

# UWAC Club News

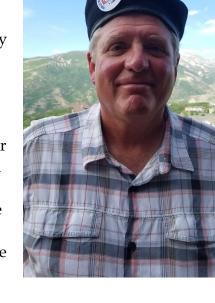
#### **Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club News**

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know you all are tired of seeing my picture in every newsletter, but Barb insisted I get some use out of the beanie I purchased for my duties at the International Rally that was cancelled. Plus she thinks I look pretty dashing.

This month I want to highlight our new club postcard, designed by Jeanne Lund. Thank you Jeanne! They will be available at all the rallies for you to pick up and keep in your camper. One of the things Barb and I love about camping in our Airstream, is meeting all the interesting people in campgrounds. We love walking around and seeking out the other Airstreamers and talking to them about the club. Many of them have never heard about WBCCI or knew there were local clubs. We often hand out our club postcards or leave them on their steps under a rock if we can't connect in



person. So grab some postcards from us at the next rally and spread the word about our awesome club.

I also want to encourage you to get out in your camper. We've made a few trips, and have found that "getting out of Dodge" has been good for the body and

soul. I think we have a couple of "no host" rallies in the works, and would suggest you give such an event serious consideration.

Jim Powell

## Stories from the Road...

#### Camping Near Salmon, Idaho

Jim and I just returned from a camping trip to Salmon, Idaho having little experience with this state and hearing of its beauty. Salmon is about 6 hours away, and near the Montana border. It's surrounded by the Salmon-Challis National Forest and has the beautiful Salmon River winding through the area. The last hour of the trip on Hwy 93 is gorgeous!





We stayed at Elk

Bend RV Park, a small family owned spot with pretty shaded sites, about 20 miles south of Salmon. It was clean and quiet, and the owners were helpful tour guides. Though not on the river, there is river

access across the street next to The Dusty Mule Bar and Grill (which gets good

reviews). The area offers hiking, fishing, ATV trails and river float trips. We checked out this spot for a future club rally. On the way home we also saw a lovely spot ON the river, 18 miles north of Challis called Royal Gorge Resort. We may check them out next time...since we plan to return.



Barb Powell

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#### Camping At Atlantic City, Wyoming

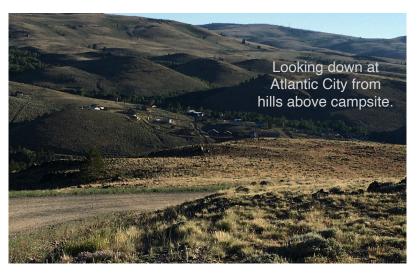
Atlantic City Campground is approximately a three hour drive from Park City on paved roads with wide open horizons and wildlife visible most of the way. We arrived on Wednesday at the end of June and stayed through the following Monday which was just the right amount of time. All campsites are on a first come first served basis with no way to make a reservation. As the BLM camp sits at an elevation of 8,127 feet, the weather was unpredictable. We enjoyed a variety of temperature changes including some beautiful thunder showers during our stay.

Atlantic City Campground has 18 campsites and is in the South Pass area along the Main Fork of Crock Creek. The campground has vault toilets and water. Each campsite has a table, fire ring and grill. There are no hookups at this campground, but there are a few pull through campsites that can accommodate larger RVs. We stayed in #15 which was deep, roomy and beautifully wooded.

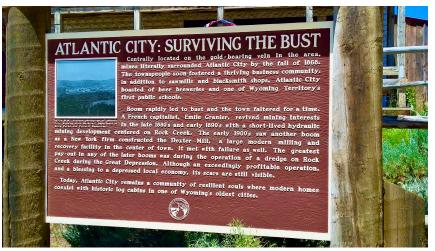
The area encourages hiking, biking, bird watching, fly fishing (which Keith did daily), historic sites and most other



activities outdoor enthusiasts enjoy. One of the best things about this BLM campground is it is on a small, remote but paved road and the sites are very spacious with a large area between you and your neighbors. The bathrooms were cleaned daily with a power steamer. It felt like



we were deep into the forest, hundreds of miles away from everything even though it is located only 2.5 miles off of the main highway into Lander (30 miles to the northeast) on state highway 28. It was DARK at night! There is another smaller BLM campground (Atlantic Gulch) about 0.5 miles away. It is also in a nice forested area with 9 sites that are first come, first served.



you will find the Atlantic City Mercantile (restaurant and bar). The Mercantile was closed when we were there due to Covid-19 but gets great reviews in Trip Advisor. Also in town is a small grocery store, a pottery shop and a walking historical tour.

Keith and Jeanne Lund

The campground is a 7 mile amazing drive from the Oregon Trail and Willie's Handcart Company Memorial. Look that one up on Google. It's an interesting piece of pioneer history.

Atlantic City, a bustling community of about 57 residents, is only three miles away and worth a visit. It is a treasure of old and new houses and hardy souls who seem to enjoy living in the good old days. There



## EXCITING IN 2020

### 2020 Rally Schedule

July: No Host/Open

August: Bryce Canyon National Park (we have reservations at Ruby's) (SOLD OUT)

Dates: August 13-17 (4 nights) Hosts: Jim and Barb Powell

**September: 9 through 12 or 13**: No Host/Singletree Campground (Boulder Mountain, up from Torrey),

Cut and paste link below for flyer.

https://utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net/files/2020/06/Singletree-Mini-NoHost-Rally.pdf

October 9-12 (3 nights) Capitol Reef Rally, October 9-12, 2020.

Planning is underway for the Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club's Capitol Reef Rally, to be held October 9 -12 at the Thousand Lakes RV Park in Torrey, UT. It's a great place to serve as a base to explore the beautiful Capitol Reef, Boulder, and Escalante Grand Staircase areas. Details and registration information will be coming soon.

Your hosts, Steve and Cindy MacKenzie, <a href="mailto:stevo@infowest.com">stevo@infowest.com</a>

**November**: Club Dinner (TBD)

Additional 2020 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, or any of the UWAC club officers listed under the Officers tab.)

### Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival 2020 October 14 - 17

Attendees from all fifty states, every Canadian province, and several foreign countries gather each October to celebrate live performances of America's music. The Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival was birthed out of a love and appreciation for jazz music by Tom & Barbara Hazzard and is held mid-October each year at the Sun Valley Inn in Sun Valley, Idaho.

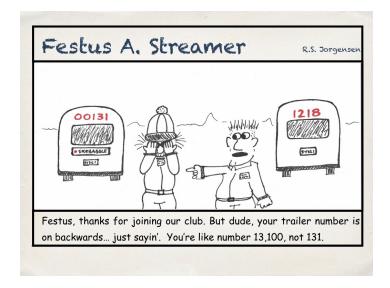
This experience of telling the story of "American" music is our passion. Amazing isn't it? We all get to be part of this history while it's still in the making. The names that ring through eternity—Armstrong, Ellington, Fitzgerald, Beiderbecke, Goodman, Holliday, Basie, Shaw, Miller, and so many more—have created a legacy of delight that lives on through those of us who participate in this jazz festival. The history of this music echoes the history of twentieth century America.

This jazz event is held this year because of your continued support and encouragement. You tell people how much fun it is and that they need to come to Sun Valley. It continues because people have a heart to support the event and because we have incredible volunteers. It will continue as long as we all do our part to provide a place for these dedicated artists to express themselves and expose us to the art form called Jazz. (Due to the rise in Covid 19 Cases, this Festival May be cancelled)

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

Please make our new members welcome and introduce yourselves at every opportunity.

> Tony Ecock & Laura Stuart Lynell Elmlinger Vic & Christine Gabrenas Ian Wade & Ginger McKenna Robert & Tamara Castellano



### Tech Corner

Automatic refrigerator coil cooling fan. A Hello out there. Now that it is summer one of the issues an Airstreamer has to deal with is keeping his or her refrigerator working as efficient as possible during the hot weather. Your refrigerator may work on 120VAC, 12VDC, or propane. Either way, during the really hot weather, it helps to add air movement over the refrigerator cooling coils (on the back of the refrigerator) to increase cooling and reduce heat in the refrigerator air vent compartment. This is best done by adding a cooling fan in the refrigerator air vent compartment with an on-off switch (either near the fan or inside your trailer). Even better would be a totally automatic system. Basically, you can set it and forget it. Here are the details for the automatic refrigerator coil cooling fan. Photos available upon request.Parts from Amazon: \$7.99 – Switch – Rio Rand RR-PWM-15V, low voltage DC motor speed controller; \$26.99 – Thermostat – TDCQ non-programmable electronic thermostat, 1 heat/1 cool (you will use only the cool switch on this job); \$9.99 – Fan – Fugetek 12V DC brushless blower cooling fan, HT-07530D12, 75 x 75 x 30 mm, 2 pin, dual ball bearing computer fan. Connections: 12V power connection – red+, black -; red + to + switch terminal #3; black – to blue T-stat (Y terminal); yellow T-stat (0 terminal) to switch #4; switch #1 black to fan black; switch #2 red + to fan red +; switch ON/OFF/speed adjustment. Wire color is not critical – use what you have. 18 GA is fine. The Rio Rand switch allows you to choose and set the optimal fan speed (for sound); The T-stat allows you to set the temperature at which

the fan comes on. As soon as the temperature reaches the T-stat set point the fan will automatically turn off. I set the T-stat cool setting for 77 degrees. At 77 degrees ambient temperature the fan comes on. As soon as the temperature drops below 77 degrees the fan will shut off. Thermostat wire is fine for this job. T-stat setting on the faceplate: fan – auto; system – cool; setting – 77 degrees. Email any questions to techhelp@wbcci.org. Best Regards, Happy trails to you. See you, safely, down the road. BLUE BERET JUNE 2020

# Worth Noting....

On our last camping trip we met an interesting couple named Marc and Tricia who have been "full-timing it" in an Airstream since 2016. They have a website, blog and podcast that details their experiences, offers advice, has helpful videos etc.. Marc is quite the extrovert and we enjoyed camping next to them in Ketchum, Idaho. Check out their "Keep Your Daydream" website: <a href="https://www.keepyourdaydream.com/our-story/">https://www.keepyourdaydream.com/our-story/</a>. Marc also told us that they are member of "Harvest Hosts". For an annual fee, members can camp free at over 1000 locations—wineries, farms, museums and other locations. He said they have stayed at fun places, met interesting people and their sons even worked at an orchard while camping in Washington. They offer a 10% discount through their website. Get more information at: <a href="https://harvesthosts.com/">https://harvesthosts.com/</a>. Barb and Jim Powell

### Merchandise

For official UWAC merchandise head on over to our online store. Purchases will be sent directly to your home.

#### uwaconlinestore.axomo.com

#### From the editor:

Happy Camping! If you have a fun trip, a tech tip, a new exciting destination or pictures you would be willing to share, we would love to include them. The newsletter will come out quarterly so we hope to have great new information for our October edition. Email me: <a href="mailto:jeanneL333@gmail.com">jeanneL333@gmail.com</a> and see me at the rallies. It's your newsletter, let's make it informative and fun. Jeanne Lund





Two sided UWAC postcards. Pick them up at your next rally and pass them out to prospective members.