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President's Corner



How many Airstreams will you own in your lifetime?

Last month I wrote about cleaning and organizing your Airstream. This month I am writing about how many Airstreams will you own in your lifetime. I was told by a member of the club back in 2004 that I would probably own four or five Airstreams in my lifetime. I did not believe them at that time because I was still on my first Airstream and it had been my grandparents' Airstream. Little did I know that what she said long ago is so true today.

So far in my life I have had three Airstreams. My fiancé and I each own an Airstream presently. We decided that if we got married we didn't need two Airstreams, so we are selling both of our Airstreams and getting a new one together. We ordered a new one from Foley RV Center back in January. It should be here in early June. This will be my fourth Airstream and my fiancé's second Airstream. Now comes the hard part: totally cleaning out both Airstreams and getting them ready to sell. Also, since we have two sets of everything, we now get to kit-bash and keep the good out of both trailers - plus a few items that neither one of us can do without. That would be cast iron pans for me and anything turquoise for Kathy. The rest will be going to the local thrift store and someone will get a good deal on a lot of good used Airstream stuff.

We are super excited to get the new Airstream and start making new memories in it. Kathy and I have started ordering some new decorating items for the new trailer i.e. pillows, bedspreads and some new towels etc. You have to have a new decorating scheme for each trailer. Thanks Kathy!!

What will your story be on how many Airstreams will you own in your lifetime? If you are like me, it may be four or five Airstreams. Each Airstream has brought special memories with it that can never be replaced. So if you are on your first one, GET READY! There will be another one in your future and more after that.

Hope to see you at the next rally or you never know when you get parked next to a fellow Airstreamer. We were in Key West and parked at a park for three nights right next to Frank and Debbie DiBona. We also met another Airstream couple at the park. We got to know all of them at some impromptu Happy Hours. A fitting way for one last memory in my Airstream. Can't wait for the new Airstream to get here!

See you down the road.

Andrew M. Selberg



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I cook with lentils quite a bit, at home and in our Airstream. They are lightweight, last virtually forever, and serve multiple uses. Lentils are high in fiber and complex carbohydrates, while low in fat and calories. Don't know about you, but I've gained some weight over the holidays and the COVID quarantine, so watching fat and calories is on my list. Lentils also have a high protein content (1/2 cup delivers about 12 g of protein) a good part of anyone's diet, especially for vegetarians or vegans. They are naturally

gluten-free, making them a delicious staple in a gluten-free kitchen.

There are multiple types of lentils with different cooking characteristics. Brown, black and green lentils tend to hold their shape after cooking. This makes them fabulous for adding to salads or soups where you want the individual lentils to stand out. Red lentils (orange in color) break down when cooked, making themselves useful in curries, hummus, and soups as a thickening

agent. Red split lentils make a wonderful Dal (an Indian curry soup). You may also find specialty lentils such as Black Beluga or French green (Puy), even blue lentils from Australia. The foodie that I am, I brought home a bag of blue lentils from Australia in my suitcase. Most of our lentils here in the US come from our neighbors in Canada. A good source for lentil recipes is Lentils.org.

Insta Pot Lentil Soup with Vegetables and Spinach

This recipe is super easy and fast and uses one pot. You can also make it in a crock pot or a soup pot on the stove. And it is delicious! I have halved the full recipe adapted from thekitchen.com. The full recipe made a lot, too much for my 3-quart Insta Pot, though if you double this it will fit in a 6 quart or larger pot. As written here, it will serve two people several meals, or eat and freeze the remainder. A larger family should have enough for one meal or add a salad and bread to dip into the broth.

- 1 small to medium onion, diced large
- 2 celery stalks, diced large
- 1 large or 2 small carrots, halved and sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup of green, French green or brown lentils (or use a combination, which the photo shows)
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp coriander
- 1/2 tsp paprika (hot or sweet, your choice)
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 32 oz box of vegetable broth
- 1 15 oz can of fire-roasted tomatoes (this really boosts the flavor, but if you don't have it, use chopped tomatoes)
- To add after cooking: 2-3 cups of baby spinach or regular spinach chopped into large pieces.

1. Put everything but spinach into your Insta Pot. Lock the lid and close pressure valve. Set to cook on high pressure for 15 minutes.
2. Release pressure slowly (with a long-handled spoon and standing far away).
3. Open lid (after the pressure button drops down) add spinach and stir in.
4. Optional: You can add croutons or cheese on the top.

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You can cook lentils in water or broth. The green and black/brown varieties take about 20-25 minutes on the stove and 10-15 minutes in an Insta Pot (after it heats up which makes the cooking time about the same).

A basic lentil recipe that you can serve as a side, or over rice, is to mix $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of lentils with

2 cups of vegetable broth, 1 tsp onion powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp garlic powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp oregano, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp paprika, and salt and pepper to taste. Everything goes in one pot and cooks until lentils are soft, about 20-25 minutes. After coming to a boil, let simmer, covered, until done.

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Last month, I asked readers to send me some of their favorite campgrounds. You responded so generously and today, I'm going to share some of them with you. I've also added rating and comments from campgroundreviews.com. Favorites range from Maine to Oregon with some stops in between.

The Cathedral Pines Campground, Eustis, ME (9.5). This is a beautiful county owned park set amidst towering Norwegian pines on Flagstaff Lake. The sites are large and well dispersed and the lakeside sites are picturesque with views of the Crockers, a series of premiere Maine mountains. You are within quick reach of Sugarloaf (a world class skiing resort) and Rangeley. There are amazing hiking opportunities and Moose viewing abounds. It's very hard to get into but if you can get a reservation, and you are way up there in Maine, it's worth a stop.

Fort Pickens CG at Fort Pickens National Seashore, Pensacola Beach, FL (8.1) This park is super close to the beach, good restaurants are nearby and is very quiet except when you get to watch The Blue Angels practice from nearby Pensacola NAS. Love the hiking trails. The main fort is accessible by foot, bike, or vehicle from the campground. The ranger led talks about the fort were terrific, as was the Discovery Center.

Goulding's Campground in Monument Valley, UT (7.7). We never tire of Monument Valley and the surrounding area. You should request one of the back in sites and you won't be jammed in with the motorhomes in the pull through sites. The campground is spacious, clean and

in a beautiful canyon surrounded by majestic rock mountains. It is an engineering feat and is built into the red rocks around the valley. There are great hikes to the campground's very own natural arch. The views are some of the best and the environment is one of a kind. Goulding's has everything you need from food and fuel to incomparable views.

Ridgway State Park, Ridgway, CO (4.7 out of 5 on Google reviews) This is a great location for exploring Ouray, Telluride, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP. The large sites range from full hookups to water and electric only. Trout fishing is only a short walk from many sites. Stay here for a week to fully enjoy the area around the park and the park itself. The Park Rangers are really nice and helpful. The campground host keeps the park clean and is available if needed. There is a bike trail that leads you to other park areas but it is quite steep. You will see quite a bit of wildlife including deer that come to the campsites in the evening. The town of Ridgway has a lot of activities in the summer.

One member writes in detail about their favorite park: Our most favorite campground in Maine was **Schoodic Woods (9.2)** on "the quiet side" of Acadia National Park. The Schoodic Peninsula is actually part of Acadia and the campground, built in 2015, is close to Winter Harbor, ME, a quintessential small Maine town brimming over with picture-worthy sites at every turn. The town has several shops, a general store, a few restaurants, a grocery store and laundromat (offering showers for a small fee). There is a really good seafood market (The Lobstore) where we bought the fresh catch to cook for

dinner several nights. There is a walk-on ferry from Winter Harbor to Bar Harbor, allowing visitors to use the bus system to visit Acadia from Bar Harbor. Alternately, the drive around to Bar Harbor is a scenic 1 hr. 15 minute ride. The road around the Schoodic Peninsula becomes one-way just past the campground and it has a number of pullouts where you can hike, picnic or take pictures and video as mementos of your trip.

Schoodic Woods Campground, <https://www.nps.gov/acad/playourvisit/schoodic-woods-campground.htm> has 41 RV and 13 tent sites on separate loops. RV sites are available with 20-30-50 amp service and water or water only for \$36-40 per night. (Senior and Access passes are accepted.) A dump station is available near the office. There are both back in and pull-through sites and the bathhouses have flush toilets. The grounds are rustically beautiful and adequate vegetation provides privacy between sites. The campground is open late May to mid-October and takes reservations 3 months out through recreation.gov. We day-tripped so much that we never had time to take advantage of the campground activities, so our 9-day stay was clearly too short, meaning we will have to visit again. We have moved up to a 31-foot Classic Limited recently so my husband and I look forward to going back and staying longer.

Grayton Beach State Park (8.7) in Santa Rose Beach, FL, between Panama City and Destin, FL. It is truly the Florida of old. The park has an uncrowded pristine sugar sand beach with crystal clear water, surrounded by dunes,

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palmetto palms/bushes and moss-covered oak trees. The fauna provides a nice buffer to each campsite. Plenty of walking trails including miles of paved biked paths. Colorful Seaside, FL (Truman Show filmed here) is a walk or short bike ride from the park. Our three cross-country Airstream trips always included a stop at Grayton Beach State Park.

One of our long time favorites is **Cape Blanco State Park (9.2)** on the southern Oregon coast near Port Orford. The sites are surrounded with hedges to block the wind that also makes for nice privacy. The park features beach access, hiking trails, and the lighthouse used to be open for tours at night. The area is secluded and beautiful and works for any time of year. Sites have water and electricity.

For us, it's far enough from home to feel like a real trip but not so far that it takes all day to get there.

Another Oregon park ranked in the favorites: We love camping at the **Pelton PGE Park (9.9)** near Madras, OR. It is set on a big lake that is there as a result of a dam. There is a great marina where you can rent boats and other water toys, have lunch and shop for a few essentials. Many of the campsites are right on the water but high up. The views are amazing and the area is high desert. There is electric at most sites but come filled with water. There are spigots throughout the park should you run low. We love renting a patio boat and wandering up and down the lake, so peaceful.

Thank you for your ideas. So sorry I don't have room to include every favorite!

I'm going to share with you something that was sent to me about mentoring. I found it both thought provoking about application to my own club and I think it will be really helpful for others to read as well. This comes from Larry and Terry Madden.

Wingmen

We have all been there, the new kid on the block wandering around aimlessly, trying to figure out the rules of the road on which we have decided to travel. Becoming a new member of our Airstream Club International can be a bit daunting and uneasy at first. Unfortunately, some new club members, for one reason or another, find it difficult to navigate through our club's organizational structure, nomenclature, webpage and a laundry list of different process.

A number of years ago, The Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club was experiencing a large increase in membership. Our rallies were growing larger with more and more club members participating. It was a wonderful time for everyone, right? The club leadership soon discovered that while most members were having a great time, we had some members who felt out of the loop. For one reason or another, they had not gotten the word or simply did not understand how our club worked.

During my Air Force career when being assigned to a new base, I was also assigned a Wingman. This individual was familiar with the base and its operations. It was the responsibility of my Wingman to guide me through an orientation of my new surroundings, as well as the day-to-day does and don'ts on and off base. It was with the Wingman concept my wife Terry and I decided to develop the idea of being a sponsor for a new club member. The idea was simple enough. After introducing ourselves to our new friends, we explained to them that our number one priority was to make certain they would not fall through the proverbial cracks in the floor. Reaching out by phone, email and in person insured our new friends and members of our club were updated with current and upcoming club activities. We also shared operational knowledge and the history of WBCCI to help our new friends understand the rules of the road.

Many new club members are also new Airstream owners. The complexities and operations of the systems that make our Airstreams so comfortable can also be overwhelming to our new owners. As a sponsor, you are in a unique position to help your new friends navigate the challenges of ownership. While our Airstreams are the conduit that connects us all together, socializing and enjoying the company of new and old friends is the glue that binds us together as a club. Please join us in welcoming your new club members with enthusiasm, kindness and an understanding of being the new kid on the block.

Thank you Larry and Terry, both for sharing your story and also being great Wing-people for those in your club.

Do you want your club members to be able to sign up and pay for rallies on the Internet? This is now possible. You will need a person knowledgeable in setting all of this up for you but it is such a great way to organize and pay for rallies. And each club would need to purchase the JotForm application, about \$150 per year. Some of you may be having people sign up for rallies themselves with a campground, and this won't work for that purpose. But if the club is arranging rally sites for its members, this works so well. Check out airstreamclub.org/Oregon and scroll down to the events link to see what can be done with this format. Something just slightly different can be found at airstreamclub.org/Idaho. There is such enormous potential for our club with this new website opportunity.

Hope you are all staying healthy out there. Our local club is moving forward cautiously with lots of rallies this spring, carefully planned to be as safe as possible. Hal and I got our first Moderna vaccine and we can hardly wait for the second. I'm also trained now to administer the vaccine so can't wait to get more in stock so we can move quickly to save lives. Hope is on the horizon!

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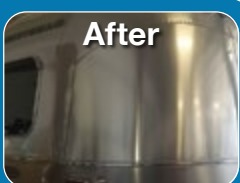
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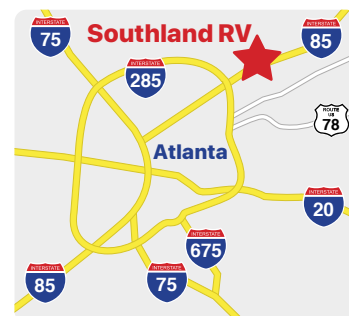
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Caravanning Up the Oregon Coast in the Face of COVID-19, Wildfires and Suffocating Smoke

Carmen & José Ortiz, BRN 17655

The Beginning

To say the year 2020 will be etched in the memories of us all who survive COVID-19, unrelenting wildfires, social unrest, and a sagging economy is an understatement. As Airstreamers all over the country were forced to cancel their scheduled caravans and rallies due to the pandemic, the Northern California Airstream Club (NorCal) refused to concede to these challenges by continually moving forward on its planned caravan north along the Oregon Coast.



Two years ago, NorCal members Carmen Ortiz and Carole Echols brainstormed a caravan adventure along the Oregon Coast, beginning in mid-September 2020 at the northwestern tip of California and continuing all the way to the Columbia River: seventeen days and six stops to enjoy the numerous activities and scenery of one of America's revered coastlines (all with public access no less). The schedule for the caravan was set for September 13-30, 2020. The Oregon Coast Caravan (U-438) was advertised in The Poppy, NorCal's Newsletter, in September 2019. Shortly thereafter, 20 Airstreams were on the list. They all paid their deposits and the caravan was a go.

The year-end holidays came and went. Everyone was very excited about the upcoming caravan. Then, on March 11, 2020, the novel coronavirus

(COVID-19) outbreak was declared a global pandemic. Most of the country shut down in an effort to stem the spread, with stay-at-home orders and travel restrictions surfacing everywhere. Soon thereafter, numerous caravans and rallies were canceled, including the International. Just like that, the 2020 Oregon Coast Caravan was also in jeopardy of being canceled, with all the effort behind it being for naught. But instead of following suit, the Oregon caravan leaders elected to "wait and see" before deciding to cancel, with the hope that time was on their side, and conditions would improve by the time September rolled around.

By August 2020, the pandemic did not appear to affect Oregon as it did California. The leaders continued forward with their plans since conditions appeared to be improving and there was more knowledge about the virus. But in late August/early September, wildfires continually erupted in California and Oregon, closing roads, impacting traffic, and spreading a thick blanket of unhealthy smoke everywhere, including the coast. The leaders again faced a decision: should they cancel or should they go forward? A vigorous process of monitoring the virus and wildfire impacts ensued.

Hoping that the fires would be contained by September 13, the leaders decided once again to move forward with the caravan. The proviso was that all attendees would be required to maintain social distancing, wear masks, and follow all local and state regulations around the pandemic and fire situations. All but three of the original sign-ups stayed the course, amidst the smoke and uncertainty, to commence their Airstream Adventure.

The Journey

Ramblin' Redwoods RV Park in Crescent City, CA served as the caravan's start location on September 13, 2020. Two nights were spent there under smoky, ashy, foggy skies. The planned "welcome dinner" was canceled because the caterer went out of business, a victim to the pandemic stay-at-home orders and business closures. Undaunted, the leaders commenced a socially distanced/masked "welcome meeting" (with favorite beverage) and after a brief interlude for dinner, they arranged for the caravanners to sit around campfires in groups of 4 to make artisanal

s'mores and conversation. It was a hit! Participants shared their journeys through the pandemic and discussed how glad they were that they were finally going somewhere in their Airstreams again.



One of the objectives of this caravan was to take it easy, not drive too many hours from one stop to another so that the journey could be enjoyed. Another was to have time to see as many attractions at each stop as possible, either as part of a group or solo. So, on day three, September 15, Airstreams caravanned north to Bandon, Oregon, only 109 miles from Crescent City. As soon as they crossed over the Oregon border, about 20 miles, the smoke dissipated. It was now a beautiful, sunny, clear driving day to the next stop, Bullards Beach State Park, for three nights.

Notwithstanding that the pandemic caused many facilities in/around Bandon to close to the public (e.g., most lighthouses, some hiking trails and museums), the group was determined to make the best of it by enjoying the scenery, wearing masks as needed, and adjusting as they went along.

The first group activity occurred on day four: a 4.5 hour, 64-mile round-trip ride up the Rogue River on one of Jerry's Rogue River Jet Boats, in this case an historic mail boat that is still in operation. Along the way, caravanners saw many fishermen, some on boats, some fly fishing. As riders enjoyed the scenery, the boat captain explained the history of the

river and about the original people of the area, the wildlife of the river, and its importance to the livelihoods of those who came to live on the river. Half-way through the trip, the group stopped for an outdoor lunch at the Cougar Lane Lodge in Agness. During the return trip, a bear was spotted fishing by the riverbank and the group was treated to several 360-degree gentle spins and turns that were most fun.



The following free day, caravanners visited nearby Face Rock, walked on the wind-free beach, inspected several nearby lighthouses, toured the historic old town/marina of Bandon, with its incredibly creative sculptures from ocean trash that are displayed, and/or waited patiently in line for a very generous scoop of delicious Face Rock Creamery ice cream.



On the last day in Bandon, the group drove to the Mills Casino Resort for a delicious baked salmon dinner, with all the proper protocols in place. The original plan to see an outdoor demonstration of how the Coquille People historically bake salmon in a sand pit was canceled because state authorities banned all fires in the area. Nevertheless, the Resort Chef came to the dining room before dinner and explained, with props, how the Coquille traditionally bake salmon, and how they attempt to make do in the kitchen when the sand pit is unavailable. The group celebrated September salmon bake season in style.

On day six, September 18, the Airstreams headed to Waldport, 105 miles north of Bandon, where they stayed three nights at the local KOA. Waldport is centrally located between Florence and Newport, OR. The KOA is located on a bluff overlooking where the Alsea River and Pacific Ocean meet.

Driving over the Yaquina Bay Bridge south of Newport was spectacular. It is another of the 22 bridges designed by Conde McCullough, and one of the most recognizable of the eleven major bridges on the Oregon Coast Highway designed by him.



creatures clinging to the moist rocks. Some managed to visit the Umpqua River Lighthouse in Reedsport, the only one open for tours. And others enjoyed the dog friendly beaches of Oregon, a contrast from California.

On their last day in the area, the group met for dinner on the outdoor patio of the Drift Inn in nearby Yachats, with plenty of distance between tables. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and drink, shared their adventures thus far, and made plans for their next stops.



On the second day of this stop, the caravan leaders made a trip to the Oregon Oyster Farm (on Yaquina Bay in Newport), which has been serving premium oysters since 1917. They purchased fresh

oysters on behalf of those caravanners who made requests, returning to the campground where individuals roasted them on their portable BBQs. Some made special sauces and brought bread to accompany the oysters. Everyone thought they were delicious!

A highlight of this stop was the Sandland Adventures narrated dune buggy ride in Florence, OR, where the entire group toured the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America, via a large dune buggy built on a bus chassis. The amount and breadth of sand was amazing. [Insert photos 8 & 9] Afterwards, many caravanners toured the nearby old town of Florence, with its lovely harbor and hidden parks on the Siuslaw River.



During their time in Waldport (and other areas), several of the caravanners indulged in the many fishing opportunities afforded by Oregon's waterways and Pacific coastline. Others visited the Seal Rock State Recreation Site where some went tide pooling, finding beautiful sea stars and other



On day ten, September 21, the Airstreams continued 54 miles further up the coast for a three night stay in the Pacific City area, specifically Cape Kiwanda, home of the dory boat fishermen who fish for salmon, Dungeness crab, albacore tuna and rock fish. Cape Kiwanda is the southernmost of the capes that are part of the Three Capes Scenic Route: Kiwanda, Lookout, and Meares. The loop is a scenic route off U.S. 101, with spectacular views of the coast.



Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, the hike to Cape Lookout, the most scenic of the three capes, was closed. However, many made the drive to the Cape Meares Scenic Lookout area, including the Cape Meares Lighthouse, the shortest on the Oregon Coast. It has a red lens whose light can be seen for 20 miles out to sea because of the steep cliff on which it rests.



Sadly, the planned Rail Riding adventure was canceled since the Forest Service, which oversees the forest through which the rails go, banned all activity due to the recent wildfires in the area. But folks did not seem to mind much. It was a rainy day perfect for indoor adventures. Some went to the Tillamook Cheese Factory in nearby Tillamook, for cheddar cheese products and more ice cream. Several enjoyed a day visiting the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, the current home of the Spruce Goose, and/or the Oregon Tillamook Air Museum.

On the last night at the campground, pizza was ordered and served by the leaders in our private clubhouse. Tillamook ice cream bars were also provided while the much-needed rain (2 inches maybe) kept pouring down.

The next day was beautiful, great for driving to new adventures.

On day twelve, September 24, caravanners drove 83 miles north to the Astoria/Warrenton area where they spent four nights, staying at the KOA across the road from the historic Fort Stevens State Park. While here, many visited the Columbia River Maritime Museum in downtown Astoria, which was very entertaining and educational in telling the stories of the original people of the area as well as those who came later to fish and work on the river, including the Coast Guard. The museum contains terrific displays, along with a retired "lighthouse boat," that before buoys, acted as the guidepost into the Columbia.

Another point of interest was the remains of the Peter Iredale Shipwreck listing on the beach at Fort Stevens. Beyond being the site of the former military installation that protected the mouth of the Columbia River from the Civil War to after WWII, Fort Stevens is also the location of the South Jetty, a 6.5 mile engineering feat that took 27 years to build. It blocks and traps shifting sand and silt from the entrance to the River, thereby keeping the area navigable, and lessening the chance of shipwrecks, such as the Peter Iredale.



Of course, many went to see the famous Astoria Column, built in 1926 by the Great Northern Railway and Vincent Astor as a monument to the hardships, bravery, and awe experienced by the first Europeans to live in Pacific Northwest. Although the Column is currently closed due to the pandemic, the park-like grounds, on a hill high above downtown Astoria, offers an incredible 180-degree view of the confluence of three rivers. It is also a great spot to appreciate the grandeur of the Astoria-Megler Bridge, spanning 4 miles from Oregon to Washington.



Besides Astoria, many caravanners explored the nearby coastal towns of Manzanita, Cannon Beach and Seaside to the south. Other caravanners rented a boat and went crabbing, while still others eschewed the boat and directly feasted on fresh crabs!



A highlight of Astoria was the group lunch (once again in our own private dining area) at the Bridgewater Bistro on the Astoria waterfront, a scenic location from where the Astoria-Megler Bridge could be seen up close. Afterwards, a few visited nearby Pier 39 to watch the ships and sea lions at the 135-year-old Hanthorn Cannery at the foot of the pier. The building has many photos depicting the history of the cannery and the many brave men and women who worked there for decades until its closing.

The Grand Finale

The caravan was winding down when, on September 28, the Airstreams left the Oregon Coast and headed east along the Columbia River Scenic Highway for a two-night stop at the Cascade Locks KOA in the Columbia River Gorge.

On the second-to-the-last night of the caravan, caravanners once again enjoyed an evening of artisanal s'mores around several campfires. The following day, each camper was left to their own devices.



Some walked on the Bridge of the Gods, a steel truss cantilever bridge that spans the Columbia River at one of its narrowest points. There is no pedestrian walkway on the bridge, but traffic is slowed by the 15 mph speed limit and the bridge's narrowness. But the bridge is not for those affected by heights. Its deck surface is open steel grating, with the 140-foot depth to the River clearly visible as you walk on it. As one caravanner put it mildly, "It was a different experience." But the view from the bridge was lovely.



A few reported driving over the Bridge of Gods to Washington State for a look at the river towns on that side of the Columbia or driving through the countryside in Oregon with wonderful views of Mount Rainier and Mount Hood. But everyone returned that evening for the last activity of the caravan.

The coda to the Oregon Coast Caravan was a two-hour dinner cruise onboard the Columbia River Gorge Sternwheeler on the Columbia River, captained and narrated by Captain Tom, also the Mayor of Cascade Locks. Caravanners walked the decks, enjoying the beautiful, balmy, clear evening with no wind in what is typically a "wind tunnel" as described by the Captain in his remarks. The tranquility of the evening was wonderful. The sunset was gorgeous as was the subsequent moon rise.



Dinner was outstanding and the company even better. Carol and Carmen were thanked profusely for their efforts in creating and spearheading the caravan, and everyone had a great time – the perfect end to a wonderful Airstream experience.



On September 30, 2020, the caravanners headed back to their respective destinations, free of smoke and fires at the moment, but full of the exuberance one feels from experiencing an Airstream Adventure up the Oregon Coast.





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Our Flags Past & Present

Vinny Rossitto, BRN 2256

I'm happy to report that we are now in possession of a newly constructed AL-MON-O ceremonial flag that embodies our new club logo with our updated name! When our officers and I set out to update the flag last year, I thought the process would be a simple administrative undertaking. We completed the design and approval processes pretty quickly, and then began the adventure of finding the best flag maker to fabricate our new custom design flag, carefully considering cost, capability & reputation. After speaking with three top companies, I selected *Flag & Banner* in Little Rock, AR and have been very pleased with both the overall professional experience and the excellent quality of the resulting flag.



An important goal was to make sure our new flag would have similar construction quality and beauty as our legacy flag, which is a very tall order. The workmanship of the legacy flag is quite extraordinary and I was absolutely convinced that it was professionally made using stitched appliqué techniques (careful layering of fabric pieces) by a top shelf company. That was not the case! In fact, our legacy flag was hand made by a former longtime AL-MON-O member, Daryl Roll, and I found that her construction technique could not be commercially replicated. After a bit of interaction with *Flag & Banner*, we settled on going with digital single reverse printing on a white nylon background. The resulting flag is quite attractive and something we can be proud to display as a symbol of our club, even if it does not have the uniqueness of Daryl's beautiful handiwork.

I'd like to share some of the history I learned about our legacy flag along this journey. Daryl was truly AL-MON-O's "Betsy Ross". In the early 1990's, she was "persuaded" by Bev Clayton and Frank &

Louise Cannistra (long time members...Frank was the club's unofficial photographer and Louise was the chaplain) to make a flag using the AL-MON-O logo that they had just recently designed on paper. Daryl bought fabrics at Joanne's while wintering in Florida with her late husband Robert and she constructed every aspect of the flag based on that design. The logo is actually pieced and sewn together, with logo features and line art stitched for effect. Her work included a combination of hand stitching and machine stitching that she performed right on their Airstream dinette table! Except for the appliqué layering of the lettering, the rest of the flag is only a single layer of fabric. Even the fabric she selected was perfect for a ceremonial flag...it falls and drapes just right!

Daryl told me she was amazed & happy to hear that the flag was still in service almost 30 years later! It has been passed down to each president and has obviously been carefully looked after; it remains in near perfect condition. As we retire our legacy flag and begin to display the new one, we will definitely continue to take great care to safeguard Daryl's creation so that we can treasure this important piece of our history.



Daryl Roll & AL-MON-O Flag at the 2017 International Rally at Escanaba

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One of Many Trips We Have Been Blessed to Take

Bud & Alice Roberts, BRN 4889

This article will detail a nice trip we took in one of our Airstreams back in 2015. This was one of several trips out west we took after we retired. I basically traveled for work every week, often times much if not all week and visited virtually every city in the US. So, a desire of Alice and a promise of mine, we would take an RV, which we had been doing for almost 40 years, but travel extensively out west which we had not done.



Our Campsite at Best Friends Animal Society

Our ultimate objective of this trip was to stop at Best Friends Animal Society where I would volunteer as a dog walker and more if they wanted as I've trained and/or rehabilitated dogs for all of my adult life. Best Friends is a private facility in Kanab, Utah that takes in all kinds of animals that have been abused, neglected or abandoned. My desire was to work in "Dog Town" as they call the place where many dogs are held until rehabilitated and prepared for adoption OR when they can live out their lives in comfort and great care at the facility. While there after my first day where they watch all new volunteers on hidden cameras spaced throughout the high desert walking trails, I was asked to come back if I wanted and work with two different groups of dogs. One where new dogs which had not been assessed and the other were two of the "Vick Dogs" or "Victory Dogs" as the courts and Best Friends called them. There were two left out of a number of about 20 which the courts assigned to Best Friends with substantial fines imposed on Vick for their care and for the Society. The whole experience was one not to be forgotten and taught me a tremendous amount. We loved our time there and I've enclosed some pictures of the two-spot campground.



Dogs in their outside runs and kennel behind them



Volunteer walking one of the residents

The society had been on our bucket list for years. But, prior to that we visited a number of wonderful places. Lake Powell, The Grand Canyon, and then after up to Yellowstone and on to Glacier National Park. We put a little over 8,000 miles on during this trip and while at Best Friends, we also visited Zion and Bryce National Parks and then the aforementioned parks. But, on our way home we decided to also visit Moab, UT, where we visited Arches and Canyonlands National Park. While in Moab, we had service

done on our truck at the local Ford dealer, half the price of back home in Pittsburgh and they did a terrific job. We enjoyed everyplace we visited with Moab right up there as one of our favorites.

We have revisited every place again and if things work out, will do so at least one more time, but the COVID and age both could restrict us to some extent.

Lake Powell, which is in AZ and UT and has two different time zones as AZ does not observe daylight savings time, which messed us up on a boat rental as I showed up an hour early.



Lake Powell



Campsite at Lake Powell

Campsite at Lake Powell, where the temperature was 107°F in the shade. The two ACs on the Airstream did a good job, keeping it at about 85°F during the day and about 75°F at night as the air temperature did not cool off much at night. Do not go in July.



Wagon Ruts

On our way I had to stop at Laramie, WY to see the “wagon ruts” from the many wagons which moved west during the western expansion. Yes, the ruts are still there and, in some places, still in the grass. Alice and I were in awe of the ruts, but more so in the people who picked up and headed out to parts unknown. These people left with all they had and their entire families. Amazing.

We only had Abby at the time and the heat and altitude often got to her. But she was a trooper and loves camping.



Abby

One of our favorite places we have ever visited – Spearfish, SD and this is by the Spearfish Creek. On another trip I volunteered at the DC Booth National Historic Fish Hatchery where they gave us a free campsite, full hook-ups and cable right on the creek for my Tour Guide volunteer one summer.



By Spearfish Creek

I'll end here with this picture of the cemetery at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary where people can bring their pets and for a donation have them interred here, the chimes are all over the cemetery and are beautiful.



Cemetery at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary

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Gone to Texas

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

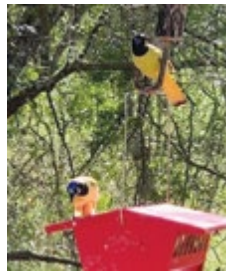
Denny & Gayle Gibson, BRN 5453

The Good: We left for RGV (Rio Grande Valley) after Thanksgiving and arrived at Pleasant Valley Resort in Mission, TX on December 1, 2020. We are officially "Winter Texans". Yes, "Winter Texans" is what the locals call snowbirds. The first few weeks we spent acclimating ourselves to the weather and believe me it didn't take long to get used to the warm climate, swimming in December and January, and making use of the hot tub! Most days have been in the mid 70's to mid 80's with a constant breeze, however, as of January 12, 2021 we are in the middle of a cold spell with the daytime high in the 50's. (Still better than Pennsylvania!)



Activities at the resort are limited due to COVID with most being held outside while practicing social distancing. Every other Friday

evening there is a band providing entertainment and dancing. Wednesdays it's burgers and Karaoke with the residents providing the evening's entertainment. Gayle has been taking advantage of some of the crafting classes being offered here. So far, she has taken cookie decorating, card making, rock painting, and power walking. There are also classes for quilting, sewing, darts, Petangue (very popular with the Canadian residents). I have taken up darts while Gayle attends her classes. Ron & Brenda (from Penn Wood and 14-year PVR residents) are the official dart gurus here and with the help of some of the residents, have set up a world class dart room.



to hike/bike and observe many of the local and migratory birds. The National Butterfly Center was next on our list where we spent the day walking the many trails searching for these beautiful delicate creatures. We enjoyed a bike



ride at the 12-mile Mission Hike & Bike trail with Bob Kuszyk (a fellow Al-Mon-O), who is also spending his winter down in the valley. We took a cruise down the Rio Grande River with Bob and a group of work campers we met while here. What a relaxing day on the water with the US shoreline on one side and the Mexico on the other! Of course, we also ate lunch at the Riverside Restaurant. Speaking of food, I have added another 5 pounds since we've been here. We've been trying the local cuisine in the area and there are oodles of authentic Mexican restaurants here. While visiting one of the local outdoor markets, I discovered the Elote (eh-loh-teh) Mexican street corn. Roasted corn on the cob smothered in butter,

Gayle and I have been exploring the area. So far, we visited/hiked in the Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park World Birding Center. This is an excellent place

ride at the 12-mile Mission Hike & Bike trail with Bob Kuszyk (a fellow Al-Mon-O), who is also spending his winter down in the valley. We took a cruise down the Rio Grande River with



mayonnaise (yep mayo, I thought yuck), spices and grated cheese. I opted out of the cheese, but the Elote was excellent! Totally hooked now. We haven't had a bad meal yet.

We have planned a trip with our Airstream to South Padre Island the last week of January. South Padre is only about 80 miles from us and we'll be staying at the KOA on the island for four nights. Looking forward to island living!

The Bad: Can you believe this, in our haste to leave I forgot to pack our cameras? So, we are relying on just our cell phones. Not nearly as good, but at least we'll be taking some memories home with us.

The Ugly: One of the most annoying little things are the tiny burs which we found out are grass seed pods. These little stickers (s#\$*) are everywhere and like to embed themselves in rugs, carpets, and bare feet. "Ouch, damn it!", has become our battle cry. But at least I don't have to go out and shovel snow!



Adios por ahora!

Until next time, stay safe and we will see you down the road.

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Our Courtesy Parking Story

Chris Lyrek, BRN 23588

We met the Belks and Jesters (Airstream friends from Arkansas who travel together all the time) at Alumapalooza a few years back. We became fast friends and plan to see each other every

chance we can. This time they were coming through Minnesota and they stopped for a three-day visit. Ron and I were thrilled to host our dear friends from Arkansas and catch up

over good food and boat rides. We live in the country and have several acres on a lake with full hookups. We had a blast!!

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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Airstreams to Scandinavia and Russia in 1960 - Part 1

While the last article concluded the official 1960 European Caravan, this article will follow the group of African Caravanners that made a side trip to the Nordkapp and Moscow, Russia.

On June 16, 1960, the day after the European Caravan arrived in Copenhagen, Denmark, several African Caravan families decided to extend their adventure by seeing how far north they could pull their Airstreams. They hoped to reach Hammerfest, Norway, over 1500 miles north of Copenhagen, and over 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Different accounts suggest that seven or eight African Caravan families undertook this adventure, but so far only the following five have been confirmed:

- #163 Roy and Lorraine Waas
- #165 Oscar and Etta Payne
- #598 Joe and Toots Bos
- #1166 Horace and Alice Dickey
- #2345 Alfred and Mildred Frosch and daughters Judith, Linda, and Susan

This group departed Copenhagen on June 17 and made a quick dash north thru Sweden to Oslo, Norway, where they stopped for a few days to check out local attractions like Vigeland Sculpture Park. Its 650 bronze, granite, and wrought iron sculptures all depicted nude

human beings in dynamic poses. They also visited the Viking Ship Museum.

From Oslo they continued west to Bergen, Norway and then turned north toward Hammerfest. The caravanners crossed several fjords by ferry on their journey from Bergen to Hammerfest. The roads were very narrow and the Bos's rig was hit by a passing truck but they were lucky to find a town with big aluminum sheets to repair it. On June 28, almost 800 miles north of Bergen they crossed the Arctic Circle in Norway's Saltfjellat Mountains and entered the "land of the midnight sun", where the sun never set during that time of year. The caravanners found it hard to sleep and would sometimes look at their watches and be surprised they were still driving at one or two o'clock in the morning as they were seeing locals taking a walk along the road or even weeding their gardens well after midnight.

They found Hammerfest to be a fishing town on the coast of the Norwegian Sea. The smell of fish was everywhere, coming from hundreds of open racks containing thousands of fish that were put out to dry. Some caravanners took a fishing trip where Joe Bos caught a 15-pound codfish.

Oslo, Norway



Vigeland Sculpture Park



Vigeland Sculpture Brochure



Viking Ship in Museum

While Hammerfest was the northernmost point to which they could pull their Airstreams, the lack of a road further north did not stop the caravanners. Many of them took a boat from Hammerfest to Nordkapp (the North Cape), the northernmost point on the European Continent, and less than 1000 miles from the North Pole. At Nordkapp, the caravanners disembarked and climbed up a huge cliff to view the midnight sun over the Arctic Ocean, culminating their extreme Airstream trip from the southernmost point in Africa to the northernmost point in Europe!

The Frosch family went their own way from Hammerfest and caught back up with the European Caravan on July 11 in Brussels, Belgium. The rest of the group decided to take a different route south through Finland. About 100 miles from Hammerfest, they crossed into Finland's Lapland region and saw many herds of reindeer along the road. They enjoyed a dinner of salted reindeer in one of the Lapp villages they visited. On July 9, they overnighted in Ivalo, Finland. A day or two later they exited the "land of the midnight sun" when they crossed back to the south of the Arctic Circle.

In general, the caravanners found the roads in Finland rougher than in Norway and they were again breaking parts on their trucks and Airstreams. Gas was expensive at about 70 cents per gallon.

By July 15, this adventurous group had reached Helsinki, Finland where they camped in a formal campground among hundreds of tent campers including many Americans. The caravanners were happy to have utility hookups and not be sleeping on the ground when a storm blew through knocking over tents and turning the ground to mud.

This small group had just pulled their Airstreams over 3000 miles from Copenhagen to Hammerfest to Helsinki in just under 4 weeks on roads too narrow and bumpy to be attempted by most caravanners. These were true adventurers for which nothing seemed imposing after traversing the wilds of Africa!

At Helsinki, an almost "spur of the moment" decision split this group approximately in half. Some decided to take a ferry to Stockholm, Sweden and race to catch back up with the European Caravan, while the #163 Wass's, #165 Paynes, #598 Bos's, and #1166 Dickeys applied for visas proposing a 19-day trip through Russia (then known as the U.S.S.R., the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Czechoslovakia. Three of these four couples had been on the 1956 European Caravan and wanted to see something different. Nine days later, their visas were approved. They were told they would be fine if they strictly followed the prescribed route, stayed in the specified camps, and obeyed all rules and regulations, but deviating off their preapproved route would get them in trouble.

On July 24, the four rigs departed for Russia. At the border, their trucks and trailers were searched more thoroughly than ever before. Drawers were pulled so that the insides of the cabinets could be searched for undeclared money or other hidden items. The mess the authorities left behind required them to repack everything.

Once they cleared customs, the roads in Russia were wide and paved, but bumpy. They were filled with so many policemen that the caravanners doubted they were ever out of the sight of one. They felt sure the Russian authorities knew where they were at all times. A

More Norway and Finland



#598 Joe and Toots Bos at the Arctic Circle



Rigs Camped Near the Arctic Circle



Hammerfest in 1960



Stamp Showing the Nordkapp



#598 Bos Rig in Finland

few miles past the border, they stopped briefly at Vyborg to get gasoline and camping coupons.

The first night they stopped at their approved camping platz a few miles from Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) and found many international campers from a variety of nations. The following morning, they reported to the Intourist Office in Leningrad and were furnished a guide to take them on a tour of the city of 3,000,000. They found the buildings, squares, parks, fountains, statues, and monuments in Leningrad to all be colossal in size. The city was built on 100 islands with 500 bridges all perfectly planned and laid out. The wide streets looked even wider due to the absence of cars, with traffic composed of only buses, trolleys, and taxi cabs. The subway was brand new and each huge marble subway station had ornate chandeliers and magnificent statues, paintings, and tile mosaics. They visited the old Winter Palace of Peter the Great, which had become part of The Hermitage, one of the world's most distinguished art galleries. Leningrad's old cathedrals had been converted to museums and storehouses with lesser churches just abandoned. Only the older people talked about religion. The younger people just talked of the Communist Party.

It seemed that all the men they saw were policemen with the women doing all the road work and other heavy labor. The stores were mostly empty with long lines to buy whatever was available. There were always more buyers and more money than there was food or other products to buy. The condition of the food they saw, whether meat, chicken, fruits, or vegetables, was pretty poor in comparison to what was available in the USA.

The caravanners wanted to visit Peterhof, the Summer Palace of Peter the Great, which was built in 1707 and surrounded by 300 acres of gardens and magnificent fountains. Though just 20 miles from Leningrad, their preapproved schedule and permits would not allow a visit.

On July 27, the caravanners began their 450 mile, 3-day drive to Moscow. They passed forests of birch and pine and large collective farms for grain and corn, but most looked weedy and unkempt. Most of the homes in villages along the way looked to be very old and were often built of logs that were decaying, giving the houses a noticeable lean. Some of the old homes were in the process of being repaired and a few new ones were being built. They were told that log homes were warmer than other types, a valid consideration given they were still almost as far north as Anchorage, Alaska. Most homes had small vegetable gardens filled with flowers and potatoes and often chickens or geese running around. Many homes, even the smallest shacks, had TV antennas, but none had cars. Each community appeared to have only one or two water wells for the entire town with residents frequently seen toting two buckets of water on a pole across their shoulders.

The first night they overnighed at a camp at Novgorod and the second night at Kalinin (now Tver), which was in an agricultural area with fields of wheat, oats, and barley, but little corn.

On July 29, the caravanners arrived at a large camp within the Moscow city limits and were parked under huge oak trees. They were again surrounded by campers from many nations, including several US citizens, as they planned how to make the best use of their scheduled 4-day visit to Moscow.

To Be Continued.

Leningrad, Russia



Wide Road on the Way to Leningrad



Caravanner Lunch Break with Tour Guide (Bos's Standing, Tour Guide Behind Fence, Wass's and Oscar Payne)



Huge General Staff and Ministries Building



Summer Garden in Leningrad



Airstreams at the Mikhailovsky Palace



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Loose Door Hinge Bolt...

... Comments by a Nebraska Airstreamer:

After reading the article in the November issue of the *Blue Beret*, I thought I would write because there is another way to replace, and tighten-for-good, the loose hinge nuts within the body of the Airstream. A few years ago, I used this method to replace the interior nuts on the top hinge of my 2003 Airstream Classic. When you are done, you would never know, or see, anything different inside your trailer. It could be that other trailers may have a different interior trim piece surrounding, and abutting, the door frame. The width of the trim piece needs to be wide enough to cover a 3/4" hole. This method has also been used by another member of our Nebraska Unit.

First, remove the abutting interior metal trim piece next to the door frame. Just remove the screws and set the piece aside. Using a measure, masking tape, and a Sharpie or pencil, mark the location

(height) of the bolt on the inside of the trailer next to the door frame. Do one bolt at a time, and I would suggest doing the bottom bolt first. Next, you want to drill a 3/4" diameter hole right next to the door frame at the same height as the outside bolt. You are just drilling through the aluminum skin and any interior aluminum framing, so it does not take much pressure. The reason to use a 3/4" metal hole saw drill bit is that a socket will fit through the hole to unscrew the nut. You will also see, in most cases, Airstream spread sealant around the nut. With a pick, or

other suitable tool, pry away the sealant to get access to the nut. While one person is outside with a Phillips head screwdriver on the bolt head, you are inside unscrewing the nut. Let the nut fall within the wall unless it comes out with the socket. Discard the nut as you will no longer need it. You will see with a light that there is a metal backing plate (inside the wall) for additional hinge strength. By doing one bolt at a time, the other bolt keeps the backing plate in place. From the outside, remove the bolt, go to a hardware store and buy new stainless-steel nylon lock nuts (four to do a complete job). Keep the bolts as you will use them again. Do not use a new nut more than one time. With one person outside, push the existing bolt back into the hole and hold with a Phillips screwdriver. The other person inside will insert the new nut onto the socket and insert it into the hole and onto the bolt threads. Do this with a socket extension and without the wrench as you will have better control. With the socket wrench, tighten up the new nut. I found it necessary to put something sticky on the socket and nut, so the nut does not fall off inside the wall. I have used modeling clay, but plumber's putty or gum may also work. If you have more than one loose hinge bolt, the procedure will be the same for all of them. When you are done, replace the door frame trim piece and you will not see any holes. My hinges have stayed nice and tight.

Thank you to this Airstreamer for writing in to techhelp@wbcci.org. Happy trails to you, see you, SAFELY, down the road.

Safety Tips

CO2 and Propane Detectors

The recommended service life of most RV CO2 and propane detector alarms is 5-10 years. You should check the date on your devices and consider replacing propane & CO2 alarms that are over 5 years old! You should also test the LP detector, carbon monoxide and smoke detector every time you use your RV.



An easy reminder for keeping your batteries fresh, change the carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries when you change clocks for daylight savings time. LP Detectors are normally hard wired into your 12-volt system and remain powered even when battery shut off has been activated.

Fire Extinguisher

Inspect fire extinguishers at least once a month and ensure that:

- The extinguisher is not blocked and there is easy access in an emergency.
- The pressure is at the recommended level. On extinguishers equipped with a gauge, the needle should be in the green zone - not too high and not too low.
- The nozzle or other parts are not hindered in any way.

Some manufacturers recommend shaking your dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling/packing.

Consult your owner's manual, extinguisher label or the manufacturer to see recommendations.

IMPORTANT: Recharge or replace all extinguishers immediately after use regardless of how much they were used.



In Memoriam

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

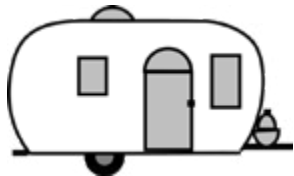
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Kids Camp

St Patrick's Day Fun Fact

Since 1962, the Chicago River is dyed green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day



Bell Pepper Shamrock

You will need a bell pepper (any color), a knife to cut it, green paint, a piece of construction paper, and a paintbrush.

First cut the top off of the green pepper. Pour some green paint on a paper plate and spread it around.

Press the larger part of the bell pepper into the paint, making sure all sides are covered.

Have the kids press the pepper firmly against a piece of construction paper. After that they can add little lines inside to make it look more like a shamrock.

Shamrock Balloon Maze!



St Patrick's Day

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Lebanon, Tennessee

Susan Martin, BRN 4334



Hope y'all are still looking forward to your grand adventure into Tennessee in July for the International Rally in Lebanon, TN. We've already explored Wilson County, and the musical and historical aspects of nearby Nashville in past articles, and are now ready to wrap up loose ends, if you will - to share things not musical or historical. And there is plenty more to see and do!

Nashville is home to some fine museums:

- The Frist Art Museum in downtown Nashville houses a modest permanent collection, traveling collections, and special exhibits. This year's special exhibit is "A Landmark Repurposed" which describes how the 1930's classic art deco building, originally designed and used as the main Post Office, was converted responsibly into the art museum it is today.



- The Lane Motor Museum is another Nashville treasure which is housed in a repurposed building. Originally the Sunbeam Bakery, Jeff Lane turned it into a home for his burgeoning collection of vehicles which has grown into the hundreds, many of them European. As its mission statement reads, it will "collect, preserve, document and interpret an eclectic and technically interesting collection of cars and other transportation-related objects for the purposes of educating the public about the history of transportation." It's fun and fascinating!
- The Adventure Science Center is a place of wonder for all ages. In their own words, they feature "more than 175 hands-on exhibits focused on biology, astronomy, physics, earth science, energy, weather, sound, and space..." The museum also boasts a top-notch, state-of-the-art planetarium. It would be hard to visit here and not find something that tickles your fancy.

- Cheekwood Estate and Gardens is actually a combined art museum and botanical garden located on the southern edge of Nashville-Davidson County. The art museum portion is housed in the Cheek Mansion, built by the Cheeks of Maxwell House Coffee fame. The estate grounds have beautiful gardens and woods with several walking trails, and so much more! Scheduled this summer is an exhibit of 40 LEGO statues - all of natural things, animals and plants - created by Sean Kenney. This is a delightful place to bring a sandwich and spend the day.



And - if you are looking for outdoor activities, which are quite popular in this era, Nashville can provide a variety of those for you. In addition to visiting the majestic estate at Cheekwood, Nashville offers some wonderful natural areas within the borders of the city-county. Shelby Bottoms Nature Center and Park, within a few miles of downtown Nashville, boasts a wonderful nature center, 5 miles each of hiking trail, and of paved ADA accessible trail, and a public golf course. Birdwatching (no, not birdie watching!) is a popular activity in this park, as it is in the larger Warner Parks system near the southern edge of the county (adjacent to Cheekwood). Warner Parks has an extensive system of beautiful hiking trails. Within the boundaries of the county is 1,368-acre Radnor Lake State Park - a protected Class II natural area. It has a small nature center, but boasts 7.7 miles of trail, most of which are only for hiking, photography, and nature observation. There is a short, paved Otter Road trail by the lake, which allows pets, bicycles, and jogging. All-terrain wheelchairs can be accommodated on this trail and on the short Lake Trail. The wildlife (both flora and fauna) is amazingly diverse in this park.

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Community Service

Glenn Waters, BRN 214

I think I can say for all of us that 2020 is finally over. We had to cancel so many club events at all levels and it is time to begin 2021.

I have been asked to chair Community Service again this year.

If you kept items from last year, that is great - I will take them this year.

For those that are new to the club or to remind past members, we collect hats (homemade or bought), stuffed animals, tabs, blankets, money for a child that may need help with medicals bills, and items for women's shelters. The tabs are cashed in, then the money is given to Ronald McDonald House. The other items are given to groups in the community that can use them.

Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, you can email me at gew26499@sbcglobal.net with Community Service in subject line.

Member Services

Sherri Cofer, BRN 4533

Looking for an opportunity to get involved at the International Rally at Lebanon, TN? Member Services is looking for volunteers. Member Services includes a help desk and is a great way to meet fellow Airstreamers. Please contact Sherri Cofer at 423-580-6223 or email at sscofer55@gmail.com to volunteer. Shifts can be 2 hours to 1/2 day and will be set up around your schedule. Thanks!

Mail and Packages in Lebanon

All mail and packages for members attending the International Rally should be addressed as follows:

Name and BRN # _____
Wilson County Fairgrounds
945 East Baddour Parkway
Lebanon TN 37087

Lebanon, Tennessee

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For the more adventurous of us, there is Adventureworks Zipline Forest at Nashville North - providing beautiful views in an approximately 1 hour long tour of a lovely, forested area just north of town. This activity needs to be booked online, preferably several days in advance.

Nashville is proud of the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere. With nearly 3,000 animals representing over 350 species from around the world, you can spend several hours in the wide-open spaces enjoying the antics (or naps!) of a wide variety of critters. Keeper talks go on regularly, as of course do feedings. A zip line ride (costs extra) gives you a bird's eye view of many of the animals. There is even a Kangaroo Kickabout, allowing visitors to wander the pathway in the red kangaroo exhibit and literally interact with

the animals, which are free to go anywhere in their habitat, including your pathway. That could be exciting! (Zookeepers are on hand to supervise, if necessary.)

In our next article, we will begin to look at the exciting things to see and do elsewhere in Tennessee as you make your way to our rally in the center of the state. But first, please note, Tennessee has a wonderful state park system with lots of terrific campgrounds. We highly recommend you consider them as you trek through our state. But, word of warning, they are filling up quickly in this era of outdoor activity, so you might consider making reservations for your trip to and from Lebanon as soon as possible.



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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64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN

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New Caravan Standing Committee Chair

John Becker, BRN 2048

After winter IBT, I took over for Jay Thompson as Chairman of the Caravan Standing Committee. As such, I would like to thank Jay and introduce myself.

When I was working, I had a colleague tell me that after performing a role for a while, the best measure was whether you left things better than you found them. Jay was Chairman for three and a half years and he has undoubtedly left things better than when he started. Among the significant changes were:

Revamp Caravan Leader Training

I took the prior version of the training at the Lewisburg, WV International Rally. While there were some very good aspects - sections were presented and discussed by experienced caravan leaders, for example - it was long (three consecutive afternoons) and was offered infrequently. The training is now available in a series of videos that can be reviewed and discussed remotely. It was a significant improvement and very timely as it allowed the training to continue during the pandemic.

Established New Bank Account Support

We now have an ability to establish a bank account for a caravan at US Bank. In the past, leaders used a variety of personal and business accounts that either had high fees or lacked flexibility. For example, we can now route deposits for kitty fees directly to Jackson Center for deposit (in case a leader is traveling) as well as take other forms of payment.

Online Applications

Participants can sign up for a caravan online, and the information is transmitted to a caravan leader in electronic form.

Pandemic

Caravan leaders and their participants faced an unfolding crisis in early 2020 as caravans in process were curtailed and most others cancelled. My thanks to Jay for his leadership during this difficult time.

We still have some work to continue to improve, for example, making it easier to manage payments to and from caravans operating in Canada. But without a doubt, things are better than when Jay took the role. Finally, I want to thank Jay and Elna for their many years of leading caravans. My wife and I were lucky to join them for the Southwest Adventure Caravan in 2017.

With the help of all the caravan leaders, I hope I can build on Jay's good work. I am a member and Past President of the Piedmont NC Airstream Club. I am also Caravan Chair for Region 3. My wife Nancy and I scouted and led two Club caravans, and along with Margaret Van de Ree of the Carolinas Airstream Club, lead the Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond National Caravan.

We are looking forward to returning to traveling as soon as possible, both in the US and abroad. My wife and I have lived and worked in three countries outside the US. We have one son living in Edinburgh, Scotland and another in Singapore - so the vaccine can't come soon enough! I look forward to seeing you down the road!

Pendleton Round-Up Rally

**Pendleton, Oregon
September 13 - 19, 2021**

Bryan Stewart



What: 55th annual Pendleton Round-Up Rally. If you have never been to the Pendleton Round-Up rodeo, you need to add it to your bucket list.

When: Monday, September 13 afternoon to Sunday, September 19 noon

Where: Pendleton Community Park

Sites: 20 sites. Water hook up. No electric or sewer; one pump out during the week.

Meals provided by hosts: Three breakfasts and four dinners, including breakfast at Roosters Restaurant with the Rodeo Court and Happy Canyon Princesses and dinner at the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute.

Cost: Full Rally: \$390 per couple, \$235 single. PayPal preferred or by check.

Contact Info: Bryan Stewart, bryan.stewart48@icloud.com, 910-584-1944

Registration: Register on the Oregon Airstream Club website at <https://airstreamclub.org/oac-pendleton-round-international-rally>

What to do

We invite you to join the Oregon Airstream Club for the 55th annual Pendleton Round-Up National Rally. If you have never been to the Pendleton Round-Up, you need to add it to your bucket list. You will get the chance to meet and dine with the Pendleton Rodeo Court and Indian Princesses, get a behind the scenes tour of the rodeo, attend the world-famous rodeo and 104th Happy Canyon Pageant, experience the Western Ho Parade and so much more that the city of Pendleton has to offer. We will also have a tour and dinner at the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute. We will be camping in a lovely green community park surrounded only by Airstreams. The City of Pendleton offers extensive and inexpensive public transportation to and from our campground to many rodeo sites. The rodeo motto: **Let'er Buck!**

Included: Tickets for the Wednesday Rodeo, a Tamastslikt Cultural Institute tour with dinner and the Happy Canyon Pageant.

Optional Tickets, limited quantities:

Friday Rodeo \$28 each

Saturday Rodeo (finals) \$28 each

Tuesday Pendleton Underground Tour \$15 each

Rally is currently full with a waiting list.

Contact host to get on waiting list.

Swiss Festival Rally

**Sugarcreek, Ohio
September 25 - October 3, 2021**

Cindy Conant

Have you ever thought about attending a rally in Amish Country? The 59th annual Swiss Festival Rally will take place September 25 through October 3 in Sugarcreek, Ohio. You will have the opportunity to mingle with Amish folks during tours of Amish businesses and schools, at dinners in Amish homes or at the annual Day in the Park.

The Day in the Park is anticipated by Airstreamers and Amish alike. School children look forward to coming for lunch and riding in golf carts. Airstreamers can buy fresh baked goods, eat homemade ice cream and ride in an Amish buggy. There is delicious bean soup cooked over an open fire for everyone's dinner as well as apple butter for sale, which has been cooked and stirred all day.

During the week, 3 days are set aside for tours of Amish businesses and schools, Swiss cheese factories and other local points of interest.

On Friday and Saturday, the town of Sugarcreek holds their annual Ohio Swiss Festival, focusing on the Swiss cheese industry which was brought to the area by Swiss immigrants. This festival, which attracts visitors from all over the state, honors the Swiss heritage of the region.

This is an interesting and entertaining rally which offers more than you can imagine. The interesting tours, fun flea market, wonderful evening entertainment, as well as the camaraderie of attendees makes this a rally to attend again and again. Come to Sugarcreek, Ohio on September 25 – October 2 and see what is in store for you.



Airstreamers in Swiss Folk Costume

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally

**Athens, Alabama
September 28 - October 2, 2021**

Russ Pry

Rally in Athens, Alabama for the 54th Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Early parking for the volunteers available on September 27. The Airstream rally starts on September 28 with welcome dinner. Upon arrival, sign up for tours to area destinations. A free concert opens the convention on September 30. The \$55/person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee, and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. Competitions include playing instruments, singing and dancing. Craft and food concessions are found throughout campus. Exclusive WBAC parking includes 20 AMP power, water and one (1) pump out for \$25/night located within 3/10 mile of the main venue. Parking reservations requires four (4) night minimum. Rally attendees are also welcome to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15. Visit <http://region6.airstreamclub.net> for Airstream Rally updates. Visit <http://www.tvotfc.org/> for convention information and schedule updates. All rally attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Jam sessions planned at the WBAC camp site and/or the Domino room at Athens - Limestone County Visitors Center.



Storytelling Rally

**Jonesborough, Tennessee
September 29 - October 3, 2021**

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

We hope that your travel plans will bring you to East TN in October for the 49th International Storytelling Festival that takes place in Tennessee's oldest town, Jonesborough. Considered the premier storytelling event in America, the Jonesborough National Storytelling Festival is the flagship for a national movement that celebrates the rich history of American storytelling and those who share their stories. It is the largest and oldest event of its kind in America and attracts an audience of nearly 11,000 from all over the United States and several foreign countries. From inside large circus type tents, some of the world's most gifted and wonderful storytellers paint experiences and tales with words and music that bring this art to life. As many of our past attendees have said "It is something you have to experience, you cannot adequately describe it".

The Smithsonian said, "From all over America, people come to Jonesborough just to hear stories. Some stories seem to be made out of whole cloth. Others are like the Tennessee quilts on sale in Jonesborough's many craft shops. They weave together past, present, fact and fiction in a tight design both dazzling and unforgettable".

We offer parking with full hookups for the first 40 trailers, which allows you to come in your Airstream and enjoy this great event without having to worry about a good spot to park. We hope you will take advantage of early parking, which allows you to enjoy the many sites this area has to offer. Also, most of our folks like to come early to attend the Donald Davis performance on Wednesday evening, September 29. Donald Davis is a favorite of most all storyteller followers.

Everyone is responsible for ordering his or her tickets to the festival. There is a small discount if you order before March 15 and be sure and tell them if you are a senior. You can call 800-952-8392 or go online to www.storytellingcenter.net

See coupon section for registration form.



REGION 1

J. Rick Cipot, Contributing Editor

airstreamclub.org/region1

As we have all heard before, together we will get through this. And we have. When you look to the past, our Airstream club has survived many troubling times and by standing together and keeping the spirit alive, once again we have prevailed. So many of our clubs throughout each region have been busy planning rallies and other events to help us through 2021. Plans may change, events may be canceled but we are encouraged together to be ready for another year of Fun, Friendship, and Adventure.

Our Region One Rally for 2020 was one of the hundreds of events cancelled for last year and I am happy to report that 2021 will host our region rally. Save the date and make plans for, "Oh! The Places You'll Go". June 17th thru the 20th at Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton, MA. This is a different location from the original 2020 location. Much thought and new planning has found a perfect location with so much to offer everyone with an array of different off-site adventure. The facility has several options for all depending on the status of the pandemic. We will have the option of a covered pavilion with plenty of fresh air circulation and if the weather takes a turn there is a large arena with plenty of room for social distancing. There will be 30 AMP power for all and daisy chain water with a dump station on-site.

Now if you need additional incentive above being with your Airstream family and making new friends, you can visit the Beer Can Museum! In 1942, five young friends about to serve in World War II came into the current location for a farewell toast. Each of them placed a full can of beer on the wall, with a vow that they would all return and toast those cans upon their return from duty. Only three of the five men returned home.

The remaining three drank the beers they had left on the wall and placed the three empty cans next to the two full ones in memory of their comrades. After changing hands over the years, the current owners continue to add cans to the collection. More of a place to stop for a beer rather than a museum however a roadside attraction worth a visit. You have the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library, Museum of Art along with many historical sites, local shops and Yankee Candle flagship store to visit. Please visit our Region One website for additional information.

On another course we have two National Rallies in Region One for 2021. As of now both events are planned to go forward. Of course, depending on COVID regulations and advisories, the events may be either cancelled or operate under special guidelines. For April we have the opening rally for

Region One, Pets and Paws, starting on the 9th and running thru April 11th. The location is still Provincetown out on Cape Cod. The second National Rally for Region One is the Columbus Day – Canadian Thanksgiving again in Leicester, VT October 8th thru the 11th. Region One is very excited in having two National Rallies which both have been sellouts in past years. Keep your eye on the rally schedule on our website and here in the *Blue Beret* for details when they become available.

It won't be long before we are once again traveling with our Airstream friends making new adventures together. Please stay safe and healthy and remember, always keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor

airstreamclub.org/region2

Decisions, decisions! Should we plan and hold a Region 2 rally this year or should we not? This was a key discussion during the January 14th Region 2 Zoom meeting. While a promising venue has been sussed out for mid-June, it's not an easy decision to make with COVID being what it is. We all agree that safety and enjoyability are paramount to any gathering and that these considerations will drive this decision. Local Presidents are taking the question of whether or not to move forward back to their Clubs for discussion. When Region 2 Zooms again in mid-February, a decision about a 2021 Region 2 rally will be made. More on that for the April issue.

In the meantime, local Clubs throughout our Region are busy planning their 2021 gatherings – all in keeping with minimizing the risk of transmitting the virus. Terri Warren's article in the January *Blue Beret* about the spread of COVID amongst participants in a club rally struck a chord with all of us. It serves as a stark reminder for us to not let our guard down, even with people we know well. As in many other regions, our Region 2 Clubs' gatherings will mostly be "Simply Camping" with COVID precautions in place and emphasis on outdoor activities, especially early in the year.

The Region 2 caravan "Autumn in the Maritimes" is scheduled to run August 31 – October 2, 2021. It is now fully subscribed and a waitlist has been established. Region 2 caravan guru Kerry Mattila describes it as a "beta" caravan since COVID precluded the pre-scouting of venues. Fortunately, Kerry, having travelled the maritime provinces of PEI, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the past, is familiar with the territory. Hopefully when it is due to begin, the border between Canada and the

US will be free-flowing and vaccination rates will be high enough that activities can go forward as planned. Fingers crossed!

We are all aware that Region 2 President Rich Short and the leadership team have invested a great deal of time and energy into renewing Region 2. Looking ahead, Rich reminds us that when his term comes to an end in early summer and the vice-presidents move into their new roles, we'll need a 2nd VP to complete the slate of officers. Acknowledging that there are many capable people amongst us, Rich is urging Region 2 members to consider stepping forward for this position.

On a final note – a big thank you to the Members Benefit Team and Team Leader Rich Short for all you do to make our membership in the Airstream Club more valuable! We truly appreciate you!

REGION 3

Joan Anderson, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region3

Looking ahead...

Here are some events coming up in Spring 2021:

March 11–April 1 - Georgia on My Mind Caravan – Explore a variety of plantations in southern Georgia and northern Florida. Spring is a great time to enjoy the South's beauty with Jim and Lynn Soltys, Caravan Leaders.

April 21-24 - Region 3 Rally - Capital Gains Rally at the North Florida Fairgrounds. Florida's Capital City is the perfect location to maximize our "return on investment." Registration is open on the region website, so plan to come join us for sun, sand and seafood in historic Tallahassee, FL. Bill Wild, Region 3 President is your host.

May 18–June 12 - Taste of the Blue Ridge Mountains Caravan – Bring your camera, binoculars, fishing gear, and most importantly your sense of adventure and come vacation with Ray and Carol Combs, caravan leaders, in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Many of the local Airstream Clubs will be having rallies while practicing healthy safety precautions. The list of rallies can be found at airstreamclub.org/events then go to list view and then look for the state.

Of course, we need to be planning on attending the 64th Annual Airstream International Rally in Lebanon, TN on July 17–24. Complete city information, directions, and parking dates and registration are located at airstreamclub.org/Lebanon.

See you down the road this Spring!

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region4

With the New Year comes the promise of a fun camping season. Camping is starting in Region 4 with the following rallies:

- April 29 – May 2 Urban Air in Downtown Logan, Ohio
"Wake Up Downtown" wakeupdowntown.com
- May 13 – 16 Santa's Hideaway Hollow Work Rally
Middlefield, Ohio
- May 19-23 45th Region 4 Rally
"Peace, Love, Almost Heaven"
Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve, Glen Jean, WV
- September 25 – October 3 59th Annual Swiss Festival
National Rally
Sugarcreek, Ohio "In the Heart of Amish Country"
- There are details for these and many other local club activities in the Region 4 activities section of the Blue Beret or online at airstreamclub.org/events.

We hope to see many of you at these exciting new 2021 rallies, as we celebrate a new and brighter new year.

REGION 5

Artie Martin, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region5

Hello Region 5!

Nancy and I are inviting you to attend the 2021 Region 5 Rally at Kosciusko County Fairgrounds in Warsaw, IN on Wednesday, September 15 to Sunday, September 19.

There is a lot of activities in area of Warsaw. Warsaw has 3 lakes in the city limits for fishing and recreational fun. We will be on the edge of Winona Lake on the fairgrounds. Warsaw is famous for being the Orthopedic Capital of the World. Also, Warsaw has one of three places in the world to have a cut-glass factory, not chemical cut, but actual hand-cut glass. South of Warsaw about 15 min in Silver Lake is Whetstone

Wooden Ware where they make all kinds of wooden spoons, forks, spatulas, and wood ware.

This year there will be no early parking. Your cost will include 4 nights camping (we can't get in early this year) and 3 breakfasts prepared by the local clubs. We will have the opening ceremony on Wednesday night with the annual Ice Cream Social (FYI, there are 4 ice cream stands in the city of Warsaw!). Entertainment on Friday night with our own Artie Martin. Admission to the RV Museum & Hall of Fame in Elkhart on Thursday morning. More to information to come.

On Saturday night, **FOR THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE (not trailers) REGISTERED**, we will be having the banquet on the S.S. Lillypad boat on Wawasee Lake in Syracuse, IN as part of the cost of the rally. Register Early!

We will have 50 or 30 Amp electrical service on the grounds. Water service will be daisy chained (Please bring 50-foot water hose and a Y splitter). Fires will be allowed only in the fire pits. There is a dump station on the grounds for Sunday morning. Shower and bathroom facilities are available on the grounds also. No pets will be allowed in the buildings but are allowed on the fairgrounds.

After last year's cancellation, we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

See you down the Road.
Christopher and Nancy Seplak
Region 5 President

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region6

From Region 6 President Jim Johnson - After much consideration, and in consultation with Region 6 officers, we have decided to go forward with the Region 6 Rally on April 8-12 in Vidalia, LA along the Mississippi River at River View RV Park and Resort. Plan on a socially distanced event, even for those who have had both COVID vaccinations. Weather permitting, we will have all campground activities outdoors. The average temperatures in Natchez are 77-high, and 53-low. We have a building with rollup doors available but will only use it if the weather is rainy or unusually cold. I expect one catered dinner, probably delivered to your trailer.

Unlike Muscle Shoals, we won't have any buses or group tours. Tours and activities will be on your own. We are negotiating for discount ticket

pricing, using your ACI badge. More to follow. To help plan your trip, we've included these websites -

- Natchez Pilgrimage site: <https://natchezpilgrimage.com/spring-pilgrimage>
- Southern Living article: <https://www.southernliving.com/travel/mississippi/the-orpheum-memphis>
- Visit Natchez site: <https://www.visitnatchez.org>
Natchez visitors guide: <https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=649550>
- Vidalia/Ferriday, LA site: <https://www.louisianatravel.com/cities/vidaliaferriday>
- Frogmore Plantation (Louisiana) site: <https://www.frogmoreplantation.com>

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. Train enthusiasts will enjoy an outing to the Foley Railroad Museum, housed in the historic depot, to see photos, tools and memorabilia documenting Foley's history and the important part the railroad played in developing the area. On May 13-17, club members will hold a rally at Battlefield Campground & RV Park, near Chattanooga, TN and Lookout Mountain. Area attractions include Ruby Falls, Rock City, Chickamauga Battlefield, Georgia Winery and the Tennessee Aquarium.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club members will camp and volunteer their time March 26-28 at the Arkansas Food Bank in Little Rock, AR. In 2020, Arkansas Foodbank distributed more than 40 million pounds of food across central and southern Arkansas, a 37% increase from 2019. The sharp rise in distribution is due to the economic impact from the coronavirus pandemic. On April 22-25, the Razorback club will camp along the Arkansas River at the Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock, AR for their annual Bikes, Buddies, and Brew Pubs rally. Club members will be at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, AL May 2-9.

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 members are planning their Bird Migration Rally at Grand Isle State Park to coincide with the April 16-18 Migratory Bird Festival, though final details have not been firmed up. Grand Isle is an essential stop for migrating songbirds after their long flight across the

Gulf of Mexico during spring migration. The island has become one of the best places in the world to see the variety of species during spring and fall migration. On Mother's Day weekend, the club is planning its Symphony Rally at Fontainebleau State Park on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain near Mandeville, LA, May 6-9.

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.

The Music City Airstream Club is planning a rally April 2-5 at David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg, TN. David Crockett was a pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist. He was born in northeast Tennessee in 1786 and died at the Alamo Mission in 1836 while aiding the Texans in their fight for independence from Mexico. The 1,319-acre park has a museum with exhibits depicting Crockett's life and a water-powered grist mill. Following the rally, a caravan along the Natchez Trace is planned for April 6-8, ending in Natchez, MS and Vidalia, LA where the Region 6 Rally will be held April 8-12. The Music City Airstream Club and East Tennessee Club are planning a Double the Fun State Rally, May 13-16 at Big South Fork National Park in Oneida, TN.

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

A Zoom meeting of Region 7 Officers and Committee Chairs occurred on January 7. The synopsis of that meeting is part of the Region 7 Newsletter, posted online at our website <https://airstreamclub.org/region7/region-7-newsletters>

Have a Green St. Patrick's Day, everyone!

Greetings Region 7 members and fellow readers! Here's hoping that in 2021 you are all healthy and safe during this difficult time of the COVID pandemic. Let's hope for an end to this pandemic so we can all meet again in person, catch up with one another, share some beverages, and create new memories!

I am Ginger Slattery, secretary for Region 7. I usurped the president's column from Madame President, Jane Carmichael! It wasn't that hard! My motivation in writing is two-fold: first, to introduce myself and second, to illustrate creative membership recruiting!

My husband, Joe, and I have been married 37 years. We raised 3 daughters here in Marquette, MI, all of whom now live downstate in the Grand Rapids, MI area. We are blessed to have 5 grandchildren!

My work experience includes receptionist for a national hearing aid company, middle school secretary and most recently as a front desk goddess for a local ear, nose & throat specialist. Once COVID hit, our satellite office was closed, and I was "retired" early!

Our first Airstream was a 1972 34' International which I thoroughly loved! The best thing about an Airstream is, once you go inside and close the door, you don't hear every conversation of the campers walking by! Of course, once the girls started growing and sleeping on the living room floor was no longer fun, we sold it for a bunkhouse (not an Airstream!).

Our second Airstream and current one, came about because as my husband was looking at retirement in 2015, I told him my one luxury item I wanted was another Airstream. We were lucky to find a gently used 2012 30' Flying Cloud that had all the features we wanted, now dubbed "The Silver Twinkie" thanks to a class reunion and a classmate with whom I grew up!

We spent this past March through October remodeling a house Joe had inherited (long story) two hours from our home, so our Silver Twinkie was parked in front and we camped there for four months! This was our only camping in 2020! We are looking forward to real camping in 2021! Of course, our ride-along companion is Tommy, our 9-year-old Shih Tzu, which leads me to my second motivation!

In the November 2020 issue, our illustrious leader, Jane, claimed to have "borrowed" Tommy for a few hours. It seemed more like a dognapping to us, but Jane claimed that no ransom was demanded. However, I beg to differ! The "ransom" was that in order to get Tommy back, we had to join the Club! Obviously, we did! Jane did not have to dognap Tommy; blatant flattery and wine would have worked just as well! However, Jane's subterfuge makes for a much better story! Talk about membership recruitment! We do share Tommy with Jane anytime we are camping in the same locale!

That's all for now. I am excited to meet as many of you as I can! Stay healthy and we'll see you on the road!

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region8

Happy St. Patrick's Airstreamers!

Spring is once again well on its way and after self-quarantining for what seems like an eternity, I am ready to get out and go camping. How about you?

The Region 8 Rally is still planned to be in Amana, IA April 28–May 2. We'll be camped at the Amana RV Park and Event Center. The rally will coincide with the Maifest Annual Celebration of Spring in the Amana Colonies. The celebration of spring began in 1984 and features a taste of the Amana Colonies food fest, Maypole dancers, German music, a parade at 10 am on May 1, crafts and more. It is a family friendly event. There will be a lot of activities and we look forward to seeing our Region 8 members.

Two months after our Region Rally is the International Rally in Lebanon, TN. The rally dates are July 17–24 and will be held at the Wilson County Expo Center. Registration is open! Check the Airstream Club website (airstreamclub.org) for more information.

Stay healthy and hope to see you soon!

REGION 9

Nancy Fitzgerald, Contributing Editor
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It is spring and time to examine your bucket list. Is Big Bend National Park on it? I read somewhere that Big Bend National Park is not in Texas. It is in "far west Texas," which is so isolated and so completely different from the rest of the region in both personality and terrain that it might as well be its own state. The park's name comes from the 100-mile-long big bend in the Rio Grande river that forms the Texas- Mexico border. The park is roughly the size of Rhode Island. Its remoteness makes it a top Dark Sky destination. The last time I visited, I led a small caravan of Airstreamers who had never visited the area; one couple had never been to Texas period. Getting ready to lead the group heightened my awareness of the majesty of this place. Did you know that over 450 species of birds have been documented in the park? Because Big Bend is on the central flyway of North America, over the course of a year, according to a park ranger, it is possible to see nearly 2/3 of all the birds found within the continental US. Three distinct ecosystems come together: the Rio Grande, the desert,

and the high alpine forest in the Chisos mountains. Spend at least a day in each section. Big Bend is the only National Park that contains an entire mountain range within its boundaries. We visited in February when the desert is warming to its bloom song. Ocotillo dressed in flaming scarlet blooms and whip-shaped, prickly branches, often up to 20 feet tall, emanates like candles from a candelabra. Another showstopper, the blooming desert marigold grows everywhere in all elevations. The bluebonnet, Texas's state flower, covers the dramatic cliffs that form the natural wall between Texas and Mexico. Over 1600 native plant species thrive in a Big Bend topsoil of limestone that some describe as baked crust. And the fauna is very impressive too. If you choose to camp inside the national park at the Rio Grande RV Village, you will make friends with a "wild" javelina that is more park pet than wild animal. Roadrunners tease you, darting across your hiking path constantly. No trip to Big Bend is complete without a hike down to the Rio Grande at Santa Elena Canyon to listen to the peregrine falcons' call, their voices bouncing back and forth, down the walls of the canyon surrounding you. Sit quietly in the juniper and pinyon pines of the Chisos mountains. Look on a cleft called the Window in the ring of the mountains. A whole another landscape can be viewed through the Window. How can one place host so many different landscapes? Desert- alpine- river. I do not know if it is true, but I read somewhere that the topography of Big Bend is so barren and jagged in places that America's astronauts in the 60s took field trips to the park to prepare them for landing on the moon. If you do not believe me about the majesty of Big Bend, here is a description from a 19th century Mexican vaquero describing the Big Bend: "You go south from Fort Davis until you come to the place where the rainbows wait for rain, and the big river is kept in a stone box, and the water flows uphill. And the mountains float in the air, except at night, when they run off to play with other mountains."

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor
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We are into the spring of 2021. I hope it is going well for you.

Many Airstreamers in the more northern portion of Region 10 have enjoyed great winter camping experiences. Terrific! Our personal travelling pods has made our experiences much safer and fun for all to enjoy hiking, skiing or other winter adventures. There are few things better than sitting around a campfire enjoying the silence, staring at the stars under a winter sky.

Some of our local clubs have started their 2021 rally schedule. Maintenance, leak tests, "shake down" rallies are on our calendars. Remember to check the local club website for details.

If the border remains closed, let's think about caravans - short or long, tag along, or hop on hop off options and rallies to explore local attractions. Wine, golf, brewery tours are all great fun.

Our Region leadership, President, Michel Bourassa, First VP, Rhonda Levine, Second VP, Kathy Geese, have been working and "zooming" on Region plans for the upcoming year. Thank you for the hard work.

Your local Club is planning rallies and caravans for the upcoming season. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. I am going to quote an article from our Snowbird travel magazine. If you are well, healthy, and if the local guidelines allow - go, enjoy; "follow the local guidelines and assess the risks of the activity. You can minimize the risk by avoiding the 3 C's: 1. Closed spaces with poor ventilation; 2. Crowded places with many people nearby; and 3. Close faces, such as close-range conversations. Consider the risks and make an informed choice". **STAY SAFE.**

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

In addition to our local club rallies, mark these planned (at the moment) events in addition to your local club activities.

International WBAC Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee	July 17-24
Pendleton Round Up Rally, Pendleton, Oregon	September 13-19
Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival Rally, Sun Valley, Idaho	Oct. 12 to 16

Happy Streaming!

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region11

The Four Corners Unit is going to Patagonia State Park on March 18-21. They will be in individual hookups to allow for proper social distancing and will participate in individual activities which may include hiking, kayaking and fishing. This is a historical area so some may visit the unique town of Patagonia or the first Spanish Presidio located at nearby Tubac State Park.

The Arizona Airstream Club is going to the Shadow Hills RV Resort located in the Coachella Valley near Palm Springs, CA on March 18-21. Campers may ride the Palm Valley Aerial Tram, hike in Joshua Tree National Park or take a scenic drive thru the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountain National monument. There are other activities that Rally host John Holly may suggest that are Covid-19 safe, interesting and entertaining. John also reports that the campgrounds has released more sites so Airstreamers should go to the Arizona Airstream Club website to see if campsites are available. Come join Airstream Club members from five states that have registered for this Rally.

The New Mexico Club – after 29 years of active membership including the last nine years of presidential leadership, Bob and Ann Werth are taking the Big Red Number 293 on the road to visit other places and attend other Rallies. I thank them for providing information that was useful in writing this column. I also wish new President Lemoyne Blackshear well in leading the New Mexico Airstream Club. New Mexico may exceed Arizona in geologic diversity and certainly, interesting, unusual, beautiful places to park a group of Airstream trailers.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region12

Hello again California and Nevada Airstreamers. As Cecelia and I are packing to fly to Florida tomorrow, I need to get this article to the Central Office in Ohio. We will be attending the annual International Board of Trustees meeting in Sarasota. This will be a hybrid meeting with some of the members in attendance and some there via "Zoom."

We had a great time with the El Camino Airstream Club in December. We drove down from Carson City to attend their Officer Installation meeting at the Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert. Cecelia did a great job installing the new officers and thanking the outgoing officers. The turnout was great as we had a dozen rigs and many folks drove in for the day for the fantastic holiday dinner.

The Sacramento Valley Airstream Club had an interesting idea in their newsletter. Roberta published the names that their members gave to their trailers. If you know any "personalized" names of people's rigs, send them to me and I will put them in the *Blue Beret*. Send them to bunytone@yahoo.com. The Sacramento Valley club also goes to an RV park that I have not heard of other Clubs using. The Lakes RV Resort is in Chowchilla, CA and they say the golf is great.

Congratulations are in order for the Northern California Airstream Club. They were able to pull off a great caravan up the Oregon Coast. With the forest fires and the virus, they were able to complete the trip after visiting many tourist sights along the way.

Here are a couple of upcoming events that need to go on your calendar. The 2021 Cali Rally is still scheduled for April 22-25. Also the 2021 Region 12 Rally is set for October 6-10 at the Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles, CA. Keep an eye on the R12 website for more information. See you down the road.

From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

Happy New Year from your extended Airstream family here in Jackson Center, OH! What started as a very slow start to 2020 with everyone stuck in their homes for six weeks, turned into a whirlwind of a year that seemed to fly by! 2021 has come in with a bang here at Airstream and we see another very busy year ahead of us here in Jackson Center, OH, as we try to keep up with unprecedented demand.

It was great to see so many familiar faces on the recent virtual mid-winter IBT meeting. I just hope I can see those same faces in person soon! In addition to the IBT meeting, we recently had a virtual "holiday lunch" with the incredible team at WBCCI Headquarters. Each December, a few of us at Airstream buy lunch and spend some time with this incredible group, but just like every other gathering last year, we had to cancel the in-person gathering and be a bit more resourceful in these crazy times. Like the IBT virtual meeting, it was so nice to see the entire team at Headquarters and get an update of everything they have been up to these days. The pandemic has brought several challenges, but boy, it has also driven many of us to be resourceful in solving those challenges. I am very impressed in how the club has handled it all, nice work!

As I write this article in the second week of February, we are putting the final touches on a full, virtual, factory training session for our dealers. Every November, we host our dealers for an in-person, factory training session here in Jackson Center, OH. It is a required part of being a Five Rivet dealer and is very effective. Unfortunately, with the pandemic, we were unable to hold it in-person this year, so we pivoted, and now we are doing an incredible virtual session. On average, we would have 80-90 people attend the session in each year, but because it is so much easier to attend a virtual session, we will have over 350 people attend this week! The session will cover the new factories, products, programs, and suppliers we have here at Airstream and will also have a test for each participant to pass. It is the largest digital investment we have ever made in training, and judging by the participation numbers, I am certain virtual is here to stay for a while!

In addition to the virtual factory training, our service team has been doing virtual training sessions with dealer techs across the nation each week. What started as 20-30 techs attending the sessions has turned into 150-175 techs each week learning about our products and how to work on them. In addition, our suppliers have been very supportive in each event providing great insight into their products for our dealer techs across the nation. Airstream has received great feedback on these sessions, and we are looking at more ways to invest in these tools so our dealers can service each of you better.

As I mentioned before, Airstream decided to not attend RV shows this winter and spring. The risk of sending our reps across the country during a pandemic did not seem like a good idea right now and when combined with the fact our dealers are at historic lows in inventory, they

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Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings. I hope you are staying warm and safe through this Winter season. As I write this article in early February, we have just had our first measurable snowstorm of the season and it will be followed up with some very frigid days for us here in Ohio. I cannot wait for Spring to get here!!

We receive a lot of questions concerning maintenance on the new Relax Power Awning. As more and more of our trailers come equipped with the power awning, I have asked the manufacture (Zip Dee) if they could provide some maintenance tips that I could share with our owners. You can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fxpVgbZclk> to watch a video of this process. Please visit Zip Dee's website for other how-to videos concerning manual awnings as well.

Relax Awning Care

1. Lubricants needed.
 - a. Silicone spray and a rag for the steel bars and rafter arms.
 - b. White lithium grease with a spray straw for the main arm screws.
 - c. Scotch-Brite pad.
2. Frequency.
 - a. Steel bars and rafter arms should be lubricated once every two months.
 - b. The main arm screw accessed through the lubrication hole on the arm should be lubricated once every 6 months.
3. Lubricate the gas rafters.
 - a. Open the awning completely. The areas that need lubrication are all exposed when the awning is open.

- b. If there is any buildup of white residue on the rafter arm, use the Scotch-Brite pad to clean it off so it remains smooth.
- c. Place a rag over the top side of the gas rafter to protect the fabric from overspray. Spray the bright stainless tubing with the silicone spray being sure to move your protective rag as you move your spray nozzle.
- d. Wipe off any excess lubricant. Pictured below.



4. Lubricate the steel bars.
 - a. Spray the steel bars with silicone spray.
 - b. Wipe off any excess lubricant. Pictured below.



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30 Amp Inlet and Connector Kit

5. Lubricate the main arm screw.

- Locate the main arm screw on the interior top side of the main awning arm. The side that faces the trailer when the awning is closed.
- Place the tip of the spray straw of the white lithium grease can in the hole and spray a few sprays of lubricant down in the hole.
- Close the awning. As the arms close, the grease is worked into all the moving parts inside the awning arm.

Cleaning The Awning Fabric

1. Supplies Needed.

- Bucket of water, long handled soft bristle brush, ¼ cup mild soap, 1 cup bleach.

2. Frequency.

- The fabric should be washed once per year to help retain its water resistant properties. The top and the bottom side of the fabric should be washed at the same time.

3. Cleaning the fabric.

- Open the awning completely.
- Use the soft bristled brush to scrub soapy mixture on to both sides of the fabric. Avoid excess scrubbing on the seams to help protect the stitching.
- Roll up the awning while still covered in the soap mixture.
- Let sit for 15 to 30 minutes.
- Then open the awning back up and rinse repeatedly until all the soap is out of the fabric.
- Let the awning air dry for one hour before closing it again.

I hope this answers any questions you may have had for lubricating and cleaning the awning. If you need more assistance, please visit the Zip Dee website or their You Tube videos.

I would love to hear from you and if you have a suggestion or topic you would like to see covered in a future article or have a question, just drop me a line at rmarch@airstream.com

Have a great month!



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International Rally

Jul 17-24 2021 International Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee

National Rallies

Apr 9-11 Pets & Paws, Provincetown, MA
 Sep 13-19 Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, OR
 Sep 25-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, 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
 Jun 17-20 Region 1 Rally, Northampton, 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

Mar 13 St. Patrick's Day Gathering, Russ & Rhona Home, Southington CT
 06489, Russ & Rhona Fuller, rfuller1745@att.net
 Apr 30-May 2 Keep Calm and Rally on Charlie Brown CG, 98 Chaplin Rd, Eastford CT
 06242, Christine & Glen Lessig and Carol & Chris Dubrowski,
glessig@gmail.com

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

Mar 13 Spring Wakeup Picnic, The Dietz's, 1984 Yarnall Rd, Pottstown PA 19464,
 Jody Dietz, jdietz4361@gmail.com
 Apr 23-25 Joint Maintenance Rally, Queen Anne's County 4H FG, Dulin Clark Rd,
 Centerville MD 21617, Will & Karen Kushto, kkushto@comcast.net

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

Apr 22-25 Spring Time @ Indian Island Rally, Indian Island County Park 914-262-
 0524, Indian Point Rd (Rte 105), Riverhead NY 11901, Ted Strickroth,
tedstrickroth@yahoo.com or Mary Morello, mmorello@optonline.net

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

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

New Jersey Unit - airstreamclub.org/new-jersey

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

Apr 22-25 Capitol Kickoff Rally, Point Lookout SP, 11175 Point Lookout Rd, Scotland MD 20687, Jeff Sutton, jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com

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

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, Campground Reservations: Call 843-795-4386, Tell the Campground you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club Rally

Apr 8-11 Tanglewood Park, NC Rally, Tanglewood Park & CG <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/apr-tanglewood-park/> 4016 Clemmons Rd, Clemmons NC 27012, Campground Reservations, Call Tanglewood Park 336-703-6494

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

Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/florida

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

Apr 22-25 Streamin' in the Highlands Rally, Highlands Hammock SP Rally, 5931 Hammock Rd, Sebring FL 33872, Lyn & Bob Masters, bltampa@me.com

Apr 27-May 1 Key West Rally, Boyd's Key West CG, 6401 Maloney Ave, Key West FL 33040, Larry & Linda Scovotto 386-405-0160, floridalarry@me.com

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

Mar 8-14 Join us in the Florida panhandle for an exclusive Suncoast airstream rally at one of the air stream parks Rally, Mystic Springs Cove, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid FL 32568, Brad Reid, reid4269@gmail.com

Apr 12-18 Rally, WP Franklin N, 17850 N Franklin Lock Rd, Alva FL 33920, book your site on Reserve America and email Brad to let him know you are coming, Brad Reid, reid4169@gmail.com

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

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

Mar 26-28 Maintenance Rally, Cozy Acres CG 804-598-2470, 2177 Ridge Rd, Powhatan VA 23139, Tom Carmichael 804-245-1710, tomc@sportsimageinc.com

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

Mar 8-19 Four State Parks Caravan, Anastasia SP, 300 Anastasia Park Rd, St. Augustine FL 32080, Judy Harrison 813-928-1536, jih6905hot@gmail.com

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

Apr 15-18 Rally, Georgia Veteran's SP, 800-459-1230 <https://www.reseze.net/servlet/WebResDesk?hotelid=1276>, 2459-H US Hwy 280 W, Cordele GA 31015, Matt & Beth Hackney, eroney@aol.com

Apr 15-21 Caravan to Region 3, 2459-H US Hwy 280 W, Cordele GA 31015, Matt Hackney, eroney@aol.com

Apr 18-21 Rally on the Bluffs, Bluff Creek CG, <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232529>, 144 Bluff Creek Rd, Pittsview AL 36871, Annette Conoly, 012president@airstreamclub.net

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

Apr 9-11 Virginia Blue Bell Rally, 350 Daughter of Stars Dr, Bentonville VA 22610, Phil Miller 540-578-1320, philmlerplm@gmail.com

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 4 Activities

Region 4 Website: airstreamclub.org/region4

May 19-23 Region 4 Rally, Glen Jean, WV

Sep 25-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugar Creek, OH

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

Apr 29-May 2 Wakeup Downtown, Logan, Ohio FG, 150 N Homer Ave, Logan OH 43138, Dennis Kiehl 330-697-0772, as27050@akron.net

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



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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
Apr 8 Luncheon, Ralphie's, 451 Portland Way N, Galion OH 44833, Nancy Findling 419-688-0001, cnfindling@frontier.com

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

- Apr 15-19 Spring is in the Airstream, Hocking Hills SP CG 866-644-6727 <https://www.reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb/>, 19852 SR 664, Logan OH 43138, Tom Brown 419-203-1681, tombrown1951@gmail.com
Apr 22-25 Spring Fling, Mark Wahlberg Airstream & RV, 3865 W Broad St, Columbus OH 43228, Suzie & John Couger 614-519-1324, slchazen7@yahoo.com

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

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

- Apr 17 Forgetting Taxes Luncheon, Sedona Tap House, 198 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy MI 48063, Barbara Darian, SEMACPresident@gmail.com

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

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

- Apr 30-May 2 Season Opener, Brown County SP, <https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>, 1801 SR 46 E, Nashville IN 47448, Damon Beals 317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com

Indiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/indiana

Kentucky Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/kentucky

- Apr 28-May 2 Kentucky Derby Reunion Rally, Kentucky Horsepark CG 859-653-5519, 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington KY 40511, Artie Martin 513-288-3419, aom1215@yahoo.com

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

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

- Apr 23-26 Wildflower Foray Rally, Brown County Indiana SP, 1405 St Route 46 W, Nashville IN 47448, Bernie & Mary Taylor 309-251-7744

REGION 6 Activities

Region 6 Website: airstreamclub.org/region6

- Apr 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA
Apr 15-18 Alabama State Rally, Foley, AL
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

- Apr 30-May 2 Dells Campout & Spring Business Meeting, Wisc Dells KOA 608-254-4177, <https://koa.com/campgrounds/wisconsin-dells/>, S 235A Stand Rock Rd, Wisconsin Dells WI 53965, Bill Scheuerell, bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net
May 1 Spring Business Meeting, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co <https://www.dellsmoosejaw.com>, 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells WI 53965, Bill Scheuerell, bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

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

Mar 11-14 Spring Rally, Brazoria Lakes RV Resort 979-798-1000, 14600 S Hwy 36, Brazoria TX 77422, Tom Bundy 281-250-7644,
Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net

Apr 8-11 Pre-Region Rally, Salmon Lake Park 936-687-2594, 247 Salmon Lake Rd, Grapeland TX 75844, 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. <https://texasairstreamharbor.com/tgcu-home-page>, 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980,
info@texasairstreamharbor.com

Apr 9-10 Rally, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc. <https://texasairstreamharbor.com/tgcu-home-page>, 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980,
info@texasairstreamharbor.com

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

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

Apr 29-May 2 Cinco de Mayo Rally, Traveler's World RV Resort, 2617 Roosevelt Ave, San Antonio TX 78214, 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

REGION 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: airstreamclub.org/region10

~~CANCELLED~~ 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

Mar 16-19 St. Patrick's Day Rally, Timberlake CG & RV, 112 Bylin Rd, Stevenson WA

98648, Stacey & Amy Rovenilli, icuffm@att.net
Mar 25-28 Elkamp Rally, Elkamp, 184 Naugle Rd, Mineral WA 98355, Brian & Judy Smith, brian.smith.6@gmail.com

Apr 2-4 April Fool's Rally, River Bend County Park, 45931 Santiam Hwy, Foster OR 97345, Ralond & Ruby Troncin, rubyltroncin@gmail.com

Apr 15-18 Bird Migration Rally, Burns RV Park, 1273 Seneca Dr, Burns OR 97720, Carol & John Dion, jh.cd.dion@gmail.com

Apr 22-25 Maryhill Rally, Maryhill SP, 50 US-97, Goldendale WA 98620, Hal Hendrix & Terri Warren, twestover@mac.com

Apr 22-25 Bullard's Beach SP Camping, Bullard's Beach SP, Oregon Coast Hwy, Bandon OR 97411, Terri Warren, twestover@mac.com

Apr 29-May 2 Wine Country - Joint WA & OR Rally, Wine Country RV Park, 330 Merlot Dr, Prosser WA 99350, Carol & John Dion, jh.cd.dion@gmail.com

Washington Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/washington

Apr 29-May 2 Wine Country - Joint WA & OR Rally, Wine Country RV Park, 330 Merlot Dr, Prosser WA 99350, Craig Hammond, hammondhabitat@gmail.com

REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: airstreamclub.org/region11

Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/arizona

Mar 18-21 Coachella Valley Rally, Shadow Hills RV Resort, 40655 Jefferson St, Indio CA 92203, John Holly, 213-304-7769, johnholly@aol.com

Apr 8-11 Kartchner Caverns SP Rally, Kartchner Caverns SP, 2980 S Hwy 90, Benson AZ 85602, Bob Doster, wdoster@cox.net

Colorado Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/colorado

Apr 26-May 1 Moab Rally, Portal RV Park 435-259-6108 <https://www.portalrvresort.com/>, 1261 N Hwy 191, Moab UT 84532, Vicki Ottoson & Ernie Nitka 303-777-6144, personal@comcast.net

Four Corners Unit - airstreamclub.org/four-corners

New Mexico Unit - airstreamclub.org/new-mexico

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

Wyoming Unit - airstreamclub.org/wyoming

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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

Mar 10-14 Launch into March, Launch Pointe Recreation Center <https://launch-pointe.com>, 32040 Riverside Dr, Lake Elsinore CA 92530, Karen & Frank Pickett 714-310-7856, karenpick61@gmail.com
Apr 7-10 Costa Vista Rally, Costa View RV Resort <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/costa-vista-rv-resort>, 825 E St, Chula Vista CA 91910, Weston Taylor 909-241-1160, taylor9805@aol.com

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

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

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

Mar 13 Luncheon #1 (of 2), Casa Grande Rest, 4796 Caughlin Pkwy, Reno NV 89519, Cecelia Stansbury 925-200-4360, cecstansbury@yahoo.com
Mar 20 Luncheon #2 (of 2), Mel & Fay's Diner, 31 Hwy 88, Jackson CA 92542, Cecelia Stansbury 925-200-4360, cecstansbury@yahoo.com

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

Mar 18-21 St. Patrick's Day Rally, Boulder Beach CG, 268 Lakeshore Rd, Boulder City NV 89005, Diane, discotties@yahoo.com

Apr 7-11 Paso Robles Rally, Cava Robles RV Resort <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/west/california/cava-robles/>, 3800 Golden Hill Rd, Paso Robles CA 93446, Cheryl, musserfly@cox.net

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

Apr 7-11 Gilroy Rally, Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park, 650 Halloway Rd, Gilroy CA 95020, Carole & Bob Echols/Yoshiko & Steve Deiwert, steve_deiwert@sbcglobal.net

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

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

From the Vice President of Sales

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would not have much to display anyway. Sales continue to soar despite the lack of sales, and we are now sold out until late fall on some products and into the summer months for most. So, if you are thinking about a new Airstream this year, make sure you get your order in right away!

On behalf of 1,090 hard working families in Jackson Center, OH, I want to thank you for your continued support of our small company. As I joined the IBT virtual meeting, it reminded me just how many of owner's volunteer to support the Airstream community. It means the world to each of us and I am sure it would make Wally very proud to know the club is still active and effective. I hope this new year is a healthy, safe, and relaxing time for each of you and I sure do hope I can see many of you soon!

Happy Airstreaming!

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2021 WBCCI National Caravans

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Three Mexican Gems

1/29-3/31

Start: Nogales, AZ

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!

Georgia on My Mind

3/11-4/1

Start: Blakely, GA

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

3/16-27

Start: Kinder, LA

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

4/21-5/13

Start: Bowling Green, KY

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

5/18-6/12

Start: Bryson City, NC

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

5/27-6/22

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 Rocky Mountain National Park to the many splendors of Yellowstone National Park.

North to Alaska

7/12-9/12

Start: Dawson Creek, BC

Stop: Prince George, BC

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

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.

9/8-10/11

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.

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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.

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.

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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

Those little tags, we love seeing them. Now come with us and see some of those products made.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East

9/10-25

Start: Manistique, MI

Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern half of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops.

45th REGION 4 RALLY
Peace, Love, Almost Heaven
Summit Bechtel Reserve, Fayetteville, West Virginia
May 19 - 23, 2021

Last Name _____
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WBCCI # _____ Unit/Club _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____
Type RV TT MH Length _____ Handicapped Parking? Y N

Rally Fee:

2 Persons	\$345	# in Party _____
1 Person	\$275	Rally Fee.....\$ _____
Extra Adult/Child	\$ 70	\$70 x _____ \$ _____
		Total.....\$ _____

\$50 discount if postmarked on or before January 31, 2021

Discount.....\$ _____

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Rally Fee includes: 4 nights camping w/20A electric, come with full water tanks and empty grey/black tanks-pumpouts on Saturday, 3 catered meals, morning hospitality, evening hospitality, evening entertainment, high adventure activities, and much more...

Cancellation Policy: Refund requests sent to the Region Treasurer in writing (email or snail mail) and postmarked by March 30 will receive a refund less a \$50 administrative fee. Refund requests postmarked on or after April 1 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds after May 1.

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Region 4
Mail to: Steve Rhodes
1121 Bogey Drive, Ontario, OH 44903-6526

STORYTELLING NATIONAL RALLY
Camping at Appalachian Fairgrounds
Gray, Tennessee
for the National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, Tennessee
September 29 - October 3, 2021

Names _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
Airstream Club Member # _____ Club _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Handicapped _____ Amount enclosed _____
Emergency Ph. _____
Please circle type: MH TR Slideouts Length _____

Fee: \$140 for 5 nights parking w/full hookups for first 40 trailers. Early parking begins Sunday, Sep. 26 at \$28 per night, so come visit the area. Each person is responsible for obtaining their own tickets to the Storytelling Festival. Directions will be emailed when you register. Call Harry if you do not receive a confirmation email. (Refund minus \$5 cancellation fee.) For further info contact Harry Herrmann at 865-966-2222 or email: harry22222@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Harry Herrmann
Mail to: Harry Herrmann
12275 Warrior Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922

ATHENS OLD TIME FIDDLERS RALLY
Includes Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention
Athens, Alabama
September 28 - October 2, 2021

Last Name _____
First Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
WBCCI # _____ Club # (no names or abbreviations) _____

Rally Fee:
Per adult # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
Per child # _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

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Camping per night # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____
(4 night minimum) Total \$ _____

Checks payable to: Alabama Airstream Fiddlers Rally
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3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801
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Address questions and comments to:
Rally Chairman, Russ Pry, email: athensairstreamrally@gmail.com

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Sugarcreek, Ohio
"In the Heart of Amish Country"
September 25 - October 3, 2021

Name _____ Spouse/Other _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone _____ WBCCI # _____
Email _____ Region/Club # _____
Handicapped _____ 1st Timer _____
Caravan Leader _____ Caravan _____
MH / Length _____ Trailer / Length _____ M/C Size _____
Region or International Officer? (specify title): _____
of: Adults _____ Guests over 18 _____ Children under 18 _____
Interest to Participate: _____ Hobby Show _____ Flea Market _____ Golf _____
Musical (Bring your instruments)

Rally Fee:
Airstream, 2 adults \$275 _____
Airstream, 1 adult \$200 _____
Each Add'l > 18 yrs \$125 x _____
Each Child < 17 yrs \$100 x _____
Early Parking (Indiv.) \$ 25 (Sep 24)
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
Check Number _____

Rally Parking is Saturday, September 25, 9:00am-5pm from the **Rally Bullpen**; early individual rally parking Friday (1-5 pm) for a \$25 fee. Caravans arriving with 5 or more pre-registered RVs may park at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 24, from 1-5 pm. **Cancellations:** Refunds will not be distributed without the Rally Chair first receiving your mailed **written request** stating your reason for cancellation, along with your **Acknowledgement Postcard** and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail should arrive NLT than Saturday, September 11, 2021. Refunds will be dispersed after the rally; the amount returned will be at the discretion of the Rally Chair.

Karin & Larry Kurkowski, 2021 Rally Chairmen
Rally email: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

Please, enclose a self-addressed, **stamped, business envelope** to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card** & other rally info.

Make checks payable to: Swiss Festival National Rally
Mail check, reservation form & stamped business envelope to:
Karin Kurkowski, 3665 Crooks Rd, Troy, MI 48084
Cell Ph. 586-214-1777, Home Ph. 248-649-5355 (May-Sep)

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Sunset at Northern California Airstream Club's Pismo Beach Rally - submitted by John Bibby, BRN 3854



Three generations of WBCCI Life members, Jerry Goodwin, Vern Goodwin, Vernon Goodwin and Jason Goodwin - submitted by Vernon Goodwin, BRN 1311



Reflections at a fall Washington DC Unit rally - submitted by Linda Moore, BRN 15116



Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Installation/Fall Business Rally waving goodbye to 2020 - submitted by Sandy Sasuta, BRN 1001



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