

# UWAC Club News

## Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club News

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Happy 2021 Airstream-ers!** I'm sure everyone was ready to say goodbye to 2020. We are all looking forward to getting COVID under control so we can get out traveling again without restrictions. This is a great time to do some trip planning since campgrounds aren't as busy. Check out our Rally Schedule (below and on the website) and decide which rallies you'd like to attend, then plan your other trips around those dates. Remember that National Parks and other popular places book up fast with more people camping so make reservations soon! If your Airstream isn't tucked away for the winter, there are great places to go this winter to get a change of scenery and warmer temps. We are going to Casa Grande, AZ for four weeks to take a big chunk out of winter. There are RV resorts



Golfing at Palm Creek



Hike in Elk Bend

all over Arizona with golf, tennis, pickle ball, heated pools and social activities to chase away the winter blues. If you aren't able to get away, winter is a great time to do maintenance and organizing in your rig. Remember to share tips and ideas in our newsletter! In addition to maintenance, care, and organizing, we welcome articles on your favorite camping spots, funny stories from "on the road", recipes and anything related to the Airstream life.

Stay Healthy, Jim Powell

## Directory with pictures

Dear UWAC Members,

I'm still working on our membership directory, but there's just one thing missing: YOU! Rather than just compile a list of names and numbers, I would like to include pictures of our illustrious club members in this historic document. That is where YOU come in...I need YOU to send me, via text or email, your favorite flattering foto. Do it now! If you're tired of hearing from me, taking action now is an easy way to get the scolding to stop. I would love to wrap this up by the end of January, so find an acceptable pic of the people listed on your membership and please send it my way.

For example, here is a photo of me and my traveling buddy, John. Attaching it to an email was pretty painless and took less than 5 minutes. YOU can do it! Bonnie





# Stories from the Road...c

## Thousand Lakes RV, Torrey — October 9-12, 2020

Special thanks to our hosts, Steve and Cindy MacKenzie for another fun & successful UWAC rally. Thousand Lakes in Torrey was the site of the initial UWAC rally in 2016, so it's a club favorite. Club members enjoyed a host of rally activities including morning coffee each day and a very nice pot-luck dinner. The entire area surrounding Torrey is a scenic wonderland and members enjoyed hikes and sightseeing in Capitol Reef National Park and many points beyond. We appreciated the many new members who have attended rallies in 2020 as



we continue to expand our circle of friends and fellow Airstream enthusiasts in the club. If you haven't made it to a rally yet, please join us in 2021 — you won't be disappointed! Ron Jorgensen



## Torrey Rally 2020

Thirteen Airstreams gathered at the Thousand Lakes RV Park in Torrey, Utah for a social- distanced but very fun rally in October. Rally participants hailed from all across the state of Utah, as well as from as far away as Albuquerque, NM. The weather was pleasant, crisp, and very Autumn. People enjoyed hiking, biking and exploring the

beautiful Capitol Reef and Boulder areas.

Thank you Jim and Barb for supporting us in our first rally host duties, as well as providing the propane fire pit to gather around in the cool evenings.

Cindy and Steve MacKenzie



## Hey UWAC... What do you call your trailer?

In the last newsletter we asked club members to let us know what they call their airstreams. We've heard talk about nice names that fit trailers like: The Pavement Princess (doesn't like to travel dirt roads), White Buffalo (door art) or Animal House (travel with critters). Maybe you can guess who those names might be referring. We know many just call it their Airstream or the trailer. Only two members took the challenge. Their wonderfully personal responses follow:

### BOUNTIFUL

I have named our trailer "Bountiful." Having grown up there and have always felt life has been very bountiful. That name has always been special to me on many levels. I had the same name on our boat in San Pedro. We sold the boat for the Airstream. Have not looked back. The new boat owners loved the name also and kept the name. Ya, I miss the boat sometimes but so much less work having an Airstream, and so many more places to go and explore.

Weston and Julie Taylor, #9805 Affiliate members

### SURFACE INTERVAL

I would like to introduce you to Surface Interval. Vic and I bought our first airstream on 6.5.2020 after several of our underwater vacations had to be cancelled due to COVID 19. We love traveling the world finding new fish, shipwrecks, sharks, coral and interesting sea creatures. However; due to the crazy year of 2020, we thought we could explore above the sea in our airstream that we so lovingly call Surface Interval. If

you are a scuba diver you know that the time in between dives is called your surface interval. One of our favorite places is the Pacific Northwest. This picture is from Whidbey Island, WA.

Chris & Vic Gabrenas, UWAC Members # 7704



## EXCITING IN 2021

### Rally Schedule

#### **Preliminary 2021 Rally Schedule (subject to change due to COVID-19)**

**March – Open** (club member suggestions are welcome)

**April – Kanab** (tentative; arrangements pending; looking for hosts / co-hosts)

**May - Canyonlands RV Resort & Campground** (John and Bonnie Ruskauff)

**June – Open** (club member suggestions are welcome)

**Late June or Early July – Idaho location** (tentative; looking for hosts)

**July – Lebanon, TN** (Wally Byam Airstream Club International)

- **Grand Canyon North Rim** (Linda & Darrell Galloway /

Ron and Holly Jorgensen)

**Late August – Open** (club member suggestions are welcome)

**September - Monument Valley** - (Keith and Jeanne Lund)

**October – Sun Valley, Idaho Jazz Festival** (Region 10 - Darlene & Bob Caldwell)

**November – Open** (club member suggestions are welcome)

**Region 11 Rally** – Details TBD (info will be updated when available)

*Additional Rally Planning*...we're hoping to hold rallies / activities throughout the camping season: particularly Late Summer & Fall if the COVID-19 situation permits. Think about sharing your camping location over a weekend and make it a "No Host" UWAC rally (really not much extra effort required.) Have ideas or suggestions? Please let us know (contact Event Coordinator, Holly Jorgensen, [ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com), or any of the UWAC club officers listed under the Officers tab on the website.)



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Registration for 2021 Moab Rally (May 6-9, 2021)

Canyonlands RV Resort & Campground  
555 S Main St  
Moab, UT 84532

Reservations are self-serve, so please call (877) 415-3991 and press 2 for the resort office. We have blocked-out 21 sites for the above dates and you can add Sunday night if you would like, based on availability. There is also an optional \$20 lock fee (to ensure that you are not shuffled to another site as it books-up) that will go toward your balance. Canyonlands released all un-booked sites on November 16, 2020. If you are not already booked, contact Bonnie ([onniesbay68@gmail.com](mailto:onniesbay68@gmail.com)) to see if there is still availability. This is preliminary, but loosely the rally will look something like this:

Thursday – set-up, happy hour

Friday – hike, potluck, sunset off-road excursion (tour guide drives)

Saturday – free time, group dinner somewhere in town

Sunday – bonus hike(?) or other activity, if not departing until Monday





We would love to have co-hosts for this rally, so if you are feeling like that could be you, please let us know. Best, Bonnie Ruskauff

July 17-24, 2021 LEBANON, TN



## WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY

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.

REGISTER – Go to [airstreamclub.org/Lebanon](http://airstreamclub.org/Lebanon), call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in US Funds Only and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to [rally@airstreamclub.org](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org).

## Registration

### Grand Canyon North Rim / Jacob Lake: Grand Canyon North Rim / Jacob Lake Rally

July 30 - August 2

Kaibab Campground Jacob Lake,  
Arizona Kaibab Camper Village  
Jacob Lake, Arizona

<https://www.kaibabcampervillage.com>

The club has reserved 15 spaces #22-30,  
#46-51 at \$45 per night. We were advised  
that if anyone plans to arrive before July  
30, they better make their reservations



ASAP. The contact phone is (928) 643-7804 (before 10/15) or (928) 635-5251 (after 10/15)  
— be sure to mention you are with the UWAC Airstream Club to get one of the reserved  
group sites. Please note they close the park at 10 AM Oct 15, so there is something of a  
short fuse on this. That said, reservations can be made after Oct 15, but there will be an  
alternate phone number that will be made available. Please shoot an email to Holly  
Jorgensen ([ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com)) after you have made your reservation, so  
we know who is coming.

Additional rally details will be shared as arrangements are finalized; special thanks to  
Darrell & Linda Galloway for making these arrangements!

Rally co-hosts: Linda & Darrell Galloway and Holly & Ron Jorgensen.

**September – Monument Valley.** Due to the Covid outbreak that has decimated the  
area, arrangements are pending. We will lock in dates as soon as possible. If you'd like  
to co-host, we'd love it. Let us know ([kslund@aol.com](mailto:kslund@aol.com); [jeanneL333@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneL333@gmail.com))  
Keith and Jeanne Lund

### **October – Sun Valley Jazz Festival, Idaho**

Several UWAC members will be attending the WBCCI Region 10 rally held in  
conjunction with the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival in Ketchum, Idaho.

Registration details for the Region 10 rally will be shared once available, but advanced  
ticket sales for the music festival are now underway.



Ticket sales at the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz Festival will be limited, so advanced purchase is advised. Here's the link to the event website to make advanced purchase of tickets and RV lot reservations (note you need to select each separately on the website):

Event Website: <https://jazz.ticketspice.com/sun-valley-jazz-festival-2021>

Region 10 will announce their rally registration process at a later date; rally fees are expected to be minimal (likely \$15 per person or so.) UWAC will share this info. with its members once it is available. Region 10 hosts for the 2021 SVJF rally will again be Bob & Darlene Caldwell. Rally fees will be paid separately from Jazz Festival event tickets / RV reservation fees. UWAC will not be having a separate registration process, but if you are a UWAC member planning to attend, please let us know by email at [ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com). RV lot is dry-camping in a ski parking area; generators are permitted except during overnight quiet hours.

## Recipes

### Chicken Enchilada Skillet (One Pot Meal)



This chicken enchilada skillet is a delicious one pot meal that the whole family will love.

Perfect for Cinco de Mayo or any day! Author Marjorie @APinchOfHealthy

### Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons oil (olive or avocado are what I normally use)
- 1 small yellow onion (or 1/2 large) diced
- 1 medium bell pepper diced
- 1 lb uncooked boneless skinless chicken breast, chopped into bite size pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup white rice uncooked (I used Jasmine)
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 can diced tomatoes undrained (14.5 ounces)
- 1 can Old El Paso green chiles undrained (4 ounces)
- 1 can mild Old El Paso enchilada sauce (10 ounces)
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 can black beans drained and rinsed (15 ounce)
- 1 cup Mexican blend cheese shredded (or more, to taste)
- Optional toppings: green onions cilantro or diced avocado

### Instructions

1. Add the oil to a large 5 quart skillet or pot and preheat over medium heat for 1 minute.
2. Add the onion, bell pepper, chicken, salt, and pepper. Cook for about 5 minutes, until the onion softens and chicken is no longer pink, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the rice to the pot and stir. Cook for 2-3 minutes to toast the rice, stirring occasionally. Some of the chicken and rice should be golden brown.

4. Add the chicken broth, tomatoes, green chilis, enchilada sauce, frozen corn, chili powder, and cumin. Stir, and bring the liquid to a boil.
5. Reduce to a simmer and cover the skillet/pot. Cook covered, stirring occasionally. Let it cook until the rice has absorbed all of the liquid (about 20 minutes for white rice, brown rice will take longer).
6. Remove from the heat. Add the black beans and stir to combine. Top with cheese. Cover and let it rest for 5 minutes.
7. Optional: Garnish with cilantro, green onions and avocad

Adapted from The Wholesome Dish.

## Tech Corner

Article from How To Airstream November 2020

### Six tapes for your tool bag



I'd like to be able to say that once you get your new Airstream you don't have to worry about anything going wrong with it for years, but that's not the reality of RV ownership—no matter what brand you buy. Bouncing down the road inevitably takes a toll, specifically in the form of leaky plumbing fittings, loose screws, and broken rivets. The wise Airstreamer travels with a basic kit of tools to deal with those little on-the-road problems.

A perfect example came up a couple of weeks ago when we towed our 2020 Airstream Globetrotter 300 miles out to the quiet desert town of Borrego Springs, CA. After seven hours of driving all I wanted to do was go for a nice walk through the state park campground, but a mysterious puddle of water on the floor changed my priorities. I traced it back to the Airstream's water pump, where a plastic screwed-on fitting was spitting water.

Tightening the fitting didn't stop the leak, and it leaked badly even when the pump was



o!, so I had these options:

1. Camp for 4 nights without water
2. Hitch up and tow 60 miles to the nearest RV technician
3. Fix it myself

Ten minutes later, the problem was solved, thanks to just one indispensable item: Teflon (plumber's) tape. A few wraps of that stuff on the threads of the fitting and the leak was gone—and our camping trip was saved.

Tape is amazing stuff. There's a tape for all kinds of problems, and it's incredibly easy to use. Having a variety of specialized tapes has gotten me out of dozens of jams while traveling.

Here are the six types of tape that I always have in my Airstream tool kit:

**Teflon / masking / double-stick molding/ electrical / silicone / butyl**

Let's go over all six types and see where they're useful in an Airstream.

### **Teflon tape (AKA plumber's tape)**



As I mentioned, Teflon tape is great for sealing leaking threads on plumbing. If you get a type that is also rated for gas use, you can use it on propane “pipe thread” fittings too, but keep in mind that most of the propane fittings on an Airstream are flare or compression fittings that shouldn't get tape. I use it routinely on all threaded water fittings, especially the drain plug for the water heater. This is the tape

I use the most overall.

We include Teflon tape that is rated for gas and water in our *Maintenance Essentials Kit* and our *Propane EssentialsKit* so if you have either of those, you've got a roll already.

### **Masking tape**

I don't use masking tape a lot in the Airstream, but when I have to replace a pop rivet inside the Airstream, masking tape is ideal for protecting the surrounding metal surface.

Sometimes the rivet tool “bounces” and can scratch the aluminum. A few layers of masking tape prevents that.

### **Double-stick molding tape**

This stuff is surprisingly handy. The 3M “VHB” (Very High Bond) version is great for hanging pictures on smooth walls, and making other attachments where you don’t want to drill a hole. I’ve even used an automotive version of this to secure wires on the Airstream’s roof, and it held up through all kinds of weather and the relentless Arizona sun for years.



The best part of this tape is that it can be easily removed, even years later, without damage and without leaving a gluey residue. Because this tape stretches rather than tearing, you’ll need some good heavy-duty scissors to cut it.

### **Electrical tape**

If you get into little repairs of the Airstream’s 12 volt electrical wiring, you’ll want some electrical tape. But not everyone needs this. When I’m working on electrical stuff I tend to use splices and other (more permanent) connections so the electrical tape gets used very little. I think I’m still using up a roll that I bought in 2010.

### **Silicone tape**

This is one that most people have never heard of, and I’ll admit that it’s only rarely needed in an Airstream. But when you need it, there’s nothing like it. Silicone tape isn’t adhesive. It has the fascinating property that it sticks only to itself and only when you stretch it. This makes it perfect for wrapping around things to secure them like a custom-made rubber band.

You just wrap it tight around the object you want to secure, and the silicone instantly fuses to itself. And it’s waterproof, which makes it a perfect (temporary) seal for leaking pipes.



Two months ago on a trip through New Mexico I noticed that two of the acorn nuts that secure a rock guard on the front of the Airstream had worked loose and fallen off. The rock guard was flapping in the breeze and threatening to come completely loose while towing. We pulled over the road but I didn’t have replacement acorn nuts available, and we were (of course) in the middle of nowhere. What to do? Enter silicone tape. I

wrapped the exposed threaded rods with a few layers of tightly-stretched silicone tape, essentially fashioning temporary acorn nuts made of silicone. This held long enough to get to Silver City and stop at the hardware store for new acorn nuts. (I also put blue Loc-Tite on the threads and bought two extra nuts for my tool kit, just in case.) Like the double-stick tape above, you'll need scissors to cut lengths of silicone tape. Cutting is also the only way it can be removed. Since it has no adhesive it always comes off perfectly cleanly.

### **Butyl tape**

This stuff is the secret weapon of many an RV tech. It's a putty that comes in a roll, so it can be stretched, trimmed, and formed into any shape you need. Use it to fill gaps around the underbelly (to restrict rodents from entering), plug holes, stop rainwater leaks at the windows, seal cracked glass, or use it as a replacement for glue. It sticks to almost everything, stays gooey for a long time and makes a long-lasting seal against air and water. Think of it as a substitute for chewing gum. Last week I found a new use for my roll of butyl tape. Two screws that hold an overhead cabinet hinge stripped out during a recent trip, and the cabinet door was hanging at an odd angle. The screw holes were so enlarged that I had to do *the old matchstick trick* to make the holes useable again. But the holes were in the upper part of the cabinet, facing down, so the matchsticks kept falling out. Butyl tape was the perfect solution. I tore off a small piece and smeared the putty / tape around the matchsticks. This made them sticky enough to stay in place. After that, the fix was easy.



### **The one tape I don't carry**

Did you notice the tape I didn't mention? Duct tape. Lots of people think duct tape is wonderful stuff, but I hate it. It leaves a gross sticky residue on things, it stretches when I don't want it to, it's not very strong, not waterproof, and not resistant to UV. If you carry the other tapes listed here, you won't need duct tape. And, if you have all six of these tapes and scissors in your Airstream tool kit, you will find there are a lot of repairs you can do even if you don't think of yourself as being particularly handy. One of these tapes will probably save your camping trip someday, just like they did for us in the California desert.



# Worth Noting....

## Direct from the December Region 11 Newsletter:



The **Wyoming Unit** has some very exciting news – this club has been challenged for new membership in the past few years – I am VERY pleased to announce that we have a **new President. Denise Busby** has volunteered to take that position. She is very excited about the role and I am confident she will do very well and we will see the Wyoming unit grow. Your region officers are working with her to plan some excellent rallies – Wyoming is a spectacular state for us to explore. The Wyoming unit hosts the Antelope

National Rally which in the past has been somewhat of a hunting rally – it is held on a private 100,000 acre ranch. In the past few years it has become difficult to get hunting licenses and I know some members are not hunters, so we are in the process of changing its focus a bit, ideas include photography classes, crafts etc.

We have reached out to Denise giving her a link to our newsletter and letting her know that some of our members may be interested in becoming affiliate members when she is ready for that step.

## CLUB FLAGS

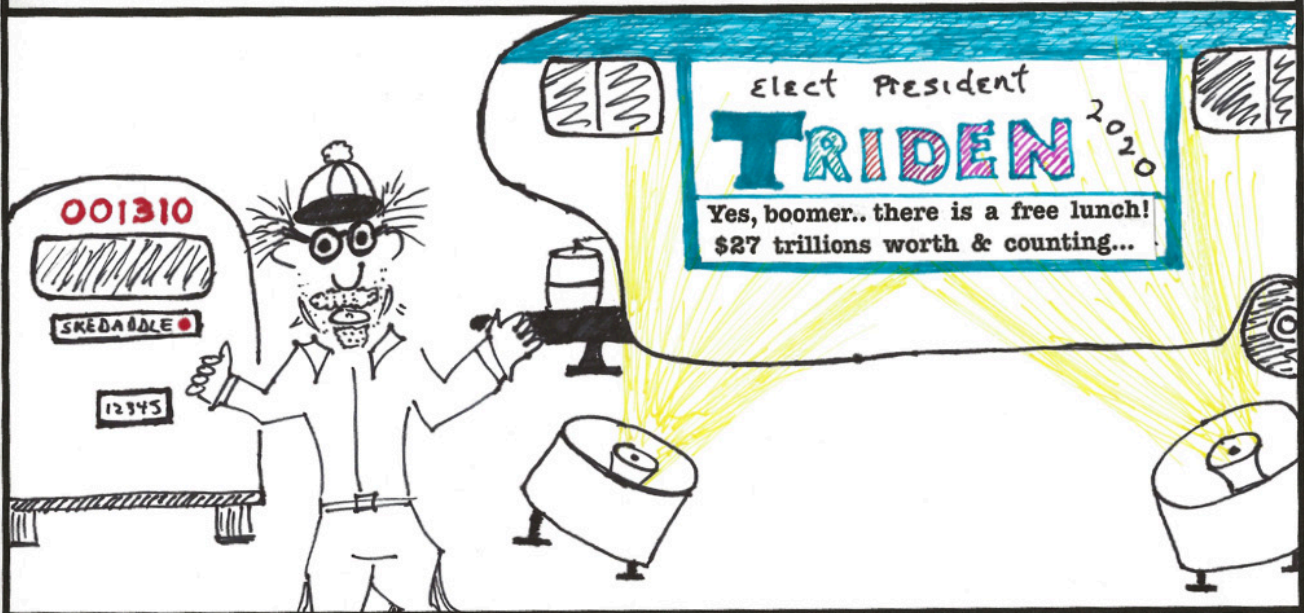
Just a reminder that anyone can order the club flags that you see around, from Flagology. They can be personalized with your names and WBCCI number. Just use this link to their website since it's a custom item. The stands are sold separately but are available at garden centers, Home Depot and Walmart. We recommend that you secure the curved end of the stand with ribbon or a rubber band since the flag can fly off in higher winds.

<https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-utahs-wasatch-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>



# Festus A. Streamer

R.S. Jorgensen



Now the election's over, what to do with the political banners, flags and laser light shows on all the RVs? Well at least folks weren't blaring campaign music all night too.

Bring on  
the  
NEW YEAR!