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There is no doubt that these have been trying times and for many of us if not all, making major adjustments in our daily lives. I rarely have trouble in writing the column for Region One, always finding a little something to share whether important or not so important however this month is extremely difficult. There is nothing I can share with you that you have not already heard or read about.

Looking for just a glimmer of good news has been a challenge but I refuse to give up! August is National Catfish Month! Who knew? Now this major national celebration has some serious contradictions which are still being debated and may become a bit confusing.

Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 25, 1987, as National Catfish Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.
Signed: Ronald Reagan

Now, how is it that National Catfish Day is in June but August is the National Catfish Month? In addition, what does this have to do with Airstreams, Wally Byam and our wonderful club? The truth? Absolutely nothing. Obviously things have been a bit slow to happen in our region with only an occasional rally functioning within guidelines as presented by the CDC and each states governor's executive orders.

I am happy to congratulate our new Region One Officers and wish to thank them for stepping forward and volunteering their time and efforts in supporting our club. Doug Hart, president, Bard Fuller, first vice president and RJ Dominic, second vice president.

So looking forward, please stay safe and healthy and as always, keep the shiny side up.