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President's Corner

Top Ten Airstream Resolutions



*Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me;
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What a long, strange trip it's been!*

"Truckin'" by the Grateful Dead

Jerry Garcia had it right for 2020... what a long, strange trip it's been! As we prepare to say goodbye (adios, sucker!) to 2020 and hello to 2021 (finally!) I thought I'd throw out a few ideas for resolutions for Airstreamers. Take 'em or leave 'em, we all generally try to start the New Year with some fresh ideas. Here are mine!

1. Clean out your Airstream. I mean really, really clean it out! Open all the cabinets and empty them out, wipe down the shelves and drawers, and really give it a good once-over! Throw out any outdated spices, canned goods, and medicines. If you are like me, you travel a lot in your Airstream and tend to "add to" without "taking out". Now is the time to really see what is there, what is old and what needs to go!
2. Consider a fresh, new look! If your bed linens are thread-bare, your dish towels are droopy and your pillows are flat, consider a makeover. January abounds with white sales, and it's the perfect time to purchase new bedding and towels. Maybe consider a new decorating theme? Mine recently got a makeover with a succulents and cactus theme. Another Streamer I know has a flamingo theme. What strikes your fancy? It's more fun to camp when you love your home away from home!
3. Plan some trips! What part of the country have you been wanting to see? Dreams only become reality with planning and execution! If a trip to the eastern seaboard had been on your bucket list, or a trip to Grand Canyon, pick a start date and start planning your trip. Many of us just "go" without much of a plan, but to really maximize your sight-seeing and time on the road, some planning is needed. Where are you planning to go? A trip to Key West is in my plan in January, right after the IBT (International Board of Trustees) rally in Sarasota.
4. And speaking of rallies, go ahead and plan a few of those, too! What is coming up in your region that you are interested in? Or do you want to venture farther out? There are lots of rallies being planned. And yes, your Region and International leadership are working hard to keep you safe by putting measures in place to ensure social distancing, masks when in groups, and sanitized, safe serving for meals. Hopefully as a vaccine is made available, we will start to see more and more people getting out to enjoy this awesome country. If you don't yet feel safe to be around others, that's ok too... plan some solo trips just for your family.
5. Reach out to other Airstreamers! Do you tend to sit by yourself when you see another AS'er, or do you walk over and strike up a conversation? I'm very social, so it's easy for me to just walk right up! But not everyone is like that. In case the other camper isn't so out-going, try walking up and saying hello! We all love to show off our Airstreams and talk about our experiences, if given the chance! So be the one to reach out!

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Winter Dinners

It's January, and the taste of luscious tomatoes, crunchy and grassy asparagus and juicy peaches are a distant memory. The winter months provide us with a lot of root vegetables and frozen foods. Sure, you can buy tomatoes in the markets, but they are best used in cooked

dishes. They are picked green and gassed to ripen before arriving at the grocery store, so the flavor and texture is compromised.

Winter is a welcome time for hearty food, rich and filling, warm and spicy. Beef Bourguignon, potato leek soup, chili, chicken cassoulet, a "hot

dish." I had no idea what this was, but found out that a casserole in Michigan and other parts of the country is called a "hot dish" in Minnesota and Wisconsin. They say the casserole is the actual dish it is made in, where I grew up the meal itself is called a casserole.

Crock Pot Beef Bourguignon

- 1 T olive oil
- 1 pound stewing beef, cut into 2-inch chunks (or purchase already cut up)
- 1 large carrot, sliced
- 1 medium/large onion, chopped large dice
- 8 oz white button mushrooms, quartered
- 2 medium potatoes peeled and cut into large chunks
- 1 cup red wine (dry, like chianti or cabernet)
- 1 1/2 cups beef stock
- 1 T tomato paste
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1T dried parsley
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 T cornstarch mixed with a little water to dissolve

1. Heat olive oil in a large skillet and add beef to brown on all sides. You want the beef browned and caramelized. Place into crock pot.
2. Add chopped onions to same skillet and brown lightly, about 4-5 minutes on medium heat. You may need to add a bit more oil to the skillet if it's too dry. Add the wine and scrape up the brown bits and caramelization in the pan left from the browning of the meat. Add to crock pot.
3. Add everything else. Turn crock pot on high and cook for about 4 hours. Mix in cornstarch slurry for desired consistency. This will serve two hearty appetites or a meal with leftovers if served with a salad, which I recommend. You can double if needed.
4. Note: potatoes are not traditional in French Boeuf Bourguignon so leave them out if you want.





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If you are adventurous (which you must be since you travel in an Airstream!), try something new, something you've never cooked before. The internet has a cornucopia of French, Mexican, Greek, Indian, Thai and other exciting recipes. It's common to suffer cooking burnout because we tend to make the same things that we know. I often hear "I wish I knew how to make that." I'm telling you: there is nothing too difficult to try. If it doesn't come out quite the way you expected, the lesson was a valuable learning experience. If it isn't pretty, it's usually still edible. The path to becoming a great cook or baker is to try and fail. Then try again. I hope to encourage you to try new things with these recipes. Let me know how you're doing!

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 and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.

The Airstream Club - Michelin Advantage Program

Member Benefits Team

Your Member Benefits Team is excited to announce a major marketing partnership between **Michelin Tire** and Airstream Club International. Starting January 1st, 2021 Airstream Club Members can benefit from a value-added program that offers competitive and uniform discount pricing on a full line of tires including MICHELIN®, BFGoodrich®, and Uniroyal®. The program also includes access to Michelin's Emergency Road Service (ERS) – MICHELIN® ONCall and waived dispatch fees. Whether at home or on the road, whether you need tires for your tow vehicle or personal vehicle, for your Airstream trailer, motorhome, or Interstate touring van... the new Airstream Club Michelin Advantage Program has you covered!

Full details of the Airstream Club Michelin Advantage Program can be found on the airstreamclub.org website. You must LOG IN to access the Member-Only Benefit link containing all your Airstream Club Member-Only Benefits. Under the Michelin Advantage Program, you will find an overview of the Program, a How-To guide describing how Airstream Club members can access the Program and a FAQ sheet. You will also find

a short card of popular tire sizes, a product description of Michelin's latest release...the AGILIS® tire line, a confidential Airstream Club member-only pricing guide and the ACI Account Number. Remember...this is an exclusive Airstream Club member-only benefit! If you have trouble logging in or need assistance accessing this and other Member-Only information, call Airstream Club Headquarters at 937-596-5211 or email them at info@airstreamclub.org.

Here is how the Program works: First determine the tire size and tread design that you require by visiting michelintruck.com. Next, find your nearest Michelin tire dealer by entering your zip/postal code in the dealer locator. Select the dealer that best suits your tire needs. Call the dealer and check for availability of the specific size and tread design that you require. You will tell the dealer you will be purchasing your tires through the AIRSTREAM CLUB account and provide them the confidential account number found in your Member-Only Benefit link on the airstreamclub.org website. As you will be purchasing the tires directly from Michelin, through one of

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Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



I am a nurse practitioner first, then an ACI member, then International Membership Chair. And so, as an NP and a membership chair that cares deeply about this club, I share with you difficult news from one of our local clubs. The club scheduled a rally, gathered outside, but the weather turned nasty and they moved inside. By the time it was over, according to the local club president, 15 of the 17 participants had COVID, some were hospitalized, and tragically, one of the members succumbed to COVID. Sometimes, these huge numbers we hear of those who have died seem so overwhelming, we can become somewhat jaded to them. But this was one of us, one of our long-term members and his loss is profound. I am not naming the local club – they feel very sad. It's not necessary. And I'm certain the folks at the rally didn't know one of them was infected with COVID – we know many infected people have no symptoms but can easily transmit the disease to others.

Several clubs have continued to hold rallies in one form or another this year. The Oregon club is one of them. Our last several rallies of the year were converted to "gatherings" – no shared meals, no inside trailer visits with people outside of our "bubbles", and physically distanced happy hours outside. But we could do better about always wearing masks and being careful not to gather too closely. It's easy to forget when we are eager to see each other. But the incident described above really brings home that until we have an effective vaccine, wearing masks, washing our hands and socially distancing are the tools that we have at our disposal to protect ourselves and those we love. It is also essential to follow the guidelines of the local health departments in your area.

My colleagues, my friends, my eldest daughter and even I am on the front lines of medicine, saving lives, and risking our own. Please make our lives easier by doing the very simple and kind things we can do, as described above. Please.

Did you remember to renew your membership? The deadline to renew and be included in the international directory was December 31st, but if you forgot or just haven't gotten around to it, you can still renew online and it's so easy. Just go to airstreamclub.org and go to current members and pull down the menu. There was a small increase in the membership fee this year after many years of no increases. There has not – yet - been any increase in the lifetime member fees yet but if you are considering becoming a lifetime member, now is the time!

For my next column, I would love to describe some of our members' favorite campgrounds. Would you be willing to send me one or more of your favorite spots to camp? Public, private, boondocking, I want to hear about them all! Most of us probably use websites like campgroundreviews.com or allstays.com or harvesthosts.com to find spots but there's just nothing quite as great as a personal recommendation, right? Write me at twestover@mac.com with your favs. I'll tell you one of mine: The Corps of Engineers campground in Burbank, WA. It's located on a lovely lake and the spots are very well spread out, surrounded by lots of green grass and trees. There's no water at the sites so far but there is 50-amp power at each site and a clean dump station at the park. Most sites have full or partial views of the water.

If you send me your favorites, I'll publish a list that will come in handy as our members cross the US in the future.

Have you received an email requesting you buy gift cards for some club leader? I've received so many in the last month, but they are scams. If you look closely at the address of the person sending the email, it is not from the club leader. Do NOT buy gift cards for these scammers. It's all fake. As if we didn't have enough trouble right now?

In this time of significant stress and challenging loss, I am grateful for my Airstream friends and those of you out there who I don't know yet but respect and appreciate. Connections right now are essential, in whatever way they can happen – social media, emails, newsletters and safe gatherings. I expect summer to be so much better!



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Griot's Garage and the Airstream Club

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In the automobile enthusiast's world, from local car shows to high-end auto auctions, one name stands out among the rest. Known for their superior car care products and commitment to excellence, **Griot's Garage** is the name to remember. They know perfection! From its humble beginnings literally in Richard Griot's garage, the company has grown to be the one-stop shop for premier car care products. Already associated with other enthusiast/owner groups such as the Porsche Club of America, BMW Car Club, and the Corvette Club to name a few, your Member Benefits Team is excited to announce a marketing partnership between Griot's Garage and the Airstream Club International to begin this January.

With this partnership, Griot's has announced that all Airstream Club members will receive a generous **15% discount** on their product line of **car care liquids**. Additionally, Griot's will support our Club through advertising and with a presence at our International Rally.

Since 1990 Griot's has developed, manufactured, and bottled their liquid car care products in their own U.S. manufacturing and distribution center. This provides Griot's total quality control over the washes, polishes, and waxes they produce. A tour of their website griotsgarage.com will show how a love of cars has led to the creation of leading-edge car care products. From their beautifully photographed catalogs, to their product development labs and manufacturing operation in Indianapolis,

to their Art Deco inspired headquarters in Tacoma, Washington you will get a clear picture of what makes Griot's Garage so special.

As demonstrated on their website, Griot's Garage products are easy to use and they have a team of friendly, extensively trained customer service associates ready to help when you call or email with a question. There are also many free resources available on their website including videos, articles, tech sheets and more. All at your fingertips on griotsgarage.com!

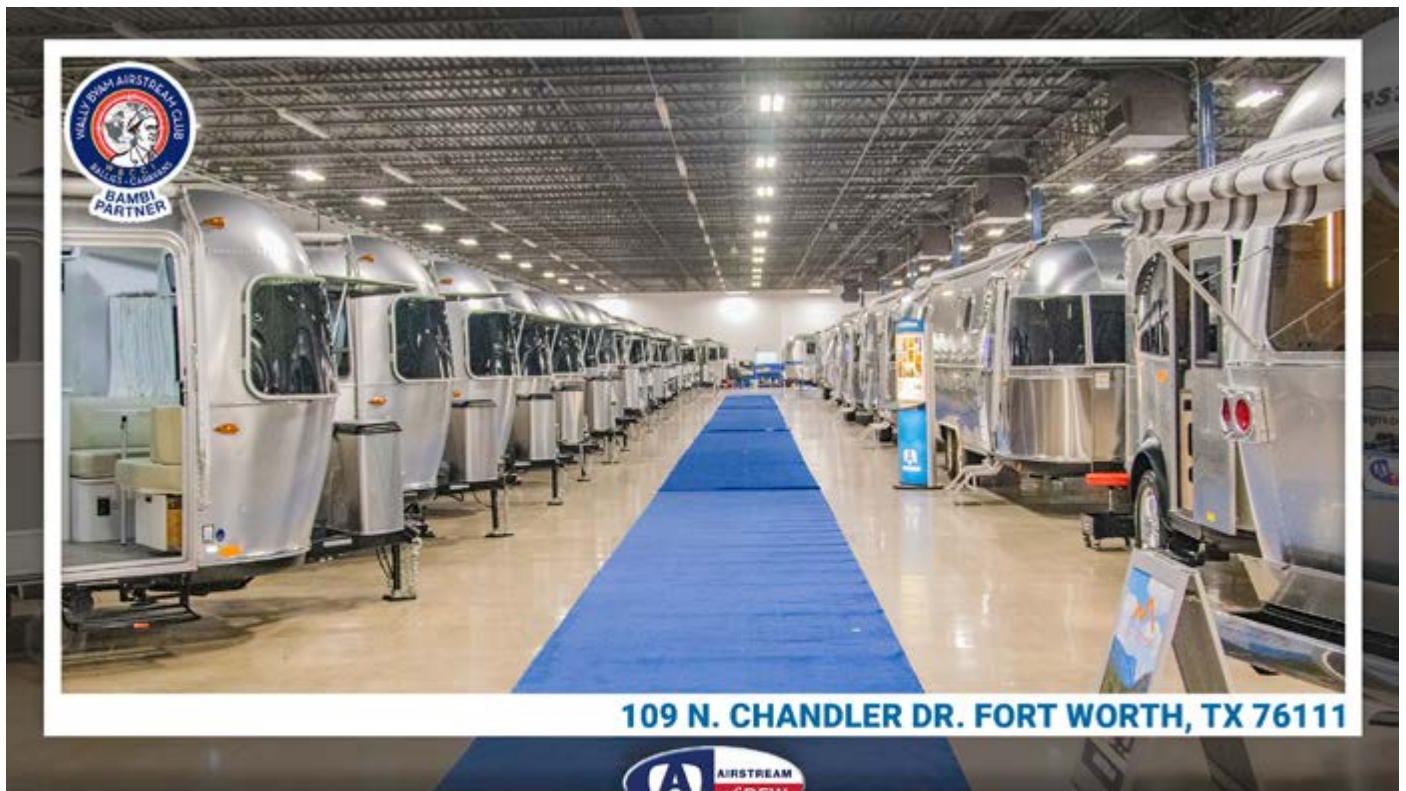
According to their founder, Richard Griot, Griot's Garage was built on high expectations, which is why everything they sell is covered by a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee and Lifetime Guarantee against defect. They strive for perfection in everything they do so, as they say, you always... "Have fun in your garage! ®"

Airstream Club members will be provided with a keycode to use at checkout when purchasing from the Griot's Garage online store. That keycode will be accessible in the Members Only section of our airstreamclub.org website. A link there will take you directly to Griot's Garage.



Please welcome Griot's into our Airstream Club family by visiting their website and supporting them with purchases from their entire line of car care products. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship. And if you find yourself in Tacoma, be sure to check their website calendar for car shows and enthusiast rallies scheduled to be held on the grounds of their beautiful headquarters.

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President's Corner

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6. Get involved in your local club or region! We all love to relax and let "someone else" do all the heavy lifting...planning rallies, chairing committees, and so on. But all those folks were once just "Indians" and not chiefs...and we need more chiefs to step up to plan events and get involved in leadership positions. I hope "Indians and chiefs" is still politically correct??
7. Speaking of leadership, have you said "Thank you" lately to the folks who run the club? Lori Plummer and her staff at our WBCCI headquarters in Jackson Center do an amazing job keeping up with membership, running our website, trouble-shooting issues with members and welcoming our ever-growing membership! They deserve a pat on the back for all their hard work!
8. Buy yourself a new treat to show your Airstream Love! Check out Airstream Supply Company for lots of new gear, t-shirts, and lots more! AirstreamSupplyCompany.com You're bound to find something you love!
9. And 10. Sorry, I'm out of ideas now and it's dinner time! So I'll just end this with one more suggestion:

Get out there and HAVE FUN! Happy 2021!

Andrew M. Selberg

Memorial Bench for Barb Selking

Beth Hackney, #3518

Last year, members and affiliates of the Southeastern Camping Unit, upon hearing of the passing of Barb Selking, wanted to do something in her memory. We talked with Andy, her husband, and decided on a memorial bench for the dog area at the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) where they reside. We collected donations and worked with NTAC to get approval. They were very supportive by installing a concrete pad prior to Matt and me arriving in early October to help install the bench. I wish to thank everyone for their generous donations and support in dedicating this bench to a good friend.





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Communicating While in Reverse

Steve & Becky Padgett, #3160

Have you ever noticed how entertaining it is watching couples work together to back their RVs into their camping sites? Among the indecipherable hand-signals and increasingly shrill remarks yelled to each other, it is a miracle that some RVs actually make it into their sites. You wonder why lawyers don't have quickie divorce booths located at RV campgrounds.

While I doubt any members of the Alabama Airstream Club have ever had communication problems while parking their rigs or at any other time for that matter, we want to discuss some of the techniques we have seen over the years and share how we break the communication barrier when parking Rosie, our Airstream trailer.

One of the more daring techniques is what we call the "my way or the highway" tactic. This normally starts with "Mom" exiting the tow vehicle and "Dad" starting to zoom in at a speed approaching "mach one" before she is in position to help.

Even if Mom could help, she can't because the tow vehicle's windows are always rolled up.

This system rarely results with the trailer positioned where Mom wants it, but there must be some rule prohibiting repositioning the trailer because it will not move until it is time to leave.

Another popular system used to park RVs has both partners using their cell phones to communicate. The worst problem for parkers relying on cell phones is that many campgrounds have little to no cell coverage, meaning the frustration levels of these parkers rise at an exponential rate as their calls are dropped or are impossible to complete.

Hand signals between drivers and parking guides are always fun to watch. It is frequently obvious that these signals are spontaneously conceived, and their interpretations are completely random. The more the driver misinterprets the well-meaning hand signals, the more animated the guide becomes in delivering them.

Somewhere in the middle of this dance, the driver and the guide leave their posts, storm towards each other, and exchange a few new hand gestures as they loudly discuss how each other is misinterpreting helpful parking signals.

Just when it appears that this parking style could go on for hours, the driver usually switches to the "my way or the highway" style and ends the show.

Our preferred parking method is using radios. We both have Amateur Radio licenses, so we use handheld Ham radios. FRS radios are small, inexpensive and work well for this task because they do not require licenses to operate them.

Our primary codes are Rosie tail right, Rosie tail left, Rosie tail straight and stop. (Our Airstream answers to the name Rosie.)

Is this the perfect system? Probably not. There have been some difficult parking situations that took longer than anticipated, but the radios helped us talk through the worst parts and kept the frustration levels under control.

Thank You to the Alabama Airstream Club for sharing your newsletter article with the Blue Beret.

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Tidewater Virginia's 50th Anniversary

Greg Worcester, #6225

October 2020

Greeting from Tidewater Virginia!

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Club 111 President here in Tidewater Virginia the last twelve months. We celebrated our club's 50th anniversary this year at First Landing State Park this past weekend – the site of our club's first rally fifty years ago. Our club's first president, Don Shafer, his wife Ann, daughter Janea, and son-in-law Ed, attended a Friday night dinner hosted by club members Frank and Jayne Munoz.

After an excellent dinner, Don gave us a talk on the history of our club and shared stories about his family's lifelong relationship with Airstream. He also discussed his club leadership responsibilities from local to regional to international presidencies over the past 50 years. Don purchased his first Airstream in 1963 in San Diego, CA while on active duty as a navy pilot. He reminisced about his first trailer with its single axle, combination powered light fixtures, and lifetime warranty. His comments hit home as my wife Ellie and I have been pulling our single axle 1962 Safari the last fifteen years. We proudly have our lifetime warranty certificate posted and still enjoy the original cabinets and lighting. Club members had plenty of questions and enjoyed the evening. Don's daughter Janea grew up living the Airstream life and shared her perspective and some stories as well. She and her husband are both past club presidents and pull a vintage Flying Cloud.

Our club has been blessed with a strong membership base and has been growing steadily the last few years. With all the challenges we have endured in 2020, we still have been able to get together for some very enjoyable rallies. Club 111 is proud of our fifty-year tradition and look forward to many more years of fun and adventure.

I am submitting this writing to the Blue Beret to mark our 50th Anniversary and share our celebration with fellow Airstreamers. Also submitted is a photo of Don Shafer and me at our Friday night gathering. Don and Ann will be heading back to Florida this winter in their Airstream motorhome. Don has been a mentor and friend to countless people across the country. His service and contributions to our organization are greatly appreciated.

Best regards and safe travels to all!

Greg Worcester
Club 111 Past President
Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club



Greg Worcester & Don Shafer



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There and Back Again - Part 3

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

Stephanie Storms, #1547

This is the third (and final) article describing our counter clockwise road trip around the US and Maritime 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. The Ides of March proved to be good luck. We saw many places and had many adventures, too many to give each of them justice in these three articles. Instead I'm focused on places and experiences that stood out and glossing over the rest. The first *Blue Beret* article took us south and east across Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the Gulf Coasts of Louisiana and Florida, to northern Florida's Atlantic coast, and then up through coastal Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia, finally stopping for a rest in Delaware at my friend Mollie's house. We flew home for two months and returned to resume the adventure in mid-July. The second article found us in Canada – Montreal and Quebec City, and the Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This final article brings us back to the US.

For those who may have wondered, we travel with a pet animal, adopted from the Airstream factory in Jackson Center long before we purchased our "silver toaster." Elephants are known for their memories, so he helps us with memories from our Airstream adventures. Obviously, he's not a political animal!



Tembo

Far Northern Maine - Campobello. We loved our Canadian sojourn but were looking forward to more adventures once we returned to the US. We crossed the border from New Brunswick into coastal Maine. Sunset Point RV park in Lubec was our base of exploration for northern Maine. It claims to be the "Easternmost RV Park" in the US. We had a lovely site overlooking Johnson Bay, with great views from both inside and outside the rig.



Airstream at Johnson Bay

Our first stop next day was Roosevelt Campobello Island International Park, jointly administered by the US and Canada. Campobello Island is in Canada, but the only driving access is from the US, at Lubec. We easily cleared customs, crossed the FDR Memorial Bridge and headed for the visitor's center at the International Park. It is the site of FDR's summer home, one of many "cottages" built by wealthy Easterners. Why "cottages?" Though large (FDR's has 18 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms), the cottages had no electricity, phones or central heating! Coal and wood stoves in the kitchen and fireplaces in many rooms provided heat. According to our guide, hot water was piped to the bathrooms, but the hot water tank was so small each bathtub was only allowed to use 2 inches of water!



FDR Cottage

The Park has a network of paved carriage roads built by the Roosevelts over the years. They are a great way to see the coastline and beaches within the Park. We drove the Liberty Point Carriage Road, which led to peaceful Raccoon Beach and on to Liberty Point.



Liberty Point

We left the Park to explore the rest of Campobello Island, stopping for a brief lunch at the clubhouse overlooking the golf course at Herring Cove Provincial Park.



Herring Cove Golf

At the very north end of the island is Head Harbor Light Station, commonly referred to as "East Quoddy Lighthouse." It is accessible only at low tide, by a footpath that goes down a ladder, across a sandbar, up a bluff by another ladder and across a wooden bridge, down a third ladder, across a rocky field covered in slippery seaweed, across a sand bar and up a final ladder to the head (outcrop) where the light and out buildings sit. It's worth it!



Head Harbor Light Station

Next day we stayed in the US and visited West Quoddy Lighthouse, sitting atop West Quoddy Head, the easternmost point in the continental US. How can something called "west" be the easternmost spot? Because East Quoddy Head on Campobello is in fact farther east, but it's in Canada. West Quoddy Head is farther west but is still the easternmost point in the US.



West Quoddy Light

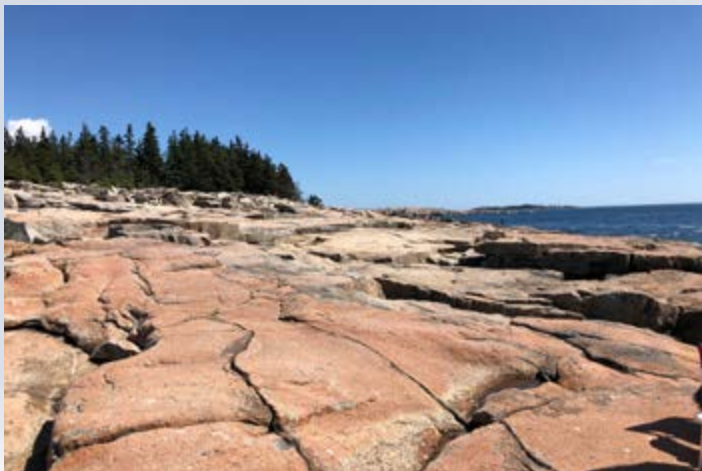
Restaurant Recommendation: Sally Anne's Café and Market in Lubec – a limited menu but beautifully prepared; we ate on a rustic deck in back, overlooking the bridge to Campobello.

More Maine - Acadia National Park and Lobster U. Bar Harbor, ME and Acadia National Park drew us southward to their locations on Mount Desert Island. After a rainy drive we pulled into our site at the KOA Oceanside. Next day we took the free island shuttle to Bar Harbor. I won't focus on this lovely resort town, except to say that it has lots to offer (beauty, restaurants, bars, shops and some great lattes at the Coffee Hound Coffee Bar). We walked all over the pedestrian-friendly town and decided to purchase tickets for an afternoon trip on the converted lobster boat Lulu. More than 2 hours at sea provided a memorable hands-on "Lobster U" experience. We got to see traps pulled up, learned to sex lobsters and band claws, and heard lots of lobster lore.

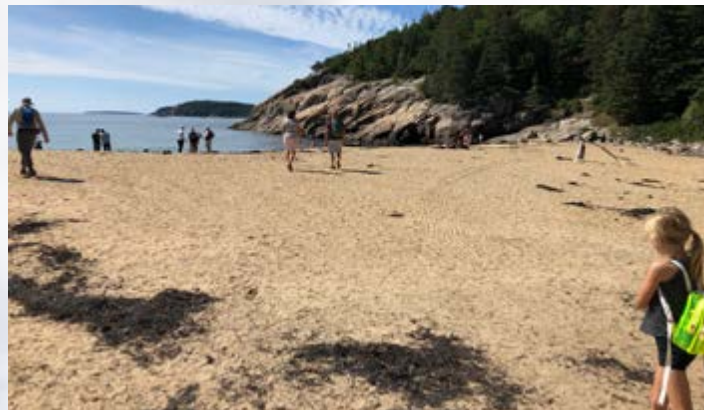


Lobster U

Next day a ferry took us from Bar Harbor to Winter Harbor, a small town on the Schoodic Peninsula, the least visited unit of Acadia National Park. Fewer visitors proved a great advantage, especially because we were visiting during the Labor Day holiday weekend! Free shuttle busses meet all ferries and take people from there to explore the Peninsula, so transport is easy – just make sure you get back to the ferry dock in time to meet the boat for your return trip! Schoodic Point was stunning and a highlight of our visit:



Schoodic Fractured Rock



Sand Beach

The highlight for us was brunch at Jordon Pond House, eaten outside overlooking stunning Jordan Pond. The “pond” looks like an Alpine lake; it’s in a U-shaped valley first carved by glaciers and then dammed by a glacial moraine when they retreated. Although the place was horribly crowded, it was totally worth the effort. In addition to our brunch choices, the popovers with butter and strawberry jam, for which Jordan Pond House is famous, were wonderful.



Jordan Pond



Travelers at Schoodic Point

Our last day in Acadia we had planned to take the “Loop Road,” a driving route that hits most of the major sites in the main section of Acadia National Park. We made the mistake of trying to do this on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, busiest day of the year. Luckily there’s a free shuttle, so we didn’t have to fight for parking along the way. After boarding our bus at the Hull Visitor Center, we got off at several stops, including Sieur de Monts, Sand Beach, Thunder Hole and Otter Beach (sadly, no otters).

Restaurant Recommendation: Terrace Grill at the Bar Harbor Inn, Bar Harbor

Cape Cod and Niagara Falls Lite. I’ll trip lightly over the next section of our trip – these places are lovely and well known, so I offer just a few comments and photos.

The Cape. After over 9 hours driving in holiday traffic and despite the effects of Hurricane Dorian, we finally made it to Cape Cod. We loved Provincetown on the Cape and Martha’s Vineyard offshore. The Vineyard is very easy to get to by ferry and also to get around; it has an inexpensive bus system linking the island’s six towns. Our favorite was Edgartown, blessed with the beautiful houses of sea captains and traders.



Edgartown Shore

On Cape Cod itself, we loved the Chatham lighthouse and nearby Monomou National Wildlife Refuge, the many white sandy beaches on the Cape, the JFK Museum in Hyannis and two classy, traditional inns: Chatham Bars Inn and the Wequassett Resort.



Mayflower Beach

Restaurant Recommendations: Tin Pan Alley in Provincetown, and for a splurge - Twenty-Eight Atlantic at the Wequassett Resort in Harwich

The Falls. We drove from the Cape across MA and NY to Niagara Falls. Sadly, 2019 was the last year for the iconic Maid of the Mist boats; they are being replaced by electric catamarans. So, here's a photo to remember them by:

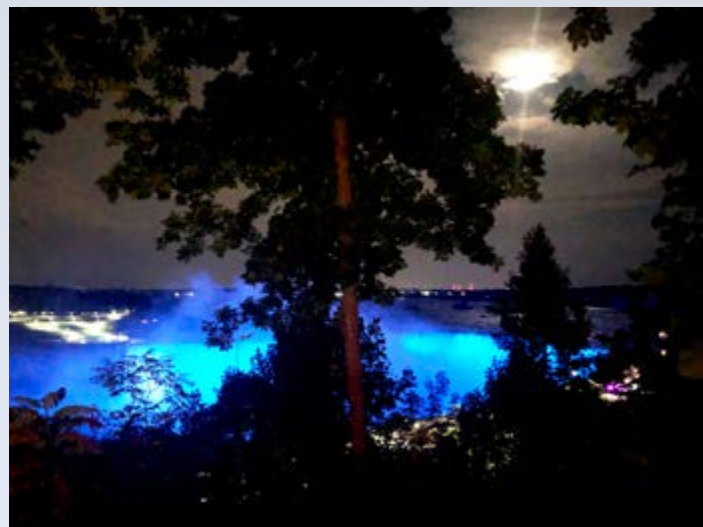


Maid of the Mist

From our collection of hundreds of photos of the American Falls and Horseshoe Falls:



American Falls, Horseshoe Falls



Horseshoe Falls at Night

Restaurant Recommendation: Masaki Sushi in the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (try the miso soup!)

Westward Again, and North. We pushed across Ontario to Detroit (Max showed me where he worked and lived early in his career – his revenge for having to endure my tour of Austin during the first part of our trip), and ended up in northern Michigan.

Mackinaw-Mackinac.

Anchored at peaceful Lakeside RV Park in St. Ignace on the upper peninsula, we had much to explore. The Soo Locks are a wonder:



Soo Locks

I dragged Max on another trip into my past, this time the many summers spent as a camp counselor in northern Michigan. We followed the route my fellow counselors and I usually took on our days off – to the towns Harbor Springs and Petoskey on the shores of Lake Michigan. We looped inland and ended up in Indian Springs for Italian dinners at Vivio's Northwoods Inn. It's still in business, 51 years after my last visit; some of the same local denizens are still in residence.



Mr. Moose and Friends

No trip to this area is complete without a drive across the Mackinac Bridge, the "Big Mac," which spans the Straits of Mackinac and connects Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas.



Big Mac

And of course, we took a ferry to Mackinac Island; on arrival we were greeted with the scents of horse and fudge! No automobiles are allowed, so horses and carriages rule; even gardeners have to improvise.



Gardener's Rig

Historic Fort Michilimackinac overlooks the town, and nearby rows of Victorian houses line the bluff.



Along the Bluff



Bluff Houses

Although horse-drawn carriage taxis are easily available, we decided to hike out to Arch Rock. On the way back, I encountered local wildlife, or so I thought!



Forest Creature?



Arch Rock

Probably the most famous spot is the Grand Hotel – with what seems to me has the longest verandah ever. You have to pay admission to get on the grounds, but we thought it was worth it. The grand old lady is still in beautiful condition, both inside and out.



Grand Hotel

If you visit this area, you'll probably notice place names are either spelled Mackinaw or Mackinac. Some research turned up the fact that both are pronounced Mackinaw – with an "awe" at the end. French trappers initially shortened the Native American name for the region – Michilimackinac – to Mackinac. "Ac" at the end of the name is pronounced "awe" in French. The British arrived, heard the pronunciation, and changed the "ac" to "aw," as it would be spelled in English. The French spelling has been around much longer, so it stuck to most place names except Mackinaw City, the site of a British fort.

Restaurant Recommendation: For sentimental reasons, Vivio's Northwoods Inn, Indian River

More Lakes and Into the Plains. Again, I am forced to gloss quickly over many days and a long leg of our journey: Wisconsin (Manitowoc's Wisconsin Maritime Museum is great, as is the "wall of toilets" at Kohler's museum; Taliesin deserves its own article); a stop in Omaha, where Max was born, to locate his grandparents' houses and his parents' schools (additional revenge for Max's forced march through Austin), and finally north and west through South Dakota to a greatly anticipated goal – Badlands National Park.

Badlands. We camped in the Park at its Cedar Pass Campground, the perfect place to launch explorations. The "loop road" is a great way to see the park and learn about its varied and beautiful aspects. Many hikes leave from stops on the loop road – Door, Window, Notch, Nature Loop – and we hiked them all! A selection from our huge number of photos:



Ladder on Notch Trail



Yellow Mounds Formation



Badlands Vista

Our comfy home at sunset:



Sunset Airstream

Badlands is not to be missed and was one of the highlights of our trip. Had we known how starkly beautiful it is, we would have arranged to stay longer!

Back Again. We'd planned to spend several days in the Black Hills and then head to Grand Teton National Park. All of this changed with the arrival of an early and severe winter storm in the Rockies, heading our direction. Leaving Badlands, we made a failed attempt to see Mount Rushmore – it was entirely fogged in, and its museum and several tourist facilities were closed for renovation. After viewing the Rushmore fog in all its glory and spending the night in Rapid City, we headed south and then west – driving lonely US 18 and US 85 to Cheyenne, then I-80 to Rock Springs, Salt Lake City (where we spent several days visiting Max's cousin), Elko, Reno and home to California. A parting shot – western expanse of the Great Salt Lake.



Great Salt Lake

Another One Night Wonder – places we stayed for one night that offered happy surprises:

Verona, NY – The Villages at Turning Stone, on the Oneida Reservation, not far from its casino. An expansive RV resort with lots of trees arranged around several lakes; nice walking paths, pools, even paddle boats to use. The Casino has a very good Italian restaurant – Pino Bianco.

We had a great trip! As might be expected, we had some challenges, some dicey weather, a few repairs to take care of on the road, and occasional lack of connection to the outside world (not so bad). Despite what our friends said before we left, we are not crazy!

The End



Nature Loop Trail

We continued on the loop road and turned off on the unpaved Sage Creek Road in search of prairie dogs. We found a large prairie dog town, but also saw a Bison up close, and in the distance, Big Horn Sheep and Pronghorns!



Bison

Traveling to Baja, Mexico for the Winter

Ed Valentin, #22531

My wife and I have lived in the Northeast for many years. We enjoy the spring, summer and fall; once we retired, the northeast winters became a challenge. We decided to winter in Baja, Mexico. It meets all our requirements for a winter getaway. We met a couple - members of the Airstream Ontario Unit - that have traveled from Canada to Baja, Mexico for the past 25 winters - they are in their late 80's and don't plan to stop anytime soon. It did not take much convincing to winter in Mexico. We considered traveling in our 1961 16ft Bambi, but with two adults, a Golden Retriever and 5 months on the road, the 1985 25ft Sovereign is a better "fit". We partake in a snowball caravan starting in Quebec, Canada with rigs joining as we head to Baja, Mexico, rendezvousing in southern

California. Typically, there are about 42 rigs (not all Airstreams) that have joined the caravan by the time we arrive to the west coast. My wife and I are convinced our trailer is the most "vintage" in the group.

Planning is critical; the caravan leader(s) interact with us throughout the year as things change yearly. There are the border crossing and military check points that requires appropriate documentation. When traveling with a pet in Mexico, there are additional requirements. We recommend several copies of all required documents. Some check points will contain copies of the documents, others do not (figure!). It takes about 2.5 hours for 42 rigs to cross the border. Our destination is San Felipe, Baja, Mexico about a 4-hour drive from the USA

border. The landscape is magnificent and breathless. A Mexican police escort is provided once we cross the border to ensure the 42 rigs are able to get through the small towns, not having to stop for traffic lights breaking up the caravan. It is not for security reasons. Mexico is safe! At military checkpoints, soldiers ask questions and have the option to inspect your tow vehicle and/or trailer. We are not sure why our trailer is one of the "lucky" rigs to be inspected at these check points. We suspect because our rig is a vintage Airstream or the soldiers enjoy playing with Huckberry (dog).

Once we arrive at our destination (on the beach), there is a full schedule of activities and plenty of free time. A significant number of RVers are full timers, the Mexico caravan is the highlight

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Northern California Airstream Club's Board Meeting - Pandemic Style



Enjoying the Fort Bragg Rally



The "new normal" at Fort Bragg

Traveling to Baja, Mexico for the Winter

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of their full-time travels. The food is delicious, planned activities are plentiful and fellowship is wonderful. The locals are friendly and willing to help. As a vegetarian, finding something to eat is never an issue.

So how does our 1985 Sovereign hold up after about 12k miles of winter travel? We have made the trip from the Northeast to Baja, Mexico with the Sovereign several times. Key is to ensure the rig is well maintained. During the time we are home in NY, the unit is detailed inside and out; we replace any components that are questionable; and the rig is inspected by a local trailer inspector to ensure all is operational. During our years of traveling to Baja, we had two incidents.

One morning, the hot water heater stopped working; we concluded it was the mother board, purchased a replacement at a local Camping

World store - magic - hot water! The other incident was a flat tire - AAA came out and repaired. BTW - if you experience a breakdown on a Mexican road, the police immediately call a local road service and you are towed to a repair station, you don't have a choice!

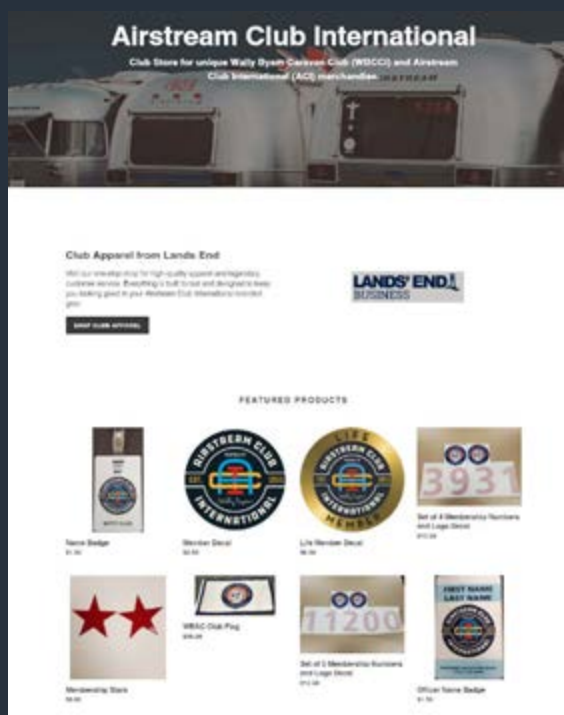
My wife and I have discussed purchasing a new Airstream, but we are very pleased with our vintage Airstream. The rig is 35 years old; we estimate it has over 200,000 miles (previous owner wintered in Arizona traveling from the Northeast for about 20 years) and continues to be very reliable. There is enough room for the three of us and we feel comfortable with the layout. There have been occasions we are approached and questioned if we would be interested in selling our Airstream; we are flattered, but we know we have a solid rig we can depend on.

If you are considering long distance travel with your vintage, don't hesitate, they are designed to endure. One winter during our stay in Arizona, another Airstream owner staying at the same resort informed me the number of rivets on my unit were about double the number on his 2019 unit (also 25ft). It was not something I observed, but now-a-days I do take notice, the spacing of the rivets on new units versus vintage rigs. So when I'm asked how old our Sovereign is, my response is count the rivets!

Be Safe.

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The officers and members of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. express their sympathy to the families and friends of these departed members.

It is with much sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Mary Anderson Shull in December 2019. Mary was International First Lady of WBCCI in 1987-1988. Our condolences to Mary's family and friends.

Also, It is with much sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Lillie Phillips on December 8, 2020. Lillie was International First Lady of WBCCI in 2001-2002. Our condolences to her husband, Ewart, family and friends.

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The 1960 European Caravan - Part 3

We continue with the 1960 European Caravan as they leave Luxembourg on July 24, 1960.

It took a couple of days to make the trip from Luxembourg to Geneva, Switzerland where their campsite was on a football (soccer) field along the Rhone River 12 miles outside of town. An electric train provided easy transportation to Geneva, home to the League of Nations (United Nations). On Lake Geneva, a large waterspout shot water 500 feet in the air 24 hours a day. The Caravanners were present for the Swiss National Feast Day (Independence Day) celebrations on August 1. Some Caravanners chose to make a personal loop tour of Switzerland by car and hotel to cities including Bern, Interlaken, Lucerne, Montreux, and Lausanne.

From August 4 to 7, 46 Airstreams attended the 21st FICC (International Federation of Camping and Caravanning) International Trailer Rally near Grenoble, France. Upon their arrival the Caravanners were treated to unlimited champagne. This year's site was in a high meadow in the Lente Forest 5000 feet above the Drome River. The Combe Laval road to the rally site from St. Jean en Royans clung to the side of a cliff with switchbacks and blind curves and a 2000 foot drop off on one side! Many tow cars overheated on the climb. Despite this harrowing drive, 5400 people and 1200 trailers

from almost every European country were in attendance. This is the same International Trailer Rally that Wally and Stella Byam attended in 1953, 1955, and 1956, though the location was more remote than in prior years. It was at this rally that the Caravanners received word Wally Byam was recovering from brain tumor surgery in the USA and was sorry that he could not be at the rally.

Two days after departing the rally the caravanners arrived in Torino (Turin), Italy on August 9 where they visited a Fiat automobile factory and the Cathedral that houses the Holy Shroud of Turin.

On August 11, the caravan moved to Milano (Milan), Italy. There was no speed limit on Italy's "autostrada" making the Caravanners uncomfortable as cars whizzed by them at fantastic speeds. Trying to keep up with traffic, one Airstream fishtailed, broke away from its tow car, and rolled down an embankment. The Milan campsite was adjacent to the famous Monza auto racing track. Every morning, the Ferrari factory test drivers would test their latest cars on the track at speeds up to 150 mph. A couple of Caravanners paid a fee to drive their Cadillacs around the track.

In Milan, the caravanners saw Leonardo DaVinci's "Last Supper" painted on a wall at the Monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie and

France FICC Int'l Trailer Rally



Combe Laval Road on Way to the Rally



International Trailer Rally Site



#2345 Frosch Family at the FICC Rally



#627 Guy and Louise Hawks and #40 Ben Kemperman at the FICC Rally

they visited the famous Cimitero Monumentale (Monumental Cemetery) in the center of town that was filled with a variety of sculptures and temples.

A heavy rain the night before their August 13 departure reduced their Milan campsite to a muddy field and the African 4x4 trucks again had to pull the "tow cars" out. The caravan moved to a huge campground in the resort town of Lazise, Italy on the shores of Lago di Garda (Lake Garda). Verona, Italy was a short drive away for those who wanted to see the "House of Juliet" made famous by William Shakespeare in his play "Romeo and Juliet".

Before the caravan departed Lazise, they had a farewell celebration for the WBCCI #2345 Alfred and Mildred Frosch family that had to leave to get their three daughters back to school in the USA. The Froschs had begun the African Caravan in Capetown, South African in July 1959, and were part of the 7 or 8 rig breakaway that made it to Europe's northernmost point in Norway in June 1960.

On August 16, the caravan moved to Bologna, Italy where they visited the Basilica of San Petronio that had an inlaid meridian line in its floor that allowed the movement of the sun to be studied with amazing accuracy. The meridian line was put there by astronomer Giovanni Domenico Cassini in 1655 after many years of astronomical study.

On August 18, the caravan moved to a campsite at Cesenatico, Italy, a resort town on the shore of the Adriatic Sea, from which the caravanners made a side trip to the tiny micro country of San Marino.

On August 20, the caravan moved to Foligno, Italy. Three rigs damaged their Airstreams passing through narrow mountain tunnels. Two

of the four Africa rigs that went to Russia caught back up with the European Caravan so they could see the Olympics in Rome. They reported that a third rig ran off a mountain road during the return trip from Russia totaling their truck and Airstream, though that couple were not seriously injured.

On August 22, the caravan moved to their Roma (Rome), Italy campsite 20 miles out of town at a trailer manufacturing plant. A day long bus tour took the Caravanners to most of Rome's famous attractions, including the Roman Colosseum. Many Caravanners visited St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. Some Caravanners watched the Pope address the Olympic contenders.

On August 25, three chartered buses took the Caravanners to the Opening Ceremony for the 1960 Summer Olympics. The 20-mile drive took 3 hours because of traffic. Their seats were near where the athletes entered the stadium providing a great view. Over the next few days, the Caravanners could attend a variety of competitions if they desired. During the week-long stay in Rome, some Caravanners made side trips to Napoli (Naples), Italy, the island of Capri, Pompeii, and Mt. Vesuvius, all a short distance south of Rome, but not on the official caravan itinerary.

On August 29, the caravan moved to Pisa, Italy to see the Leaning Tower, minus the two Africa rigs that went to Russia, as both had been on the 1956 European Caravan and saw no benefit to remaining with the 1960 European Caravan any longer.

On August 31, the caravan moved to Firenze (Florence), Italy in Italy's Tuscany region, renowned for its Renaissance art and architecture.

Rome and Pisa, Italy



Olympic Flags at the Colosseum in Rome



Olympics Opening Ceremony



Airstreams at the Leaning Tower of Pisa



Another Airstream at the Leaning Tower

On September 3, the caravan left to head to the French Riviera. Driving to Cogolet two days later, the narrow mountain roads were cut from solid rock and two Airstreams were heavily damaged when their sides were dragged along the rock walls while trying to avoid oncoming trucks and buses. In Cogolet the Caravanners visited the home of Christopher Columbus.

On September 5, the Caravanners settled in at a campsite between Nice and Cannes, France for a 5-day stop. In addition to exploring the beaches and resorts in these two cities, the Caravanners were also able to make a short trip to the tiny city-state of Monaco.

On September 10, they moved to San Tropez, France, the resort town enjoyed by international movie stars and the site of "clothing optional" (i.e. nude) beaches. Following this was a stop at Arles, France, the site of a Roman Amphitheater.

On September 15, they moved to Perpignan, France, in the middle of the grape harvest. The smell of fermentation was in the air. During a chartered bus trip high into the mountains to the tiny 400 square mile country of Andorra it rained, snowed, and hailed!

On September 18 they moved to Barcelona, Spain for a week-long visit. Police escorted the rigs, five at a time, thru the city of 2,000,000 to a campsite 8 miles south of town where the mayor hosted a champagne reception. There were two bullrings nearby, seating 40,000 and 15,000 respectively, but only 25 Caravanners opted to see a bullfight. In the Barcelona harbor, the Caravanners visited a floating replica of the Santa Maria, the flag ship Christopher Columbus used to discover America.

On September 23, the caravan moved to Carcassonne, France, the finest and best preserved medieval walled city in France. The following day, they moved to Toulouse, France,



1960 European Caravan Unidentified Campsite

nicknamed the "Pink City" for the color of the bricks used in many of its buildings. Three Africa rigs permanently left the caravan to tour more of Spain and Portugal on their own.

On September 26, the caravan moved to Bordeaux, France in the heart of France's wine-growing region, where the timing of their visit allowed them to partake in a harvest feast.

On September 29 they reached their last formal destination city at Tours, France in the heart of the Loire Valley, where they found a charming old town and many French chateaus to explore.

On October 3, the caravan left for a quick rush to Bremen, Germany involving four consecutive one-night stops. On their way to Bremen, they

dropped off some rigs at Dunkirk, France and Antwerp, Belgium to be loaded on freighters, with the rest going on freighters at Bremen. On October 7, most Caravanners shipped home on a Holland America Line passenger ship, though a few flew home. Thus the 1960 European Caravan did not end quite as cohesively as it started, but there is no doubt its participants enjoyed seeing Europe in a way not available to most North American tourists.



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Hello out there. This month you have a question and an answer. I hope you are all doing well in spite of the COVID 19 issue. Maybe this year we will all get to go camping more often and feel safe about it. I certainly hope so. Let's have a great Airstreaming year!

Mounting a TV in an Airstream

We have a 2009 Safari 25-footer. We would like to mount a TV on the wall that backs up to the shower stall. I'm wondering if you know, is this a viable option? Do you know how much "space" we have? What would be the maximum screw length you could use?

Decide where you want to mount the TV and make sure you have room. Is there sufficient clearance for the TV? If so, then tape off the area you plan to cover with the TV with that blue masking tape placed exactly where you want your TV to be. The tape should be placed to show the outline of the TV. Then you will have to drill a small hole in the dead center of the taped area. Drill slowly until you get through the existing wall and stop before you go any further. Take the drill bit out of the drill motor and use it as a probe. With your hand, push the bit in until it touches the outside of the shower, mark the drill bit with a bit of the blue tape right at the wall. Remove the drill and you will see how much room you have for screws. That will be the distance from the blue tape to the end of the bit. It would be good if you could determine the thickness of the wall. You could use a paper clip. Straighten the paper clip except for the last 90-degree bend. Stick the bent portion through the hole so that you can

feel the backside of the wall with the paper clip. Tape the paper clip while holding the bent portion up against the backside of the wall. Withdraw the paper clip and see how thick the wall is. It may be 1/4" thick or it may be 1/2" thick. I would rather that it was 1/2" thick. (If it is only 1/4" thick you are going to have to find the solid supports near the area for mounting the TV. Then, the piece of plywood will have to be cut so that you can fasten into the solid supports as well as the wall between because of the forces acting upon the wall by the TV and bracket.) Cut a nice piece of 1/2" plywood or paneling that fits exactly into the blue tape outlined area on the wall. Finish the 1/2" plywood however you choose (sand the rough edges or bullnose [1/4" bullnose] the edge facing the inside of the trailer; sand as required - more if necessary; paint or stain the plywood to match the interior of your trailer). Mount the finished 1/2" plywood with #8 pan head, Phillips head, stainless steel, sheet metal screws so that there are screws around the outside of the 1/2" plywood about every 2 to 3 inches. The length of the sheet metal screws must be less than the thickness of the plywood and the wall and the space to the backside of the shower. You will have to pre-drill the 1/2" plywood so that the sheet metal

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screws will go through the drilled holes easily and hold into the finished wall. The TV mounting bracket will have to be positioned by installing it first on the TV and then holding it in position on the plywood so that the TV fits perfectly. Mark the screw holes for the TV bracket on the plywood. Remove the TV bracket from the TV so that you can check for level on the mounting screws for the TV bracket. Once level is accurate, mark again if needed for the mounting of the TV bracket. The TV bracket may come with mounting screws. They may be too big or too long to use for your installation. If so, then you will have to determine the proper length of some new screws (probably the same diameter of the screws furnished by the bracket manufacturer). Again, I would use pan head stainless steel sheet metal screws of a length that will not touch the shower enclosure

when installed, sized like the ones furnished with the bracket, the quantity will be the same as furnished (probably four screws). Use a flat screen TV as small as will work for you. Keeping the weight down will help the wall to hold the weight without flexing the wall. The reason for the ½" plywood mounting base is the same – to add strength to the TV bracket mounting and to spread the forces on as large an area as possible to reduce wall flexing, and make for a stronger, more functional finished assembly. Routing the power cable and the coaxial cable will be determined by this finished assembly. Start with the connections to the trailer and finish up at the TV with a neat-looking finished assembly.

Best regards to all. Happy trails to you, see you SAFELY down the road.

Best Friends

John Holly saved by Marc Nijdam & Paola Sollecito

John Holly, #1045

While camping with the Utah Airstream Club in Bryce Canyon National Park, John Holly had a serious biking accident. He was riding on the wondrous and nicely paved bike path when he hit a branch across the path and got thrown off the path into the surrounding forest. He had picked up speed while dodging trees and finally hit the ground, hard on his right side. He was in pain. Great pain. But he couldn't see where his injuries were sustained. With considerable effort, he was able to stand up, pick up his damaged bike and walk back a half mile to where the bike path crossed the main park road. He called Marc Nijdam to pick him up, explaining he was seriously injured, and needed assistance. Marc arrived shortly and took John to the closest hospital where they found out that he had six broken ribs, a broken scapula and a punctured lung. Now, what to do!

Without hesitation, Marc and Paola stated they would drive John home to Mesa, AZ. They arrived in Mesa safely, with Marc driving John's truck & trailer, and Paola following with their truck & trailer. John stated, "I don't know what I would have done without such good friends, Marc and Paola, who completely changed their travel schedule to see me safely home. I owe them a debt of gratitude. They are simply the best!"



John in the emergency room



Marc Nijdam and Paola Sollecito arriving in Mesa, AZ, with John

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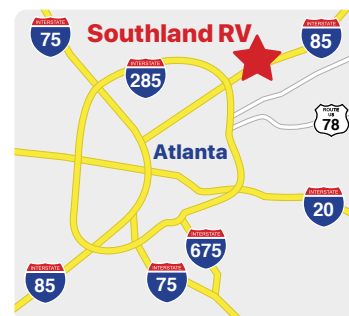
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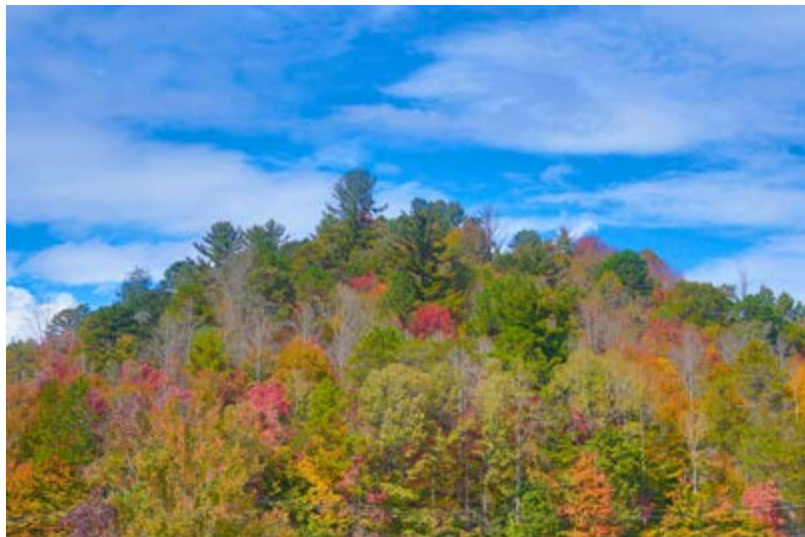
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Lebanon, Tennessee

Susan Martin, #4334



If you're a history buff, there will be no end of things to interest you in Nashville and the surrounding counties. Nashville itself was founded in 1779 by James Robertson, and Fort Nashborough History Center along the Cumberland River is ready to tell you all about it. Also located in Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, is the beautiful new facility for the Tennessee State Museum, which just opened this year. (We'd love to tell you they updated it just for you, but, well, we can't.) It is a well-organized and informative museum.

Certainly a prime historical site - on the eastern edge of Nashville-Davidson county - is The Hermitage, the home of President Andrew Jackson. A visitor's center offers excellent



The Hermitage

exhibits describing the early life of the People's President, and the background of the times in which he served his country in both military and civilian capacities. Touring the spacious grounds, you will see his home, its well-maintained gardens, and the many out buildings which played an integral part in the running of this fine estate.

If you like Presidential history, know that a second Tennessee President called Middle Tennessee home - James K. Polk. His home and historical interpretive center are located in Columbia, TN, about an hour and 15 minute drive from our Rally site. It would be well worth the trip for any Presidential history buff.

Two other antebellum homes in Nashville provide fascinating historical perspectives.

- Traveller's Rest, built just 20 years after the founding of Nashville, was the home of Judge John Overton, and stayed in the family until the 1940's as a farm. Andrew and Rachel Donelson Jackson were great friends of the Overtons and visited there often. The home has preserved much of the history of farming and life in Nashville over the years. It has excellent educational programs and provides interesting tours.
- The Greek Revival style Belle Meade Mansion, originally built by John Harding in the 1820's and expanded and modernized several times during the next 60 years, was the home of an influential family which bred and raced horses. The tour of the mansion and grounds is filled with interesting historical tales. For those of you who enjoyed the equine history of Secretariat at the Rally two years ago in Doswell, know that that great horse traces his lineage back to Belle Meade

Plantation, as do many other Derby winners, as a matter of fact, every Derby winner since 2006!

Three Civil War battles were fought in this area. The first has its own dedicated park - Stones River National Battlefield, just a half hour south of our Rally site, near Murfreesboro. Stones River fought over a seven-day period right after Christmas 1862, was one of the bloodiest battles of the war. This National Battlefield is a worthwhile visit for any student of the Civil War. In 1864, two other battles were fought in Middle Tennessee. The Battle of Franklin, fought on November 30, was a prelude to the Battle of Nashville two weeks later. Battle of Franklin historical sites include the Carter House, Carnton Plantation, the Lotz House, and Fort Granger, which includes a short uphill hike leading to an overlook providing a good view of Franklin and some of the battlefield sites. The Battle of Nashville was fought in what is now well-developed commercial and residential areas, and that development began soon after the war. No park could be created, however, the Union fortification at Fort Negley has been preserved and turned into a small park. It includes an information center and great views of the city. Shy's Hill in south Nashville is also a preserved site. This is where the Union forces were able to break through the Confederate lines. These two battles marked the end of major fighting in the "west." The Civil War continued on for several more months in the coastal states before ending in April 1865.

Immediately following the Civil War, Nashville experienced an intriguing growth in institutions of higher learning. In 1866, Fisk University was founded to provide education for freed slaves. It is the home of the world-renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers, whose early performances here and abroad helped finance the school and helped it grow. Vanderbilt University was founded in 1873, followed by Peabody College (1875), Meharry Medical College (1876), Ward Belmont School for Women (now Belmont University-1890), and David Lipscomb University (1891). It is no wonder Nashville earned the nickname "Athens of the South." And that nickname led to the decision to build a full-sized replica of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece, for the Centennial celebration of Tennessee's statehood in 1896-97. Made of plaster, it began to deteriorate within 20 years. It was rebuilt using concrete during the 1920's. In 1990 the final touch was added, a stunning full-scale statue of Athena.

Today the Parthenon in Centennial Park is open to the public for tours and houses an art museum. Plan a visit, but beware, Athena may take your breath away!



Parthenon



64th 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).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

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 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to 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.

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Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	Vintage	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$125.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00		Generator	
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★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

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Men's Polo Shirt			
Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Small		\$34.00	\$
Medium		\$34.00	\$
Large		\$34.00	\$
Extra Large		\$34.00	\$
2XL		\$36.00	\$
3XL		\$38.00	\$
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Women's Polo Shirt			
Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Small (4/6)		\$34.00	\$
Medium (8/10)		\$34.00	\$
Large (12/14)		\$34.00	\$
XL (16/18)		\$34.00	\$
2XL (20/22)		\$36.00	\$
3XL (24/26)		\$38.00	\$
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Low Profile Baseball Cap (One Size)			
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Red		\$18.00	\$
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New Caravam Leaders Handbook

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

Updating the Caravan Leaders Handbook is an ongoing process. Revising the manual is a major process. Jay Thompson and Matt Hackney have been guiding a team of Airstream members through the revision process.

The first review had been done by a team that consists of caravan leaders who do not necessarily have long term experience but rather will look at the role of caravan leader with a fresh set of eyes. These members include: Ray and Carol Combs, Bruce and Gail Harrower, Doug Hewins, Chip and Lori DeLeeuw, Carolyn Beardshear, and Will and Karen Kushto.

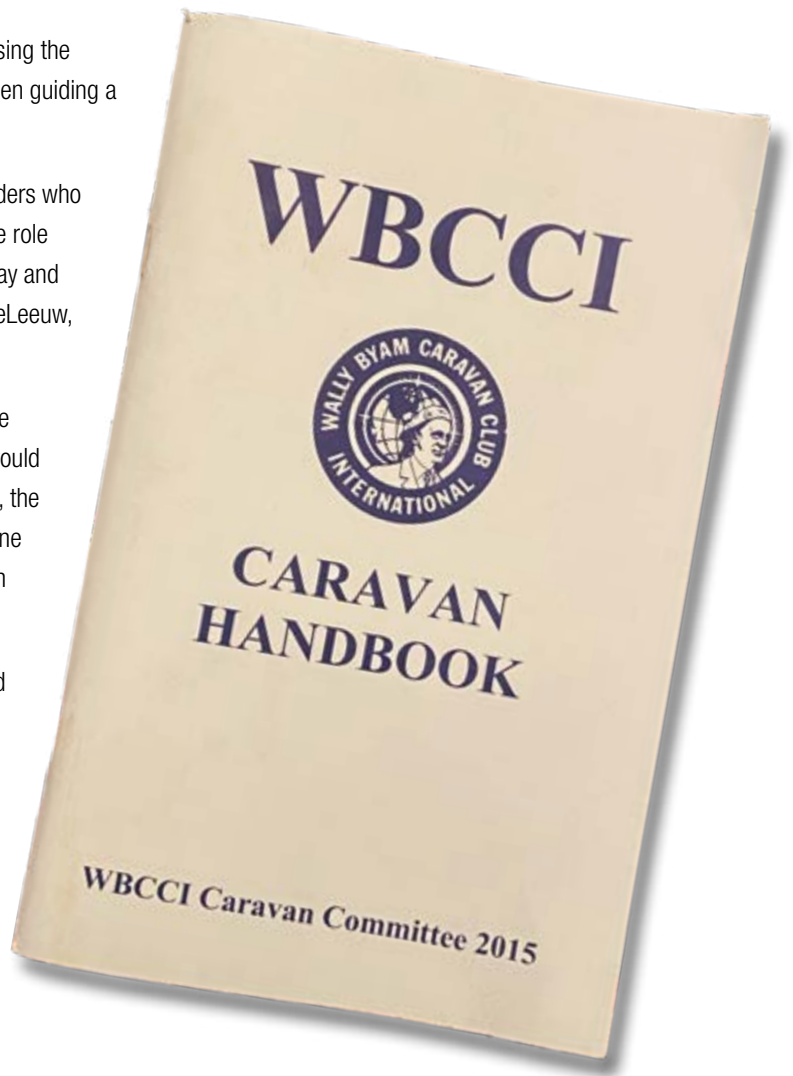
The manual was divided into sections, so nobody has had to review the whole manual. The teams were given the guideline that the manual would be electronic and easy to update. Instead of updating every five years, the electronic manual could be continually revised as needed. The guideline also included the fact that individuals can access all the information on all electronic levels.

The second review will be done by senior caravan leaders Winston and Carol Montague, Gary and Rose Marie Anderson and Bob and Sue Heist. They will be bringing years of experience to the editing and reviewing.

The new electronic manual will be available early 2021. The team is working to ensure the following improvements will be available:

- 1) Improve the process to apply for a space on a caravan – go to club page and sign up
- 2) Easier payment – go to club staff and not to caravan leader
- 3) Electronic payment either credit card or check to Jackson Center with no charge for credit card use.

The revised manual is meant to help caravan leaders and caravan members. It will also serve caravan members who wish to learn more about what it actually entails to be a caravan leader and the responsibilities that are included in the job. When it is released, any member will be able to access from airstreamclub.org.



REGION 1

J. Rick Cipot, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region1

A Happy New Year to everyone in Region One. No one could have predicted what a year 2020 would be. Through our strengths, perseverance, family and friends we have before us a year of working together to make a better year for everyone. All of our clubs in Region One and our International Committee are working hard to put together a normal year of caravans and rallies. Only time will tell which will prevail and which may need rescheduling. I firmly believe that if we plan it, it will take place. With that said, 2021 International Rally will be a welcome relief for everyone bringing us all back to what we consider normal Airstream Club activities. If you have not yet registered for International by now, please do so before we run out of sites. With so many of us missing so much of last year's events, missing our friends and the pleasure of making new, Lebanon, Tennessee will be the place to be July 2021.

Our Region One rally which was postponed for 2020 is still on the chalk board with the committee working hard to put it all together. You will be hearing more on this event in the near future. I am also pleased to mention that all of the clubs in Region One have put together a wonderful array of rallies for 2021. Please be sure to check our website often as each club confirms their schedule for the year. Of course, no one knows for sure what the future will bring however, I do know that our club will grow and thrive even if we still need to follow certain rules which will eventually slowly disappear. These are historic times and we must all pull together to help end this pandemic. Please be safe, stay healthy and keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region2

Here we are! Out of 2020 – a test to our resiliency – and into 2021. Happy New Year to you from President Rich and First Lady Kathi Short, as well as from the rest of us in Region 2!

During the last few months of 2020, President Rich and First Lady Kathi got a little camping in with several Region 2 Clubs. In typical years, this in itself would not have been particularly newsworthy, but in this pandemic year, it was very special! As Rich noted about their home club's (Watchung NJ Airstream Club) mid-October rally, "Although there were

no shared meals or close quarter happy hours, the 'socially distanced' campfire each evening was wonderful." In November, Rich and Kathi, along with Region 2 Membership Chair Lea Plant, were able to join the DelMarVa Airstream Club's Rally where Rich presided over a socially distanced and masked installation ceremony. To finish the rally season, the Shorts moved onto the Keystone PA Unit's rally.

Sadly, in November, President Rich announced that the Central Maryland Unit (CMU) had been officially dissolved and had returned its Charter to WBCCI. This is a grim reminder of what happens when membership dwindles and too few club members remain active and in leadership roles. Rich thinks that at some point or other, every club will face challenges to motivate members to participate in the life and leadership of their respective club. Rune and Robin Moeller #21090 were the last actively elected officers of the Central Maryland Unit. Rune and Robin did their best to keep the CMU rolling but they alone could not do what was needed in order for the Club to meet its Charter requirements. Over the last year, Rich worked with Rune and Robin, whom Rich had appointed as CMU's Pro Tem officers, to get through the dissolution process. Said Rich "I sincerely thank them for all of their efforts on behalf of the Central Maryland Unit both prior to and during the dissolution of the unit. They couldn't have done more."

On a brighter note, as our "Units" rename to "Clubs", club logos are being redesigned. The most recent to be approved is the new Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club logo and design for the club's and officers' flags. Al-Mon-O's Past President Vinny Rossitto explains the design, "The logo carries a lot of tradition and memories with our longtime members and now features our updated Club name. The unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the many members who participated in the vote suggests that the logo connects well across our Club's full membership. Like our new flag design, it features plenty of Black & Gold with obvious connection to our region's championship sports teams, line art of the Pittsburgh city skyline as viewed near the Point at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers into the Ohio River, an Airstream trailer being towed over one of city's many bridges, and a light gray background that reflects our occasional overcast day." Being able to pack so much symbolism into the design is pretty impressive, I'd say.

President Rich continues to lead a team of Club members in a quest to improve and expand the tangible benefits of belonging to the WBCCI. A new partnership with Passport America, a discount camping membership club, was announced recently. Other benefits are in the works. Stay tuned.



For now, Region 2 clubs are roaring ahead with plans for 2021. We know full well that the course of the pandemic will continue to shape how plans pan out. However, in the words of our Regional President Rich Short, "We have learned to adapt. The future may look different, but I know the Airstream Club will remain strong and vibrant. Let's enter the coming year with confidence together."

Stay safe, everyone.

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region3

A note from our Region 3 President Bill Wild:

ACI Region 3 is in the beautiful Southeast US where many of our local clubs enjoy an extended camping season. As people are slowly waking from their pandemic slumber, we are seeing more and more RV camping including rallies - some official and others impromptu. A lot of folks feel just as safe in their silver chalets as they do their stick and bricks and, combined with social distancing, are out enjoying the American lifestyle.

The 2020 process was to "plan and cancel", but we have not lost hope. The 2021 Region 3 Rally is still on and region leadership was in Tallahassee in November putting together plans for the Capital Gains rally scheduled for April 21-24, 2021. The North Florida Fair and Florida's Capital City are the perfect locations to maximize the "return on investment" as we emerge from our silver cocoons this spring. (Apologies to our Argosy and MOHO friends and your "silver at heart" rigs.) Registration is open on the region website, so plan to come join us for sun, sand and seafood in historic Tallahassee, Florida.

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region4

Hello, from the Wally Airstream Club Region 4 Community Service Project team!

With this correspondence, we are providing complete details about our exciting project. This project has two equally important needs, money and manpower! The membership of our region is spearheading the creation of a new attraction at Santa's Hideaway Hollow in Ohio.

Santa's Hide A Way Hollow, a non-profit organization founded in 1981, is dedicated to working with seriously and terminally ill children and their families to provide comfort and support throughout the final stages of the child's illness. Many children ask to see Santa for a last Christmas as they near the end of their struggle. Santa's Hide Away is committed to meeting that very need all year long. Santa gives his healing Spirit to all!

Most urgently, today we are appealing for your financial help. To complete our community service project, we need proper funding. The preliminary budget for this project was \$12,000. Before initiating this project, we agreed to split the costs 50/50 with Santa! Following a more detailed review of our program, a goal of \$6,500 has been set to complete our share of this project.

We invite you to read over the details of this project, our fundraising campaign, and our upcoming rally. We truly hope you decide to participate in both!

Visit <https://www.santashideawayhollow.com/> for information about Santa's Hide-a-Way Hollow. For up to date information, please visit our Project Website at <http://www.wallystreefarm.com> Friend us on Facebook at "Wally's Tree Farm" for group communications.

Please feel free to direct all questions regarding this project to WBCCI members Dan & Dawn Bihary. Email is preferred dan@bihary.com or call anytime at 440-453-9782.

REGION 5

Artie Martin, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region5

Happy New Year Region 5!

It is a New Year and I am so glad to see this past 365 days in the rear view mirror!

I hope all our members have had a safe and wonderful Holiday Season! Families are important. Families are the real treasures we share during the season. I like the gifts, don't get me wrong, but family is where the traditions, love, and understandings lie. So I hope Santa was good to all of you and brought you that special Airstream gift you were asking for!

Hopefully by now the COVID19 vaccine has been approved and is being administered to first responders and our elderly. It is mid-November as I write this. The vaccine will slowly bring our world back some normalcy.

I have heard of several Clubs that their 2020 presidents are continuing another term for 2021. I wish to greatly thank all officers of Region 5 for volunteering, and also dealing with the repercussions of the pandemic as well.

With the promise of a vaccine, 2021 has a brighter future for us to enjoy Rallies and Caravans and connect with our friends all over this country.

The International will be in Lebanon, TN, just 30 miles east of Nashville; this will be a great location!

The 2021 Region 5 Rally will be in Warsaw, IN! Registration will be open soon.

The rest of the Region's Club Rallies will be coming out soon. Can't wait!

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region6

Welcome to the new year! 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.

The "make up" Region 6 Rally, originally scheduled for October 2020 will be April 8-12 along the Mississippi River at River View RV Park and Resort in Vidalia, LA. The 2021 Region 6 Rally is set for October 7-14 at Johnny's Lakeside RV Resort in Foley, AL.

The Alabama Airstream Club is planning its Alabama State Rally, April 15-18 at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley, AL.

Several from the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will be at Canopener, January 7-10 at Topsail Hill Preserve in Santa Rosa Beach, FL, followed by an officers' planning retreat (open to everyone) at Jay, OK, February 26-28. Club members will camp and volunteer their time March 26-28 at the Arkansas Food Bank in Little Rock, AR.

The East Tennessee and Music City Airstream Clubs are planning a Double the Fun State Rally, May 13-16 at Big South Fork National Park in Oneida, TN. Activities will include a home tour of the WWI hero Alvin York; Rugby, a 19th century British utopia town; and Twin Arches – regarded as the most impressive arches east of the Mississippi River.

The Louisiana Airstream Club will hold a joint rally with the South Florida Airstream Club, January 13-18 in Sarasota, FL, which is before the

International Board of Trustees (IBT) Mid-Winter Meeting, January 18-22 also in Sarasota. Be watching for the exact dates for an April 2021 Bird Migration Rally at Grand Isle, LA.

Mississippi Airstream Club members are planning a New Orleans Rally, March 22-26 at the New Orleans KOA in River Bridge, LA. The club's business rally is at their Bellingrath Gardens Rally, May 13-17 at Payne's RV Park in Theodore, AL.

Join the Pensacola Florida Airstream Unit for its "Florida Panhandle in March" Suncoast Rally at Mystic Springs Cove in McDavid, FL, March 8-14.

REGION 7

Jane Carmichael, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region7

Hello to our Region 7 members and to our readers. Happy New Year! 2021 is brand new with great promise.

I hope that your holidays were full of gratitude for all we have. Family, friends, critters, and food? Each time that I pause to count my blessings, it refocuses my day nicely.

Food? I made the Chicken Enchiladas recipe that our R7 member, Gina Eggers, contributed to the November *Blue Beret*, page 10. It was delicious! If you didn't try it, you may want to re-think your menu for tonight.

When you receive this, Eddy and I expect to be in Arizona for the winter. Is this considered migration? We go to Lake Havasu City each year to avoid most of the cold and snow that the Upper Peninsula of MI experiences. Can you say 280" of snow? Or would you prefer 24'? Groan.

The International Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 18-21 in Sarasota, FL. Please check the website: www.airstreamclub.org for more information.

Because airports, flights, car rental, restaurants, and hotels are beyond my current comfort level, I have asked our Region 7 First Vice President, Beth Zelten, to represent Region 7 at the 2021 International Board of Trustees Winter meeting. Many thanks, Beth.

Region 7 congratulates the Minnesota Airstream Club President, Chuck Dodd; the North Dakota Peace Garden President Gordon Picken; and the Wisc-UP Airstream Club President Rod Fierek, for becoming Unit/Club Presidents.

Part of the note that I sent to each of them stated: "... *Welcome to your year of Airstream leadership and, hopefully, some adventure. Thank you for volunteering. When the Canadian border opens, safely, we will all be pleased.*

If I can be of any assistance for you and your unit/club, please call, email or text. I want to be helpful and will listen and discuss any questions, suggestions, and comments that you have. My number is...."

Please know that **major** changes are underway to hold a safe, socially-distant 2021 Region 7 Rally event, modeled after the 2020 Region 12 and Region 6 Rallies. These regions used creative and wonderful modifications and we will, too. In my discussions with Abe and Jan, I was impressed with how well the details were attended. Safety for all.

Later this year we will have a revised registration and rally fee payment coupon for those attending the 2021 Region 7 Rally. There are 56 campsites reserved, so far.

As always, Go Out and Enjoy the Great Outdoors!

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region8

Happy New Year!

Let's hope this year is much better than 2020. We missed out on a lot last year and we plan to make up for that this year. New local club officers have taken over the reigns and are busy planning their rallies and luncheons.

As we look toward what's in store for us this year, all eyes are on the 64th International Rally to be held at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Tennessee. The rally dates are July 17–24. Lebanon is located in Middle Tennessee, approximately 25 miles east of Nashville. Registration is available online. We hope you'll join us at this year's rally.

The Region 8 Rally will be held in Amana, IA at the Amana RV Park and Event Center April 28 – May 2. The highlights of the rally include self-tours of the seven Amana Colonies, Airstream Olympics, and Maifest activities. For more information, check out our website.

Stay safe and see you soon!

REGION 9

Nancy Fitzgerald, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region9

Celebrate a new year with a new take on Texas beaches. Beaches in January in Texas may be balmy or cold or a combination of both in the same day. Winter beach trips mean endless walks or biking on hard packed sand and combing the shoreline after high tide for weathered, frosted sea glass and abundant shark teeth. The entire Gulf Coast from Sabine Pass to South Padre Island awaits exploration. Travel it all or pick one or two sections. Exit I-10 at Winnie (an hour west from Louisiana/Texas border) and head south for the Bolivar Peninsula via highway 87. This is the area Hurricane Ike destroyed in 2008. A beach is not the wood and nails of beach cabins, but Ike's 20-foot storm surge did take out most of the old 1950s beach cabins that dotted the landscape. Bolivar has rebuilt and the birding, wetlands, intercoastal canal, and seafood are all intact. Make a side trip to the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge and catch gators sunning or Glossy ibis and American coots feeding along the wetland banks. It is not unheard of for a birder to site over 30 different species on the 2.5-mile drivable loop. Spend the night camped on the bulkhead of the intracoastal and watch the tugboats and barges glide effortlessly past lit up like holiday decorations. Fish for red drum or flounder or go crabbing. Continue south on highway 87 and take the 20-minute ferry ride to Galveston Island – the ferry along with the dolphin and brown pelican sightings are all free. Galveston is a destination all its own. You can camp beachfront at numerous RV sites, or my favorite is to drive straight down the Galveston beach highway (after touring and eating) over the San Luis pass towards Surfside Beach. Halfway is Blue Water RV Park. The resort is on an old airplane strip built for John Wayne while he was filming Hell Fighters in 1968. Whether you choose a canal view, wetland view, or beach view, once you walk over the beach boardwalk, the expanse of beach is yours alone. Freeport to Matagorda takes you to a beautiful state park with terrific fishing opportunities. Matagorda has approximately 58 miles of beach, 23 miles of the beach east of the Colorado River is open to vehicles. The remaining 35 miles of beach is west of the Colorado River and only accessible by boat, kayak, canoe or other watercraft. Onward 3 hours south past iconic shoreline towns of Palacios, Rockport, and Aransas Pass, to the 10-minute ferry ride to Port Aransas. This idyllic beach front town has made a comeback from the destruction of 2015 Hurricane Harvey. It is filled with boutique shopping and casual beachfront dining. Be as connected or disconnected as you want in Port A. The last sections of Texas beaches stretch 200 miles from Corpus Christi to South Padre. South Padre Island (SPL) is a city located

on a barrier island just 20 miles or so from the border with Mexico. Here you will find all the tourist accommodations of luxurious beachfront, white sand, 68-degree temperatures, as well as Sea Turtle, Inc., South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center, and Port Isabel Lighthouse. SPI exudes a relaxed aura perfect for sunseekers and families in the winter months. Unless you crave noise and crowds, January is the perfect time to explore Lone Star beaches.

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region10

Happy New Year! May 2021 be a better year for us all.

Remember that five-year plan you made. Let's review that plan with options A, B and C so that whatever our year brings, we can adapt, accept, and continue to enjoy our Airstream adventures with gratitude.

Let's plan rallies that can be successful events for all to enjoy in a safe manner. Our Airstreams are a safe venue to travel and enjoy the great gift of nature.

If the border remains closed, let's think about caravans - short or long, tag along, or hop on hop off options.

Thank you for renewing your membership! The club is continuing to add more benefits for you.

Once we are travelling again, the campgrounds and parks will be very busy so remember courtesy parking and Harvest Host are great options when going from stops on the way. Check their websites for details.

Your local Club is planning fun adventures and rallies for the upcoming season. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

If you feel well and are healthy, and if the local guidelines allow - go, enjoy, remember to be aware, responsible and be aware, practice physical distancing and wear a mask at all events. BE SAFE.

If you are travelling this winter, add your adventures to the website or Facebook page when you are able. We can enjoy your trips vicariously.

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

Mark these Region-planned (at the moment) events in addition to your local club activities:

Region 10 Rally at Lynden, WA June 1-6, 2021

International WBAC Rally at Lebanon, TN July 17-24, 2021

Region 10 Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival Rally in Sun Valley, ID
 October 11-17, 2021

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region11

The Four Corners Airstream Club is planning on having their annual New Year's Eve Rally at Picacho Peak State Park on December 31 – January 3.

The Rally will be held in the Quail Group camping area. Hiking and rock climbing are popular activities in this unique area. Picacho Peak is a landmark located thirty miles north of Tucson just west of I-10. Picacho Peak was formed thousands of years ago when lava was flowing across the area. Over time it became a landmark for ancient civilizations and now it has become a popular camping destination. The Four Corners Airstream Club has been coming to the same area for sixteen years to welcome in a new year.

The Arizona Airstream Club is having a Rally at the Cave Creek Regional Park on January 21-24. Cave Creek Regional Park is part of the Maricopa County system and is located north of the town of Cave Creek. A variety of activities are available including hiking and biking in and on the scenic desert mountain trails. Arrangements have been made for a private tour of the Raptor Rehabilitation Center and tickets will be available for the Arizona Music Festival being held in Cave Creek. Rally planners are also bringing in a Food Truck for evening meals rather than having potlucks.

Both of these Rallies will be following Covid-19 prevention criteria by not gathering for a common meal or potluck, will practice social distancing, and will wear face masks. Airstream Rallies, or gatherings are still happening in Arizona and in a safe way.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region12

Happy New Year California and Nevada Airstreamers! What's this, a January *Blue Beret*? I guess that's what happens when you move the WBCCI club Directory printing to February.

Well, how about Region 12? WE DID IT! Cecelia and I think that we are the only Region that executed a region rally in 2020. We were so proud that we had 89 rigs and over 180 people. After several weeks, there have been no reports of anyone coming down with an illness.

So how did we do this? There was some clever and out of the box thinking done by the San Diego Airstream Club. Before the rally, several members were involved in making 200 masks for the participants. Next, the Governor tightened restrictions and we never went indoors that week. Catering was adjusted and all group meals were delivered to each rig. Of course social distancing was utilized all week, especially during the many Happy Hours that took place. Our annual meeting took place outdoors and was well attended.

Each of the 11 clubs in Region 12 donated a gift basket to the rally. They were placed in a silent auction to raise money for our designated charity. This year the charity was called "Saved in America". They have recovered 250 children from the world of human trafficking. The baskets raised \$2100. Other donations brought the total to \$5,000. A thank you goes out to the San Diego Airstream Dealer for their \$1,000 donation to this cause.

Cecelia and I will be back in Palm Desert to install new officers for the El Camino club. We want to congratulate all the officers for doing a good job during this year of the Virus. We also want to wish the new officers the best of luck for 2021. Once again, thank you San Diego Club for a great job hosting the Region rally. Mark your calendars for the Region Rally in October 2021, in Paso Robles. Watch for Region 12 elections next year and we hope to see many of you at the Cali Rally and in Tennessee.

EUROPE

Ian Jamieson, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/europe

We are now into the second wave of the Covid-19 restrictions but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Although social gatherings and travel have been reduced, the enthusiasm for Airstreaming and membership of the Club has been sustained and we look forward to an explosion of travel in 2021. There are seven rallies planned and members are renewing rapidly for the coming season.

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, northeast 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 2021 - 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. Updates and information for rallies is on the website and in emails. The Europe local club support is strong, the core of longstanding friendly members is growing and new members are being introduced.



From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

Greetings from your extended Airstream family here in Jackson Center, OH! It is hard to believe the first snowfall has made its wintery appearance here in Jackson Center! What started as a very slow-paced year with stay-at-home orders in March/April gave way to a frantic second half of 2020 and it seems like I blinked my eyes and now find it is time for the holiday season!

As I have mentioned in recent articles, the RV business took off this summer as customers flocked to the lifestyle as a safe and healthy way to travel during a pandemic. As we neared the end of summer and looked towards the fall, we anticipated the retail interest may slow as we entered the seasonally slower months of the year. And once again, we anticipated incorrectly. Dealers are placing customer orders each month at record rates and thus, our backlog for new Airstreams is well into summer of 2021. The amount of business we are seeing as a result of this change in consumer spending is beyond breathtaking, and although we would never complain about it, it sure has created other challenges for us, our dealers, our retail customers and our supply base!

As the business increased across the industry, the supply chain has been put under tremendous pressure as RV manufacturers are all increasing production rates at the same time. This not only delays parts to the manufacturer, but it also delays critical parts to customers in the field for service. The industry has a track record of adapting quickly, but given the record-breaking sales, it could never have predicted, nor responded quickly enough to the incredible demand of key components. As a result, Airstream is methodically increasing production rates at a much slower pace than the average RV manufacturer. First, we want to make sure we keep our focus on quality and we also need to make sure we increase at the same pace as our suppliers. This is always a tough process, and although we wish we could snap our fingers and build more, it just isn't that easy!

In response to the unprecedented demand, Airstream is taking several actions. First, we have put a pause on any new dealers until we can supply our current dealers. Together with our suppliers, we are working on creative ways to increase supply through thoughtful agreements and strategic partnerships. In addition, we are working with our dealers weekly to keep them updated on the most recent information we know so they can relay information to customers who are waiting for an order. As you can imagine, with delays we are seeing in key components, the delivery times change often and we do our best to communicate this to our dealers.

As we look toward 2021, we are so thankful we have a new factory for each of our production lines. The new travel trailer plant is nothing short of amazing and allows us to add new technology and equipment to improve both quality and quantity moving forward. The same can be said about our new motor home factory which now resides in the former travel trailer

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From the Vice President of Sales

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facility. The class B and B+ segments of the RV industry are the fastest growing segments in the RV industry and we see an incredible opportunity to grow our business with more manufacturing space, tools, equipment and QC processes than ever before. Lastly, we are now expanding our Basecamp factory for the third time in two years as we add more machinery, space and equipment to build product with continuous improvements in tolerances while adding more capacity. The entire team here at Airstream is so thankful for these new plants and the incredible help they provide our associates as they build quality Airstreams.

The New Year will be like no other as Airstream will not be attending any RV shows, but we look forward to the second half of the year where we hope the pandemic is under control and we can resume traveling to shows, rallies and other events where we meet many of you in person. The team here also hopes that in the second half of the year we can resume factory tours and open our brand-new state of the art museum that showcases the rich history of Airstream and Wally Byam! We have so much to show everyone!

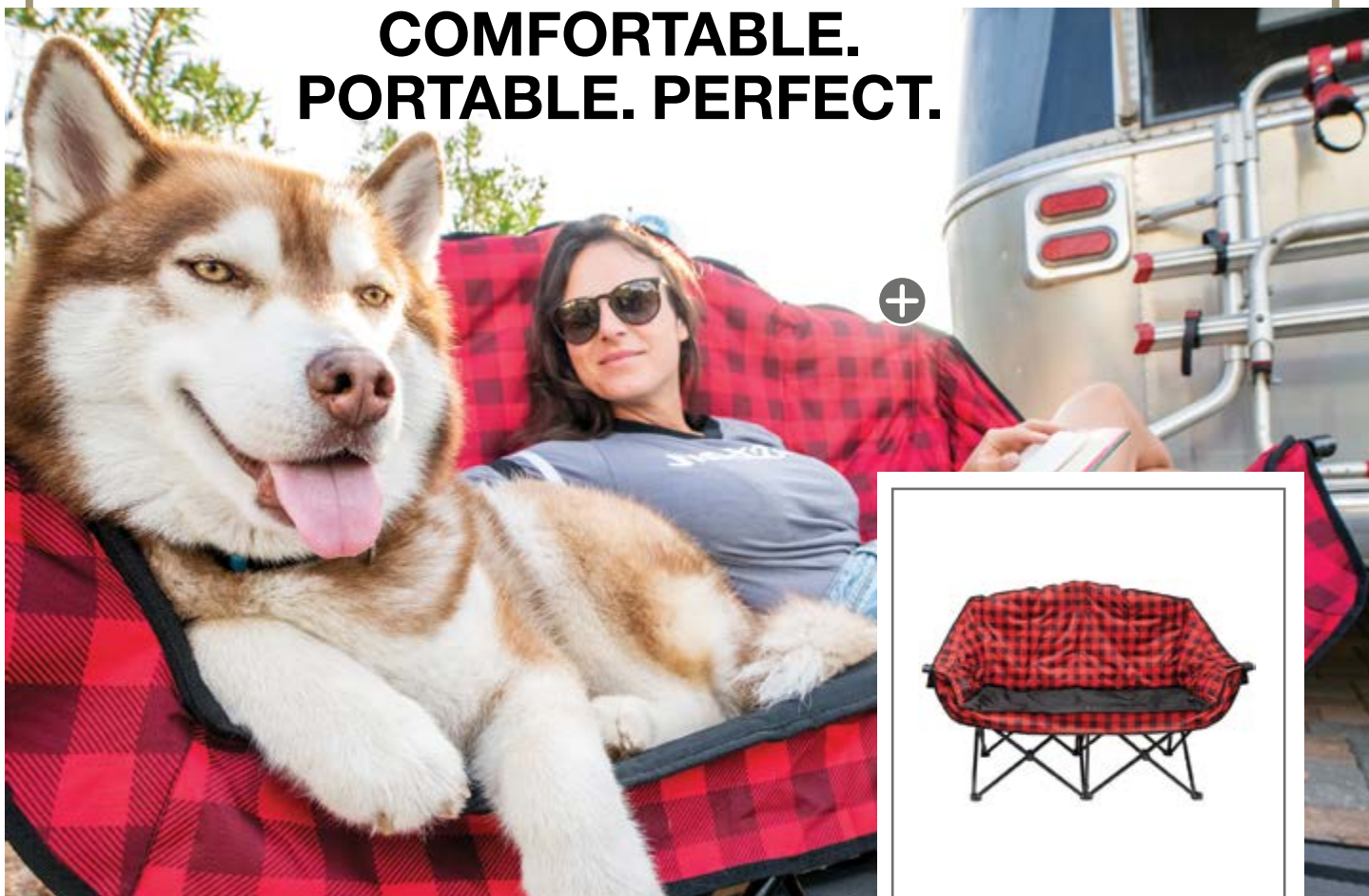
So on behalf of 1,049 hard working families, I want to thank you for your support during a difficult 2020. Each one of us are so thankful for the support of the club and its members of our company here in Western Ohio. It means the world to each of us. I hope this holiday season is a healthy, safe and relaxing time for each of you and I sure do hope I can see many of you soon!

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Jul 17-24	2021 International Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee

National Event Rallies

Jan 6-10	Can Opener 2021, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Apr 9-11	Pets & Paws, Provincetown, MA
Sep 13-19	Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, OR
Sep 25-Oct 3	Swiss Festival, Sugar Creek, OH
Sep 28-Oct 2	Athens Old Time Fiddlers, Athens, GA
Sep 29-Oct 3	Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 2-6	Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM
Oct 7-11	Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving, Leicester, VT
Oct 12-17	Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Sun Valley, ID
Dec 28 - Jan 1, 2022	Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA



REGION 1 Activities

Region 1 Website: airstreamclub.org/region1

Apr 9-11	Pets & Paws Rally, Provincetown, MA
Oct 7-11	Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Rally, Leicester, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/cape-cod-massachusetts

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut

New England Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/new-england

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northeast-mountaineers

Quebec Canada Unit - airstreamclub.org/quebec-canada



REGION 2 Activities

Region 2 Website: airstreamclub.org/region2

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/al-mon-o-pennsylvania

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/central-pennsylvania

Delaware Valley New Jersey Unit - airstreamclub.org/delaware-valley-new-jersey

DelMarVa Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/delmarva

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - airstreamclub.org/hudson-mohawk-new-york

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - airstreamclub.org/keystone-pennsylvania

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/metropolitan-new-york

Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/mid-atlantic

New Jersey Unit - airstreamclub.org/new-jersey



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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/new-york-finger-lakes

Ontario Canada Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/ontario-canada

Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/penn-lehigh

Pennsylvania Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/pennsylvania

Washington DC Unit - airstreamclub.org/washington-dc

Watchung NJ Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/watchung-nj

Southeastern Camping Unit - airstreamclub.org/southeastern-camping-unit

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/spirit-of-virginia

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/tidewater-virginia

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/top-of-georgia

Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/virginia

REGION 3 Activities

Region 3 Website: airstreamclub.org/region3

Apr 21-25 Region 3 Rally, Tallahassee, FL

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/big-bend-florida

Carolinas Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/carolinas

Mar 18-21 Charleston, SC Rally, James Island County Park, 871 Riverland Dr, Charleston SC 29412, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/charleston-sc/>, CG Reservations: Call 843-795-4386, tell the CG you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally

Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/coastal-georgia

Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/florida

Jan 28-31 Sertoma Youth Ranch Rally, Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville FL 34602, Mike & Maryanne Swegles, maryanneswegles7@gmail.com

Feb 25-Mar 1 Salt Springs Recreation Area Rally, 13851 FL-19, Fort McCoy FL 32134, John & Kathie Walker, walker48@bellsouth.net

Mar 25-29 North Florida Strawberries Rally, 6239 State Rd 21, Keystone Heights FL 32656, Susan & David Poole, Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - airstreamclub.org/florida-suncoast

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/florida-treasure-coast

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia

Palmetto State Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/south-carolina-coastal

South Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/south-florida

Jan 13-18 Amish Auction & Dinner Rally, Sarasota County FG, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota FL 34237, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, jjh6905hot@gmail.com

Mar 8-19 Four State Parks Caravan, Anastasia SP, 300 Anastasia Park Rd, St. Augustine FL 32080, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, jjh6905hot@gmail.com

REGION 4 Activities

Region 4 Website: airstreamclub.org/region4

May 19-23 Region 4 Rally, Glen Jean, WV
Sep 26-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/akron-ohio

Appalachian Unit of West Virginia - airstreamclub.org/appalachian-unit-west-virginia

Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/cincinnati-ohio

Heart of Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/heart-of-ohio

Miami Valley Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/miami-valley-ohio

Michigan Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/michigan

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit - airstreamclub.org/mid-eastern-michigan

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/mohican-valley-ohio

Mar 19 Fish Fry Get Together, St. Joseph's Activity Center, 115 North Liberty St, Galion OH 44833, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001, cnfindling@frontier.com

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit - airstreamclub.org/northern-ohio-virtual

Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/ohio-lake-river

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/southeastern-michigan

The Western Reserve Camping Unit - airstreamclub.org/western-reserve-camping-unit

REGION 5 Activities

Region 5 Website: airstreamclub.org/region5

Sep 15-19 Region 5 Rally, Warsaw, IN

For the most current information, go to airstreamclub.org/events
Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

Central Indiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/central-indiana

Jan 9 Luncheon, MCL Restaurant & Bakery, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com
Feb 6 Luncheon, MCL Restaurant & Bakery, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com
Mar 6 Luncheon, MCL Restaurant & Bakery, 2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis IN 46260, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com

Indiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/indiana

Kentucky Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/kentucky

Jan 9 Christmas Luncheon, Greyhound Tavern, 2500 Dixie Hwy, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017, Steve Broering 850-991-1652, broering68@icloud.com

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northern-illinois

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/wbcci-illinois-lincolnland

REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: airstreamclub.org/region6

Apr 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA
May 13-16 Tennessee State Rally, Oneida, TN
Sep 28-Oct 2 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, GA
Sep 29-Oct 3 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN

Alabama Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/alabama

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/arkansas-razorback

East Tennessee Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/east-tennessee

Louisiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/louisiana

Mississippi Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/mississippi

Mar 22-26 New Orleans Rally, New Orleans, LA KOA 228-990-1537 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/new-orleans/>, 11123 Jefferson Hwy, River Ridge LA 70123, Don Hummel 662-392-6065, DonEHummel@gmail.com

Music City Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/music-city

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/pensacola

REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: airstreamclub.org/region7

Aug 19-24 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/minnesota

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - airstreamclub.org/north-dakota-peace-garden

Wisc-UP Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/wisc-up

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: airstreamclub.org/region8

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

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-st-louis

Iowa Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/iowa

Iowa North Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/iowa-north

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - airstreamclub.org/missouri-greater-ozark

Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas

Nebraska Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/nebraska

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website: airstreamclub.org/region9

Apr 13-18 Region 9 Rally, Mineola, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit - airstreamclub.org/east-texas-lakes

Greater Houston Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-houston

Dec 29-Jan 1 New Year's Rally, Coushatta RV Recreation Ranch, 4029 Clay Ranch Ln, Bellville TX 77418, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253, 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

Feb 11-14 Rally, Matagorda Bay Nature Park 855-392-7638, 6430 FM2031, Matagorda TX, Jerry Goodwin 281-787-6687, jlg79@comcast.net

Mar 11-14 Spring Rally, Brazoria Lakes RV Resort 979-798-1000, 14600 S Hwy 36, Brazoria TX 77422, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253, balee5068@gmail.com

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - airstreamclub.org/heart-texas-camping

North Texas Unit - airstreamclub.org/north-texas

Oklahoma Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/oklahoma

Texas Alamo Unit - airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - airstreamclub.org/texas-gulf-coast

Mar 12-13 Rally, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc. 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, Info@texasairstreamharbor.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes

Feb 11-14 Alligators & Stars Rally, Brazos Bend SP, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville TX 77461, <https://texashighlandlakes.airstreamclub.net/events-2/brazos-state-park-rally-february-2021/>, Carol Sajovich 512-751-2464, carol_sajovich@hotmail.com

Mar 11-14 Murder on the Lake Rally, Lake Livingston SP, 300 Park Dr, Livingston TX 77351, Carol Sajovich 512-751-2464, carol_sajovich@hotmail.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - airstreamclub.org/texas-hill-country

Texas Plains Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/texas-plains

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REGION 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: airstreamclub.org/region10

Jun 1-6 Region 10 Rally, Linden, WA
Sep 13-19 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Oct 12-17 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally,
Sun Valley, ID

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/alberta-saskatchewan

British Columbia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/british-columbia

Idaho Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/idaho

Inland NW Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/inland-nw

Montana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/montana

Oregon Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/oregon

Washington Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/washington

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: airstreamclub.org/region11

Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/arizona

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
Feb 4-7 Lost Dutchman State Park Rally, Lost Dutchman SP, 6109 N Apache Trail,
Apache Junction AZ 85119, James Moser & Shelley Randall
570-594-8585, pjamesmoser@gmail.com
Mar 18-21 Coachella Valley Rally, Shadow Hills RV Resort, 40655 Jefferson St, Indio
CA 92203, John Holly 213-304-7769, johnholly@aol.com

Colorado Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/colorado

Four Corners Unit - airstreamclub.org/four-corners

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

New Mexico Unit - airstreamclub.org/new-mexico

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch

Wyoming Unit - airstreamclub.org/wyoming

REGION 12 Activities



Region 12 Website: airstreamclub.org/region12

Apr 22-25 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA
Oct 6-10 Region 12 Rally, Paso Robles, CA
Dec 28-
Jan 1, 2022 Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/central-coast-california

El Camino Real Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/el-camino-real

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area

Jan 28-Feb 1 Casa de Fruta Rally, Casa de Fruta <https://www.casadefruta.com/visit/accommodations.php>, 10021 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister CA 95023,
Chris Martindill, Cmartindill16@gmail.com

Feb 18-22 Coyote Lake "Just Camping" Rally, Coyote Lake / Harvey Bear Regional
Park 10840 Coyote Reservoir Rd, Gilroy CA 95020, Eric McHenry,
eric.mchenry@airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles

Jan 21-24 Santee Lakes Campground Rally, Santee Lakes CG, 9310 Fanita Pkwy,
Santee CA 92071 <https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/rally-schedule-3/>, 213-364-6658

Feb 11-15 Furnace Creek Campground Rally, Furnace Creek CG, Death Valley NP,
CA 92328, <https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/rally-schedule-3/>,
213-364-6658

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/lake-tahoe

Las Vegas Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/las-vegas

Jan 15-18 Red Rock Canyon Campground Rally, Red Rock Canyon CG
<https://www.redrockcanyonlv.org/>, 3293 Moankopi, Las Vegas NV 89161,
Cheryl Musser, musserfly@cox.net

Northern California Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northern-california

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/sacramento-valley

Jan 28-Feb 1 Joint Rally w/Greater Bay Area: Casa de Fruta Rally, Casa de Fruta, 10021
Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister CA 95023, <https://airstreamclub.org/gbaac-casa-de-fruta-rally>

Mar 4-8 Lakes RV Rally, The Lakes RV & Golf Resort <https://thelakesrv.com/>,
5001 E Robertson Blvd, Chowchilla CA 93610, Roger & Roberta Peoples
530-62-1207, peoples@cornwallconnections.com

San Diego Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/san-diego

Sierra Nevada Unit - airstreamclub.org/sierra-nevada

South Coast California Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california

EUROPE Activities



WBCCI Europe Website: -
airstreamclub.org/europe

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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: Breun Ridge, 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

Start: Blakely, GA

3/11-4/1

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.

Rollin to the Big Easy

Start: Kinder, LA

3/16-27

Stop: Breaux Bridge, LA

Our caravan will introduce some of the best sites, sounds and foods which Louisiana has to offer. You might even learn the difference between Cajun and Creole cultures.

Springtime in Kentucky

Start: Bowling Green, KY

4/21-5/13

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

Start: Bryson City, NC

5/18-6/12

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

Start: Estes Park, CO

5/27-6/22

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

Start: North Sydney, Nova Scotia

6/23-8/18

Stop: North Sydney, NS

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

North to Alaska

Start: Dawson Creek, BC

7/12-9/12

Stop: Prince George, BC

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

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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

Discover how some well-known products are manufactured, starting at the Airstream factory.

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

The region of America known as "The Ozarks" is a cultural and geographically distinct area centered in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sights, events, and food not to be missed.

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Old National Road - East

4/29-5/7

Start: Woodbine, MD

Stop: Washington, PA

Join us as we travel the eastern segment of the Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from Baltimore, MD to Washington, PA.

Old National Road - Central

5/7-5/15

Start: Washington, PA

Stop: Richmond, IN

Join us as we travel the central segment of the Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from Washington, PA to Richmond, IN.

2022 WBCCI National Caravans

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Old National Road - West

5/15-5/24

Start: Richmond, IN

Stop: Effingham, IL

Join us as we travel the western segment of the Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from Richmond, IN to Vandalia, IL.

Springtime in the Rockies

5/26-6/21

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 the summit on Trail Ridge Road to the Teton Mountains and the geysers of Yellowstone.

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!

Canadian Rocky Mountain

6/25-7/16

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."

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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Stop: St. Ignace, MI

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Airstream reflection, UP of Michigan - submitted by Jan Rightmyer, #26931



Harry & Lori Sacks' trailer at the Watchung NJ Airstream Club Rally at Delaware Water Gap, PA - submitted by Lea Plant, #2256



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