

## Region 2 News August 2019

For me, the highlight of the year is our International Rally. Held this year in Doswell, Va., it did not disappoint. Days were filled with plenty of things to see and do as I think there were more seminars, tech sessions, and tours offered than I've seen in the past. Close to 700 Airstreams were spread around the beautiful grounds of the Meadow Event Park. Our Region 2 Luncheon was a huge, sold-out success with a record 170 members enjoying a great BBQ meal and the camaraderie of Airstream friends. MAU members Anders and Beverly Gyllenhaal presented a seminar on Birding to a packed house. I'm proud to say Region 2 members were spotted all over the grounds, volunteering and helping make the Rally the great success it was. Although this was our sixth International Rally, this one will be memorable as on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> I was installed as your Region 2 President. It is an honor to represent our 16 units/clubs on the International Board of Trustees and to help guide our Airstream Club into the future.

That future was on full display in Doswell as a preview of the new Airstream Club website was presented along with a peek at the new, soon to be released marketing materials for the Club. The website should be up and running toward the end of August and will represent a dramatic change from the current site. It is modern, bright, colorful, and the content easy to access. It will also be compatible with your mobile devices. You will also see a new, easily navigated and searchable calendar of rallies and events. At the IBT meeting, funding was approved for a new, and much needed, membership data base. It will vastly improve flow of information back and forth from headquarters and our membership, providing other valuable features and benefits. Newly installed Club President, Mona Heath, set the stage for an exciting year of action and growth in our Airstream Club. I'm already looking forward to the 2020 Rally to be held in Loveland, CO. Over 500 rigs have signed up so far! Also coming out of the IBT meetings were the approval of several more Units changing their names to include **Airstream Club**. I am urging all our Region 2 units who have not done so to make the change...embrace our Club's unique opportunity to align with the most iconic RV brand in the world. **Airstream!** Let's do it now.

Speaking of 2020, plans for our Region 2 Rally to be held May 21-25 at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario are progressing at a quick pace. Members of our Ontario Unit are hard at work preparing what is sure to be an epic Rally. Mark the date, get your passports out and get ready to head to Canada next Spring! Watch for details of the Rally and more info on traveling across the border. Kathi and I are going to the Lombardy Fairgrounds in Canada later this month to help the Ontario Airstreamers celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club. We are looking forward to it! There are still plenty of camping days left in the season, so check the calendar of events, hitch up your rig and hit the road. Fun, friendship and adventure await you.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all in Region 2. With your continued support, we'll do our best to represent you and work hard to **Renew Region 2**.

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