 200 years. The Wilson County Veterans' Museum and Plaza is a small, but beautifully done museum. Their displays include much memorabilia, a jeep, and - the crown jewel of the collection - a Huey helicopter from the Vietnam era.

Whatever you want to do - shop, learn, exercise, eat, play - there is plenty of it in Wilson County. And we're only getting started. There's lots more to do in Tennessee!



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

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

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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	
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★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

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Men's Polo Shirt			
Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Small		\$34.00	\$
Medium		\$34.00	\$
Large		\$34.00	\$
Extra Large		\$34.00	\$
2XL		\$36.00	\$
3XL		\$38.00	\$
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Low Profile Baseball Cap (One Size)			
Color	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Red		\$18.00	\$
Enter Total here and below		TOTAL 3:	\$

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TOTAL 2:	\$
TOTAL 3:	\$
Additional Items:	\$
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Grand Total	\$
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Women's Polo Shirt			
Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Small (4/6)		\$34.00	\$
Medium (8/10)		\$34.00	\$
Large (12/14)		\$34.00	\$
XL (16/18)		\$34.00	\$
2XL (20/22)		\$36.00	\$
3XL (24/26)		\$38.00	\$
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Information About Changes to National Caravans

Elna & Jay Thompson, #805

The club expects to run caravans in 2021 and beyond, as they are a fantastic value and a lot of fun! We want participants to understand how they will be different during these current, unusual, circumstances.

Caravan leaders are preparing to provide 17 National caravans for 2021. When caravans were canceled in 2020, most deposits were either recovered or transferred to 2021, but not all. The Club made sure all participants received a full refund because the pandemic was unknown when participants signed up. The club does not have the resources to continue to cover the financial risk in the future with a known pandemic still ongoing. In addition, caravan leaders will carefully review and evaluate information regarding the health and safety of participants before operating the caravan.

We will require that each caravan participant sign an acknowledgement of the following:

Each member participates on caravans at your own risk, and that includes, but is not limited to health, financial, and activity/content risks. We will operate caravans in a manner that adheres to the local rules in the jurisdictions we operate, and you should expect to do so as well, or you should not participate. You face at least three areas of risk on the caravan:

- **Health:** No one knows when an effective vaccine to the current pandemic will be widely available, therefore, you assume a health risk. Similarly, some caravans operate in extreme temperatures and/or high altitudes, and these entail health risks that participants assume.

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, each participant must provide the appropriate protective equipment e.g., a mask, to be worn at all times specified either by local authorities or by the caravan leader. This ensures that you accept responsibility for your safety and that of other caravanners.

- **Financial:** If a caravan is fully or partially canceled, the club cannot guarantee a full refund - you assume risk for deposits or other money that may not be able to be recovered.
- **Activity/Content:** A caravan may not be able to do all the activities that were planned when you signed up or were done in past years. This is because local rules may change so they are not allowed, or vendors may decline to offer the same activities as planned or done in prior years.

Finally, participants should be aware that caravans may not always have full hook-ups, internet or cell phone connectivity, and some campsites may be in isolated locations.

Caravan Leader Training

Caravan leader training is being presented via online videos and Zoom meetings. Three training sessions have been completed with good feedback from all those taking the course.

The procedure is that the videos are viewed online and then in a Zoom meeting is discussion and Q and A about the videos. The course has nine videos with three videos viewed for each Zoom meeting. The Zoom sessions last about one to two hours. The Zoom sessions are scheduled for alternate days, so the course is completed in six days.

The next training session is scheduled for October. Contact Jay Thompson at elnaandjay@mac.com or 850-212-4719 to sign up for the training.

“Indie Streamers” Intra-Club membership is exploding.

100 solo-streaming members in 15 days!

Carolyn Beardshear, #7982

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.*

[Visit our website and the photo gallery of new Indie Streamers.](#)

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.

[Join Indie Streamers Intra-Club](#)

We’re looking forward to meeting you in person and online!

REGION 1

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

Region One is starting to see a little light at the end of the tunnel. Possibly “a little too little, a little too late” possibly too many “littles”! Currently we are seeing travel restrictions getting better each week however they do have a tendency to fluctuate which does make forecasting camping weekends still a bit difficult. Good news, Reserve America is providing full refunds if you need to change plans due to the pandemic. Months ago I stopped feeling down because we have had to cancel trips and rallies and started to focus on the reality of the pandemic. This is real, people are getting sick around the world and many are being lost to this horrible disease. I refuse to get political over this pandemic and focus on what I can do to contribute to the battle. We will not someday wake up and find it gone. This disease will be with us for a very long time and each and every one of us does have the power to slow it down, prevent the spread and help those who are elderly and quarantining in place. Reach out to local services to find out ways you can help.

Historically we would be sharing stories of apple picking, pumpkins and a long list of things we enjoy doing during October and the balance of the fall season while sitting around a campfire with your WBAC family enjoying the crisp autumn evening air. The leaves showing the great colors of a New England fall, treasure hunting in little antique shops, and finding those wonderful roadside farmers' stands. Covered bridges and sneaking in a little fly fishing in that Massachusetts river before the season comes to a close with the first snowfall - what I call Norman Rockwell moments. They will return and so will so much more as we all work together to beat this thing.

In the meantime, an interesting item came across my desk the other day which I thought was worth sharing; State Maps applied to Airstream doors. You know, that outlined map of the United States that has individual colored states that you apply to your map as you travel this wonderful country of ours. So what actions are needed to actually fill in a state on your map? The Golden Rule appears to be your “final” destination. That is to say you live in Kentucky and your trip is to California. Under the Golden Rule, the only state you can fill in is California. Try explaining to your fellow club members how you got there if you only filled in California. The next best process would be to be able to fill in every state you actually parked your Airstream and spent the night. Some folks fill in a state even if they just drove through it on their way to somewhere else. Others feel you need to get your feet down on solid ground to claim a state. By the way, flying over a state definitely does not count.

I suppose you could have your own special guidelines for filling in your own map. Something like, I used a restroom in Virginia, fueled up in Georgia, or did a jig on the side of the highway in front of the welcome to Oregon sign. Whatever you decide, please be safe, stay healthy and keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
region2.airstreamclub.net

Our Region 2 President Rich Short recently wrote “It is always fun for me to read through the newsletters from our local clubs in Region 2. It is especially interesting these recent months amid an event that has had such a tremendous impact on our Airstream way of life. While most organized rallies have been cancelled, newsletters show there are still clubs with small, modified events on the calendar. Only the passing of time and the next newsletter edition will tell if the event was actually held.

But what I have noticed is that quite a few of our restless (and dauntless) Airstreamers are out camping and exploring either ‘solo’ or with perhaps one other couple. Caution and social distancing are the norm in the stories I have read but it is obvious that COVID has not taken all the fun from Airstream travel for these folks. Each story and every picture put a smile on my face. It means a lot to me knowing that the spirit of our Airstream members may be stressed by events, but we are not all down and out! Events may have caused changes in our modus operandi, but we are still motivated to get out, explore, and like Wally said... ‘find out what’s over the next hill and the one after that’.”

COVID-19 has rocked our countries making it difficult to know what and how to plan! If you recall, the 2020 Region 2 Rally was supposed to have been held in Kingston, ON, in May. When it was cancelled, we told you it we’d do it in Kingston in 2021. However, early in August, the decision was made that we wouldn’t. There are just too many uncertainties to move forward. Will the Canadian border be freely open to travellers? Will people entering Canada still have to quarantine? Will local public health measures allow the campground to fully open its facilities, including rest rooms? Will group size be restricted? Will tourist attractions be open? Etc., etc. While the spring of 2021 may seem far enough away to plan safely, health experts on both sides of the border – indeed around the world – are predicting that the pandemic will last another year and more. With Ontario having been one of the provinces hardest hit by COVID, the provincial and local governments don’t want an encore. They are being very watchful and cautious. So must we.

I'll put on my pre-retirement public health hat now – prior to retiring, I was heavily involved in disease and outbreak control, immunization programs and pandemic response planning. It's now October and influenza vaccines should be available shortly. Even if you've never had a flu shot before, think hard about getting one this year. The benefits certainly outweigh the risks for most people. And with two potentially debilitating, even deadly, viruses circulating at the same time, wouldn't it be great to have at least some protection against one of them?

Roll up your sleeve and stay safe, everyone!

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
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"Variety is the spice of life" someone said. And with campgrounds, that is often the case!

The campground of old was a semi-cleared area literally anywhere! In the 1950s, Wally Byam camped in fields, parks, parking lots, in town along streets and, actually, anywhere that could accommodate his intrepid band of campers. The "facilities" were basic if not primitive and running water was the exception rather than the rule. Generators might have been used if available, but propane lamps, stoves and heaters were common.

Over the last sixty years, campgrounds have evolved into resorts. What are the campers of today looking for in a campground? Some are still a no-frills enthusiast - dry camping with no extras except for the beauty of the countryside. Living as one with nature gets the blood pumping in some campers. But for those with a little less "frontiersman" in their blood – there are camping resorts.

Campgrounds now offer hookups from 15 amps to 80 amps. Many have back-in sites but some offer all pull-thrus. Most provide water and sewer hook-ups, internet, cable connections as well as laundry facilities and small store. But are you aware of some of the other amenities? Resorts are offering mini golf, boat and paddle boat rentals, bait shops, fishing, playgrounds, fire truck rides, heated pools, bingo, pool tables, tubing, pedal carts, breakfasts, suppers, shuttle service to area attractions, grocery stores, biking trails and a variety of sports equipment for ping pong, volleyball, golf, skiing, canoeing, and basketball!

With all these changes in camping, one has to ask, "WWWS?" What would Wally say?

The Southeast has six very Airstream-friendly parks for you to enjoy – though they may not have all the above, there is one thing that they have that the others do not – Airstreams as far as the eye can see! Come join the nicest camping neighbor a camper can have – a fellow Airstreamer!

Land Yacht Harbor of Melbourne, 201 N John Rodes Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32934, 321-254-6398

Mystic Springs Cove Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL 32568, 850-256-3280

Paradise Park, 46900 Bermont Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33982, 941-639-2680

Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground, 13 Airstream Dr., Crossville, TN 38572, 931-788-2414

Top of Georgia Airstream Park, 14255 Highway 75N, Helen, GA 30545, 706-878-3590

Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park, 6517 Highland Haven Rd NE, Copper Hill, VA 24079, 540-651-9050

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
region4.airstreamclub.net

We're all looking forward to next year and the 2021 Region Rally.

"Peace, Love, and Almost Heaven" Region 4 2021 Rally will be held at the Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, WV. Dates are May 19-23, 2021. Additional details will be available later.

The 2022 Region 4 Rally will be a Main Street Rally in Wooster, Ohio!

Yaaaaaay, the crowd roars, and the women and children go wild! Yes, Wooster has graciously agreed to host us for the first ever Region 4 Main Street Rally! The folks in the Wooster Main Street Office have worked out the scope of the rally and venue with all the Wooster City agencies. The Trustees and the Mayor are on board and look forward to hosting us in their town in May 2022. Mark your calendars for these dates: May 19-22, 2022.

First things first, if you have never been to Wooster, Ohio, you would think that the name of the city is pronounced like rooster or booster—not so! Instead of the double "oo" sound in rooster, it is more like the double "oo" sound in wood. In 2016 some students from the College of Wooster, located in the same city, made a quick and entertaining tutorial on how to pronounce Wooster and the history of its namesake. We have about 22 months to learn the correct pronunciation so as not to offend our hosts.

REGION 5

Artie Martin, Contributing Editor
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Hello Region 5!

We have all been part of the largest pandemic since the Spanish Flu in 1917/18.

Most of our Rallies have been cancelled. We were able to go camping three times so far this year. Normally we would have been on the road 8-10 times by now. Phone calls to our fellow members are the new norm to say hello and see how everyone else is doing. We pray that a vaccine is available soon. We pray that the riots and injustice going on in our cities is brought under control soon. I think about what would happen if one of our clubs planned an urban rally and mob of terrorists showed up just by chance. We already live in a dangerous world. I didn't think it could actually get worse, but it has. For the safety of our members and their loved ones, we have all had to make decisions as we re-evaluate our ability to safely conduct a rally, or even just go camping by ourselves.

As time continues to move forward, I am assured that the members of WBCCI will continue with an even greater resolve to continue Wally's dream of forming friendships and comradery, and see what lies just over the next hill or around the next bend. It's in our blood! Type "A" = Airstream. Type "B" = Byam. Type "O" = On the Road Again!

The RV industry has experienced one of the biggest booms in its history! We can only hope when things return to normal, we are able to make a reservation at a campground and not get the response "Campground is Full"!

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 annual Arkaluma boondocking rally (also known as Burning Mouse) in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, October 29–November 1 at Mulberry Mountain Lodge. Airstreams are parked in a wagon-wheel arrangement with a big campfire in the center. Activities include jack-o'-lantern carving and hiking. It is a great opportunity to experience camping without hookups. The club will return to Buffalo Point on the Buffalo River, America's first national river, November 5-8. Attendees always enjoy the beauty of the water and massive bluffs, and Dutch oven cooking.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club members will be headed to Alumalina, October 22-25, in West Marion, NC, for four days of hiking, biking, entertainment, seminars, crafts and more. You can bet they will be decorating their rigs with Halloween themes.

The Louisiana Airstream Club is planning a "Limited-Informal-Installation" Rally, October 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 December 3-6 at Nakotosh Campground in Natchitoches, LA.

Mississippi Airstream Club members do not have any scheduled rallies for this fall, but be on the lookout for spontaneous events!

The Music City Airstream Club's David Crockett Rally and Natchez Trace Caravan is October 2–5 with the caravan departing October 5 arriving in Natchez, MS/Vidalia, LA on October 8.

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

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 likely be in April 2021. More details will be available later. All reservations for the fall 2020 rally at Riverview Campground in Vidalia, LA will be moved to the rescheduled rally.

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.

REGION 7

Jane Carmichael, Contributing Editor
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I have a couple of questions for you. Have you ever visited with your Airstream friends at their campsite? Of course you have, right? But, have you ever visited with your Airstream friends at their campsite WITHOUT having your Airstream at the campground?

Well, it will only make you slightly envious, as we recently discovered for the first time.

Friends who belong to a different region, and who belong to a different local club than we do, happened to post on Facebook that they were going to spend a night in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. They asked for tourist ideas which resulted in several wonderful suggestions and a couple of offers for Courtesy Parking.

How very nice of the Wisc-UP Airstream Club Facebook group to help Stuart and Kate Robertson and their family. Kate's parents were traveling with them separately in their own, newly purchased Airstream. A Caravan of Two!

When the next post said that Stuart and Kate had scored a campsite in Ishpeming, I was very pleased for them. Campsites can be somewhat scarce at the last minute during the summer in the UP (and, ahem, very limited during the winter).

Kate suggested that I stop by for a visit so Eddy and I did. We packed up several small baggies of pretzels as presents for the kids and headed over.

Keep in mind, we hadn't seen another Airstreamer in their Airstream since March 20, 2020 when Ed and Sandy Emerick left us along the interstate (in Mississippi? in Illinois?) after giving us an air hose fitting to use for winterizing.

And, our seeing Stuart, Kate, Mom, Dad and the Kids? Joy! Ecstasy. Fun. Laughter. More joy!

Next time, we want *their* version of the visit!

Excellent Newsletter from Minnesota. Well done. Tag-along-Caravan planned. Installation Rally planned. There are some health issues of concern, so we are sending our prayers.

North Dakota planned an ad hoc campout. Their newsletter editor has requested photos and a few words about what you've been doing. Please share with Bev Wells so she can let us know what's going on.

Wisc-UP will have had their Business Meeting via Zoom just prior to your reading this. Please check out more detail at their website.

Last question: Have you registered for the International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee? It is really easy to do online at airstreamclub.org under Events.

Hope to meet you there!

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
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The new Club Presidents have been elected or soon will be and it's time to thank all those outgoing Presidents for their great leadership during this very difficult year. So, to Scott, Jim, John, Linda, Tim and Barry, I appreciate all you did for your clubs and for your support of the region officers. To all the other Region 8 Club Officers and volunteers, thank you! Also, a big thank you to the Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs – June, Dale Ann, Jodi, Kathy, Fred, Sharon, Shirley, Tom, Glenn, Dwight and of course, my wife, Cheryl, for her wise counsel. It's time for each of you to take a bow and breathe a big sigh of relief! And to the new Club Presidents, Greg and I look forward to working with each of you and hope for a much easier year with no rally cancellations.

It's now October and we are experiencing one of the greatest spectacles nature has to offer, in my opinion. Yes, it's the start of fall and the leaves are changing. The temperatures are starting to cool down and hopefully the annoying, flying insects will be gone soon. It is also time to get that final camping trip in, at least in the northern states, and winterize our rigs. Wherever you are or whatever you are doing, it's time to reflect back on this crazy year.

And now the final chapter of the "Charity Challenge." Two regions accepted the challenge and raised \$9,555! Thank you, Region 8 and Region 12.

Take a deep breath. Got it? Now it's time to plan for the future and stay safe!

REGION 9

Nancy Fitzgerald, Contributing Editor
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"When we dance together my world's in disguise. It's a fairyland tale that come true. And when you look at me with those stars in your eyes, I could waltz across Texas with you."

When I hear Texas Troubadour Ernest Tubb twang these opening lyrics to his "Waltz Across Texas" classic, I am transported back to the one of my favorite camping memories – putting on my boots, finding that old straw

cowboy hat, and dancing to the sweet sound of country fiddle while gliding across the old wooden floor of the Luckenbach, TX dance hall. And when it got warm inside, I danced outside under the crisp October evening stars.

The legacy of Texas' dance halls dates to the very founding of the state. No cultural trip to the Lone Star State would be complete without experiencing these sights and sounds at an authentic dance hall. In the 19th century, when German and Czech immigrants came to Texas, they built churches, schools, and public meeting halls that became the cornerstone of their rich social lives. Over time, polka and traditional dances blended with the rest of Texas' rich cultural melting pot, and the dance halls became incubators of Texas country, western swing, Tejano, and conjunto music (an accordion-driven hybrid). Today, these halls continue to sustain a living history. Historians tell us that once there were 1,000 dance halls in Texas. Most have rotted away as their rural settings were absorbed by neighboring towns and urban development built on their foundations. Some 400 survive today, which is more than the number found in any other state. But if you waltz your Airstream into the Texas Hill Country, you will find many of the more established and well known dance halls still drawing Saturday night crowds with big name Texas country artists: Anhalt Hall and Gruene (pronounced "Green") Hall near New Braunfels; Twin Sisters Dance Hall near Blanco (LBJ was said to have grown up dancing here); Luckenbach near Fredericksburg; Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall outside of Hunt (true dance hall dancing under the stars); Schroeder Hall in Goliad; and John T. Floore's Country Store and Schulenburg Hall both near San Antonio. Visiting some of these dance halls will also take you through the Texas wine country, past historical painted churches, to a few Oktoberfest, and across several Texas Independence sites.

October in Texas can be magical – perhaps the fairyland tale that Ernest Tubb twanged. The nights are crisp, and the stars are especially bright. If you are searching for that iconic Texas experience, the perfect place to find it is on a dance floor.

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor
region10.airstreamclub.net

This has been **quite** a summer! Each of us have had our resolve tested in so many ways - cancelled caravans, cancelled or downsized rallies, strange weather, and a pandemic; however, Airstreamers are a creative and determined group. We have managed to plan many smaller local Club rallies and stay connected to the Airstream family by zoom chats, backyard campfires and we have discovered many opportunities for adventure in our local areas.

As our local Clubs renew their leadership teams, we thank all those who completed their terms in a very unique season and those who have stepped up to volunteer to fill these roles for the upcoming year. Our club relies on all of these volunteers to fulfil our Airstream dreams.

As you know, both the Pendleton Round Up and Sun Valley Jazz and Music rallies have been cancelled for this year. They will be back next year, as will all our usual fun events! So remember to renew your membership for next year.

Whether you are "winterizing" your rig or (if you are able) preparing to spend the winter in a warmer and snow-free climate, look for lunches, breakfasts and gatherings to maintain your Airstream family connections. You will enjoy the experience!

In either event, enjoy planning next year's adventures. We are all hoping and planning Region and Unit caravans and rallies to fill your travel plans for next season. **Join as many events as you can!**

Remember to stay safe; practice physical distancing at any event you attend. Go, enjoy, and act responsibly.

Watch for details on the Region 10 website and Facebook and the Local Clubs' sites.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
region11.airstreamclub.net

The Balloon Fiesta National Airstream Rally sponsored by Region 11 has been cancelled.

The Arizona Airstream Club's Rally at Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde has been cancelled.

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club's Capital Reef Rally is to be held on October 9-12 at the Thousand Lakes RV Park in Torrey, UT. A great time to visit southeast Utah and to explore one of the breathtaking areas of the United States that may not be well known. Capital Reef National Park is located just south of I-70 and is on Utah 24. There are many "Did you see that?" views in this area. If possible, take Utah 12 south and come out to US 89 at Bryce.

The Colorado Airstream Club has a luncheon planned for October 10 at the Castle Café in Castle Rock, CO. Castle Rock is located just off of US 25 south of Denver. This is a tentative event, so confirm this activity with the Colorado Airstream Club and make reservations before going.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region12

Hello Region 12 Airstreamers. I hope that this article finds you in good health. I have several bits of information to send you this month. First of all, the R12 Region Rally in Palm Desert will be happening at the end of this month. 100 rigs have signed up. Be sure to check the waiting list if you are interested. Next year's R12 region rally will be held in Paso Robles at a new RV venue.

You can now sign up for the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, TN. This location is about 40 miles east of Nashville. The members of the advance caravan have reported that the facilities and the people there were very friendly and welcoming.

I got the word from Pasadena that they are expecting us for the 2021/2022 Rose Parade. We are planning on doing the rally again. This event has been reserved for first timers only. Most of this year's attendees have signed up again. There are still some spots left.

After 10 years of the same dues, the International Board of Trustees has voted to raise the club dues to \$75 per year. They were going to have a budget shortfall, so they acted at their ZOOM meeting in June. The response from our Lake Tahoe club was to reduce our dues \$5. Our members will only have a \$5 increase in their International and local dues. Just an idea I wanted to pass along.

Congratulations to the Greater Los Angeles club for their generous donation. They chose to support the Wildland Firefighter Foundation that helps the families of those injured and deceased fire service personnel. What an appropriate gift for the Southern California area.

I hope to see you soon at the Region Rally and/or down the road.

EUROPE

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

This has been a difficult year. Although membership has increased and enthusiasm for travel has been sustained, members have generally stayed at home or kept their touring to their own countries. After all the work that has gone into rallies, several have been cancelled and only two have taken place, both in England. Six rallies are planned for 2021.

Easing of COVID-19 restrictions continues and European camping places and national borders are open at the time of writing, although quarantine is required in some countries on arrival. Infection rates are stubbornly levelling off instead of continuing to fall, due to travel in the summer holiday period.

Future rallies are listed below. Details and booking arrangements will be in emails and on the website.

13 to 17 May 2021 - Mulhouse, France

27 to 31 May 2021 - Chicken Cock, southern England

22 to 26 Jul 2021 - Bure, Belgium

29 Jul to 02 Aug 2021 - The World Balloon Festival Rally, northeast France

06 to 09 Aug 2021 - Ettie's Field, central England

09 to 13 Sep - Jaunpass, Switzerland

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

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. Updates and information for rallies is on the website. The coronavirus restrictions have not dampened our enthusiasm and friendship in the Europe local club.



Betty, our 1967 Overlander twin (based in the U.K.)
 - submitted by Roy White, #9105

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!

It is hard to believe the fall season is here and the summer is quickly in the rearview mirror! The RV industry is still seeing a massive surge in business that has left our dealers with very little inventory and most everything we are building between now and the end of the year is a retail sold order! If there are problems to be had during a national crisis, we are happy these are the ones we have, however, it is a real challenge for our dealers as they have little inventory to sell.

Airstream has quickly begun hiring more employees to help us manage the added demand we have seen since the pandemic began. The hiring process has been modified to honor social distancing and great work has been done by our HR team to ensure we on-board our new employees in the best way possible with the needed training and direction for them to be successful. Early indicators show applicants are very qualified and we are receiving hundreds of applications from people wanting to work at Airstream. This is a great sign and we are very pleased at the incredible talent we are attracting during these unique times!

As you can imagine, just about every RV show this fall has been canceled and we anticipate more will be canceled this winter as the effects from the pandemic take its continued toll on social gatherings. However, our dealers have been very resourceful in making the most of the situation and selling more online and over email, text, Facetime, Zoom, etc. In addition, both Airstream and our dealers are producing more "How To" videos and other digital resources for our owners so they can understand how to operate our products, and in some cases, troubleshoot when things are not working properly to avoid a trip to a service center. I really think that in the end, this pandemic has forced us to work much smarter and the changes we make will positively impact our Airstreamers for years to come!

Airstream recently conducted our annual dealer council meeting virtually, and it was a great success. In many ways, the virtual meeting allowed more feedback from our dealers and the exchange was very helpful for us to understand their needs and concerns especially during these unique times. In addition, we

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Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings! I hope you all enjoyed your Summer. I can't believe how quickly it flew by and we are talking about Fall already! Unfortunately, next month I will be going over winterization and storage tips. But this month I want to discuss Lithium batteries. We have recently created a lithium battery package for travel trailers and I wanted to go over some of the components of this package. We get asked many questions about Lithium batteries and what are the benefits of using them. There are many, but the two main benefits are quicker charge rates and the ability to use 100% of the battery amps which is 100 amp hours if you are dry camping. Remember as we have discussed in previous articles that lead acid batteries do not want you to go beneath 50% of the amps which gives you 50 amp hours. When a lead acid battery is discharged beneath that 50% it starts to weaken the battery and over time loses some of its ability to be charged back to full capacity.

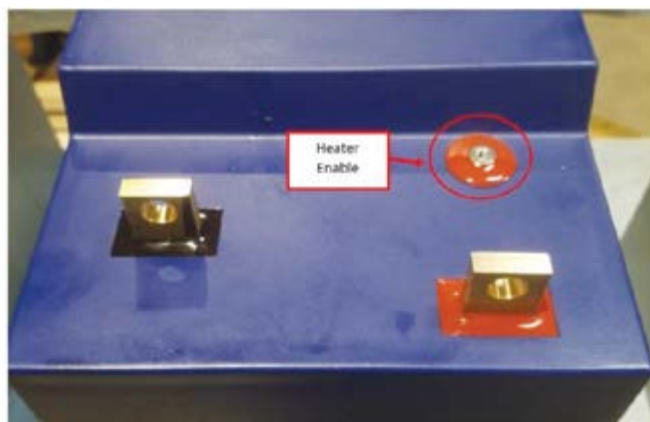
There are many factors to consider if you are thinking of replacing your batteries with Lithium. Mainly the convertor, and whether or not your trailer has solar charging capabilities, as the Lithium batteries will require more voltage for optimum use. I will do my best to explain them.

Lithium Batteries

Airstream uses Battle Born Lithium batteries for replacement of the lead acid models. The model number is BBGC2H. This is a 100 amp hour battery. It has a bulk rating charge of 14.2 to 14.6 volts with a max voltage of 14.7 and will stop charging if this voltage is exceeded. It will also shut off at a low voltage of 10 volts which means it will stop discharging at that point. The battery has a high temperature rating of 135 degrees and will not charge or discharge if this temperature is exceeded. The minimum temperature is 25 degrees and will not charge below this temperature. Each Battle Born battery has an internal heater that can be wired in if you decide to use your trailer in temperatures below 35 degrees. Remember if you wired the heater in and you decide to store the trailer in cold temperatures, you will want to disconnect the heater as it will have a draw of roughly 250 milliamps. The batteries should be stored with at least a 50% charge in them. Below are pictures of the batteries and the heater connection.



Airstream Part Number 513862



AC to DC Converter

The converters that come standard in the travel trailers has a charge rate of 13.6 to 13.8 volts which is the maximum charge rate for lead acid batteries. If you decide to upgrade to Lithium batteries, you will need to replace the converter to gain the charge rate needed for this type of battery.

If you have a 30 amp WFCO power center installed, you can replace just the lower converter portion with WFCO WF-8950L2-MBA to give you the charging parameters needed. If you have a 50 amp system you will replace the converter with WFCO WF-9850L2. They are pictured below.



Airstream Part Number 513889



Airstream Part Number 513890

Solar Charge Controllers

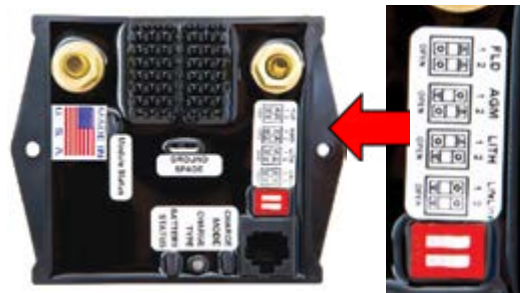
If you have solar panels installed on your trailer, you may have to change the solar charge controller and possibly the display depending on the year and model of solar controller, you have. This can get a little more complicated so I will explain. In 2021 model year Airstream switched the solar charging system to the Victron charger and display. This 3 stage charger has a dial indicator on the side that can be switched to position 7 for Lithium batteries. Nothing will need to be replaced.



If you have a 2017 to 2020 model year trailer, Airstream installed the 40 amp Sun Explorer controller and display. In this scenario the controller would have to be replaced with a model that has the option to choose the battery type. Airstream part number for the updated controller is 51186-102. You can use the current display.



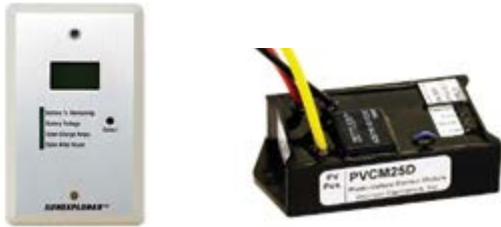
Current Controller and Display



Updated Controller with Battery Choice

If you have a 2016 or older trailer and it had factory solar installed, then both the controller and display will need to be replaced.

Current 25 Amp Display and Controller



New 40 Amp Display and Controller

Display Part Number
513247-100Controller Part Number
511846-102

Battery Storage Box

Another point to consider is the Airstream installed steel battery storage box on the front of the trailers. In 2016 model year we changed the depth of the battery storage box to 12 inches deep. At that time many owners were switching the batteries over to 6 volt batteries so the deeper box allowed them to fit. The Battle Born Lithium batteries will also fit in this box. Prior to 2016 model year the battery box measures 8 ¼ inches deep so the battery box would need to be replaced to fit the larger Lithium batteries.



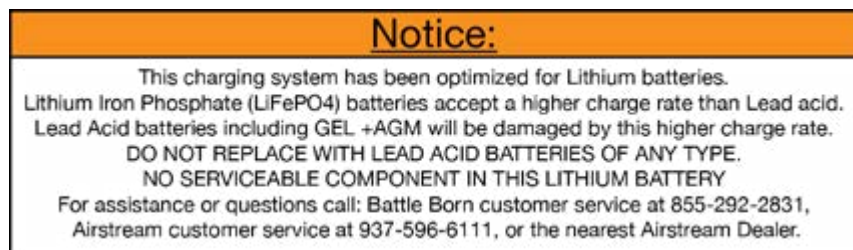
Prior to 2016 Model Year



2016 Model Year and Newer

Lithium Charging Notice

The last point I will bring up is safety. If you decide to upgrade your system to the Lithium batteries, we recommend that you put a **Notice** sticker directly on the batteries. This will ensure that anyone who comes in contact with your batteries can be made aware that the charging system has been upgraded and only Lithium batteries can be installed. With the higher voltage converter, you can damage lead acid or AGM batteries.



Part Number 386433

I would love to hear 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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WINTERIZING
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start thinking
about winterizing
your trailer or
motorhome.

From the Vice President of Sales

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had our last session for this year's Airstream Customer Council (ACC) virtually as well. And although the ACC meeting was a success, I was really bummed we couldn't meet them in person and show them the new plants we've recently moved in for both our travel trailers and motor homes. During the two-day workshop, ACC members presented ideas to the Airstream leadership team on how to improve the ownership experience. I'd say the ACC was a great success after our first year and we look forward to accepting applications for next year's group. Thank you ACC members, many of whom are WBCCI members!

Lastly, if you are thinking about buying an Airstream next spring, please don't wait! Make sure you get your order in today with your local dealer as production slots are selling out quickly and I would hate for you to miss the opportunity to get a new coach in time for next year's camping season!

So on behalf of 917 hard working families here in Jackson Center, Ohio, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our company. 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 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.wbcc.net>

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

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

Oct 2-4 Pumpkin & Spice Rally, Ross Hill CG, <https://charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net/files/2020/08/PUMPKIN-and-SPICE-RALLY.pdf>, 170 Ross Hill Rd, Lisbon CT 06351, Bard Fuller 860-302-1365, Bardfuller@hotmail.com
Dec 6 Dakota Holiday Luncheon, Dakota of Rocky Hill <https://www.dakotarockyhill.com>, 1489 Silas Deane Hwy, Rocky Hill CT 06067, Glen Lessig 860-617-4346, glessig@gmail.com

New England Airstream Club - <http://newengland.wbcc.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

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
Dec 5 Luncheon, Rachel's Roadhouse 724-841-0333 <https://www.springfields.com/rachels-roadhouse-butler-pa>, 100 Fairfield Ln, Butler PA 16001, Vinny & Dale Rossitto 724-568-4801, rossitto@comcast.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

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

DelMarVa Airstream Club - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

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

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

Nov 6-8 Time to Pack it in Rally, Harpers Ferry KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/harpers-ferry/>, 343 Campground Rd, Harpers Ferry WV 25425, Jody Dietz, jdietz4361@gmail.com

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net

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

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

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

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

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: airstreamclub.org/region3

2021
Apr 21-25 Region 3 Rally, Tallahassee, FL

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

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

Nov 5-8 Myrtle Beach, SC Rally, Ocean Lakes Family CG, 6001 South Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29575, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/3273-2/>, CG Reservations: Call 800-722-1415, tell the CG you are with the November Carolinas Airstream Club Rally I Sections HH & H

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

Nov 2-9 Stop 2 return from Alumalina, R Shaeffer Heard COE Park, 101 Park Ln, West Point GA 31833, David Sowder, gatorjds@msn.com
Nov 16-23 Stop 3 return from Alumalina, East Bank COE, 153 Eastbank Rd, Bainbridge FL 39819, David Sowder, gatorjds@msn.com
Nov 22-30 Thanksgiving Rally, Salt Springs National Park, 13851 N Highway 19, Fort McCoy FL 32134, CJ & Teena Addison, 941-725-0038
Dec 20 Holiday Party, Mr Tequila Cantina, 3969 Cattlemen Rd #140, Sarasota FL 34233, David Sowder, 941-323-7104, gatorjds@msn.com

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

Nov 11-15 Installation Rally, Zachary Taylor RV Resort, 2995 US Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee FL 34974, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, jih6905@hotmail.com

Southeastern Camping Unit - southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.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
Oct 29-Nov 1 Boos & Barrels Rally, Off Hwy 583, Land O' Lakes FL 34237, Lisa Forsyth, jforsyth2000@gmail.com

Nov 10-13 Friendsgiving Rally, Devil's Backbone Camp, <https://www.dbbrewingcompany.com/camp-at-basecamp/>, 30 Three Ridges Lane, Roseland VA 22967, Denise Fleming, denise@3flemings.net

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, frankmmunoz19@gmail.com

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net

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

Nov 4-8 Silver in the Street, Abingdon VA <https://visitingdonvirginia.com/>, 100 Remsburg Dr, Abingdon VA 24210, Jeff Cutright 540-989-6331, jcutright4@msn.com

REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

CANCELLED Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH 2021

May 19-23 Region 4 Rally, Glen Jean, WV
Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

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

Michigan Airstream Club - michigan.airstreamclub.net

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net

Oct 8 Luncheon/Installation, Village Restaurant, 435 N Warpole St, Upper Sandusky OH 43351, Sid & Bev Kelly 419-957-6571
Nov 12 Luncheon Meeting, Der Dutchman, 720 St Rt 97, Bellville OH 44813, Dona Garner 419-566-4951

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

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

Oct 18 Luncheon, The Chop House, 1 American Way, Warren OH 44484, Don & Betty Burkholder 440-576-6560, catmar@embarqmail.com
Nov 14 Luncheon, The Blue Wolf, 1295 Boardman-Canfield Rd, Boardman OH 44512, Bob & Eileen White, bewwhite@ameritech.net
Dec 6 Luncheon, Salvatore's Italian Grille, 8720 E Market St, Warren OH 44484, Dave & Nancy Brett 330-774-1287, dbrett@zoominternet.net

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

REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

2021
Sep 15-19 Region 5 Rally, Warsaw, IN

Central Indiana Airstream Club - centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

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
Nov 7 Luncheon, MCL Restaurant & Bakery Township Line, 317-274-7946, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com
Dec 5 Luncheon, MCL Restaurant & Bakery Township Line, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, 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

Oct 15-18 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

REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: airstreamclub.org/region6

CANCELLED Sep 28-Oct 4 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
CANCELLED Sep 30-Oct 4 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
CANCELLED Oct 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA
2021
Apr 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA

Alabama Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/alabama

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

Oct 29-Nov 1 Arkaluma - Boondocking Rally, Mulberry Mountain Lodging & Events, 4117 Mulberry Mountain Loop, Ozark AR 72949 Jeff Dalrymple 479-549-8601, fdcaptjd@gmail.com

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net

REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: region7.airstreamclub.net

2021
Aug 19-24 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

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

Nov 6-8 Birthday Bash, Potawatomi SP <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/potawatomi/>, 3740 Park Dr, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235, Sandy & Ed Emerick, semerick4425@gmail.com edward.emerick@gmail.com

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

2021
Apr 29-May 2 Region 8 Rally, Amana, IA

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

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.lynn33@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

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net

Oct 22-25 Autumn Holiday Rally, KOA CG Springfield, 5775 W Farm Road 140, Springfield MO 65802, Vern & Margo Kohl 417-849-1417
Dec 5 Christmas Party Pitch Pizza and Pub (in the Southern Hills Shopping Center), 2924 E Sunshine St, Springfield MO 65804, Linda Rush 873-286-7665, LRush4102@yahoo.com

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

Nebraska Airstream Club - nebraska.airstreamclub.net

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

REGION 9 Activities



Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

2021
Apr 13-18 Region 9 Rally, Mineola, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.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
- Nov 5-8 Harvest Rally, Summer Breeze RV Resort, 1019 Wilpitz Rd, Katy TX 77493, Clark Gardner 713-204-8126, rcg1726@comcast.net
- Dec 3-6 Rally, Conroe KOA, 19785 105 W, Montgomery TX 77356, Tom Bundy 281-250-7644, Tom-Caren@sbccglobal.net
- Dec 31-Jan 1 New Year's Rally, Coughatte RV Recreation Ranch, 4029 Clay Ranch Ln, Belville TX 77418, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253, balee5068@gmail.com

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net

- 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/>
- Nov 12-15 November at Pilot Knoll Park, Pilot Knoll Park, 218A Orchid Hill Rd, Argyle TX 76226, <https://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net/events/>, HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com
- Dec 11-13 Christmas Campout, Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd, Grand Prairie TX 75052, <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

- Oct 8-11 Rally: Octoberfest, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson 936-635-2094, emmalee@consolidated.net
- Nov 12-15 Rally: Turkey Shoot, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson, 936-635-2094, emmalee@consolidated.net
- Dec 10-13 Rally: All I Want For Christmas, 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

- Nov 12-15 Installation Rally, North Texas Airstream Community 254 582-5566 <https://ntaci.com>, 200 Walnut Hill Ave, Hillsboro TX 76645, Keith Ferry 832-928-5727, ferry_keith@hotmail.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

- 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 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

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

Inland NW Airstream Club

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

- 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

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

CANCELLED Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 12-15 Catalina Rally, Catalina SP, 11570 N Oracle Rd, Tucson AZ 85737, Jerry & Candace Nelson, aac8086@gmail.com
- Dec 5 Holiday Luncheon, Mesa Elks Club, 6718 E Avalon St, Mesa AZ 85205, James Moser 570-594-8585, 003President@airstreamclub.net

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

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

- Nov 13-15 Tucson Unplugged Rally, Catalina SP, 11570 N Oracle Rd, Tucson AZ 85737, <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2020-tucson-unplugged.html>, Bonnie & Alan Bobman, baambi7as@gmail.com
- Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Rally, Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Coyote and the Javelina group areas, 41835 N Castle Hot Springs Rd, Morristown AZ 85342, <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2020-thanksgiving-maricopa.html>, Richard & Jan Girard, richardgirard@outlook.com

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

- Nov 12-15 Pancho Villa State Park Rally, Pancho Villa SP, 400 NM-9, Columbus NM 88029, Jack & Joanne Palmer, palmrranch@aol.com

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

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>

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Oct 7-11 Parkfield Rally, V6 Ranch, 70410 Parkfield-Coalinga Rd, Parkfield CA 93451, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com
Nov 4-8 Pismo Beach Rally, Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, 165 S Dolliver St, Pismo Beach CA 93449, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com
Dec 2-6 Installation/Christmas Rally, Black Oak Casino RV Park, 19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne CA 95379, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

San Diego Airstream Club - www.airstreamsandiego.com

Nov 12-15 Dos Picos Rally, Dos Picos County Park <https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-pages/DosPicos.html>, 17953 Dos Picos Park Rd, Ramona CA 92065, Abe & Veronica
Dec 11-13 Installation Rally, Chula Vista / San Diego Metro KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/san-diego/>, 111 North 2nd Ave, Chula Vista CA 91910, Marla L & Bobbi S

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

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.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
Apr 22-25 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA

Central Coast California Airstream Club - www.centralcoastairstream.wbcc.net

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

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

Oct 17-21 Mini-Caravan to 2020 Region 12 Rally, Flag City RV Resort, 6120 W Banner Rd, Lodi CA 95242, Eric McHenry, eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

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

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

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1/29-3/31

Start: Nogales, AZ

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3/2-3/18

Cajun Country A2

3/9-3/25

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Georgia on My Mind

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

Join us as we show you the beautiful state of Kentucky. During Kentucky Derby week, feel the excitement of the "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" and ladies be sure to bring your derby hat.

Taste of the Blue Ridge

5/18-6/12

Start: Bryson City, NC

Stop: Greenwood, VA

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Springtime in the Rockies

5/27-6/22

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Stop: Gardiner, MT

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Viking Trail

6/23-8/18

Start: North Sydney, Nova Scotia Stop: North Sydney, NS

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Canadian Rocky Mountain

6/24-7/15

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7/29-8/29 (approx.)

Start: St. Joe, MO

Stop: Oregon City, OR

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8/16 -10/4

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Stop: Albuquerque, NM

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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
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California Architecture, Food, and Wine 6/12-7/7 (estimate)
Start: Forrestville, CA Stop: San Dimas, CA

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Southwest Adventure 8/15-10/3
Start: Albuquerque, NM Stop: Albuquerque, NM

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Made in U.S.A. 9/6-10/8
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Traveling the U.P., Michigan
- submitted by Sharon Bryant, #30962



Social distancing Happy Hour in Colorado Springs, CO
- submitted by Patti Reed, #250



Emigrant Lake Rally, Ashland, OR - photo by Rhonda Levine #11948, submitted by
Norma Massier, #13672



Walter E. Smith meets Walter E. Smith, no relation and both
members of Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - submitted by
Cecelia Stansbury, #300



British Columbia Airstream Club Installation Get Together, Merritt, BC with noodle police
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