

## Region 2 News for Mid-August 2020

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. The stories recount simple trips to state parks close to home and some of trips across country and back! 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”. Keep on rolling, Airstreamers!

Time at home has also proven to be a time for many of our club members to take on improvement projects and renovations of their beloved Airstreams. From remodeled bathrooms, new cabinetry, and countertops, to flooring, new upholstery and more! Airstreamers are some of the original and best DIYers! The stories and pictures in the newsletters prove it. What Airstream project have you been working on? Share it with us.

I also enjoy the articles that members write about their earliest camping experiences. Stories about camping with parents or grandparents, how that first pop-up trailer or hard sided trailer came to be theirs. And of course, the first Airstream. Backpackers and tenters graduating to vans outfitted for sleeping or those huge station wagons of the 60s and 70s! Great stories, pictures and memories shared with and within our Airstream family. All great stuff!

HQ reports that registration for the IBT Mid-Winter meeting in Sarasota, FL is open. The dates are set as arriving on site January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and departing on January 22, 2021. You can find more info and register [here](#) Registration for the 64<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Lebanon, TN is also open and according to HQ is “going great”! That registration can be found [here](#) Headquarters reminds us that they are certainly aware that we are still in COVID mode and that the above events are subject to change. Keep your fingers crossed, say your prayers, turn your pj’s inside out or do whatever your “make it come true” ritual is for our 2021 Rallies!

In more news from HQ, the [Airstream Club Store](#) has been launched with a link to the Club’s Lands End storefront. There you will be able to purchase all manner of Airstream Club apparel. There will be additional items added to the Club Store in the coming months.

I hope this finds all in our Region safe and well. Kathi joins me in sending our best regards.

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