

THE CLASSIC NEWSLETTER



The Classic Airstream Club is an IntraClub of the Wally Byam Airstream Club

“On the Road Again” Edition

Summer is around the corner and, as Willie would say, we can't wait to get on the road again, goin' places that we've never been, seein' things that we may never see again, and, for the lucky ones and their audience, makin' music with our friends...

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CAC Purpose

“We're the best of friends
Insisting that the world keep turning our way”



Traveling Together “Every cloud has a Silver Lining”

The **Classic Airstream Club** is an IntraClub of the Wally Byam Airstream Club. The CAC membership is opened to all WBCA members who own an aluminum Airstream Recreational Vehicle (trailer or motorhome) with the iconic aerodynamic shape, regardless of its age (not exclusively “Classic” models but Flying Cloud, Sport, International, Globetrotters and all other aluminum models).

Our club members enjoy informal get-togethers, affordable rallies and caravans organized by local members from all parts of the North American continent.

Our rally hosts and caravan leaders are all volunteers from the Classic Airstream Club. We currently have three caravans “under construction” heading to or following the 2020, and 2021 International Rallies. Caravans may “pop up” anywhere, anytime... We welcome all ideas and suggestions and are always looking for members who would like to help us discover their area. Who knows, you may become our next caravan leader...

Classic Airstream Motorhomes

If you wonder what a Classic motorhome looks like, here you are!

This beautiful specimen, nicknamed “the RussBus” is a 1983 Airstream 310 Turbo Diesel. The proud owner is Russel Decker from the Washington Airstream Club.



Photo by Russel Decker

Classic Airstream Owners, please share inside/out pictures of your trailers or motorhomes. Email them to Marie Efira, CAC newsletter editor wbcci5495@gmail.com

Memoirs from the Shaws

“Goin' places that I've never been
Seein' things that I may never see again”



By Pat Shaw
President
#6318

In our last CAC newsletter I shared information about some of the CAC caravans that Dave and I have had the opportunity to experience. It is my hope that some of these caravans can be offered again as well as some new ones. It is the goal of the Classic Airstream Club to offer short and less expensive Airstreaming experiences across the country. Perhaps memoirs from those of us who are charter or long-time members will help to guide more individuals to come forward and volunteer to lead a caravan.

The ten-day “Let the Good Times Roll” caravan was held March 12-20, 2010, with rendezvous at Lake Arthur, Louisiana. For those of us from the north, it was great to be heading for warmer weather. But first, we needed to hire an end loader to free our Airstream from the winter snow.



We had never been in the Louisiana area, so many of the features were excitingly new. We met another couple from Iowa. We travelled over several causeways - some of which were quite long - and drove past a cypress swamp.



We arrived early to our rendezvous point and set up camp under a live oak tree covered with Spanish moss (unheard of in Iowa). We soon realized that we were in the boondocks when we tried to find service for our cell phones. We were given directions to the nearest library which was a mobile unit out in the middle of nowhere!!



Some of us drove into Lake Arthur to “see the sites”. Did you know the graves are above ground? Throughout the cemetery you see crawfish “homes” coming straight up from under the ground.



While driving around town we watched a man harvesting crawfish in a rice paddy and loading them into his boat. We toured the station where he took his “catch” and watched the crawfish being prepared. Our friend bought a bagful of boiled crawfish back to camp, and we ate it. I was proud of myself for tasting the crawfish (hubby did not!)



The use of the rice paddies alternate between harvesting crawfish and rice. We watched a low-flying plane dropping rice seeds into a paddy. Next season it will be for crawfish.

Next day everyone arrived for our first meeting where we met old friends and new. We were led through interesting waterways and small Louisiana communities. We travelled to Mamou for a Cajun song fest

and listened to traditional southern music with fiddles, guitars, accordion and a young blind boy playing the piano.



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Have you ever been dry camping over water? We parked at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge on Pecan Island. No services available.

The next day we visited an alligator farm. I'm proud to say that both of us were courageous enough to hold an alligator. (They were baby alligators and the mouths were taped shut!)



Another day we caravanned to Cameron, Louisiana. The sea level elevation is only 4 feet!! We were camped right on the edge of the Gulf. In the distance was an oil rig, and many shrimp boats were fishing all around us. We followed one shrimp boat into dock and watched him sort his catch. The sea gulls surrounded the boats waiting for the fish to be thrown back into the water. You could purchase fresh shrimp right from the boat for \$1.25-\$1.50 (depending on the size).



As our caravan was close to ending, we got a group picture at the Cameron Wildlife Refuge. Are you in the picture? Do you recognize anyone in the group?

This is a short, brief description of the "Let the Good Times Roll" caravan. I only shared a few highlights. Because our leaders lived in the area, they had a plethora of information to share with us about this part of Louisiana. It was not only filled with adventure and enjoyment, but also very educational. We learned the difference between Cajun and Creole, the difficulties rebuilding homes following Hurricane Rita and Ike, why donkeys are so important to this area, and much more.

We ROAMED and EXPLOREd so many sites with our fellow Airstreamers. Sadly, we did finally ARRIVE at our final stop. We celebrated with a huge steak dinner, thanked our leaders, and shared one final night of camaraderie.

It was a fantastic caravan filled with **Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure!**

Let's Meet in Doswell, Virginia



Mark your calendars!

Come and join us this summer from July 20-27, during the 62nd WBCCI International rally at Meadow Event Park, in Doswell, Virginia. <https://doswell.wbcci.net>



Classic Airstream Club sign-up table

Meet our officers at the Classic Airstream Club sign-up table, in the West Hall (where you check-in), Wednesday July 17, Thursday July 18, and Friday July 19 from 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday July 20 and Sunday July 21 from 1 pm to 4 pm.



Classic Airstream Club Presentation

"History and purpose of the Classic Airstream Club"

We invite you to attend a presentation July 22nd at 1:30 PM in the West Room (2nd floor).

Presenter: Kay Corder kayceelsmo@gmail.com



Annual Business Meeting and Social

We hope to see you at our annual business meeting and social at the International Rally in Doswell on **Friday, July 26th at 4:30 PM** in the Meadow Pavilion. We will be providing pizza and drinks (non-alcoholic). Please sign up at the table near registration when you arrive at International (see hours above).

The Classic Airstream Club Officers are looking forward to meeting you

President - Pat Shaw	#6318
Vice President - Don McKelvey	#205
Secretary - David Shaw	#6318
Treasurer - Kay Corder	#17774
1 yr. Council - Jim Johnson	#3996
2 yr. Council - Marie Efra	#5495
3 yr. Council - Gary Burnham	#16471



Welcome to our New Members!

Mike Bedinger and Linda Bryant, Missouri
Buddy Boyson, Arkansas
Chris and Madelle Friess, Oregon
Charles (Wayne) and Genny Gurtler, Kansas
Howie and Karen Hanson, Iowa
John and Myrna Merell, Arizona
J.C. and Martha Prather, Mississippi
Sheri and Jack Reitter, Ohio



It's 2019, annual membership dues are still \$10, "like it's 1999"!

Membership Application

To Join the Classic Airstream Club or renew your membership, download the application from our website <https://classicairstream.wbcci.net>

Direct link:

<https://classicairstream.wbcci.net/members-application/>

Mail your application to:

Kay Corder, CAC Treasurer
1002 SW Allendale Blvd
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
Email: kayceelsmo@gmail.com



CAC Today and Yesterday



“The life I love is makin' music with my friends”

When we caravan or simply just gather among members, there is no dull time by the fire, as we are pleased to welcome quite a good number of talented musicians among our members.

Classic Airstream Club caravan leader John Landry (left on the picture) was a long time WBCCI band Director.

Our CAC Webmaster Ed Efira (right on the picture) has played for several years in WBCCI dance band. He is in charge of the Jam Sessions at the International Rally in Doswell, Virginia. So bring your instrument with you. Whatever your style or your instrument, you can expect good camaraderie.

Jam Sessions are scheduled on Sunday July 21, Monday 22, Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24, Thursday 25, Friday 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm on the Veranda. Bring your instrument or simply come and enjoy the music.

You can contact Ed, Classic Airstream Club Webmaster, via email at classic.airstream.club@gmail.com or just show up at one of the jam sessions indicated on your rally program.

Happy Summer! Safe Travels!

We want to learn more about you too.

Share pictures of your travels, of your home on wheels, your traveling pets, plants and hobbies on the road. This page will appear on every issue of our Classic Club newsletter. Please email me your photos.

Marie Efira, CAC newsletter editor, wbcci5495@gmail.com



The 4 Corner caravan at the region 11 Rally in Cortez Colorado in 2004



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Classic Airstream Club

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date:/.....20.....

New Member

Renewal

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____
Please Print

(Spouse) _____

WBCCI # _____ WBCCI Unit _____

Street, P.O. Box or Private Mailbox # _____

City _____ State or Province _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

My Classic Airstream is a

(CHECK ONE) Trailer Motorhome

Model _____ Year _____ Length _____

Annual Membership \$10.00 (US Funds) Cash, Check # _____ PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CLASSIC AIRSTREAM CLUB

**MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO WBCCI MEMBERS OWNING A CLASSIC AIRSTREAM AS
DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CLASSIC AIRSTREAM CLUB,
AN INTRACLUB OF WBCCI.**

Submit to: Kay Corder, CAC Treasurer, 1002 SW Allendale Blvd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081