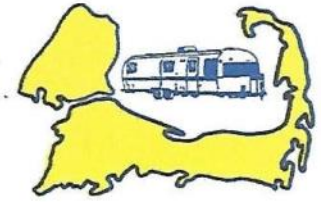




Club Capers



2020

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club

The President's Message



RJ Dominic

As I sit here today looking out the window, I am finally seeing sunshine and have the warmth of a great heating system. If I dare step outside it is heavy coat and hat weather. I guess most of the country has, or currently is experiencing the same thing. Late fall is here. I am lucky to still be in my trailer using it. Thank goodness the '34's' are really insulated for full time use. We are even forecasted for getting snow over the weekend.

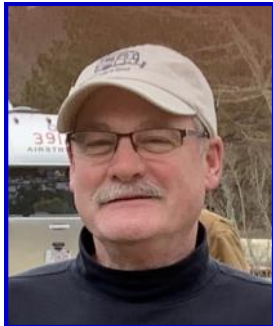
I would like to thank everyone this year who is volunteering to help out with running the club. We may be thought of as a small club, but we certainly are a typically active one. A lot of that comes from all of the members who volunteer their time in the running of the club. No matter how much or how little you help it matters and makes a difference.

We do have positions open and have created positions so more people can volunteer their time such as an Assistant Membership person to help Eddie out with special projects since he is also going to be the Treasurer for the next few years. Eddie has a lot on his plate and he would appreciate the help.

The Second Vice President slot is open and if anyone is thinking about it, talk to Lucy, she has been in that position for a year and has learned a lot. It's really not a difficult position to run the club. This is where all the volunteers help out the President and Officers and have fun doing it.

Much has gone on over the past month. We had a really nice Columbus Day weekend, with only a short period of rain. It would have been a great camping weekend for sure if only Covid had not reared its ugly head. That Rally had to be postponed to Columbus Day weekend 2021. The campground, and your hosts, felt it was much better to keep our membership and the community safe rather than chance the spread of the virus, with numbers escalating in surrounding areas.

Time to Renew your CCMAC Membership for 2021



The 2021 Membership Renewal season is here. A few changes have been implemented since last renewal season:

- WBAC Membership dues are now \$75.00 a year.
- Cape Cod Airstream Club (0167) annual dues are now \$15.00
- Total Renewal cost **\$90.00**
- HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email, and social media.

- Local clubs are encouraged to direct their members to: <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal> to renew their membership starting August 1st.
- The deadline for the Annual Printed Membership Directory is December 31, 2020.
- The Annual Printed Membership Directory will be published in February.

Follow this link to the: [2021 Guidelines/Reminders for Renewals](#) for additional information.

Thank you for your renewal.
Eddie Carll,
Membership Chair

Member Birthdays Oct/Nov/Dec

October

Bill McNamara	10/1
Dottie Walbridge	10/6
Steve Chop, Jr.	10/18

November

Sandy Sasuta	11/1
Cindy Grant	11/16

December

Diane Jackson	12/8
Gale Lake	12/15
Joan M. Kenyon	12/23

Member Anniversaries Oct/Nov/Dec

October

Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/3
Steven & Cindy Grant	10/15
Theodore & Joan M	10/18
Bruce & Roberta Williams	10/20
Bill & Evie Watts	10/22
Susan Lanfare & Todd Sunderland	10/27

November

Gilles & Joyce Rousseau	11/2
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We have a new CCMAC website By Dottie Walbridge, Webmaster



I thought it a good idea to inform all our membership that Cape Cod will now have a new website. All WBCCI webmasters are transitioning the old Word Press websites to the new ACI websites.

If you would like to check it out, please click on the following link: [CCMAC Website](#)

The website is a work in progress right now as I learn how to navigate the new program.

I would hope that our members would make a new website shortcut on their computer desktops which will give you quick access to the new website.

I know this past year was devoid of rallies because of the Covid virus but I am hoping next year we will be able to get back to our normal camping lives. I would appreciate it if members who attend these rallies, luncheons, rendezvous or caravans, please take pictures and send them to me. I will be more than happy to use these pictures on our new website. We hope to attract more people to join the Cape Cod Unit.

I also encourage you to check out the website on a regular basis. You can renew your membership, check out what rallies are scheduled and find more information on each event on the website. You will also be able to access all the other unit rallies all over the US. Great when traveling to those areas.

*Age 60 might be the
new 40
but 9:00pm is
the new midnight*

Opening for a 2nd VP

By Dottie Walbridge

At the installation rally this fall, Lucy Roche, will move up to 1st VP. RJ will be President of the CCMAC for one more year. We would like to thank Lucy for volunteering for this position. We will now need someone to volunteer for the 2nd VP position.

Being a 2nd V.P. is a great way to learn a lot about the workings of the Club and our Cape Cod Unit and have a fun time doing it.

As the 2nd VP you will attend all Spring and Fall Business Meetings and Executive Board Meetings of the unit. You will also assist the President and 1st VP if needed and assume the duties of the President or the 1st VP in their absence. You will be asked to perform any duties assigned by the Executive Board.

Please be assured that we will not let you fend for yourself. There are many members who have held these positions before and they will be more than happy to help you in any way they can. What better way to make new friends, learn about the WBCCI and enjoy the camaraderie of the WBCCI family.

I remember when I became a 2nd VP. I thought I'd never be able to do the job correctly even though I had hosted rallies, helped with parking, attended Internationals and hosted luncheons.

It was so much fun and everyone was so helpful. My year went by pretty fast and I enjoyed every minute of it.

As I look back now over the past 25 year, I enjoyed every Officer position I held. The WBCCI had become a way of life and not just belonging to a Club. I made many lifelong friends from all over the country and you will too.

Constitution & By Laws Committee Needed

By RJ Dominic

Right now I am the Constitution & By Laws Chairperson. I would love to have some members come forward and volunteer to form a Committee to help me with the Constitution & By Laws changes. There will be many more changes in the future as this will be an ongoing process to keep the C&BL updated.

The "Model" for the new changes in the C&BL is posted on our CCMAC website. As you can see the Model is in a much more simple format.

Since I am wearing many hats; as CCMAC President, Region 1 2nd VP, and helping out at the International level, it is extremely important to keep the CCMAC C&BL as up-to-date as possible.

I would really appreciate it if some members would come forward to help myself and Lucy as she works her way up to President.

To see the "Model" click on the link below:

[Constitution & By Laws Model](#)

We need a Dropbox Expert

I am looking for someone who is very knowledgeable in working with Dropbox. We need them to set up and teach our Officers and members how to use Dropbox so we can learn to share documents.

If you would like to help, please contact me.

RJ Dominic - 914-204-6190

or

rjdominic@airstreamclub.net

Pre-Holiday Party Update

I would like to thank Larry Lamontagne for all of the hours he has worked putting our great holiday parties on year after year. Unfortunately, our 'in-person' November Holiday Party this year is being postponed until after the New Year. After many conversations with Larry, Trevor, and Eddie, I felt it best to postpone our 'in person' gathering for now in hopes that a vaccine is soon to be released. Instead we will have a virtual holiday party via Zoom.

We can have our Zoom holiday gathering at the same time, 2pm, and then follow it with a short business meeting at 4pm.

The holiday party is a great gathering for us and I hope all can attend. I am looking forward to having an 'in-person' gathering during the winter months, we will assess the Covid situation after the new year and re-schedule it then if possible.

RJ Dominic

The article below was written by Katy Ward of the Provincetown Banner. She and a photographer came to the Open House at the Pets & Paws Rally National Event Rally which was held last year on April 12-14, 2019.

Content from the Provincetown Banner,
Article by Katy Ward, April 18, 2019
Behind the Tin Wall: Airstream Owners are a Special Breed

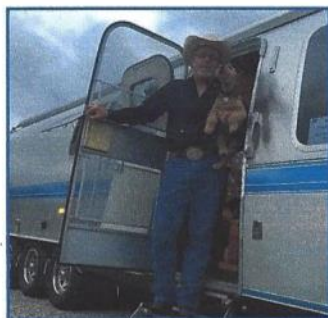
PROVINCETOWN — For many Airstream owners it's all about the nostalgia of the iconic aluminum trailer. "I call this his midlife crisis," says Sue McConnell of her husband, Steve, while sitting inside their 27-foot Airstream trailer with their bloodhound, Daisy. "It's better than a mistress. He just decided one day that he wanted an Airstream. He's totally into the nostalgic look of it all. I thought I'd take him to the dealership, he would stand inside, and he's such a big guy that he'd feel claustrophobic, but I was wrong. Totally wrong. He was completely smitten. I knew when we left there was no way we weren't getting an Airstream. He's a whole other person when he's in the Airstream."

The McConnells were among the owners of the 26 Airstreams that arrived at Coastal Acres Campground last weekend for the 8th annual Pet and Paws Rally. The event is sponsored by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI), founded in 1955 and named for the inventor of the Airstream. The rally brings club members to Provincetown for the weekend to enjoy time with other Airstream friends and to do volunteer work for pets. This year they cleaned up and donated to the Pilgrim Bark Park. The club has also supported the Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter (CASAS).



The Airstreamers who helped clean the Bark Park, in the rain.

"Part of our club's history and part of what we do," says Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager of WBCCI, "is wherever we go, we like to try and leave it a little better than when we arrived, and do some sort of charitable work." Though the silver pill-shaped Airstreams are "on the upper end" pricewise for a camping trailer, "they are in high demand," says Plummer. The price of a new model ranges from nearly \$200,000 for the largest to around \$40,000 for smaller ones. Consumers pay for the quality and the appearance, which dates back to the original models from the 1930s. They are still made in Ohio. "The cabinets, furniture, everything is handmade at Jackson Center, Ohio," Plummer says. Airstream owners share a certain lifestyle that emphasizes camping and travel, she adds.



Tye & Oakie

This particular rally is also all about dogs.

"We came up with this idea sitting around a fire one night drinking beer," says Tye Mott, the club's International Vice President and co-founder of the rally. Mott's Airstream trailer, a 34-foot vintage classic, is named after his dog Oakie.

"As we were having happy hour we kept saying we wished we had our dogs with us," says Rick Cipot, the other rally founder. "So we said, 'Let's do a rally for the dogs,' and that's how Pets and Paws was born. Basically you bring your dog to happy hour, bring him to dinner, bring him to breakfast. It's all about having your dog with you instead of leaving him back in the camper."

Cipot and his wife, Sandi Gould, of Bethel, Conn. are the proud owners of a 22-foot Airstream. Their dog, Oz, named after the Wizard of Oz, has been joining them at the rally since its inception. A map of the country is stamped on their trailer's front door highlighting each state they have visited. Only a few states down south are not filled in ... yet.

"Rick always wanted to go to Yellowstone in a silver Airstream trailer since he was little," says Gould. "So we went to Yellowstone one year and I had to get out of the truck and take photos of Rick passing through the gate in his Airstream. So he had his dream."

Mary Rosenbach of West Yarmouth, who arrived with her Dalmatian, RJ, first bought an Airstream following a divorce, she says, laughing. "I always wanted to go camping because I had camped with my family growing up," she says. "We couldn't really do an Airstream at that point, but my dad had always wanted one and was looking at them. So when I got divorced I said, you know what — I'm just going to go look at them for fun." This is Rosenbach's third year participating in the Pets and Paws Rally.

"The first year I had an ex-boyfriend's Dalmatian," she says. "The year after that I didn't have a pet, but I did bring stuffed animals and beanie babies. Now I have RJ."

Down the way sat Tess McShane in her 28-foot classic Airstream. She lives in Mystic, Conn. with her boyfriend, Todd Brink, and their dogs, Piper and Sully. "I've always envisioned getting an Airstream as my retirement plan," says McShane. "I'm not actually retired yet, but I like to say that I'm practicing retirement." Inside her aluminum trailer is an open floor plan with collapsible tables, sliding storage space and pullout furniture. Everything inside can be manipulated or changed to accommodate a need. "Meeting the people in the club was the best thing," she says. "The minute you buy an Airstream you'll hear about the club. I joined immediately after I bought it. It's a great way to learn about your Airstream, how to take care of it, how to winterize it, etcetera."

Recent widows Dottie Walbridge and Rose Tavares have been members of WBCCI's Cape Cod unit since 1995. They stayed with other Airstream owners on this trip.



Dottie Walbridge & Rose Tavares

Magnus, sits stoically in the entrance. "We have three children and now they are older, so they don't camp with us anymore. But with them we've been cross-country several times. They've seen all kinds of things. We've been everywhere."

Each Airstream not only displays a number, which helps identify a trailer in a crowd of nearly identical silver Airstreams, says Plummer, but also sports a certain number of stars. Each star represents five years in the club. Hamnqvist's has three stars because he forgot to put the others up.

The couple has been coming to the Provincetown rally since its inception.

"We just love the friendship of the club," he says.

"It's tough not having your husband," says Tavares, of Fall River, whose husband died last June.

"Being in the club is like having family on the road," says Walbridge, of Scituate.

Per Hamnqvist and his wife, Lilli, have been club members for over 20 years. "We bought our trailer brand new in 1998," he says about his 31-foot classic. His two-year-old Great Dane,



Lilli, Magnus & Per

Saturday, November 21, 2020
 Holiday Social (via Zoom) 1pm
 Business Meeting (via Zoom) 2pm

All members will get an email with the Zoom link prior to this meeting via Mailchimp as it will then be a secure link. Look for the email from Mailchimp. If you have any questions, please contact RJ Dominic at rjdominic@airstreamclub.net

CCMAC Fall Business Mtg. Agenda via Zoom

Call to Order by the President: (Zoom meeting recording starts)

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call by the Recording Secretary: Stan Warren - Backed up roll call by Zoom host.

Reading of the minutes by the Recording Secretary: Stan Warren: (must be voted on by the membership)

Corresponding Secretary's Report:: Bill Clements

Treasurer's Report: Trevor Lake, (must be voted on by the membership)

Reports from Committees: (These reports do not need to be voted on)

Caravan Leader	Larry Lamontagne
Constitution & By Laws:	RJ Dominic
Directory Editor:	Dottie Walbridge
Ethics & Grievances:	Andrew Fowlie
Equipment:	Trevor Lake
Membership:	Eddie Carll
Newsletter Editor:	Dottie Walbridge
Nominating Committee Chairperson:	RJ Dominic
Parliamentarian:	Tom Segalla
Technical Coordinator	Andrew Fowlie
Webmaster:	Dottie Walbridge
Historian:	Jared Lawler

Unfinished Business :

New Business:

Nominations for CCMU Slate of Officers for 2021 (This must be voted on by the membership)

President:	RJ Dominic
1st V.P.:	Lucy Roche
2nd. V.P:	Open
Treasurer:	Eddie Carll
Assistant Treasurer:	Gail Lake
Recording Secretary:	Stan Warren
Corresponding Secretary:	Bill Clements
Directors 1 Year:	Heather Lawler
	Scott Remy
Directors 2 Years:	Sam Watt
	Joe Elliot

Announcements / Rally schedule 2021

Adjournment

New Officer Installation for 2021

Important Note from Lucy Roche, 2nd VP

Can you hear us knocking again???

The Berkshires are starting to feel the chill of winter on our doorstep. Bill has already winterized our trailers. The weather forecast predicts 3 inches of snow on October 30th for our area. The little Trick or Treaters will be bundled up in heavy jackets this year.

We would love to have someone volunteer to help Eddie Carll our Membership Chair. A great way to meet new folks in our Airstream community and have fun doing so. If we all volunteer for the smallest task, it would be a great help to our Officers and our Unit. Eddie's assistant will involve helping Eddie to send out emails reminding our membership it is time to renew. Following up on new Airstream owners who might want to join our Unit and other small tasks. Eddie will be more than happy to help you with what he would like you to do.

We are knocking on your door, please help us.

ATTENTION!!

The 2021 Directory is in the works. In order to keep the directory up-to-date I need to know if you have a new email, cell phone number(s) or new address, please let me know by sending me an email:

dawalbridge@comcast.net or a phone call at 781-545-3856

Also, if you don't like your present directory photo, please send me a new one by email. Thank you,

Dottie Walbridge
Directory Editor

Airstream Club International has partnered with Passport America

How many times have you and your traveling partner, after a long day of driving, are searching to find a campground for the night and decide on staying what is advertised as an RV Resort, only to discover you have landed in the campground twilight zone! Let's face it, they are out there. Now, thanks to a new partnership between Passport America and your Airstream Club International, help is available to avoid these less than desirable campgrounds during your travels.

In a collaborated effort lead by Region 2 President Richard Short and Corporate Manager Lori Plummer, the expansion of membership benefits has been a key focal point. Recently Corporate Headquarters has reached and entered an agreement with Passport America to offer ACI members an exclusive opportunity to save money and become members of this premier camping club.

Passport America currently has 1800 participating campgrounds in the United States, Canada and Mexico, which offer a 50% discount off regular camping fees. If you are frequently traveling with your Airstream a 50% discount is very substantial. Good Sam only offers a 10% discount.

The Passport America membership is loaded with benefits. Their highly acclaimed app for your iPhone and other mobile devices is available from the App store. Not only is it super user-friendly, it's full of useful information such as: nearby parks, search parks, list parks by city, state and country, travel routing and much more.

Other membership benefits include the most current Passport America International Camping Directory in print. A monthly newsletter by email, access to helpful member support service via email or toll free (800) 283-7183 and Passport America participating parks information and updates available for you 24/7. These are just a few of the many benefits available to members of Passport America.


The advertised rate for Passport America membership is \$44.00 for 12 month period. However as a member of the Airstream Travel Club, your membership would be \$44.00 for an 18 month period which would include both new and renewal memberships. Let's explore a trip to Florida by a couple of intrepid Airstream travelers who are planning to spend time in Naples. As they plan their destination, one simply opens the Passport America app and selects the city of Naples in Florida. Instantly displayed are five different RV campgrounds in the Passport America network. Each campground listing their normal rate and the PA rate. In our example the daily rate is \$53.00, the PA rate is \$26.50. There is also a link to the campground website, phone number, map, address and other pertinent information.

The value of being a member of Passport America truly speaks for itself. At a 50% savings on camping fees, your stay can be extended or simply have more cash for discretionary use. In just a couple of nights using your membership you will recoup your yearly membership fee and enjoy your travels that much more.

This new partnership with Passport America is another effort by your Airstream Travel Club to expand and enhance our member travel experience.

Larry Madden, #3909
Members Benefit Team

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