

How do you begin to describe the year 2020 and all that has transpired during it? I think all the words and cliches have been used. It was definitely stressful, often overwhelming and hard to know what to do, and very often, what to say. Despite the year of COVID-19 being of such concern and disappointment, it has been a year of blessing for me and I sincerely hope for all of you. As each of us gives our own thanks according to our personal beliefs and persuasions, I hope we can dwell on the things that continue to bind us together. Family and friends being chief among them. The Airstream Club, to many of us, represents both. So, here's wishing, hoping, and praying 2021 will be a great year and one of renewal of all that makes us friends and family. I am confident we will soon be back to our camping routines in force. Better days are coming, and we will see more of each other down the road in 2021.

With that said, there is much going on in the Airstream Club. The mid-winter IBT meeting is scheduled for January 18-22 down in Sarasota, FL and will be a hybrid of sorts, mixing in-person meetings with Zoom attendance availability for those not traveling to attend. As I write this, Kathi and I plan to travel down from NJ with our Airstream to attend. I will do my best to represent our Region and I will provide a written report following the meetings.

Your Region 2 Officers are working on a plan for a 2021 Region 2 Rally. The Rally is tentatively set for June 10-13 at the York Expo Center in York, PA. We are in the beginning stages of planning and will be following up with more info in the coming weeks. The Rally will be different than what we have planned and experienced in past years...but what isn't! I will be inviting all our local club Presidents to a Zoom meeting to discuss the Rally and get feedback.

The new "Member Only" portal is now up and running on our [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) website. If you have not, please go to the website, LOG IN, and explore. You can view and edit your member profile, add a picture, access Member and Club Leader Directories, see your Membership and Office history with the Club and most importantly, view the new Member Only Benefits that are being added to your Airstream Club membership. As you know we recently announced an exclusive program with **Passport America**, the largest discount camping club. Airstream Club members can enjoy an additional six months of membership, free, when they join PA. On January 1, we will announce a discount program with **Griot's Garage**, the manufacturer of some of the finest car care products in the automotive world. Airstream Club members will enjoy a 15% discount on Griot's liquid car care products at checkout with the keycode provided in the Members Only section of our website. We are also excited to announce the **Airstream Club-Michelin Advantage Program**. Beginning January 1, Airstream Club members will benefit from a value-added program that offers competitive savings on tires. The new tires include MICHELIN®, BFGoodrich®, and Uniroyal®. Information on the program, the buying process, and the Airstream Club exclusive discount pricing sheet will also be found on the Member Only portal of our [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) website.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards and best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season and for a healthy and prosperous New Year. Merry Christmas! Rich Short #1512