

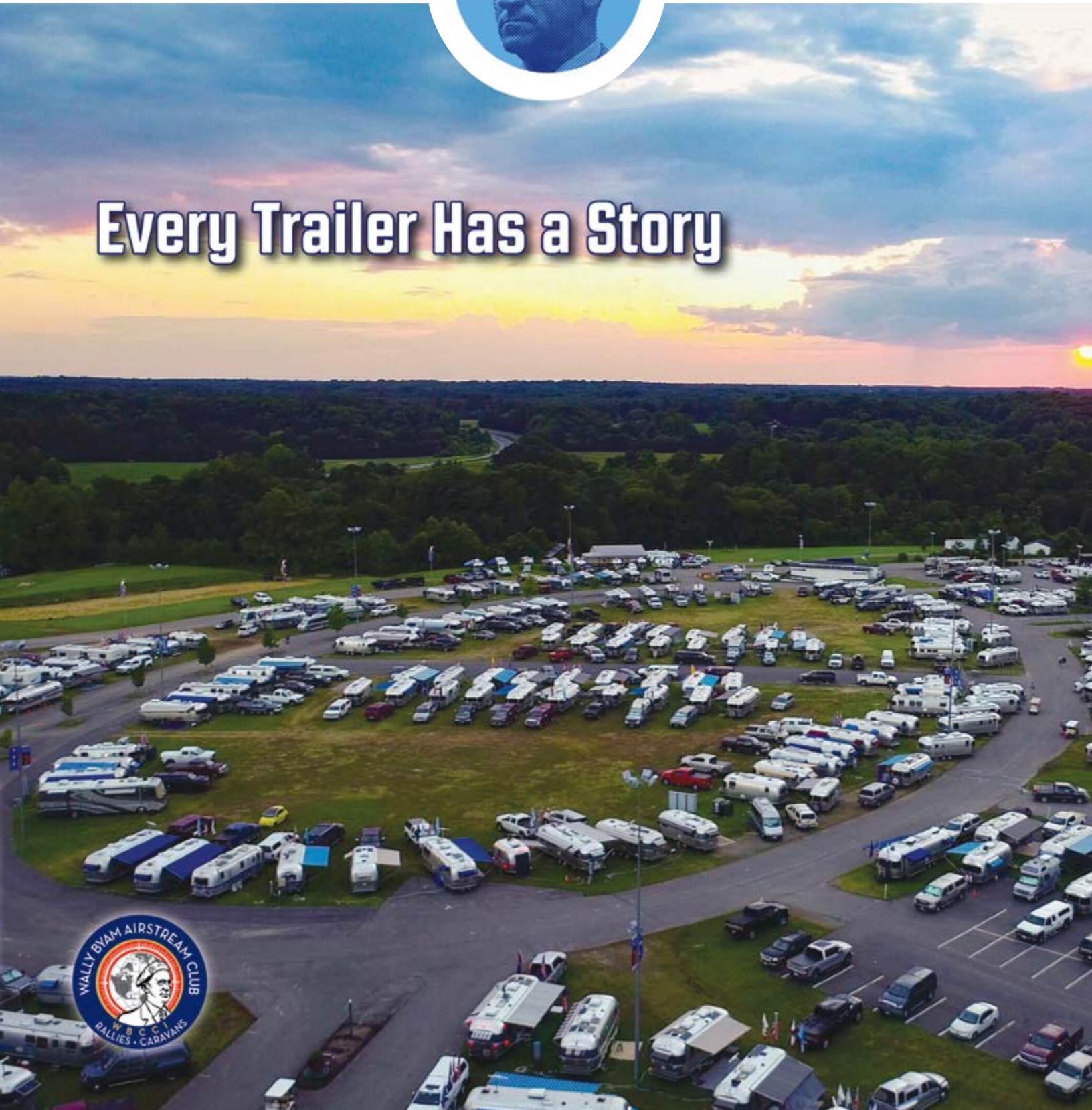
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# President's Corner

## Thanks and Gratitude



Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and as is my habit, I've been considering all the blessings we have in our great country. Even though COVID has changed our world and how we interact with each other this year, I feel like our club members have been very adaptive to change and have come up with all kinds of ways to get out and camp again, and to travel to places they want to visit.

What are you thankful for this year? In case it's been difficult to find the blessings amongst the challenges, here are some of the highlights that I, as the President of this great club, am thankful for in 2020. These are my Top Ten:

1. The new club website and all the content that has been added to it. It is more robust and more user-friendly and is a great source of information for our members and non-members as well.
2. The new club database and all of the options it offers for information. It's easier to track our members' data and to update as changes are needed.
3. The members-only section on the website that will let you edit your own information, quickly and easily! And if the information is incorrect or outdated...guess who is to blame? LOL!
4. I'm thankful that we are able to have rallies again! And it's great that people are "social distancing" to make the rallies possible. I'm pretty sure if you asked for a term to define 2020, it will be "social distancing".
5. I'm grateful too that our new member numbers are continuing to grow. As more and more people purchase RV's and especially Airstreams, we are likely to see this trend continue. COVID, despite its many negatives, has caused families to look for ways to spend time together and this is certainly true for campers like us!
6. I'm excited that we have a new Indie Streamers Club to make single or solo Streamers feel more welcome and included in our club.
7. I'm thankful that Airstream is having a record sales year, with many of the first-time buyers also being first time RV'ers.
8. Thankful too that we have started adding more member benefits. Stay tuned to learn more about that in the months ahead!
9. I'm thankful for our great International, Regional, and Club/Unit leadership that has continued to work hard to keep our members informed and engaged.
10. And last, but certainly not least, I'm thankful for ALL our members, all over our great country and throughout the world. We are a unique, diverse, and yet connected group of individuals who share a love of the great outdoors, of camping, and particularly of Airstreaming. You make this club what it is!

See you down the road!

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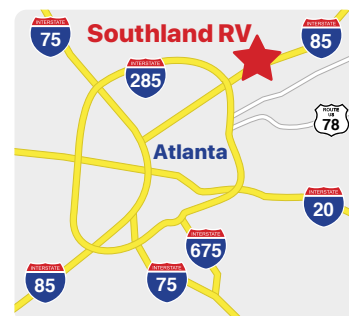
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# The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

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## Tia Sandy's Enchilada Casserole

So many of our memories of taste and comfort come from our childhood. I fondly remember grilled cheese and tomato soup, as well as tuna casserole and meatloaf as comfort food. My mother made these things on a regular basis, she fed our family with love, not skill.

Though she didn't know a lot of recipes (this was well before the internet, and she didn't own any cookbooks), she cooked what she had learned from her mother. I still remember my grandmother's Canadian meat pie and her bread. Her breads were what inspired me to

become an avid bread baker. As Julia Child once said, *"You don't have to cook fancy or complicated masterpieces - just good food from fresh ingredients."* While we all have times we look for quick and uncomplicated meals when in a hurry, our time spent preparing food for

## Enchilada Casserole

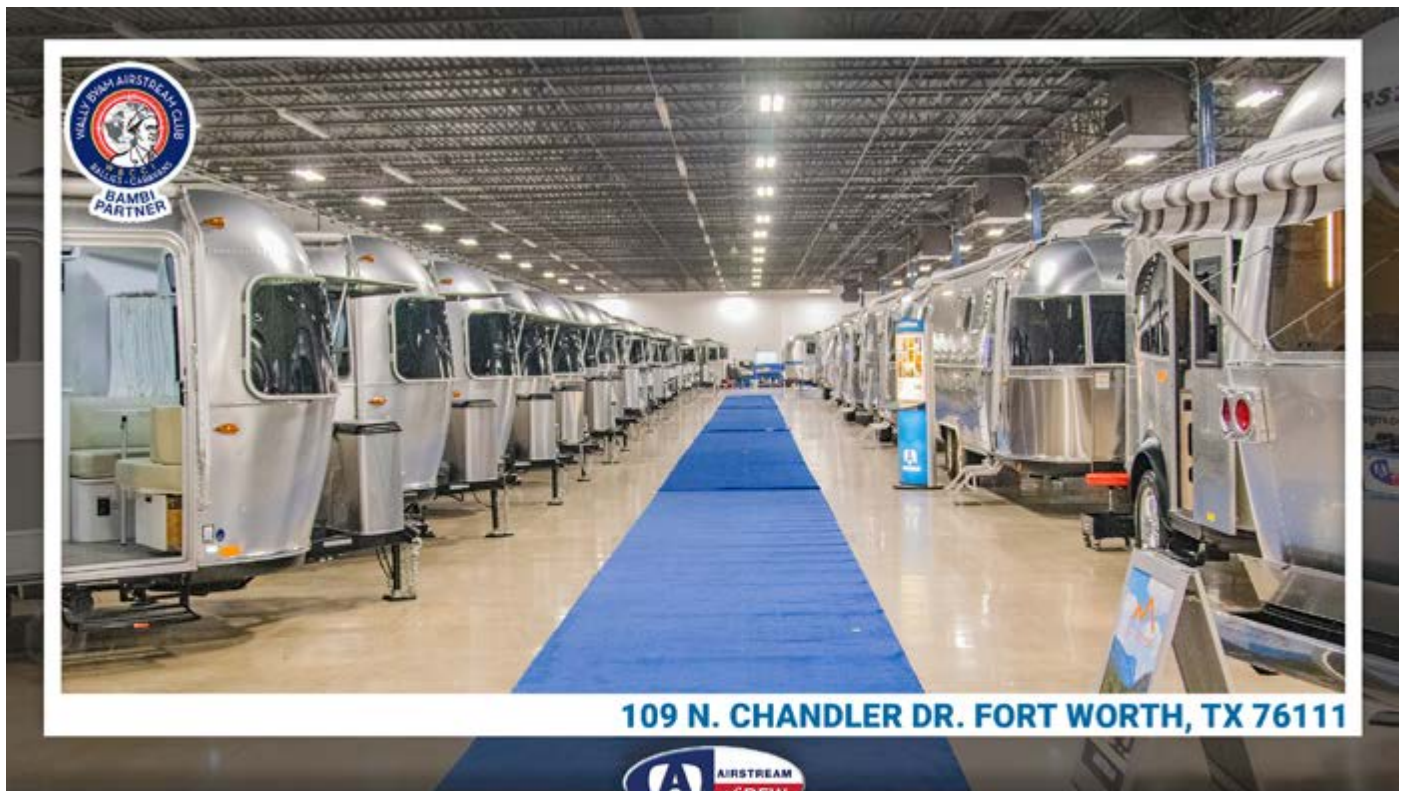
1 whole rotisserie chicken  
2 small cans (4 oz each) mild diced green chilies  
1 medium onion  
1 green pepper  
½ -1 Jalapeno, optional (if you like a bit of heat)  
8-10 large size flour tortillas (the thinner ones work better)  
16 oz chicken or vegetable broth (I buy a 32 oz box and use more for thinning the sauce if needed)

8 oz sour cream  
½ Tablespoon of coriander and ½ Tablespoon of cumin  
(or 1 T of either if you don't have both)  
16 oz of Monterey Jack cheese, shredded  
6 T butter (divided into 2T and 4T)  
2 T flour  
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and lightly oil your baking dish.
2. Shred or cut the chicken from the bone into bite-size pieces.
3. Dice the peppers and onions. Melt 4T butter in a skillet and sauté peppers and onions until soft.
4. Add the peppers and onions, along with the green chilies to the bowl with the shredded chicken.
5. Make the roux: In the same skillet as you sautéed the onions and peppers, melt 2 T of butter. Add the 2 T of flour and stir until a paste forms. Add the 16 oz of broth and stir continually until thickened. Remove from heat. Add S & P, cumin/coriander, sour cream and 1 cup of shredded cheese and mix until melted.
6. Take 1 cup of the sauce and add to the shredded chicken mixture. Reserve the rest for the topping.
7. Place heaping piles of the chicken mixture in the center of each large tortilla. Tuck in both ends and roll up. Place into your baking dish, seam side down. You will get 8-10 tortillas.
8. Pour the remaining sauce on top of the tortillas, then cover with the remaining cheese.
9. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 35 – 40 minutes until cheese is melted and enchiladas are warmed through.







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ourselves and our family is not only appreciated, but healthy for our continued well-being and longevity. It's also a way of sharing what we have and what we know, as many Airstream get-togethers have shown. My favorite memories are not of sunsets but of sharing meals with my family, friends and fellow travelers. You can eat, or you can eat well and with joy.

In a twist on family recipes, I am providing a recipe from my son-in-law's aunt (Tia) Sandy. Sandy was from Casper, Wyoming (unfortunately now deceased), but spent many years living in Columbia. Her chicken enchiladas are a classic dish that have been appreciatively passed on to many others. My daughter Kelly makes them frequently. A friend of mine has made them 4 times since February of this year. That's an endorsement, as this woman is a wonderful

cook in her own right. They take about 45 minutes to prepare, but only use one bowl and one skillet. A cheese grater if you don't buy pre-shredded cheese, and a 9 x 12 baking pan. The most labor-intensive task is shredding the chicken from the roasted chicken. That is a chore best left to your sous chef (i.e. your spouse, and you tell him or her I said so). You can prepare the other ingredients while they shred, and you can do this while watching TV, or listening to music or an audiobook, which makes the task pass quickly. You could also complete this task at home before traveling. These are wonderful and make enough for several meals or freezing. If you want to bring to a potluck, either cut them into thirds or use small tortillas rather than the larger ones.

Gina Eggers and boyfriend Mark Kasten are owners of a 27' FB International Serenity, "Something Shiny." Gina has been a lifelong camper and foodie, attending classes and seminars around the United States on breads, grains and vegetarian/vegan and raw foods. She has been teaching classes at a kitchen store in Wisconsin and in hers and other homes. She is a member of the Bread Baker's Guild of America. You can reach Gina at [upnorthbread@icloud.com](mailto:upnorthbread@icloud.com) and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.



# Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



A while ago, I told you the Club was working on providing more benefits to your membership in the Airstream Club International. Recently, a team was formed to look at what goods or services would provide added value to our members and figure out ways to bring those benefits to our Club. In the first of what we hope will be many new benefits, our team leader and current Region 2 President Richard Short, has announced we have cemented an agreement with Passport America (PA). Many of us have probably used PA for discounts at campgrounds around the US in the past, right?

Currently, an annual, 12-month membership in PA is \$44. In a nutshell, according to this newly negotiated agreement, PA will provide ACI members an 18-month membership for \$44. This 6-month bonus is an exclusive offer to Airstream Club members and is a \$22 value. The offer applies to both initial and renewal memberships. To take advantage of this benefit, go to [passportamerica.com](http://passportamerica.com). At the top of the screen, click on "join now" or "renew". You'll be asked who referred you to PA. When the next screens asks for "referred by", scroll down and select "promo/discount code". The next screen asks you to enter that code: enter AIRSTREAM. I did it and it was really easy.

In addition to offering a membership discount, PA will support ACI at our International Rallies and provide other incentives to our members to join PA.

What does PA offer? The Passport America Travel Card entitles you to 50% off the regular nightly rate of campsites in over sixteen hundred participating campgrounds across the United States, Canada, and Mexico on a space available basis. Each year Passport America publishes an all-new camping directory to let you know which campgrounds provide this discount. You also receive online access to the quarterly magazine, RV America, with a listing of new Passport America parks and changes to existing parks. In addition, members have 24-hour access to the Passport America website and the My Passport America mobile app. Both are updated frequently with new campgrounds.

This agreement is just the first of several more to come. Your member benefits team is doing everything it can to add to the value of belonging to this great organization. Future benefits in the works are a bit hush-hush right now, but exciting things are coming your way soon. This Passport America benefit will be available in the "members only" section of the Airstream Club

website. More information will be coming from International headquarters as the partnership is launched.

And don't forget that we also have an agreement with Harvest Hosts providing you 15% off an annual membership of free overnight camping at more than 1370 wineries, breweries, farms and more. Hal and I have been Harvest Host members for years, and it's amazing how many places you can stay for free and enjoy some of these gorgeous, lush farms with fields as far as the eye can see. Of course, it is polite, though not required, to pick up a bottle of wine or some fresh veggies while staying at these locations. But the cost of a bottle of wine, a small growler of beer or a basket of sunny tomatoes is nothing compared to the cost of most campgrounds these days. One or two stays and you have got the membership paid for. Same with Passport America...what great deals!

Are there benefits that you can think of that our members would appreciate? The team, of which I am one, is always on the lookout for new ideas. Drop me a note at [twestover@mac.com](mailto:twestover@mac.com) and let me know what you think - I'm eager to hear from you.



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# An American Road

by **Brothers William & Thomas**

William & Thomas Emberry

## Looking Back

For those Airstreamers who have previously read our Tincanners on Tour in Blue Beret, you may recall our trip to Devon and Cornwall; over the years we have grown our freedom to explore and discover new adventures here. In this article, we're looking back to one of those discoveries. First a little recap on why we believe North Devon to be one the best places...To Go Airstreaming!

## European Airstreamers

We are not the only Airstreamers to travel these narrow roads...6 Airstreams from European Unit #177 travelled this route in May 2017. (europe.wbcc.net / media) These intrepid Airstreamers travelled from Germany, Switzerland and Italy, testing what Wally Byam made famous travelling along a planned route with several Airstreams in a row.

## North Devon

Woolacombe/Putsborough/Croyde/Saunton/Braunton/2013...Was our first ever trip here with the Airstream in-tow, we received much attention on route. Happy Smiles, Enthusiastic

Hand Waving, even a "Woo-Hoo"...People like seeing Airstreams! We didn't know it then, but we definitely felt an American Vibe here for sure.

Owning a VW Bus, we're used to the official VW wave from fellow owners, only this was more like being in a parade; sighting a 32 Ford Roadster Hot Rod, Airstream 345 Motorhome, 60's LHD VW Split Screen Camper, even a Willys Jeep, as we drove slowly through the weekend traffic on route to the campsite...One Cool Vibrant Place. Right!

## The Bay

Our chosen campsite overlooks a long Surf Beach, high on a hill. When we first drove down to what we affectionately now call "The Bay" to explore, or what Dad calls 'a recce'... It was the end of a glorious hot day, with the sun about to set, and the surf rolling in. With such a beautiful panorama, we had to pull over, stop, and take in the view...WOW! "This is our California."

## An American Road

Jump to July 2018...Whilst on a nature trail to Crow Point, we stumbled across "An American

Road." We knew American Troops had been in North Devon (as we've seen the monument on the cliffs) thinking there has to be more to this... After all, how many abandoned American Roads do you come across in the UK? Dad had already told us of Slapton Sands and "Exercise Tiger" D-Day rehearsals on previous trips to South Devon; a Sherman tank marks the Memorial Site there. However as to here in Braunton, we knew very little!

Returning to Braunton Country Centre, obviously keen to find out more! We asked the friendly Warden if he could tell us anything about the American Road. "It was here he said, where 10,000+ American troops trained for the D-Day Landings. The presence of this massive American Force and their military equipment changed the look of the coastal landscape back then". "There's plenty of WW2 History to find here boys, if you know where to look". Our response...Wowzers!!!

## Old New Road

The Old Ferry Way, which extended from the South End of Sandy Lane across the back of



2019 ATC Display



Assault Training





Training Landing Craft



Olin Dows' Painting

the Sand Dunes to the White House near Crow Point, initially constructed as a temporary track was eventually widened and straightened by American Troops; renamed American Road, it exists today, almost as it did in 1943/44.

Narrow country lanes were made into a one-way system for ease of use by American Military Vehicles, and where no road existed, temporary tracks were laid. One such track was Corduroy Road (made up of logs) being cut from the end of Marine Drive linking Woolacombe to Putsborough.

#### ATC (Assault Training Centre)

September 1943 saw the coastline from the Taw Estuary to Morte Point being used to practice for D-Day. Originally allocated to the Americans, the coast here and in particular Braunton Burrows were absolutely vital during WW2. Troops stormed ashore at Woolacombe and Saunton with covering smoke, live explosives and ammunition recreating the confusion, sounds and smells of combat they would face on the beaches of Normandy. The US Navy trained their landing craft skippers here too.

This area proved to be an excellent training ground as the terrain very closely resembled the Normandy beaches. Many American units, up to 10,000 troops in particular, the Engineering Combat Battalions used the site until May of 1944, in learning various techniques in amphibious warfare.

Braunton Burrows are scattered with remnants

of the 1943/44 training, including six concrete landing craft that were used to practice loading and unloading procedures, 4 of these can clearly be seen as concrete slabs on satellite maps, towards the south end of American Road.

#### Local Research

Local people were intrigued by the sudden American G.I. presence in the village, and for many months to follow Braunton resounded with speeding army vehicles, lumbering construction machinery and the almost non-stop distant sound of explosions. The pubs overflowed with young men in American uniforms and their Trans-Atlantic twang could be heard all around.

May 1944, just prior to D-Day, saw the sudden withdrawal of American Troops from North Devon. Campgrounds being cleared, whilst down at American Road, bell tents were being packed, and G.I.'s were kindly gifting local children

sweets, oranges, tins of jam, butter, even a box of dominos.

Local children recalled seeing the convoy of American vehicles leaving; in being absolutely immense with fleets of WLA Harley Davidsons out front, followed by Sherman tanks, trucks, jeeps, plus an array of military vehicles which continued for miles and miles, taking 2/3 hours to pass through their village. It was a fantastic sight to see, although very secretive at the time, and as kids not really understanding the gravity of the situation, with happy smiles, they waved the troops goodbye.

#### Devon D-Day

Jump to June 2019...75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. Saunton Sands saw an impressive living history wartime group spectacular, re-creators showing how this peaceful corner of North Devon and its beautiful beaches saw such explosive activity...



Red Barn WW2



The Emberry Brothers

Bringing all of these together, a 12 point WW2 Heritage Trail marked with bronze plaques link all locations, with an educational day for schools to learn the key role that North Devon played in preparing for D-day...In marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, WW2 landmarks are now protected as listed structures, a memorial for future generations.

#### Five Fascinating Facts

It wasn't just the Americans that trained here. The British Army used both Saunton and Westward Ho! beaches testing experimental tanks known as Hobart Funnies, a nickname given to a number of hybrid tanks capable of fulfilling multiple engineering tasks.

RAF Bomber Crews along with Spitfire Pilots trained here too. A bombing range directional indicator in the shape of an arrow, points out towards the sea. The indicator arrow along with an observation post can still be seen today, above the campsite at Putsborough. Take a close look on satellite maps.



Devon Lanes

German U-Boats regularly came into North Devon coves on moonlit nights; crew would paddle a dinghy ashore to fill up drinking water containers from waterfalls. Not only was fresh water vital, the shore crew also enjoyed the fresh air and exercise after being cramped in their Submarines.

U.S. Army War Artist Olin Dows' assignment was to document the scenes of D-Day training at Woolacombe. After WW2, an exhibition of his work titled 'The Army at War' toured the USA.

The Bungalow tea rooms became the American Red Cross Service Club, providing food and recreation to U.S. troops, who nicknamed it 'Red Barn' which stuck. The Red Barn of today is also known locally as the Surf Church, due to its collection of Vintage Surfboards on display.

#### A Story Shared

As Airstreamers, and when on a campsite, we're often asked inquiring questions about Airstreams, Big Red Numbers, flags and even flamingo's...People just love the history. As brothers in sharing our story of An American Road, which has taken us (and hopefully yourselves) on a journey of the people past and present, to a place we have come to cherish more and more over the years, and where we cannot wait to return... Airstreaming once again!

As part of our research, Mum & Dad found this story ([extracts on page 17-18](#)) by a Woolacombe Girl...It evokes childhood memories, which describe those times in 1943/44, as seen through her eyes.

Travel Well  
Life is Good  
William (age 15)  
Thomas (age 10)



ATC Troops Training

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Richard Bass has been researching and writing about the US Assault Training Center and American wartime army units in England and Europe for over 24 years. A more recent innovation has been the founding of a volunteer group "Friends of the Assault Training Center" whose aim is to explore and excavate the training grounds and to educate schools and the general public about the ATC for many local people still don't know what went on.

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Richard Bass

## Tales of Woolacombe at War... by Woolacombe Girl

I consider myself to have had a very privileged childhood, having been bought up in the scenic coastal villages of Woolacombe and its precipitous neighbour Morteheo. With great nostalgia I recall days of sunshine, sea and sand long ago, and yet sometimes seems like yesterday.

Turning up towards sandy burrows we would go up into the golf links passing the ruins of the old golf house to our favourite spot, the sand dunes above The Big Dip. There we would begin the enjoyment in earnest of swimming, building sand castles, playing hide and seek in the dunes.

Sunday September 3rd 1939 was a beautiful autumnal day, young Brian Watts was meandering up the path from Barricane Beach when he encounters his older brother, Jack running down to meet him. "Tis terrible news, we are at war with Germany!" The thought that crossed the mind of an eight year old child was "what does that mean to me?" On asking his brother, the reply was "Marg on your bread and no more shop bought jam!!"

Woolacombe now began to look like a village at war; all signposts were taken down. Everybody was issued with I.D. cards and gas masks in a cardboard box which were supposed to be carried at all times. The entire beach was covered in 8-9 foot square posts. Trenches were dug on the top of the dunes down to the Boathouse cafe and along the cliff tops, bordered with sand bags. Machine gun posts were set up in strategic positions in the village, one opposite The Bungalow Cafe one at the end of Springfield Road and the toilets above the beach were even pressed into service as the windows were blocked up and a seaward facing machine gun was installed!

Barbed wire rolls were stacked three high and stretched right across the beach at the foot of the dunes and Kelly Doll style tank traps were laid in the stream as well as mines laid on the beach.

A large cork target was positioned in the centre of the bay used by the Air Force for bombing practice. Three observation posts were set up at Barricane, Marine Drive and Putsborough run by the WRAF to triangulate the impact of the bombs.

On 15th August 1940 Woolacombe had its first and only bombing when on Thursday evening in the fields behind Putsborough a German Bomber off loaded seven bombs, fortunately only resulting in the death of a cow, or unfortunately if you were that cow!

Due to U-boat activity, all convoys of ships had to sail the Woolacombe side of Lundy Island with huge barrage balloons in tow. Peter Willis, who served on a German U-boat and now resides

in Woolacombe, recalls regularly coming in at night to Woolacombe Bay to get fresh water...

By the Summer of 1943 we encountered The Friendly Invasion of Woolacombe by the Americans. 25 square miles between Woolacombe and Appledore was acquired for the training of the D-day landings, due to its similarity to the Normandy beaches. In August 1943 Col. Thompson of U.S.Army set-up his HQ at the Woolacombe Bay Hotel and the Assault Training Centre (ATC) started in earnest by preparing the beach. Barbed wire and mines that had been laid for the previous anticipated invasion three years before had to be removed.

The American band was billeted at Rayharden, run by Mrs. Davis and her daughter Enid, from there they would march daily to the Woolacombe Bay Hotel, playing their National Anthem to the raising and lowering of the Stars & Stripes.

The "Big Dip" of my childhood was created to enable sea-borne supplies to be brought up from the beach to cater for the vast numbers of troops training in the area. Paths were cut down to the golf links from the Marine Drive that are still in use today.

The ATC aim was to train the troops for the D-day landings. Morte Point was used as a firing range from the sea on many occasions. When being used for firing practise a red flag would fly. Small bits of shrapnel can still be found by the sharp-eyed in the hollows left by the shelling in the war and the top stone was blown off changing the outline of Morte Point.

Regular simulated landings were made at Woolacombe in all conditions. Disembarking they would run up the beach under heavy fire, negotiating barbed wire and booby traps with the demolition team to take out the pill boxes.

The American booby trap detonators were made of brass and were reusable. With a little ingenuity and red match heads, these booby traps could be reused to make an impressive explosion. This proved so popular at school...Brian Watts tells us that they soon had a big order book to fill. So one evening when the Americans were at the far end of the beach at Black Rock at Putsborough, setting up booby traps for the next landing...Michael Watts, George Butler and Brian Watts went down to Mill Rock. Michael told the other two to stay in the dunes while he went to have a look.

Unknown to him the Americans had earlier set up the traps and when Michael set one off he jumped so much that he set the next one off, running in panic round the rock he set off another two!! As he came panting up the sand dune Brian said "Why didn't you come



back the same way?!!" Michael replied "I wasn't going to come back up that way again!!" An ambulance came along the beach but in spite of the fright they had, the boys were long gone.

Nissan huts were extended above the beach and a huge recreation hall was erected with polished wood floor and a stage with two dressing rooms at the back. With the opening of this hall the Bungalow Cafe was no longer required for dances. The Hall became a very popular venue with the surrounding villages. Transport was never a problem, if you could not get a bus or taxi, the Army would come to fetch you! It is also recalled by several people that Glen Miller came to the Recreation Hall to entertain the troops.

The Bungalow Cafe became The American Red Cross Service Club (Nicknamed the Red Barn). My Mother helped out on a voluntary basis and remembers that on one evening a young GI on receiving bad news, was asked what he wanted to eat, he replied "Kippers with Strawberry Jam!!"

Strict discipline was enforced by the American Military Police (AMP). Any soldier who stepped out of line was instantly in the glass house and was made to sweep the roads and to run with heavy packs across the sea front and back. It was certainly no easy detention!! In contrast Graham Brown thought the MPs were wonderful as at the age of three remembers that when they passed the glass house, they used to throw candy bars and chewing gum, making them his heroes!

Living opposite an American Camp, Nancy James (nee Baker) then aged 15 years remembers how pleased she was that the grammar school uniform had been changed from gym slip to black skirt and white blouse. This enabled her to be able to give the impression of being a secretary going to work as she passed the camp every day on her way to catch the school bus. On another occasion she recalls taking the march past, standing on the podium with Col. Thompson, and feeling like the bee's knees in her best frock and wide brimmed hat with a bluebird on the side.

Fifty years on Nancy met Col. Thompson again (now Brig. Gen.) when he was in Woolacombe for the dedication of the granite memorial stone and subsequently sent him photos of the occasion, resulting in the following reply: Dear Nancy, What a nice surprise to receive the set of photos and your letter, our thoughts are often on Woolacombe and the wonderful people we met there. We hope our paths will cross again in the near future.

The good social life that Woolacombe had become accustomed to during the war continued, if anything even more than before. My sister Vivienne's earliest memory is of being taken on the shoulders of Jerry, an American soldier, and a friend of Auntie Francis, to get ring donuts down by the Nissan huts at the top of the beach.

Many of the locals remember this treat. The friendliness of the GI's made them very popular with the children, and much appreciated was the "Hershey Bars" as chocolate was a rare treat in the war years. Equally appreciated by the young women was the black silk stockings and the attention given to them by the friendly GI's!

One afternoon my Mother after helping her friend Linda Brown with the evacuees persuaded Linda to accompany her on a promised trip to the beach with my three year old sister Vivienne. On reaching the beach they were approached by a young American called Robert Morgan who asked if he could sit a while and talk to them. Vivienne wanted a bucket of water and Robert duly obliged. My Mother fondly recalls the picture of the tall young American holding the small girl's hand and walking the entire length of the beach to get water from the sea instead of one of the neighbouring pools. This was the beginning of the romance between Linda and Robert and they remained married to this day and live in America.

In May 1944 the Majority of the Americans disappeared overnight and Woolacombe knew the biggest secret of the time, that the invasion of Europe was imminent. Now all that could be done was to wait for news of the D-day landings, and I am sure that many prayers went out to all those young men who had won the hearts of the women and children of Woolacombe.

On June 6th 1944 the invasion was launched. Everybody I have spoken to remembers the amazing sight of the vast convoys of ships passing through the Bay on D-day and the hundreds of aircraft with the three white line invasion markings on the wings passing overhead.

In May 1992 a granite memorial was erected on the sea front above the beach dedicated to all the American soldiers who served in Woolacombe during the D-day operations. Col. Thompson (now Brig. Gen.) and Major Pixton (now Gen.) were both in attendance. The RAF band played Glen Miller music and a fly past by a helicopter from RAF Chivenor flying the Stars and Stripes. General Pixton dedicated the memorial and Brig. General Thompson's closing words of his speech were "I would presume to speak for the 25,000 spearhead troops who were trained here on the beach, when I say Thank God there is a Woolacombe and Thank You Woolacombe."

As I summarise this story and reflect on Woolacombe at War. I see a time when the excitement of the unknown, of living for today, not knowing if there would be any tomorrows, was normality for the young men and women living and training in the village. But I also see in my mind a young Brian Watts running up the path, too late to wave goodbye to his brother on the departing bus, desperately waving to get his brother's attention, whom he was never to see again.



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# There and Back Again - Part 2

## (with more apologies to J.R.R. Tolkien)

Stephanie Storms, #1547

This is the second of three articles describing our counter clockwise road trip around the US and eastern Canada, a voyage of more than 4 ½ months with baseline driving of more than 15,000 miles.

Hello again! My husband Max LaCounte and I took off from Sonoma, CA in our 2007 Airstream 25FB Safari on March 15, 2019. Again, I'm focused on places and experiences that stood out and sort of glossing over the rest.

**North to Canada.** We provisioned at my friend Mollie's house in Delaware, where the Airstream and Tundra rested while we returned home for a couple of months. Then we drove north through the Hudson River Valley and into Canada. On the way we visited friends near Baltimore and my cousin near Rhinebeck, NY.

**Montreal.** After braving thunderstorms, we landed outside Montreal. Camping Alouette is in the suburban town of St-Mathieu-de-Beloil, and each day we drove about 10 miles to the nearest Montreal Metro station, parked and easily made our way into and around the city. Montreal deserves its own article and I don't have the space, but here are some highlights: Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours (the Sailors' Church – one of the oldest in Montreal); paired statues - The English Bulldog and The French Poodle (in the square in front of the Basilica - read the plaques for a fun explanation); the long, steep hike up Mont Royal to the park, view and Chalet located at the top; Marché Bonsecours (formerly the main market and now a collection of shops and cafes); a St. Lawrence River cruise on Le Bateau Mouche; the Canal-de-Lachine and its locks (built by

hand to bypass some of the worst rapids on the St. Lawrence).

**Quebec City.** Smaller and more accessible than Montreal, Quebec City exudes history and charm. From our suburban KOA RV park, we drove to the Lévis Ferry for a spectacular trip across the St. Lawrence and our first view of the Old City, dominated by the Cap Diamant and the Chateau Frontenac Hotel.



Quebec City from the Lévis Ferry

The city has many places to explore, and it's easily done on foot! The Escalier Frontenac connects the narrow, winding streets of the lower old city with the Hotel Frontenac and the upper old city.

The scenery is spectacular; a good way to collect views is to walk among the Victorian style pavilions on Terrasse Dufferin, which runs along the cliff face of the upper old city.



Lower City



Terrasse Dufferin

Our next day we focused on La Citadelle, the largest stone fort in North America. It sits atop the rock outcrop Cap Diamant with a commanding view of the St. Lawrence. La Citadelle is an active military base, home to the Royal 22e Régiment, the only regiment in the Canadian forces that conducts all of its operations in French. The Regiment's name is never translated into or spoken in English. Anglophones are allowed to call it the "Van Doos," a sort of Pidgin French.



Guard at La Citadelle

The Changing of the Guard at La Citadelle is well worth the walk and the wait. There's a lot of very exact marching and rifle handling, plus music and more marching by a military band. All of this is done by soldiers in huge, black



bearskin hats, a design introduced by Napoleon to make his troops look taller and more imposing to the enemy! A highlight was Batisse, the Régiment's mascot. We saw Batisse #11, a descendent of the first Batisse, gifted to the Régiment in 1955 by Queen Elizabeth II from her personal goat herd. Batisse, his ladies and kids live on a farm outside Quebec City and he's trucked in every day for guard changing duties. I've never seen a goat stay still and under control for so long; the event is about 40 minutes!



Troops and Batisse

After the ceremony, Batisse, the goat commander and the senior commander posed for photos in front of the Régiment's motto, "Je me souviens" (I remember) – a reference to the Van Doos' valor during the First World War at Vimy Ridge, in France.



Je me Souviens

After lunch, we returned to La Citadelle to tour the residence of the Governor General of Canada. The current Governor General, Her

Excellency the Right Honorable Julie Payette, is a former astronaut, pilot and scientist. Her residence is perched within the fort at the top of Cap Diamante; I could look at these views every day!



The Governor General's Terrace

We also spent a day exploring the countryside near Quebec City. First stop, Parc de la Chute-Montmorency. What a great waterfall! We took the cable car up to Manoir Montmorency, had lunch at its restaurant, hiked to the top of the falls and across the bridge that spans it, and walked down the path and staircase (487 steps!) to the base of the falls. Lots of school children were exploring, splashing and yelling over the roar.



Montmorency Falls

After a brief stop at the Basilica de Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré (the oldest pilgrimage site in North America), we drove to Île d'Orléans, an island in the St. Lawrence and one of the first places to be colonized by the French. According to the tourism board, it is a "microcosm of traditional Quebec," a small somewhat agricultural island with six villages. One of them, Ste-Pétronille,

is home to Chocolaterie de L'Île d'Orléans, a traditional (and famous) chocolate maker. Of course, we had to sample everything on offer, and left with a bag of goodies.



Chocolaterie

Restaurant Recommendation: There are many good places to eat, but our favorite was Bello Ristorante, near the entrance to La Citadelle – ambiance, food and service - all top notch.

**Across New Brunswick to Nova Scotia.** We allocated three days to drive from Quebec City to Cape Breton Island, off the northeastern edge of Nova Scotia. The drive on day two (leaving from Grand Falls, NB) was "interesting," to say the least. We'd planned to take Canada 2 to Moncton, but found out a Luke Bryan concert was going to snarl traffic. To make matters worse, there were no RV sites available for a 50-mile radius. So, we hatched Plan B – take NB 108 to Miramichi then head southeast to stay in St-Edouard-de-Kent on the Acadian coast. It looked good on paper! It was in reality a rough, challenging route, with road and bridge construction, many single lane and gravel sections, and few vehicles or settlements. At the shuttered Half Way Inn we wondered, half way to what? A recommendation: stick to Canada 2 and avoid the temptation to follow NB 108. Once at the coast, we were in the French speaking area of New Brunswick and saw many Acadian flags. Of note - the Cajuns of Louisiana (see Part 1) are Acadians deported from Canada by a British governor in 1754. The Acadians



still in Canada either stayed and hid, or returned from Louisiana after the political situation changed. Next stop – Nova Scotia, by way of Shediac, NB and its famous lobster statue:



Shediac Lobster

**Cape Breton Island.** Connected to the Nova Scotia peninsula by a bridge, Cape Breton Island offered scenery, multiple cultures and languages, and lots of history. Our base was Baddeck Cabot Trail Camping in Baddeck, a village on the shore of the great inland sea known as Bras d'Or Lake. Baddeck is a jumping-off point for the Cabot Trail, a famous driving route that winds along coastlines, lakes and small villages, and traverses Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Of course, we had to do it! First stop – the lovely Keltic Lodge, consisting of a lodge, cottages, and a golf course. We could have been in Scotland (more on that later).



Keltic Lodge

This is a rocky, forested coastline. In fact, it's best to take advantage of many of the pullouts, because many eastern and northern sections

of the Cabot Trail are tunnels through the trees. Here's an example of gorgeous pink rocks at one of the pullouts:



Lakies Head

Returning after our circumnavigation - Baddeck Harbor is an interesting place because of all the boating on Bras d'Or Lake. Here's a Royal Canadian Mounted Police ship – wonder where they keep the horses?



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Ship

What to do when the day dawns chilly and rainy? Do the laundry, pay bills, and then go to Glenora Distillery, "North America's First Single Malt Whisky Distillery," in a part of the island that was settled by Scots, and where Scottish traditions (and language) persist. Note that whisky in Scotland and Canada has no "e." A wee bit o' scotch definitely took the chill off!



Glenora Distillery

Next morning the Alexander Graham Bell Historical Site beckoned. He was born in Scotland and moved to the US with his parents. After his financial success with the telephone, he built Beinn Bhreagh, a large summer residence and laboratory space near Baddeck, which reminded him of Scotland and offered a respite from the heat and humidity of Washington, DC summers. What amazed us was the breadth of the scientific work conducted at Beinn Bhreagh. Bell and an impressive group of associates pursued inventions involving motorized flight (the first powered flight in Canada), hydrofoils (they broke speed records), wireless communications and medical devices, to name a few. He loved tetrahedrons and made many kites in this shape. The museum itself is a beautiful structure on a lovely site overlooking Baddeck Harbor.



Bell Museum, Baddeck Harbor



Hydrofoil  
Model

Our final stop on Cape Breton Island was Louisbourg National Heritage Site, on the far northeast coast. Originally built by the French from 1720 to 1740, it changed hands back and forth with the British several times. Finally, in 1760 after the British defeated the French in Quebec City, Britain destroyed Louisbourg's walls and the city within was burned to the ground. In the 1960's, after the collapse of



the local coal mines, the Canadian government funded what is said to be the largest historical reconstruction in North America, to help generate employment. Only one quarter of this huge site has been rebuilt. It is populated by costumed reenactors and artists who give talks about life in the fortress in 1744.



Louisbourg Fort

**Restaurant Recommendations:** For a modern bistro - The Old Freight Shed at Baddeck Harbor; for music and great food in a Scottish pub - the Red Shoe Pub in Mabou.

**Halifax and the South Shore Ramble.** Halifax is a truly fascinating city, founded by the British to take advantage of one of the world's largest and deepest natural harbors. As such, it has always had a major naval and shipping presence. Exploring from our base at the Halifax West KOA in suburban Sackville, we stopped at St. Paul's Anglican Church, founded in 1749, the oldest Protestant church in Canada. From there we climbed Citadel Hill to the Citadel itself – another fortification with a commanding view! We took a tour; our guide (a law student on a summer job) was outfitted as an enlisted man in the 78<sup>th</sup> Highlanders regiment in 1869, during Queen Victoria's reign.



Modern 78th Highlander

Signal flags are still raised and changed daily: two poles are used, one for military messaging and the other for commercial purposes (identifying the ships entering the harbor and their cargo).



Signal Flags at the Citadel

We always check the next day's weather. When we found it was forecast to be warm and sunny, we decided to leave early to explore the coastal area southwest of Halifax – known as the South Shore. Our first stop was Peggy's Cove, reportedly the most visited fishing village in Canada. I certainly see why, perched on sculpted granite outcroppings, with brightly painted houses and boats. Our early morning dash enabled us to beat the tour busses. It was worth it!



Peggy's Cove

It also has an amazingly picturesque lighthouse.



Lighthouse at Peggy's Cove

Further down the coast were Mahone Bay (three lovely churches on the bayside) and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg. There's lots to see and do here, but our favorite memory of Lunenburg is St. John's Anglican Church, the second oldest Protestant church in Canada (1753), and a lovely example of "carpenter gothic." St. John's was severely damaged by fire in 2001, but through the efforts of the town, several major/many minor donors, and the Canadian government, was reconstructed in its original form.



St. John's Anglican Church

In process, the restoration experts discovered that the pattern of stars painted on the chancel ceiling was not random, as had been thought. Instead, they show the Lunenburg sky as it would have appeared on the night of Christ's birth!



St. John's Chancel





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Finally, a visit to Halifax must include the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Because of its seafaring history, Halifax is connected to many famous people and events. For example, it played an important and grisly part in the Titanic disaster – the job of picking up, identifying and burying bodies of the dead. The museum has arresting photos and artifacts from that event. If you go, take a guided tour and ask your guide to tell you stories about the Titanic deck chair, its partial mutilation by museum visitors, and the return of a brass plate.



Max in Titanic Deck Chair

Another disaster was the Halifax explosion – the largest man-made explosion in history until detonation of the first atomic bomb. At the end of World War I, a French munitions ship collided with a Norwegian ship, caught fire, was abandoned and drifted to one of the docks. The ensuing explosion killed nearly 2,000 people and injured many more, flattening the whole north end of Halifax.

There were many more exhibits – women and the sea, some amazing sailboats and a complete Corvette class ship moored outside to tour. Also, Samuel Cunard, founder of what became the Cunard Steamship Line, was a Halifax native. The museum has beautiful, detailed models of many of his ships. But our favorite object was a First Order Fresnel lens, formerly at Sambro Lighthouse at the entrance to Halifax Harbor:



First Order Fresnel Lens

Restaurant Recommendation: daMaurizio, where we celebrated our wedding anniversary!

**Fundy Two Ways.** The Bay of Fundy, site of the highest tides in the world, has two major upper basins. Its unique shape amplifies tides to as much as 56 feet! Our first home base was Five Islands Ocean Resort and Campground on the shore of the Minas Basin. We had what we think is the best view from any campsite we've ever had!



Five Islands Wine

This is a rather remote coast, but with a lot of majesty to explore. Every 6 hours and 13 minutes, 8 square kilometers of water flows through the Minas Channel – more water than the daily outflow of all of the world's rivers combined! But it's not a 50-foot wall of water. The tide takes more than an hour to rise 10 feet. It's hard to capture the tide itself, but here's Parrsboro harbor at low tide:



Parrsboro Low Tide

Exploring the basin, we stopped at the Cape d'Or scenic area. Near the lighthouse, where the Minas Basin meets the Chigneto Bay basin, are the Dory Rips, the collision of two currents over an underwater reef. Nearby is Cape Chigneto Provincial Park, with many hiking trails to meadows and gorgeous bay overlooks.



Chigneto Hikers

Beyond the Cape is the Joggins Fossil Center, a lovely LEED certified building overlooking the Joggins Fossil Beds, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's hard to photograph the fossils deposited in the beds in these cliffs, but the Center is a great resource. We chose to drive the "back way" to home to Five Islands – another dusty, back jarring, spring challenging gravel and dirt road through the Chigneto Game Reserve.



Our time at Five Islands came to an end, and we headed for our second Fundy site – Fundy National Park, in the Chignecto Bay basin of the Bay of Fundy. Headquarters Campground in the Park was really nice, with full hookups, laundry and other facilities nearby. Immediately adjacent to Fundy National Park is Alma, NB, a small fishing village famous for lobsters. Alma offers another example of the variation in tides, this time with lobster boats:



Alma Tide In



Alma Tide Going Out

Next morning dawned overcast with rain squalls, so we decided to drive to the appropriately named Cape Enrage. On the way we passed Barn March Beach, home to lots of stacked stones.



Stacked Rocks

The Cape Enrage lighthouse and buildings are now maintained by a group of volunteers, keeping it self-sustaining with a gallery, restaurant, obstacle course, beach access and tent decks. The sun reflecting on rain squalls was amazing!



Cape Enrage

Hiking in Fundy National Park filled the agenda the next day. A lovely sight is the Point Wolfe covered bridge.



Point Wolf Bridge

Hikes to Dickson Falls, and on the Coppermine/Goose River and Shiphaven trails were great on this glorious day. Parks Canada places comfy red Adirondack chairs at trailheads, at strategic trail overlooks, at beaches and other locations in its parks – a fun and thoughtful idea. An example on the Shiphaven trail:



Red Chairs

The hikers' reward – lobster dinners!



Lobster Dinners!

Restaurant Recommendation: Harbor Village in Parrsboro, at the boat harbor – especially if you like fried clams (so much better than clam strips!)

**Back to the US.** From the New Brunswick coast, we drove south into coastal Maine, where more beauty and adventure awaited. I'm out of room once again – to be continued!

**Another One Night Wonder** – places we stayed that offered happy surprises:

Grand Falls, NB – Camping Chutes et Gorges – a lovely, shaded public park with walking trails along the St. John River leading to Grand Falls themselves.

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# Replacing an Exterior Rivet

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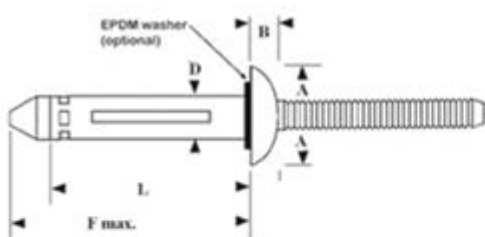
After cleaning the dust off of our Airstream, I noticed that the head of one of the exterior rivets on a panel near the door had sheared off, resulting in loss of an important fastener and a new source for water ingress. Neither of these is a good thing! So, I figured that this should be dealt with sooner than later. This article describes the experience of exterior rivet replacement and will inevitably be very basic to some and hopefully informative to others.



*Brazier head aluminum buck rivet head (5/32" dia. grip, 5/16" dia. head) sheared off, near the door (common location). Most likely cause was Airstream body twisting while towing, hitching or unhitching on uneven surfaces.*

Having not noticed this before, I assume that the rivet failure probably happened due to Airstream body twisting while towing, hitching, or unhitching on uneven surfaces. I've heard that these types of rivet failures, while not very common for Airstream trailers, generally happen near the door. I assume this is because of the shear stress risers in that area that occur due to the large fenestration (door opening) in the body.

I've replaced numerous interior POP rivets, but have never had the occasion to repair a failed exterior rivet. Many Airstream owners have removed and restored panels as part of larger scale refurbishment projects and, because the interior panels are removed and they have practical access to both sides of the rivet, they correctly choose to replace the stronger Brazier head buck rivet with like kind. In my case, this repair was best performed with a blind aluminum Olympic Bulb-Tite rivet. This rivet provides two important features for this application. First, rather than the rivet grip simply expanding like a POP rivet as it is set, the rear of the grip billows into three legs for sufficiently strong fastening strength. Second, the aluminum mandrel that protrudes from the rivet head after the rivet is set can be snipped flush with the head and then shaved smooth with a special tool, closely mimicking the external appearance of a buck rivet.



*5/32" nominal diameter blind aluminum Olympic rivet used to replace bucked rivet since inside access is not practical. Olympic rivet head diameter is approximately 5/16". (Product code VTS-179N at [www.VintageAirstreamSupply.com](http://www.VintageAirstreamSupply.com))*



My online reading and research convinced me that performing an exterior buck rivet replacement using an Olympic rivet was within my capability, but the high cost of purchasing the recommended 5/32" Aluminum Olympic Rivet Shaver Tool (Gesipa HS310-5B, \$300 - \$400 online) convinced me to have a professional service like Ranger Trailer & RV in Greensburg, PA perform what amounted to a 10 minute repair.



The tools and materials required for this repair are:

Electric drill and 5/32" (or #20) drill bit

Sikaflex-211 gray polyurethane sealant or equivalent

Standard POP rivet hand tool

5/32" aluminum shaveable blind Olympic Bulb-Tite rivet

Wire cutter hand tool

Shaver tool for 5/32" Olympic Rivets (Product Code VTS-177, Gesipa Model HS310-5B at [www.vintagetrailersupply.com](http://www.vintagetrailersupply.com) )



The procedure for making this repair is:

Remove remaining buck rivet shell by drilling out with 5/32" drill bit. Be careful not to over drill or mar aluminum panel finish

Apply Sikaflex-211 sealant into hole

If present, remove neoprene washer from Olympic rivet

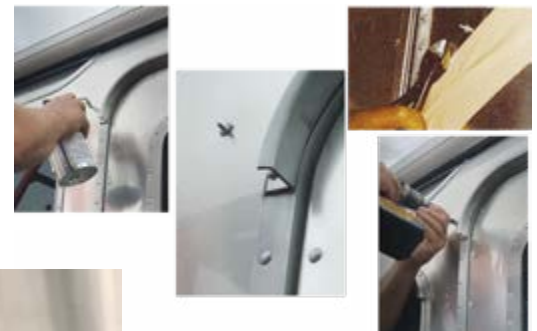
Using a manual POP rivet gun, place and set a 5/32" aluminum Olympic rivet in hole (aluminum mandrel will snap with about 1/2" protruding from the head)

Snip protruding mandrel flush with rivet's head using wire cutter

Finish the rivet head with shaver tool, holding/ positioning the outer housing of the tool carefully.

The tool should be properly adjusted on cutting depth.

Clean excess sealant from the panel near the rivet head



Voila! Actual Result.

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## The 1960 European Caravan - Part 2

*We continue with the 1960 European Caravan as they prepare to depart from Graz, Austria.*

Heavy rain the day before departure made it impossible for the Cadillacs and other cars of the European Caravanners to pull their rigs out of their Graz, Austria campsite on May 9, so the African "farm equipment" 4x4 trucks were used to pull them out. The drive to Wien (Vienna), Austria was scenic without any steep grades. Along the streets of Vienna, the Caravanners saw hundreds of larger than life size statues of various figures, each an impressive work of art. They saw over 430 parks within the city limits, and many visited the summer Palace of the Hapsburg family that contained 2500 rooms, 136 kitchens, impressive frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers, large tapestries, and numerous paintings.

After their May 13 drive to Salzburg, they had another large campfire and were entertained by a 40-piece band. A 12 member "Cannon Brigade" carrying 40 lb. guns that were hundreds of years old also came to camp for a shooting demonstration. Their small "cannons" were 3 inches in diameter and were fired from the hip, sometimes knocking the men off their feet.

The caravanners visited a Museum dedicated to the famed music composer Mozart. Many

also toured the famous salt mines near Salzburg which necessitated sliding down steep, poorly lit, wooden chutes from one level to the next.

On May 16, the Caravanners moved to Innsbruck, Austria and camped in a park beside the Inn River. A drawing was held for tickets to the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play that would be attended during their next stop. The tickets included two nights lodging and five meals, in addition to admission to the play, at a cost of \$13.50 to \$30.00 per person depending upon the seating location and type of overnight accommodations.

On May 19, the road to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany included a 50-mile-long "shortcut" up a paved 26% grade for those with 4-wheel drive trucks or a less steep road that was over twice as long for those towing with cars. A 30-piece band and lederhosen clad dancers entertained them one evening in camp. Many Caravanners took a bus tour to the Linderhof Palace of Germany's Mad King Ludwig II. Some Caravanners took a cable car ride to the top of Germany's highest mountain, the nearby Zugspitze.

It was from Garmisch that the Caravanners with tickets made their way to Oberammergau for the world famous, day long, 16-act Passion Play. 1960 was only the 35<sup>th</sup> time the Passion Play

### Germany and Denmark



Folk Dancers in Lederhosen in Camp



Linderhof Palace of Mad Ludwig



Campsite on the Rhine River



Mermaid in Copenhagen Harbor

was staged since it began in 1634, as it was generally only offered every 10<sup>th</sup> year. Fifty-one performances, each in German, and seating up to 5200 people, were scheduled between May and September. English language programs were available to allow those that did not speak German to follow along. The whole town was involved in the production, with those not acting working behind the sets, selling concessions, or providing lodging for theatregoers in their homes. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby were in Oberammergau to attend the Passion Play at the same time as the Caravanners.

On May 23, a short drive took the Caravanners to their next campsite in Munchen (Munich), Germany, though some Caravanners decided to make side trips to Liechtenstein and Switzerland to get more country stamps on their passports. Munich was the largest city yet visited with a population of about 1 million. As the "Beer Capital" of Germany, many Caravanners found their way to the Hofbräuhaus, possibly Germany's largest beer garden, a quarter block square in size with seating for at least 1000. The Caravanners could enjoy a quart stein of beer for 20¢ and listen to a band play.

Though a decade and a half had passed since World War II, pock mark damage was still evident on the faces of all the older buildings in Munich. Some Caravanners made a visit to nearby Dachau, the site of one of Hitler's most notorious Concentration Camps.

On May 27, an easy drive took the Caravanners to Stuttgart, Germany where many Caravanners took a day long sightseeing boat tour on the Neckar River.

On May 30, the caravan moved to Heidelberg, Germany, a charming "old world" University town, where the caravan camped on the banks

of the Rhine River and could watch barges loaded with coal, oil, and other cargo float by. Those that had not already seen their fill of castles took a tour of the Heidelberg Castle.

On June 2, they moved to Frankfurt, Germany where a highlight of their stay there was a 5-hour boat trip on the Rhine River.

On June 6, they moved to Kohn (Cologne), Germany, the city for which the perfume was named and the site of one of Europe's largest cathedrals.

Next came Dusseldorf, Germany which featured an elevated monorail train running around the city, most of the time above a curving river.

***Note:** In 1960, Germany was still divided by the Iron Curtain. All parts of Germany visited by Caravanners with their Airstreams were in "free" West Germany.*

Seventy Caravanners took a chartered flight from Dusseldorf to West Berlin, a small island of freedom surrounded by Communist East Germany. The Caravanners were able to take a sightseeing bus into East Berlin to see the stark contrast in traffic and living conditions on the Communist side of the Berlin Wall.

On June 11, the caravan moved to Hannover, Germany, the place where the tale of the Pied Piper originated.

On June 15, after a two-day drive and a ferry ride, the caravan pulled into Copenhagen, Denmark for an extended 8-day stay. Caravanners were encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and venture further north into Sweden and Norway, neither of which were on the official caravan itinerary.

The most ambitious "splinter group" was a contingent of seven or eight African Caravan rigs

## Holland and Belgium



Ben Kemperman's Rig in Holland



Giants at the Wetteren, Belgium Campsite



Brussels, Belgium Campsite



Airstream at the Atomium

that drove 1500+ miles north from Copenhagen to the northernmost point on the European continent, completing an amazing south to north journey that began at the southernmost point on the African continent in Capetown, South Africa. Part of this group then went behind the Iron Curtain to Moscow, Russia, but this side trip deserves its own article, so we will continue to follow the main body of the European Caravan.

The Caravanners found Copenhagen to be like a northern Paris with its museums, zoos, cathedrals, and nightlife. In downtown Copenhagen they visited the Tivoli Gardens Amusement Park with its rides, games of chance, and all sorts of other entertainment.

On June 24, the caravan moved to Odense, Denmark, where they toured the childhood home of famed Danish author Hans Christian Anderson.

On June 27, the caravan made a long drive to Hamburg, Germany, an industrial and economic center. Many caravanners sampled the late-night music scene during their stay.

**Note:** *The 1960 European Caravanners were a couple of months too early to have seen a fledgling band from Liverpool, England that first began playing under the name "The Beatles" in Hamburg in August, 1960, though international fame would not occur for this group until 1963.*

On July 2, the Caravanners arrived in Amsterdam, Holland. The Caravanners found Holland's capital city much like Venice, Italy with its many canals and bridges. Some Caravanners made side trips to visit a china factory in Delft, Holland, the House of Knights at The Hauge, Holland and the Floriade Horticulture Exposition in Rotterdam, Holland.

On July 6, the caravan moved to Wetteren, Belgium and were greeted in camp by costumed 20-foot-tall giants. From Wetteren, some caravanners made side trips to famous WWII battle sites including Dunkirk, France.

On July 9, the caravan moved to the capital city of Bruxelles (Brussels), Belgium, where they found more canals in its wonderful old town. They camped on the grounds of the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, right next to the 330' tall Atomium, a shining metal building comprised of tubes and spheres that was built specifically for the World's Fair.

On July 12, the caravan made an almost 200 mile move to Paris, France. A planned weeklong stay allowed the Caravanners ample time to explore this famous city and attend the Bastille Day (French Independence Day) parade and fireworks on July 14. An 8-hour bus tour showed them highlights of the city before they were turned loose for more sightseeing on their own. The Caravanners visited the Eiffel Tower and Versailles, the 18<sup>th</sup> century Palace of King Louis XVI. They saw famous works of art in the Louvre and found Notre Dame to be a most impressive cathedral. Many took a relaxing chartered boat ride up the Seine River and some even took an organized "Night Club Tour" that started at 9pm and ended at 3am. Eventually it was time to move on.

On their July 20 drive to Rheims, France, some caravan rigs made a stop to pay their respects at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial in Belleau Woods, France, where 2289 World War I American soldiers were buried.

The Caravanners found Rheims to be the center of champagne production in France with its underground vaults storing 8 million bottles until they were properly aged. They found

## France



Airstream at the Eiffel Tower



Airstream at the Arc de Triomphe



Airstreams at Belleau Woods

the famous Rheims Cathedral to still be in the process of having WWII damage repaired.

On July 22, the caravan moved to the little 100 square mile Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. From their Luxembourg campsite, the Caravanners could visit more military battle sites and cemeteries in France and Belgium, including Verdun and the location of the Battle of the Bulge near Ardennes, Belgium.

*To Be Continued.*





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The Airstream Tech Help Group has been established to provide assistance to the membership experiencing technical problems. We will respond directly to you in response to your email describing a problem. Examples of questions, modifications or upgrades that might be of interest to members will be published in the Blue Beret. We hope you will find this service of value in the care and feeding of your Airstream.

Hello out there. Where has the year gone?! Thank you all for writing in and commenting on articles. It is very helpful to hear other comments which can be excellent approaches to repairs and upgrades for our Airstreams. Many times there is more than one way to get the job done. Here is a little article that may help some of you who have loose door hinge bolts on your Airstream. Oh yes, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too. Year end is fast approaching! Let's hope that we get an effective COVID-19 vaccine soon. Some time ago someone said that efficient was the job right and effective was the right job!

## Loose Door Hinge Bolts

**Question:** One of the trailers on our caravan has a problem with door hinges. The bolts which fasten the hinges to the trailer have become loose and they can't be tightened. They just spin around, and the nuts will not pull tight enough to hold the hinges in place.

As I recall, these hinges are fastened to the main coach body before the inside skin is installed and the nuts which retain the bolts are then inaccessible when the interior skin is installed. I also recall, the only way to fix this problem is to cut or drill access holes in the interior skin directly behind or to the side of where the bolt comes through the door frame and then tighten the bolts by using an open end wrench on the nut. If this is the correct procedure, the question arises...is the doorway frame a U-Channel which is open toward the inner trailer wall?...if so, then the access hole needs to be cut somewhat offset from where the position of the bolt is...that's the question. If this is correct, how much of an offset should this access opening be? Please advise if you have information.

**Answer:** You are correct, and this problem is quite common for both trailers and motorhomes. If uncorrected, the hinges will severely wear over time, the doors can rattle and will not seal correctly. Ultimately the hinges will require complete replacement. There are several ways to correct this situation and get to the back of the bolts and tighten the nuts. All of them require drilling holes from the inside or removing the door channel surrounds and interior plates. I have tried both approaches and found that removing rivets and interior panels is a lot of work (hours), but it leaves the inside looking neat and finished. Drilling inside and using nut drivers works but leaves four large holes that must be covered.

The best approach I have found is to remove the existing bolts by pulling the bolt, so the nuts are not moving and simply unscrewing it completely and letting the nut fall into the inside wall. Just do the top bolt first. Drill all the way through the entire frame (using the hinge as a template) so the drill comes out inside using a bit that just fits the hinge hole. You are drilling thin sheet metal, so you don't need much force, just a sharp bit. Get two stainless steel bolts that will go all the way through and are long enough for a stainless lock washer, nut, inside plate and cap nut. Also get a 1/8-inch stainless steel plate about the size of the outside hinge base plate and use it as a backing plate. For a quickie on-the-road repair, you could use an aluminum plate or a large fender washer and change to stainless steel when you get home.

Drill a matching hole in the plate, assemble and loosely tighten the top bolt to the backing plate. After removing the bottom bolt, align the backing plate vertically, tighten the top bolt and drill the bottom hole all the way through. Assemble and do a final tighten of both bolts, cover the threads with the cap nut and move to the bottom hinge. You will end up with two nice looking inside stainless-steel plates that will eliminate the door hinge problem forever.

I ran into this approach a long time ago, watching an experienced repair person at Airstream fix a droopy Classic motorhome door.

Happy trails to you. See you, safely, down the road.

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## Rest in Peace, Paisley



Paisley in the Airstream ad

We are sorry to inform you of the passing of Paisley, the famous Airstream celebrity dog belonging to Lew Brodsky, #2585. Paisley passed on the day before her 13th birthday.

Paisley "suffered an unexpected and debilitating stroke. It was another sorrowful blow in a horrible year fraught with danger, sickness, deaths, and national discord" said Lew.

Paisley won first place as "most beautiful dog" at the 2015 Farmington International Rally, and second place at the 2016 rally in Lewisburg. She also appeared quarterly in the Factory Service Center ad in *Airstream Life* magazine over a two-year period.



Paisley welcoming Lori Plummer to the club in 2015

# The 2021 International Rally Logo - A Michael Lambert Design

Michael Lambert, #1640

*Note from Kathy Blake: I follow "[Michael Lambert's ARTSTREAM](#)" Facebook page. I recently spotted his post about the 2021 International Rally Logo, which Michael designed. I asked Michael if I could acknowledge it in this issue and if he'd like to share what inspired the design. Here's what Michael shared:*

I met Barb and Andy Selking (our current International President) over drinks and dinner at Alumapalooza in 2018. When Barb found out that I was an artist and graphic designer, she wondered if I would be interested in designing the logo for the 2021 International Rally. I do like to work towards a deadline, but this was really a long way off! We tossed around a few ideas and I made a few suggestions and it at least seemed we were all on the same page. I wrote down some thoughts I had and put them on ice for a year.

Early in 2019, we were in touch and refreshed our collective memories about what the Rally would feature. The Selkings wanted the values of family and love to be present as well as music and fun. Andy suggested that if there

was an Airstream image perhaps the propane bottle could be the shape of a whiskey bottle to represent Tennessee's long history in the distillery business. I got a firmer deadline of January 2020. I doodled a bit and had a few ideas for a "traditional WBCCI Rally" logo that followed the format of most other rally logos. Barb ended up with serious health issues after that and our conversations took a break. We hoped to finalize the design concept at the 2019 International in Virginia.

Unfortunately, Barb did not attend but Andy and I spoke and I sketched out two designs. One a traditional take and one that resembles a Jack Daniels whiskey label. I showed a couple friends before giving the sketches to Andy. The consensus was that the Jack Daniels label was a cool idea. I gave both designs to the Selkings and they too favoured the label style design. Sadly, Barb passed away late in 2019 and the final digital version of the logo was put on hold until this past winter.

I am excited to see this logo on shirts and hats and the printed materials for the rally. I think it captures an aspect of the Tennessee



region that folks recognize and reflects the values that the WBCCI hold strong. I hope there is a certain "cool factor" to the design that appeals to younger members of the club and to Airstreamers who are not-yet-members.

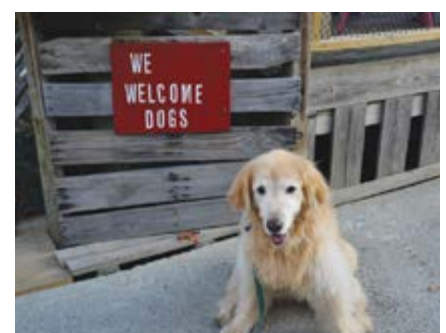
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# Lebanon, Tennessee

Susan Martin, #4334



Hey y'all! Hope you had a chance to digest all the good things to do in the immediate area of our International Rally next July in Lebanon, TN. This month we're going to head into Nashville, about 30 miles west of Lebanon, and introduce you to MUSIC CITY, USA. The name could not be more appropriate. First and foremost, Nashville is the undisputed home of country music.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to go to a performance of the Grand Ole Opry. There's no way to know week to week who will be performing on the Opry stage, but you'll never be disappointed. The beautiful Opry House, where the Opry has been staged since the mid-1970's is located northeast of downtown in the Opryland area, and offers tours. In this vicinity you will also find the Ernest Tubb Record Shop. Do drop in!

The Opry's traditional home (though it spent short stays in several other venues) was the Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville, known as The Mother Church of Country Music. Originally built to house religious gatherings, the Ryman soon branched out into hosting all types of events. Among the diverse folks who have graced its stage are: Helen Keller, Theodore Roosevelt, Houdini, Marian Anderson, and Bob Hope. The Ryman is also the accepted birthplace of bluegrass music. The Ryman offers a not-to-miss tour rich with history. While downtown you can immerse yourself in country music. The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is a well-laid-out display of the history and memorabilia of the genre, from its early days right up to the present. You are bound to learn new things about your favorite country music entertainer. Adjacent to the museum is Hatch Show Prints. This commercial venture, started in the latter half of the 1800's is, and always has been the place to get posters printed up for a show. To this day the Ryman and many other venues wouldn't have any other advertising than a Hatch Show Print. It is letter-press printing, which they have turned into a fine art. (Stop by for a tour and purchase an iconic Airstream poster!) A few blocks walk will bring you to the Music City Walk of Fame, our answer to Hollywood and Vine in California. (But ours is a

park!) There are also musician-specific museums celebrating the likes of Johnny Cash, George Jones, and Patsy Cline.

While downtown, you'll want to *hear* the music we celebrate. From large venues like the Wildhorse Saloon and Hard Rock Cafe to the many, many honky-tonks along Broadway and up and down Printers' Alley (the most famous

of which being Tootsie's Orchid Lounge on Broadway), you are bound to find late afternoon and evening entertainment to enjoy, whether the pure Nashville sound, or music with a flavor of bluegrass, pop, rock, honky-tonk, or jazz. Oh, and don't you go getting all gussied up. We come in our regular old comfy clothes, the better to relax, listen, and maybe dance!

For those of you who actually play, or wish to own, a guitar, banjo, or any other fretted instrument, a must stop would be Gruhn Guitars on the southern edge of town on 8th Avenue, South. Gruhn is the largest dealer of vintage, used, and new fretted instruments. It's an amazing place to explore, to shop for a new or used instrument, or to learn more about the one you own.

A few blocks west, on 16th and 17th Avenues, South, is Music Row. This is the home of music publishers, music licensing firms, and recording studios. RCA Studio B provides tours (which can be booked at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum) and an opportunity for nostalgic reminiscences. And, for those of you who are really into country stars, yes, there are bus tours of some of the star's homes. Actually, they will provide you with a lovely tour of the greater Nashville area. Nashville is a city-county municipal government, so all of Davidson County is Nashville, and you will cover much of it on the bus tour of stars homes.

But wait, you say country music isn't really your thing. That's ok. We're Music City, not just Country Music City. Our newest museum is the Museum of African American Music. This new, fresh venue explores all types of music and the influence that African Americans and their music have had on the music scene in this country. Nashville is also home to a world class symphony orchestra which has won a baker's dozen of Grammy Awards. The Schermerhorn Symphony Center is one of the most beautiful buildings in the city and is a must see as you are traveling around Nashville. Nashville also has a plethora of gospel and Christian music publishers.

Hope you've gotten some great ideas for your visit next year. Next month we'll look at the history that permeates Middle Tennessee.



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# 64<sup>th</sup> 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).

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**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 14<sup>th</sup>. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at [rally@airstreamclub.org](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org) for available arrival dates.

**HOW TO REGISTER** – Go to [airstreamclub.org/Lebanon](http://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](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org).

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# The Road that Built a Nation

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

*For 2022 there will be a new type of caravan introduced. The Old National Road Caravan will be in three parts that will run consecutively from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 23, 2022! Participants may sign up for the any or all of the three parts. Each part will have its own kitty fee.*

## Old National Road Caravan - "The Road That Built A Nation"

The National Road was one of the first infrastructure projects undertaken by a young, vigorous United States in 1806. In our colonial years, and the time after the American Revolution, building a road in the western territories meant two things: cut the trees down to clear a path wide enough for a wagon to fit between the trees, and, cut the trees low enough to the ground so the wagon axles could pass over the stumps. With the building of the National Road, Congress has authorized a high-quality road - two dozen feet wide and surfaced with gravel to allow easier passage in wet weather! The National Road opened the interior of the new country to settlement and development. Planned originally to reach St. Louis, MO and beyond to Jefferson City, economic downturns, as well as competition from steamships and railroads caused Congress to end funding in 1839, resulting in the road ending in Vandalia, IL.

Join us as we travel the route of The Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from its beginning near Baltimore, to the end at Vandalia, IL. Along the way, we will explore historic sites from our colonial days to the modern day.

## Old National Road East - Baltimore MD area to Washington, PA

April 29 to May 7, 2022

Kitty Fee Estimate: \$1400

Meals included - 12

On this section of the caravan, there will be visits to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and its maritime history ([www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org)), Ft. McHenry and its significance in the War of 1812 ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)), B&O Railroad Museum ([www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org)), the Irish Railroad Workers Museum celebrating the history of Irish presence during the 1840s in Baltimore ([www.irishshrine.org](http://www.irishshrine.org)), Fort Mifflin National Battlefield ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)), Laurel Caverns in Farmington, PA ([www.laurelcaverns.com](http://www.laurelcaverns.com)), Western Maryland Scenic Railroad in Cumberland MD ([www.wmsr.com](http://www.wmsr.com)), and Bradford House and Gardens ([www.TheBradfordHouse.com](http://www.TheBradfordHouse.com)) and the Lemoyne House – an Underground Railroad home in the 1840s ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)).

## Old National Road Central Washington, PA to Richmond, IN

May 7 to May 15, 2022

Kitty Fee Estimate: \$1200

Meals included - 12

## Meet the Caravan Leaders

Tom and Vicki Ketchum joined the Central Indiana Airstream Club of WBCCI in 2013. Because of the warm welcome that the club offered the Ketchums, they became active members and proponents of the club. After moving to Livingston, TX, the Greater Houston Airstream Club became their primary affiliation, but their secondary club was the Central Indiana Airstream Club.



Tom and Vicki were to be co-leaders on the Gone to Texas Caravan but, like others, it was cancelled over concerns for the virus. They are looking forward to 2022 and the Old National Road Caravan!



Laurel Caverns

Section two of the caravan has planned to visit the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum ([www.pa-trolley.org](http://www.pa-trolley.org)), Wheeling, WV's first State Capitol at the Linsly Institute Building ([www.wvlegislature.gov](http://www.wvlegislature.gov)), West Virginia's Independence Hall ([www.wvculture.org](http://www.wvculture.org)), Capitol Theater, Historic Downtown Walking Tour, Pennsylvania House Inn Museum ([www.pennsylvaniainnmuseum.info](http://www.pennsylvaniainnmuseum.info)), Westcott House – a Frank Lloyd Wright home ([www.wescotthouse.org](http://www.wescotthouse.org)), Halderman Museum Barn – Gale Halderman, Mustang designer ([www.haldermanmustang.com](http://www.haldermanmustang.com)), Museum of the US Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio ([www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil)), and the National Model T Museum for preserving and promoting Model T cars ([www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)).

**Old National Road West** Richmond, IN to Vandalia, IL

May 15 to May 23, 2022

Kitty Fee Estimate: \$1200

Meals included - 14

Section three of the caravan plans to visit the Richmond Downtown Jazz and Blues Walking tour, Levi Coffin House Museum known as the Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad ([www.indianamuseum.org](http://www.indianamuseum.org)), the Wayne County History Museum ([www.wchmuseum.org](http://www.wchmuseum.org)), Eli Lilly Civil War Museum ([www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov)), Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum ([www.indyracingmuseum.org](http://www.indyracingmuseum.org)), Veterans War Memorial, the Clabber Girl Museum in Terre Haute, IN contains antique household items ([www.clabbergirl.com](http://www.clabbergirl.com)), Vigo County Historical Society and Museum ([www.vchsmuseum.org](http://www.vchsmuseum.org)), Candles Holocaust Museum ([www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org)), Old State Capitol in Vandalia IL - the fourth State House from 1836-1839, and the MY Garage Corvette and Volkswagen Museum ([www.MYgaragecorvettemuseum.com](http://www.MYgaragecorvettemuseum.com)).

Each segment is a nine-day caravan. Members who wish to see the entire Old National Road will need to book all three caravans.



Pennsylvania Trolley Museum



Pennsylvania House Museum



Hawker Beechcraft at Air Force Museum



# REGION 1

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Welcome to the November issue of your *Blue Beret*. By now many of us are thankful for making it this far in 2020. No doubt we have all been tested in so many ways yet here we are. For us New Englanders and Canadians in Region One, things are a bit different in that we get to celebrate the four seasons always offering a change in pace. Sure, other northern states across the upper 48 have their seasons but there is just something special celebrating in New England. And boy do we need the change. The political campaigning season is finally behind us and we can all start to settle in for the winter. Congratulations to anyone who was able to get a bit of camping in this year and I trust everyone kept safe and bided with the guidelines of your local government. My prayers and thoughts go out to anyone who suffered in any fashion from this pandemic.

"So if you want to love me – Then darlin' don't refrain – Or I'll just end up walkin' – In the cold November rain" – *November Rain* by Guns & Roses. Yes there can be love even in November. I don't recall off hand any movie special of a couple announcing their engagement at the Thanksgiving table but I'm sure it's happened. Of course we have Thanksgiving to celebrate as the major start of the holiday season but things will be different this year no doubt. However I am sure many of us will find many things to be thankful for. Traveling with our Airstreams this late fall will be a bit of a challenge but certainly will test our patience. Quarantine here, stay there, call ahead, stay put and whatever you do, do not pass GO! I wish everyone safe travels as they head out to their destinations for the winter months.

Out of this entire world upside down scenario, I do have to admit that many of us have learned many new skill sets. I have learned that you cannot cheat playing cribbage. Thirty-two new recipes have made it into my cookbook now that all of the restaurants have been closed. Another thing I noticed, all of a sudden there is excess funds in our checkbook. Well of course there is, we don't go out for anything anymore. I always thought ZOOM was either a child's card game or the sound a Matchbox car made going down the imaginary highway. Working in an essential business, I have had to be onsite everyday so really didn't get into the ZOOM world till WBAC realized what a wonderful tool it really is. Who cares that the campgrounds are closed, we can happy hour "virtually". Fall business meetings during this pandemic are now taking place on kitchen tables across the region. And that long drive to IBT this year? Forget about it! ZOOM! Seriously, I think we will be getting more club work

done in shorter periods of time with the convenience of holding a meeting whenever someone needs to share a new idea for our club.

Sandi and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Wally Byam Airstream Club friends a safe holiday season. Please take care of yourselves and others, keep your spirits high, offer those help who can't help themselves and as always, keep the shiny side up.

# REGION 2

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It's now mid-September – six months since COVID-19 knocked us from our "normal" perch. For the first time since our early return home from Texas in March, Gordon and I are camping. It feels really good and the change of scenery is refreshing. We're staying in our home province of Ontario and are only a couple of hours from home in case we have to "high-tail it" home. In this region of Ontario, there is little to no COVID-19 activity. However, as in other Canadian provinces, there's a surge in cases in parts of Ontario and a further shutdown is not off the table. We have a long way to go.

However, our Region 2 Clubs on both sides of the US/Canadian border are finding ways to be together safely. Vinny Rossito, Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club's President, wrote in their September newsletter, "As we hurtle toward the autumn months, we have creatively modified this year's remaining activities to better suit the pandemic restrictions and concerns that are likely to continue." Al-Mon-O's September activity is now a "rain or shine" picnic luncheon at a spacious outdoor shelter. In October, an Al-Mon-O couple will host an outdoor Octoberfest-themed luncheon at their home. The venue for December's holiday luncheon and AGM has been switched from a restaurant to a member family's heated garage.

Other clubs are also having "meet-ups" and "gatherings" instead of their usual rallies. The difference is that there are no planned group activities or excursions and meals, for the most part, are on your own. Throughout Region 2, ZOOM and other online meeting platforms, such as Cisco Webex, are being effectively employed for club business. Meeting this way allows Region 2 President Rich Short to join in easily. In fact, last week (September 10), Region 2 President Rich Short conducted the installation of new officers during the Ontario Canada Airstream Club's first-ever ZOOM AGM. With planning for next year underway, it is likely these new models for get-togethers and doing club business will become the norm, at least while the pandemic persists.

The pandemic is inspiring creativity in other forms, too. We see it in the stories members share about their hobbies, adventures and projects. Bart and Melanie Balint, BRN 2491, from the Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club, shared that they recently participated in a 'pandemic' creativity project. Wrote Bart, "Our contribution was the music portion of this song. A friend, Katie, wrote the lyrics. I wrote the music and sing lead, and Melanie sings backup." Their song, 'Pandemic Blues', can be found at <https://youtu.be/jCBGLdK0c9k> Bart and Melanie invite you to listen, and would appreciate your 'LIKE'. I sure liked it!

As we move into colder months and indoors, please continue to stay safe. Follow the 3 "W's" - Wear your masks, Watch your distance and Wash your hands. And, remember to get your flu shots.

## REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor  
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It is that time again! Yes, Mid-Winter IBT (International Board of Trustees) will be meeting in January of 2021. President Andy Selking has chosen Sarasota, FL as the site. The Sarasota Fairgrounds (3000 Ringling Boulevard) will allow early check-in on Sunday evening (1/17) and everyone is to leave the following Friday morning (1/22).

Besides the official meeting, there will be a welcome reception (cash wine and beer bar), some non-business evening activities, at least one evening of on-site entertainment, and a COVID-19 compliant group meal.

Thanks to Matt Hackney and the Southeastern Camping Unit (SECU) for coordinating this event for Region 3.

Registration is open and early sign-up is encouraged so the planners will have a feel for how many will attend. You can register at <https://airstreamclub.org/secu-hosting-wbac-mid-winter-ibt> or <https://airstreamclub.org.2021-Mid-Winter>

Deadline for registration is December 15, 2020.

Rally fee is \$90.00 per person and camping is \$25.00 a night (30-amp, water, sewer/dump). Area hotels include Homewood Suites, LaQuinta Inn and Suites, and Carlisle Inn and Conference Center.

Sarasota is a beautiful city with many wonderful restaurants, pretty beaches and lots of places to visit!

## REGION 4

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On a beautiful September weekend, a few Region 4 members joined with folks from Region 7 for an impromptu rally at the Gilmore Car Museum. This beautiful campus of museums is located in Hickory Corners, MI not far from Kalamazoo. Car enthusiasts and visitors alike were amazed at the collections of pristine automobiles from the first autos to later models. The museum's events planner kept their members and visitors busy with special weekend activities. The group had the opportunity to see a Ford Mustang show with live music to add to the ambiance of this outdoor show. The rally was an adventure in history which could be repeated time and time again.

Looking ahead, the "Peace, Love, and Almost Heaven" 2021 Region 4 Rally will be held at the Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, WV. The dates for this rally are May 19-23, 2021.

The 2022 Region 4 Rally will be a Main Street Rally in Wooster, OH! Wooster has graciously agreed to host us for the first ever Region 4 Main Street Rally! Mark your calendars with these dates: May 19-22, 2022.

## REGION 6

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Our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted by wildfires in the West, hurricanes in the Gulf states, and COVID-19. Many clubs in Region 6 are taking special precautions due to the 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.

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 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 are planning their 2021 schedule. Look for it here in the next couple of *Blue Berets*.

The Louisiana Airstream Club is looking ahead to their Christmas Lights Rally is December 3-6 at Nakatosh Campground in Natchitoches, LA.

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

The Music City Tennessee Airstream Club is making plans for rallies beginning in the Spring of 2021.

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

## REGION 7

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Hello to all of our Region 7 members and to our readers. Our calendar for events is in a "slower" mode with informal camping, vs. organized, happenings.

The 2021 Region 7 Rally has been re-scheduled for August 19-24 at the Rippling River Resort located just outside of Marquette, MI next to Marquette Mountain, our local ski hill.

Eddy and I recently camped at Rippling River and scoped out how to best host the 2021 Region 7 Rally. It was a chance to practice my back-in skills, too! We last camped in March 2020, so a shake-down run proved beneficial.

What did we forget? Were there crucial items left at the house? (After all, we were 3.3 miles from home). The list of forgotten items included clothespins for chip clips and fresh dishcloths. Not too bad, eh?

Our approach to camping is pretty much the same whether we are going on a long weekend or on a caravan for several weeks. I prefer to haul with a full tank of fresh water, regardless of the trip, our destination, or our planned activities.

Standard items which usually "live" in Ginger (the Airstream's name) include hoses, cords, 50A - 30A dogbones, grease, silicone spray, tools, tank treatment, blocks, Xchocks, teakettle, percolator, grill, and kitchenware. We add clothing, paper products, lawn chairs, propane cookstove, some food, and we're pretty good to go.

I do know it is a whole lot easier to prep for camping now than when I hauled a horse in a 32' living quarters trailer. Haven't missed the "work" (think shoveling) part of all that fun, and it really was a lot of fun.

I want to tell you how this Airstream became "Ginger". My first Airstream was Stardust, my next one was George, and this one honors a dog Ginger that I think is precious. Her owners are Pat and Laurie Jones, Florida Airstreamers. It is fair to say that I have a crush on their little doggie.

But then again, I also have a crush on a dog named Tommy, who belongs to Joe and Ginger Slattery. Tommy's Mom is now our Region 7 Secretary. Thank you, Ginger.

Ginger S might tell you that I stole her dog Tommy a few years ago while we were camping at the Straits State Park in St. Ignace, MI. My story is that I didn't set a ransom, so I was just borrowing Tommy for awhile.

Please have a nice Thanksgiving and give thanks for all our blessings.

Get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

## REGION 8

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What a year this has been. 2021 is right around the corner, so let's hope the new year will allow us to get back on the road with our Airstreams.

Welcome new Region 8 members (all other new members too) and thank you for choosing to join the Airstream Club International. Although most rallies and luncheons were cancelled this year, we look forward to holding them again soon and getting to know each of you. You will find we have a lot in common. I recently met a new Greater St. Louis Airstream Club member at a park outside St. Louis. We talked for a bit and learned he'd graduated from the same high school I did, only a few years apart.

In Region 8, some of the clubs held summer and fall rallies. Our "normal" rally routines were modified due to the pandemic. The new standard rally routine in our region was local clubs getting together and going camping. There were no planned activities to speak of and we could still gather, social distancing of course, talk and take in nature. Well, there were likely a few planned activities at each of these rallies - Happy Hours, Campfires and impromptu potlucks! We certainly hope that we can once again hold our rallies and caravans in the manner we are accustomed.

The Region 8 Spring Rally will be held in Amana, IA April 29-May 2, 2021 with arrival on April 28. Amana is home to the seven Amana Colonies. We are staying at the Amana RV Park and Event Center and the theme is "All Roads Lead To the Amana Colonies." On May 1, 2021, Amana will be celebrating Maifest and there are many activities associated with that event. Coupons for the rally will be out soon.

Happy Holidays!

## REGION 9

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Hopefully, presidential libraries will be reopening soon, and because November is the month of election, I ponder the term statesman and how a fall trip from Dallas, to Austin, and then two hours east to College Station will bring an Airstreamer through three distinctive areas of Region 9 and face-to-face with three distinctive statesmen. Texas is home to three Presidential Libraries – George W. Bush on the SMU campus in Dallas, LBJ on UT campus in Austin, and George H. Bush on the A&M campus at College Station. This meandering trip will also allow a visitor to participate in the rallies planned (if not cancelled by COVID) by some of the Region 9 Airstream Clubs located in each area: Texas Highlands Lake at Pilot Knoll Park, Heart of Texas Halloween Rally, and Greater Houston Airstream Harvest Rally.

Travel into the heart of Dallas and onto the SMU campus to visit the George W Bush Center surrounded by a 15-acre urban park. A visit to a presidential library is always a walk through history. Presidential libraries are more about the history of our world and nation captured in the frame of that president's service and George W Bush's frame includes the horrors of September 11. In his library, steel from the World Trade Center, the bullhorn he used to address the crowd at Ground Zero, and letters he received in the days following the attacks are on display. Head south on I-35 to Austin and on the University of Texas campus is the LBJ library. To tour this library is to relive the tragedy and transition of the Kennedy assassination, the sweeping legislative agendas of the Great Society, The Civil Rights Act, space exploration, and of course the war in Vietnam.

A final election month destination would be the campus of Texas A&M which houses the George H Bush library. Because George H Bush was businessman, diplomat, and politician, a tour of his library is a tour of West

Texas oil, China, and a vice presidency and presidency. A light-hearted portion of his library is dedicated to his colorful sock choices and a Saturday Night Live video that captures the humor of the Bush parodies by comedian Dana Carvey in the 90s.

As my husband Randy and I plan a trip that will take us to different areas of our nation, we try to cross the path of one of the 13 presidential libraries. We get our Presidential Libraries Passport stamped, visit the giftshop and select a text about that presidency to read and share as we travel down the road. For every president since Herbert Hoover, presidential libraries have been established in each president's home state. These archives and museums bring together the documents and artifacts of a President and present them to the public for study and discussion without regard for political considerations or affiliations. Randy and I laughingly tell others that we vote only to cancel each other's vote. But our immersion in the burden of decision making that these 13 libraries capture for us never fails to unite us in our understanding that the weight of a president's leadership is the same no matter the political affiliation.

## REGION 10

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To quote the words of Queen Elizabeth, this has been an "annus horribilis" indeed. Hail, floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, COVID-19, and cancelled events of all kinds have tested our resolve. We have been challenged in different ways. Some more seriously than others. However, Airstreamers are resilient, creative and determined. We have used our "escape pods" in many ways to preserve our safety, health and our sanity. We have discovered that our Airstreams and our Airstream family can be life savers by providing refuge to those escaping a fire, flood, storm or by giving assistance to fellow members for incidents on the road. We learn so much from our shared experiences and knowledge of our fellow members. During these challenges, our club has been there for all of us.

Some of us have managed to attend smaller local Club rallies and stay connected to the Airstream family by Zoom chats, Facebook and backyard campfires. Members offering courtesy parking have provided a refuge when parks were closed.

Your membership has provided those benefits. Now is the time to renew that membership; remember to get it in soon. The staff at the Head Office do not need the additional stress of 6,000 renewals the last week of November!



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 members, we need to support our leaders. Try to share ideas or host a rally or lunch. Volunteer at a rally - it is so much fun and a great way to meet more friends.

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 and breakfasts to stay connected.

As this is the last column for the season, I wish you all a great holiday season. May 2021 be a very active Airstream year for all.

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

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

## REGION 11

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Discover Southern Arizona! The Arizona Airstream Club will be gathering at Catalina State Park on November 12-15. Catalina State Park is located on Arizona 77 a few miles north of Tucson. The park is located in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains and includes in its 5,000 plus acres numerous hiking and mountain biking trails to provide viewing pleasure and mountain biking challenges. There are 150 species of birds that have been identified in the park.

All group camping areas have been closed due to COVID-19, but the individual hook-up sites are considered COVID safe. All COVID-19 rules will be followed so there will be no group Happy Hours or potluck dinners.

Bernie Combs will be making a presentation on photography for those who enjoy taking photos. A cell phone or traditional camera can be used. Campers will continue to follow COVID-19 prevention guidelines during the presentation, but what an opportunity to develop photo skills.

There is no rally or gathering fee, but this will be a fun gathering and an opportunity to get your rig on the road and go somewhere.

There are no other official Airstream Club events planned for Region11 in November.

## REGION 12

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Hello Nevada and California Airstreamers. This is the last time I will write to you in 2020. We don't have a December *Blue Beret* and now the club's membership directory is published in February. When you read this, the Region Rally should be over in Palm Desert. We are one of the only Regions that were able to pull off this event. The other 11 regions had to cancel their plans for this year. We are also one of the few regions that were able to start up rallies. Several of our clubs participated but there weren't a lot of shared meals and happy hours were socially distanced.

I see lots of good signs that things will be OK. We continue to get new members. I have seen many plans for rallies all through the end of this year and next year. Airstream dealers are sold out and the new factory is building them as fast as they can. It is also time to renew your membership. Planning is starting by our new 2021 officers and their rally committees.

Region 12 and other clubs around the country continue to get emails that are SCAMS. Some of our clubs have lost thousands of dollars from their treasury. The fake requests have not stopped. They take the form of requests from phony campgrounds for deposits for future rallies. The most common one involves asking that gift cards be sent to various people in your club. They use our club email lists and they are pretty convincing. I have been the subject of at least six of these things. Check with other members and don't fall for this stuff.

One of my complaints about the RV industry is the rapid production of vehicles without the construction of places to park them. Thanks to an article in the South Coast Streamer, I found some good news on this topic. The U.S. Congress passed the Great American Outdoor Act in August. It will invest \$9.5 billion in our public lands and National Parks. The best part is that this is non-taxpayer money. Plans call for the improvement and replacement of campgrounds, parking lots, restrooms, bridges and other infrastructure projects all over our nation. This will be a 10-year project as they will release \$900 million every 12 months. This is great news!

Take care, stay safe and let's make 2021 a better year than this one. See you down the road.

# EUROPE

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Despite the COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings and travel, the enthusiasm for Airstreaming and membership of the Club has been sustained. If anything, there is added enthusiasm for travel and rallies probably due to the frustrations of 2020. A recently added rally in North Yorkshire has brought the total for 2021 up to seven and membership is higher than the level at the end of 2019!

The COVID-19 restrictions are being reintroduced and infection rates at the time of writing are rising again. Vaccinations are progressing and hopefully life will have reached a better kind of normal by our first rally of the year in May.

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, north east France

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

12 to 16 Aug 2021 - Castle Howard, North Yorkshire, 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 and in emails. The Europe local club is thriving through a difficult year.



At Lake Forest RV Resort, East Wakefield, NH - photo by Per Hamnqvist, #154, submitted by Doug Hart, #1837

# From the Vice President of Sales



**Justin Humphreys**

Greetings from your extended Airstream family here in Jackson Center, OH! As the leaves begin changing colors, the days are getting shorter and the mornings and evenings become a bit crisper. I hope everyone is safe and healthy; and has a watchful eye to the south in the coming months to keep warm and to keep Airstreaming!

Business at Airstream has continued its record pace with all-time record low dealer inventories combined with all-time record retail sold orders in our production backlog! The combination, all though a good problem, continues to become more and more problematic each day as dealers are anxious to get inventory levels back and ultimately, revenues back in a consistent manner. The Airstream team has been working tirelessly to supply more but in a quality and thoughtful approach. The biggest challenge we have today is our supply chain and our supplier's ability to support our growth given the entire industry's historic demand levels.

As a result of low dealer inventories, a high percentage of our backlog being retail sold and the fact we are still in the middle of a pandemic, Airstream announced last week to our dealers that we will not support any RV shows through next spring and then we will re-evaluate at that time our next steps. Given the lack of inventory to display at shows along with the health concerns of traveling to multiple markets and exposing our associates to thousands of people, we felt the decision was an easy one to make as difficult it is to say and do! There is no doubt our entire team will miss seeing so many of you at major shows across the country, but long term, we plan to and look forward to supporting shows once this is all behind us.

In place of the show support funds we spend each year, we are quickly pivoting to create online tools to help our customers in this new world of social distancing. "How To" videos along with digital delivery guides are something we are focusing on immediately. Many of these videos and digital resources will serve our customers well even beyond the pandemic as they will help our owner's troubleshoot problems or explain how to properly use and maintain critical components of their Airstream. Keep an eye out for more videos being loaded on our website; you can find many of them here - <https://www.airstream.com/owners/how-to-videos/>.

I am happy to report that the new plants have been a huge blessing to everyone at Airstream, especially during this pandemic. Not only do we have more tools and room to build quality Airstreams, but they give us much more space to social distance and add incredible capacity to grow and meet market demands. I am so disappointed we cannot give factory tours and I look forward to when the pandemic is behind us so many of you can visit and see it firsthand! It will not disappoint and will show you just how much we are investing to improve and focus on product quality improvements. I am so proud of what the team has done here at Airstream, and I cannot wait to show off their incredible work to each you!

On behalf of 979 hard working families here in Jackson Center, thank you for your continued support of our small company here in Western Ohio. It means the world to us all and is something we will never take for granted!

Happy Airstreaming-





Rick March, General Manager  
Customer Relations Group

Greetings. Well it is that time of year again to discuss winterization. Each year in September, our production plant starts to winterize the new products leaving the factory and this reminds me that colder weather is coming soon. For those of you that live in the northern regions, you will have to be thinking of winterizing your trailers or motorhomes. I will also include some tips for storage.

It is important to note that Airstream began using Girard instant water heaters in all 2021 travel trailers with the exception of the Classic, Basecamp, and the Nest. There is not a bypass for the Girard water heater, so you can skip this step when winterizing. The Basecamp uses a Truma system, while the Nest and Touring Coach use the Suburban system. The Truma and the Suburban both have a bypass valve located on the water heater. You will use the same winterizing instructions for each model.

Classic models come equipped with the Alde water heater and can follow the same instructions. Your drain valve and bypass lines for the Alde are located under the dinette booth housing the Alde furnace/water heater.

1. Drain and flush your fresh water tank.
2. Drain and flush your grey water tank.
3. Drain and flush your black water tank.
4. Drain and flush hot water heater. Reinstall drain plug. Atwood water heater only.
5. If you have low point drain lines under your coach:
  - Open the hot and cold faucets in your coach.
  - Open the low point drain lines under the coach – let water drain completely.
- Close the drain lines.
- Close the hot and cold faucets.
- Remove any water filter cartridge if applicable.

Note: The above items need to be completed before winterizing with compressed air or antifreeze.

#### 6. Blowing out water the lines with air pressure:

- Screw on compressed air adaptor into the city water connection.
- Apply compressed air, keeping pressure to less than 60 psi.
- Open each faucet one at a time to force water out of lines.
- Depress toilet valve. Depress toilet hand spray if applicable.
- Depending on your unit, you may have an ice maker, washing machine, etc. The lines to these appliances will also need to be drained and blown out. (Consult Owners Manual).
- If you have an exterior shower, be sure to blow compressed air through this.
- If you have a black tank flush, be sure to blow compressed air in this fitting.
- Purge the water pump by turning it on and allowing air pressure to clear any water that may be trapped in the pump itself.
- Remove the compressed air adaptor from the city water connection.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains. Also add a cup of antifreeze to the toilet.

## 7. Winterizing using antifreeze:

- Use RV Non-Toxic Antifreeze Only. You will need approximately 2 gallons.
- Make sure the water pump is off and faucets are closed.
- Close the water heater bypass valve if applicable. (Note: if you do not have a water heater bypass valve installed you may want to consider having this done. It will keep you from pumping antifreeze into the water heater and will save you 6 gallons of antifreeze, which is what it takes to fill the water heater before it is dispersed out to faucets etc.). Atwood models only.
- Purchase an antifreeze T kit to install on the inlet side of the water pump connection. This will allow you to pump the antifreeze from the jug into the water system.
- Switch on the water pump. It will start to pump the antifreeze through the water lines
- Open each hot and cold faucet lines one at a time until you see the noticeable red color of the antifreeze flowing from each valve.
- Open the toilet valve and the shower valve until antifreeze flows through.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains. Also add a cup of antifreeze to the toilet.
- Shut off the antifreeze T valve installed near the water pump.

## 8. You are finished!!

I am attaching a picture of the Pump Converter Winterizing Kit (T- Kit) to winterize the lines with antifreeze and a picture of the blow out plug needed for winterizing with compressed air.



Airstream Part Number 100363W



Airstream Part Number 90214W

(Now standard equipment in new models except Touring Coach)

## Winter Storage Reminders

- Shut off the propane at the tank/tanks.
- Make sure that your tires are properly inflated, clean, and covered to protect from UV rays. Sun and air pollutants can also cause deterioration of the rubber compound, causing dry-rot in your tires.
- Apply dielectric grease to the 7 way cord connections to prevent corrosion while in storage.
- Remove any water filters before winterizing and install a filter plug or by-pass line. You will not be able to remove all of the water from the filter when using air to winterize and you do not want the filter full of RV antifreeze if you are using that method to fill and protect your water lines.
- If your water heater is gas and electric make sure the electric heating element is turned off. This will protect the element if the unit is plugged in while being stored or before water is put back into the system next spring.
- Leave the fridge and freezer doors open. To help dry out the refrigerator and freezer compartments prior to storage, crumple up newspaper and put in the freezer and lower refrigerator compartment for 24 to 48 hours to absorb moisture and then remove the papers.
- Open boxes of baking soda may be placed into the compartments to help eliminate odors during storage.
- Leave cabinet and closet doors open when storing for better circulation and humidity control.
- Remove all food items, paper, and cardboard from closets and cabinets. We don't want to encourage winter guests (rodents)!
- Wash your Airstream before storing, especially the roof. Washing the roof will let you inspect for any water leaks, loose or cracked sealants, or any damage to AC covers or vents. If you see anything damaged or looks questionable, get it corrected before putting the unit in storage.
- Lubricate all joints, pivot points, gears on your steps, and stabilizer jacks.

# AIRSTREAM

## Factory Service Center

### Winter is here it's time to WINTERIZE!!

If you are not heading south for the Winter, make sure your Airstream is ready for the Winter Season. Call the Factory Service Center to schedule an appointment to have your unit Winterized!

Airstream Factory Service Center  
419 West Pike Street  
Jackson Center, OH 45334  
(937) 596-6111 ext. 7403

#### Battery Storage for Winter

- Should I remove my batteries from my Airstream for the winter?
- Batteries will last longer if kept charged, and having the battery stored in a garage or workshop makes monitoring and charging the battery/batteries easier. Removing the battery also gives you the opportunity to have your battery tested (load tested at a battery supplier) and inspected for any damage to the battery case (leaking fluid or bulging sides).
- You will also want to check fluid levels and fill as necessary with distilled water so the tops of the plates are covered. Only on Lead Acid batteries.
- It is also a good time to inspect battery terminals and cable ends for corrosion. Clean them with a wire brush and apply a protective coating to battery posts and cable ends.
- You can leave the batteries in your Airstream when storing if you **keep them charged**, this will require plugging the unit in or hooking up to a charger a least monthly. Batteries should be fully charged when placed in storage and maintained to keep batteries from freezing.

- Airstream does not recommend leaving your unit plugged in full time when in storage. If a battery were to fail, then the converter would try to charge it back up and boil down the liquid in both batteries.

#### Store Trailer on Gravel or Concrete

- Helps better protect the tires from moisture.
- Keep tires fully inflated.
- Parking in an area with tall grass or a wooded area can lead to unwanted visitors!
- Never store where overhanging tree branches can fall.
- Store in an area where you can keep an eye on your trailer.

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 [march@airstream.com](mailto:march@airstream.com)

Have a great month!





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## International Rally

2021

Jan 18-22 2021 Mid-Winter IBT, Sarasota, Florida

Jul 17-24 2021 International Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee

## National Event Rallies

Dec 28-  
Jan 1, 2021 CANCELLED Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA



### REGION 1 Activities

Region 1 Website: <http://region1.wbcc.net>

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club -  
[capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net](http://capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net)

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club -  
[charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net](http://charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net)

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](mailto:glessig@gmail.com)

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

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club -  
[northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net](http://northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net)

Quebec Canada Unit - [quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net](http://quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net)

### REGION 2 Activities

Region 2 Website: [Region2.Airstreamclub.net](http://Region2.Airstreamclub.net)

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club -  
[al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net](http://al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net)

Dec 5 Luncheon, Klingler's Garage 724-504-6884, 3051 Oneida Valley Rd, Hilliards PA 16040, Vinny & Dale Rossitto 724-568-4801, [rossitto@comcast.net](mailto:rossitto@comcast.net)

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - [centralpa.airstreamclub.net](http://centralpa.airstreamclub.net)

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

DelMarVa Airstream Club - [delmarva.airstreamclub.net](http://delmarva.airstreamclub.net)

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - [hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net](http://hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net)

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - [keystonepa.airstreamclub.net](http://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](mailto:jdietz4361@gmail.com)

Dec 12 Luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn <http://www.plumsteadvilleinn.com>, 5902 Easton Rd, Pipersville PA 18947, Barb Hillegass 215-536-8637, [bthillegass@gmail.com](mailto:bthillegass@gmail.com)

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - [metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net](http://metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net)

Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club - [mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net](http://mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net)

New Jersey Unit - [newjersey.airstreamclub.net](http://newjersey.airstreamclub.net)

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club - [newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net](http://newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net)

Ontario Canada Airstream Club - [ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net](http://ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net)

Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club - [penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net](http://penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net)

Pennsylvania Airstream Club - [pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net](http://pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net)

Washington DC Unit - [wdcu.airstreamclub.net](http://wdcu.airstreamclub.net)

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - [watchungnj.airstreamclub.net](http://watchungnj.airstreamclub.net)

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - [piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net](http://piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 5-8 Veterans Day & Installation Rally, Fayetteville RV Resort & Cottages 910-484-5500 <https://fayettevillervresort.com/>, 6250 Wade-Stedman Rd, Wade NC 28395, Robin Gieniewski 910-322-9615, [robin.gieniewski@gmail.com](mailto:robin.gieniewski@gmail.com)

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - [southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net](http://southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net)

South Florida Airstream Club - [southflorida.airstreamclub.net](http://southflorida.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 11-15 Fall Rally, Zachary Taylor RV Resort, 2995 US Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee FL 34974, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, [jih6905@hotmail.com](mailto:jih6905@hotmail.com)

Jan 13-18 Amish Auction & Dinner Rally, Sarasota County FG, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota FL 34237, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, [jih6905hot@gmail.com](mailto:jih6905hot@gmail.com)

Southeastern Camping Unit - [southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net](http://southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net)

Oct 29-Nov 1 Boos & Barrels Rally, Off Hwy 583, Land O' Lakes FL 34237, Lisa Forsyth, [iforsyth2000@gmail.com](mailto:iforsyth2000@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](mailto:denise@3flemings.net)

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - [tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net](http://tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net)

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - [topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net](http://topofgeorgia.airstreamclub.net)

Virginia Airstream Club - [virginia.airstreamclub.net](http://virginia.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: [airstreamclub.org/region3](http://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](http://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>

Nov 5-8 Mary's Fish Camp Rally, Mary's Fish Camp, 8092 Marys Fish Camp Rd, Spring Hill FL 34607, Steve Oppel 763-670-8771, [oppels@gmail.com](mailto:oppels@gmail.com)  
Jan 28-31 Sertoma Youth Ranch Rally, Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville FL 34602, Mike & Maryanne Swegles, [maryanneswegles7@gmail.com](mailto:maryanneswegles7@gmail.com)

Florida Springs Airstream Club - [floridasprings.airstreamclub.net](http://floridasprings.airstreamclub.net)

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - [floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Cattleman Rd #140, Sarasota FL 34233, David Sowder, 941-323-7104, [gatorjds@msn.com](mailto:gatorjds@msn.com)

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - [floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net](http://floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net)

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - [northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net](http://northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net)

Palmetto State Airstream Club - [palmettostate.airstreamclub.net](http://palmettostate.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: [region4.airstreamclub.net](http://region4.airstreamclub.net)

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](http://akronohio.airstreamclub.net)

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](mailto:christopher.b.lang@gmail.com)

Miami Valley Airstream Club - [miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net](http://miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net)

Michigan Airstream Club - [michigan.airstreamclub.net](http://michigan.airstreamclub.net)

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - [mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net](http://mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 12 Luncheon Meeting, Der Dutchman, 720 St Rt 97, Bellville OH 44813, Dona Garner 419-566-4951

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

Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club - [mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net](http://mahoningvalleyoh.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 14 Luncheon, The Blue Wolf, 1295 Boardman-Canfield Rd, Boardman OH 44512, Bob & Eileen White, [bewhite@ameritech.net](mailto:bewhite@ameritech.net)

Dec 6 Luncheon, Salvatore's Italian Grille, 8720 E Market St, Warren OH 44484, Dave & Nancy Brett 330-774-1287, [dbretti@zoominternet.net](mailto:dbretti@zoominternet.net)



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Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club -  
[southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net](http://southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net)

The Western Reserve Camping Unit - [www.westernreserve.wbcci.net](http://www.westernreserve.wbcci.net)

## REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: [region5.airstreamclub.net](http://region5.airstreamclub.net)

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

Central Indiana Airstream Club -  
[centralindiana.airstreamclub.net](http://centralindiana.airstreamclub.net)

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](mailto: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](mailto:damon.beals@gmail.com)

Indiana Airstream Club - [indiana.airstreamclub.net](http://indiana.airstreamclub.net)

Kentucky Airstream Club - [kentucky.airstreamclub.net](http://kentucky.airstreamclub.net)

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - [northernillinois.airstreamclub.net](http://northernillinois.airstreamclub.net)

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - [illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net](http://illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: [airstreamclub.org/region6](http://airstreamclub.org/region6)

2021  
Apr 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA

Alabama Airstream Club - [airstreamclub.org/alabama](http://airstreamclub.org/alabama)

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - [arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net](http://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](mailto:fdcaptjd@gmail.com)

East Tennessee Airstream Club - [easttennessee.airstreamclub.net](http://easttennessee.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 12-15 Cumberland Gap Come & Go UnRally, Wilderness Road CG, 854 National  
Park Rd, Ewing TN 24248, Mary & Jim Johnson 937-974-5539 or 937-  
677-2344, [hoppyhiker@gmail.com](mailto:hoppyhiker@gmail.com) or [TNSlimJim@gmail.com](mailto:TNSlimJim@gmail.com)

Louisiana Airstream Club - [louisiana.airstreamclub.net](http://louisiana.airstreamclub.net)

Mississippi Airstream Club - [mississippi.airstreamclub.net](http://mississippi.airstreamclub.net)

Music City Airstream Club - [musiccity.airstreamclub.net](http://musiccity.airstreamclub.net)

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - [pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net](http://pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: [region7.airstreamclub.net](http://region7.airstreamclub.net)

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

Minnesota Airstream Club -  
[minnesota.airstreamclub.net](http://minnesota.airstreamclub.net)

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - [northdakota.airstreamclub.net](http://northdakota.airstreamclub.net)

Wisc-UP Airstream Club - [wisc-up.airstreamclub.net](http://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](mailto:semerick4425@gmail.com) [edward.emerick@gmail.com](mailto:edward.emerick@gmail.com)

## REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: [region8.airstreamclub.net](http://region8.airstreamclub.net)

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

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club -  
[greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net](http://greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net)

Iowa Airstream Club - [iowa.airstreamclub.net](http://iowa.airstreamclub.net)

Iowa North Airstream Club - [northiowa.airstreamclub.net](http://northiowa.airstreamclub.net)

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - [mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net](http://mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net)

Dec 5 Christmas Party, Pitch Pizza & Pub (in the Southern Hills Shopping  
Center), 2924 E Sunshine St, Springfield MO 65804, Linda Rush  
873-286-7665, [LRush4102@yahoo.com](mailto:LRush4102@yahoo.com)

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

Nebraska Airstream Club - [nebraska.airstreamclub.net](http://nebraska.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website: [region9.airstreamclub.net](http://region9.airstreamclub.net)

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

East Texas Lakes Unit

Greater Houston Airstream Club - [greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net](http://greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 5-8 Harvest Rally, Summer Breeze RV Resort, 1019 Wilpitz Rd, Katy TX  
77493, Dan & Maria McNulty 832-392-7033, [maison1306@yahoo.com](mailto:maison1306@yahoo.com)  
Dec 3-6 Rally, Conroe KOA, 19785 105 W, Montgomery TX 77356, Tom Bundy  
281-250-7644, [Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net)  
Dec 31-Jan 1 New Year's Rally, Couthatte RV Recreation Ranch, 4029 Clay Ranch Ln,  
Bellville TX 77418, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253, [balee5068@gmail.com](mailto:balee5068@gmail.com)  
Jan 16 Annual Luncheon, Landry's Seafood House 281-362-9696, 1212  
Lake Robbins Dr, Woodlands TX 77380, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253,  
[balee5068@gmail.com](mailto:balee5068@gmail.com)

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### Heart of Texas Camping Unit - [heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net](http://heartoftexascamping.airstreamclub.net)

- 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](mailto: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](http://northtexas.airstreamclub.net)

### Oklahoma Airstream Club - [oklahoma.airstreamclub.net](http://oklahoma.airstreamclub.net)

### Texas Alamo Unit - [texasalamo.airstreamclub.net](http://texasalamo.airstreamclub.net)

### Texas Gulf Coast Unit - [www.texasairstreamharbor.com](http://www.texasairstreamharbor.com)

- Nov 12-15 Rally: Turkey Shoot, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, Emma Lee Wilson, 936-635-2094, [emmalee@consolidated.net](mailto: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](mailto:emmalee@consolidated.net)

### Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - [texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net](http://texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net)

- Dec 3-6 Christmas Rally & Auction, Brackenridge Park Complex CG, 891 Brackenridge Pkwy, Edna TX 77957, Carol Sajovich, [carol\\_sajovich@hotmail.com](mailto:carol_sajovich@hotmail.com)

### Texas Hill Country Unit - [texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net](http://texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net)

- Nov 11-15 Installation Rally, Glen Rose Texas, Oakdale RV Park <https://www.glenrosetexas.org/visitor/oakdale-park/location/>, 1019 NE Barnar St, Glen Rose TX 76043, Tim Ebberts, [Timberintx@gmail.com](mailto:Timberintx@gmail.com)

### Texas Plains Airstream Club - [texasplains.airstreamclub.net](http://texasplains.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website: [region10.airstreamclub.net](http://region10.airstreamclub.net)

### Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - [albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net](http://albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net)

### British Columbia Airstream Club - [www.airstreambc.com](http://www.airstreambc.com)

### Idaho Airstream Club - [idaho.airstreamclub.net](http://idaho.airstreamclub.net)

### Inland NW Airstream Club - [inlandnorthwest.airstreamclub.net/](http://inlandnorthwest.airstreamclub.net/)

### Montana Airstream Club - [montana.airstreamclub.net](http://montana.airstreamclub.net)

### Oregon Airstream Club - [oregon.airstreamclub.net](http://oregon.airstreamclub.net)

### Washington Airstream Club - [washington.airstreamclub.net](http://washington.airstreamclub.net)

## REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: [Region11.airstreamclub.net](http://Region11.airstreamclub.net)

### Arizona Airstream Club - [arizona.airstreamclub.net](http://arizona.airstreamclub.net)

- Nov 12-15 Catalina Rally, Catalina SP, 11570 N Oracle Rd, Tucson AZ 85737, Jerry & Candace Nelson, [aac8086@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:003President@airstreamclub.net)
- Jan 21-24 Cave Creek Rally, Cave Creek Regional CG, 37900 E Cave Creek Pkwy, Cave Creek AZ 85331, Rick Carmichael, Norm & Sharon White, [rick@carmichael.be](mailto:rick@carmichael.be)

### Colorado Airstream Club - [colorado.airstreamclub.net](http://colorado.airstreamclub.net)

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

- Nov 12-15 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](mailto:baambi7as@gmail.com)
- Dec 30-Jan 3 New Year's Rally, Picacho Peak SP, 15520 Picacho Peak Rd, Picacho AZ 85141, <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2021-new-years-rally.html>, Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros, [sergio.quiros@asu.edu](mailto:sergio.quiros@asu.edu)

### New Mexico Unit - [newmexico.airstreamclub.net](http://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](mailto:palmrranch@aol.com)

### Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - [utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net](http://utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net)

### Wyoming Unit - <http://wyoming.wbcci.net>

## REGION 12 Activities

Region 12 Website: [airstreamclub.org/region12](http://airstreamclub.org/region12)

- ~~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.wbcci.net](http://www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net)

### El Camino Real Airstream Club - [elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net](http://elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net)

- Nov 4-8 Past President's Rally, Wine Country RV Resort <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/west/california/wine-country/>, 2500 Airport Rd, Paso Robles CA 93446, Jay & Betty Nordgren 714-719-4662, [bnordgren21@gmail.com](mailto:bnordgren21@gmail.com)
- Dec 2-6 Installation Rally, Emerald Desert RV Resort <https://www.emeralddesert.com/>, 76000 Frank Sinatra Dr, Palm Desert CA 92211, Mike & Michele Behan 619-254-5359, [mibmbj@yahoo.com](mailto:mibmbj@yahoo.com)

### Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - [airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area](http://airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area)

### Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - [greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net](http://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net)

- Nov 12-16 Newport Dunes Rally, Newport Dunes RV Resort, 1131 Back Bay Dr Newport Beach CA 92660, <https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/rally-schedule-3/>, 213-364-6658
- Dec 10-14 Pismo Coast Village Rally, Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, 165 S Dolliver St, Pismo Beach CA 93449, <https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/rally-schedule-3/>, 213-364-6658
- Jan 21-24 Santee Lakes Rally, Santee Lakes CG, 9310 Fanita Pkwy, Santee CA 92071, <https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/rally-schedule-3/>, 213-364-6658



For the most current information, go to [airstreamclub.org/events](http://airstreamclub.org/events)  
Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - [airstreamclub.org/lake-tahoe](http://airstreamclub.org/lake-tahoe)

Las Vegas Airstream Club - [lasvegas.airstreamclub.net](http://lasvegas.airstreamclub.net)

Northern California Airstream Club - [northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net](http://northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net)

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](mailto: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](mailto:plazzereschi@gmail.com)

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - [sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net](http://sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net)

Nov 5-9 Betabel RV Park Rally, Betabel RV Park <http://www.betabel.com/>, 9664  
Betabel Rd, San Juan Bautista CA 95045, Judy Bechthold  
530-666-5839, [jabkeb@aol.com](mailto:jabkeb@aol.com)

San Diego Airstream Club - [www.airstreamsandiego.com](http://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](http://southcoastca.airstreamclub.net)

## EUROPE *Activities*

WBCCI Europe Website: -  
<http://europe.wbcci.net>



Encampment at Elkton Rally in Oregon along the banks of the Umpqua River -  
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# 2021 WBCCI National Caravans

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## Three Mexican Gems

Start: Nogales, AZ

1/29-3/31

Stop: Lukeville, AZ

Mexican Caravans: Troubadours, mariachis, wonderful colonial buildings, 2000-year old ruins and artifacts, food to die for, art and entertainment, unique activities and adventure served with a topping of beaches and comradeship like no other. 2021 - Let's Roll!

## Cajun Country A1

3/2-3/18

## Cajun Country A2

3/9-3/25

Start: Breaux Bridge, LA

Stop: Lafayette, LA

On the Cajun Caravan you will experience Cajun culture and hospitality at its roots. Enjoy dining on jambalaya, crawfish pie, gumbo and all the other dishes that make Cajun cuisine popular.

## Georgia on My Mind

3/11-4/1

Start: Blakely, GA

Stop: Rutledge, GA

Join us as we explore antebellum homes & plantations of the old south. A combination of history, southern cuisine and opportunities to participate in many activities will introduce you to the charm of southern hospitality. Traveling the country roads in the colorful springtime will allow you to experience the natural beauty of waterfalls, cotton fields, as well as ancient Spanish moss draped live oaks & pine forests.

## 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

Bring your camera, binoculars, fishing gear, hiking poles and – most importantly – sense of adventure and come vacation with us in the Blue Ridge Mountains!

## Springtime in the Rockies

5/27-6/22

Start: Estes Park, CO

Stop: Gardiner, MT

Come share in the adventures of traveling through some

of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from Rocky Mountain National Park to the many splendors of Yellowstone National Park.

## Viking Trail

6/23-8/18

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

The friendliest people you will ever meet. Soak in Newfoundland's incredible scenery, culture, outdoor fun, and amazing history as we circumnavigate the island.

## Canadian Rocky Mountain

6/24-7/15

Start: Drumheller, Alberta

Stop: Cochrane, Alberta

Travel through the four contiguous National Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. Attend the world-renowned Calgary Stampede where we will see the "greatest outdoor show on earth."

## North to Alaska

7/12-9/12

Start: Dawson Creek, BC

Stop: Prince George, BC

We will travel the Alaska Highway and will experience the majestic scenery of British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alyeska "The Great Land".

## Nuts for Ruts: Finding the Oregon Trail

7/29-8/29 (approx.)

Start: St. Joe, MO

Stop: Oregon City, OR

Following the path of the early pioneers we will cross the plains searching for the actual ruts the wagons left on their way west. We will visit museums, historical sites, and will find wonderful places to meet and eat.

## Southwest Adventure

8/16 -10/4

Start: Albuquerque, NM

Stop: Albuquerque, NM

We will visit the four corners region of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona exploring sites other tourists may not see ending with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

## Made in U.S.A.

9/7-10/9

Start: Jackson Center, OH

Stop: Milwaukee, WI

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**Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East** 9/11-9/26  
Start: Manistique, MI Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops.

**Highway 61 Revisited** 9/11-10/11  
Start: Duluth, MN Stop: New Orleans, LA

Inspired by Bob Dylan's album "Highway 61 Revisited", we travel to southern places known for their musical heritage.

**Northern Lights & Polar Bears** 9/12-10/11  
Start: International Peace Garden MB/ND  
Stop: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Tour Manitoba starting at the International Peace Garden including a six-day tour to and from Churchill on Hudson Bay. Spend two days and a night on the tundra viewing polar bears and the northern lights.

**Smidge of the Blue Ridge** 9/17-9/25  
Start: Bryson City, NC Stop: Boone, NC

A short version of the Taste of the Blue Ridge caravan.

**Gone to Texas** 9/26-10/30  
Start: Amarillo, TX Stop: Ingram, TX

The letters GTT were familiar in the United States during the early 1800's. They meant "Gone To Texas". Come with us and see why it was the place to be.

**Sho-Me the Ozarks** 9/30-10/27  
Start: Mountain View, AR Stop: Van Buren, MO

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

You've done all the tourist sites; now you can experience the finest elements of California. From camping among the vineyards to exploring historic Los Angeles on foot to driving the back roads of rural California, this caravan is for you!

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

What is around the bend in the Four-corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona & New Mexico other tourists may not see. Come prepared to have fun with your fellow caravanners.

**Made in U.S.A.** 9/6-10/8  
Start: Jackson Center, OH Stop: Milwaukee, WI

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Chris & Dean Davison's highly polished Excella trailer reflecting the sunset at Northern California Airstream Club's Fort Bragg Rally - submitted by Elisa Ungerman, #3334



Rhonda McKinnon putting on her BRN's - submitted by Eric McHenry, #153

Entering our campground in Empire, MI, near the Sleeping Bear Dunes - submitted by Dan Zile, #9068



Our daughter playing "Drive Thru" with our screen door on our Airstream - submitted by Ben Cohen, #21099



Two New Airstreamers: our granddaughters have spent 14 nights in our Airstream this summer - submitted by Barbara German, #3383



In the Alps, Sesto, Italy - submitted by Max Fuchs, #5630

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