

UWAC Club News

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Airstreamers!

Today is the first day of Spring and I'm watching a blizzard out my window. But Barb and I enjoyed a beautiful February in Arizona (in our Airstream) and can handle these last few storms of 2021. We've had our first vaccines and are excited for a fun camping season with the club! And now that Utah has opened up vaccines to all adults who want one, we hope to be mask-free and unrestricted by our first rally. However, even if that is the state protocol, members are always welcome to wear masks or avoid close gatherings at club events.

I also wanted to remind folks that this will be a very busy camping year with more recreation vehicles on the road and more people camping after COVID. You will need to book campground reservations far in advance, and may encounter stricter cancellation policies. If you must cancel a UWAC Rally registration, please contact the rally host and see if there is a waiting list; there may be somebody who would love your space.

Happy Spring, Jim Powell

And from Barb:

When we were in AZ we used this weird space in our Air Stream for wine storage and thought I'd pass it on. Just a thought..... We've noticed on Airstream forums that many people are considering the twin bed configuration in their Airstream for a variety of reasons: snoring husbands, more storage, extra bed length etc. But recently we showed some friends in Arizona our



30' Classic and they decided the handy "wine cellar" made the twins worth it! What do YOU use that 33" x 5" space for? We used to store extra blankets until we realized wine bottles fit perfectly—just not practical when moving.

Welcome to Our New Members...

UWAC Welcome

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Todd and Nancy Dalaska - Park City, Utah Lynell Elmlinger - Wyoming Michael and Jody Farley - Salt Lake City Kurt and Tahna Kappus - Salt Lake City Craig and Jacoy Kellerstrass - Ogden, Utah Christian Muller and Birgit Bock - West Jordan, Utah Daniel and Ann Nackerman - Salt Lake City, Utah Jenny Roberts and Warren Pretorius - Park City, Utah Danny and Joni Simmons - Holladay, Utah Jeff, DelRio and Jose Sproul - St. George, Utah Andrew and Christine Bayless - St. George, Utah



Zions National Park

Watchman Campground is open by reservation at www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

Watchman Campground is located ¼ mile from the South Entrance. Tent and electric

campsites are available year-round and group campsites are available by reservation from March through October. There are 190 regular sites, 7 wheelchair accessible sites and 6 group sites. Loop 'B' is for RV camping. This year we stored our Airstream in St George so we can use her all winter! We did our first boon docking experience outside of Zion!! AMAZING! Our Airstream is Virginia! Because Virginia is for lovers! Sylvia & Jorge



Picacho Peak State Park

Visitors traveling along I-10 in southern Arizona can't miss the prominent 1,500-foot peak of Picacho Peak State Park. Enjoy the view as you hike the trails that wind up the peak and, often in the spring, overlook a sea of wildflowers. The park and surrounding area are known for its unique geological significance, outstanding and varied desert growth, and historical importance. The unique shape has been used as a landmark by travelers since prehistoric times. One of the first recordings was in the 1700s by the Anza Expedition as it passed



through the area. The park is open year round.

January 2021 sunset from our Airstream Classic at Picacho Peak State Park, Arizona. Steven Parr

2021 Rally Schedule

Be sure to check the new UWAC website regularly for club news, schedules & information (<u>https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch</u>).

You'll find the latest rally schedule on the website:

April – Konfab in Kanab: April 8 through 12 (4 nights); let's get the rally season started in style in beautiful Southern Utah red rock country at the new Grand Plateau RV Resort. A number of fun activities are planned including optional hikes, visits to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, and dinner at the Fiesta Mexicana in Page. We're super excited that several new UWAC members will be joining us!

May – Moab 3, Corona Edition: May 6 through 9 (3 nights) at Canyonlands RV Resort & Campground in downtown Moab. Moab has been one of our most popular rally sites, so we hope to see you there! Hosts are Bonnie & John Ruskauff.

June – Fremont Indian State Park: June 10 – 13 (3 nights) at Sam Stowe Campground; details on the rally and registration process are available under the UWAC website. This is a scenic gem and has numerous hiking & biking options amidst beautiful petroglyphs & pictographs. Two "dry camp" spots remain available for interested club members within the Sam Stowe group site (contact the hosts, to secure, first-come first-serve, \$20 per night x 3 nights.) Hosts are Ron and Holly Jorgensen

Early July – Wood River Valley, Idaho: July 1 – 5 (4 nights) at Meadows RV Park in beautiful Ketchum, ID. More details on the rally / registrations will be forthcoming. Hosts are Bonnie & John Ruskauff.

Late July – Grand Canyon North Rim / Jacob Lake: July 30 through August 2 (3 nights) at Kaibab Camper Village, Jacob Lake, Arizona. Co-hosts are Linda & Darrell Galloway and Holly & Ron Jorgensen. Numerous activities are planned including optional hikes at group dinner at the Grand Canyon Lodge Restaurant. This will be a don't miss event!

Late August – Open (club member suggestions are welcome). Contact Jim Powell if you have ideas.

September – Monument Valley: September 9 – 12, 2021 at Monument Valley KOA. Hosts are Jeanne & Keith Lund. Lots of fun activities are planned. Not to be repetitive, but this is another don't miss event!

October – Sun Valley Jazz Festival, Idaho: October 13-17, 2021. Several UWAC members will be attending the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, and the WBCCI Region 10 rally held in conjunction with the festival. See the UWAC web-site for additional information (advanced ticket purchases are recommended.)

November – Open (club member suggestions are welcome)



As you can see, we don't have rallies scheduled for June and late August. Now is a great time to share one of your favorite places with the rest of us. Plan a no-host or hosted event and let Holly help you with the details, or go it alone. We're ready for adventures. With vaccines available for most, if not all, the fun times are waiting.

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



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

May 6-9, 2021 Canyonlands RV Resort & Campground 555 S Main St. Moab, UT 84532

Hosts are Bonnie & John Ruskauff

Reservations are self-serve, so please call (877) 415-3991 and press 2 for the resort office. We have blocked-out 21 sites for the above dates and you can add Sunday night if you would like, based on availability. There is also an optional \$20 lock fee (to ensure that you are not shuffled to another site as it books-up) that will go toward your balance. Canyonlands released all un-booked sites on November 16, 2020. If you are not already booked, contact Bonnie (onniebay68@gmail.com) to see if there is still availability. This is preliminary, but loosely the rally will look something like this:

Thursday – set-up, happy hour

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

Saturday – free time, group dinner somewhere in town

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

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

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www://utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net/files/2021/02/Fremont-Indian-State-Park-2021.pdf

July 1 - 5, 2021 - Wood River Valley, Idaho

Hosts are Bonnie & John Ruskauff

Beautiful Wood River Valley is near the Sawtooth Mountain Area to the north and has become two of our family's favorite places on the planet. The air is pristine and there are plentiful opportunities for all varieties of outdoor recreation, plus fun downtown areas with lots of shopping and dining. Campground website with map and rates link here: https://www.meadowsrvpark.com/read-me

Hailey hosts the Days of the Old West celebration over 4th of July weekend. There is usually a pancake breakfast (we'll see), a craft fair, a parade, a rodeo and fireworks. Link to that info: https://www.visitsunvalley.com/event/hailey-days-of-the-old-west/#experience

The rodeo runs for three nights – July 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. They cancelled in 2020 but are saying it's on for 2021. Ticket information link here:

https://www.sawtoothrangers.org/get-tickets/

July 17-24, 2021 L Lebanon, TN Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally

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.

July 30 - August 2 Canyon North Rim / Jacob Lake:

Grand Canyon North Rim /Jacob Lake Rally Kaibab Campground Jacob Lake, Arizona https://www.kaibabcampervillage.com

Additional rally details will be shared as arrangements are finalized; special thanks to Darrell & Linda Galloway for making these arrangements! Rally co-hosts: Linda & Darrell Galloway and Holly & Ron Jorgensen.

Upcoming Rallies: Fremont Indian State Park & North Rim of Grand Canyon (Jacob Lake)

by Holly & Ron Jorgensen, #1218

We're excited to host / co-host a couple of rallies this Spring & Summer, including the June 10-13, 2021 rally at Fremont Indian State Park, and July 30 to August 2, 2021 at the North Rim. Special thanks to Linda & Darrell Galloway who are co-hosting the North Rim rally and were the motivation & initiators for the group reservation that was needed to make this possible. We're excited to see the strong interest in both rallies. We've really enjoyed our last 5 yrs. with UWAC — so many new friends & good times.

Fremont Indian State Park – June

Discover artifacts, petroglyphs, and pictographs left behind by the Fremont Indians. During construction of Interstate 70, the largest known Fremont Indian village was uncovered. The nearby museum preserves treasures from the site, including pottery, baskets, and arrowheads. Spend a day at the museum, take a hike or bike ride and camp at the Sam Stowe Campground with your UWAC friends.



This will be a "mostly camping" rally but we will have optional group hikes or bike rides, and plenty of informal group gatherings in the morning and evenings.

North Rim of Grand Canyon (Jacob Lake) - July/August



We'll be camped near the North Rim of the Grand Canyon at the beautiful Kaibab Camper Village. In addition to a "pot luck" dinner and various other informal social gatherings, we're planning on some astronomy viewing (weather permitting) plus spectacular sight-seeing at various points on the North Rim. There will be several optional activities including hikes and a group dinner at the Grand Canyon Lodge. This truly will

be a "don't miss" rally.

September 9th - 12th Monument Valley KOA.

Each member of UWAC will be responsible to contact Monument Valley KOA to book your site and pay camping fees. Contact information:

(800) 562-3424 and ask for "Doc" or Doc's direct contact: (928) 209-6913 or email:

manager.monumentvalleycamp@gmail.com



Please make sure you tell them you are a member of the scheduled UWAC rally. Make your reservations before April 15th as spots held for UWAC will be released on that date for general FOUR SPOTS reservations. LEFT AS OF Cost of the sites 4/2/2021 are: \$ 68.00/night for premium

\$ 56.00/night for standard

Please send an email to Keith Lund - kslund@aol.com to let us know you are coming.

Tentative Schedule: (this is our plan but unforeseen circumstances may necessitate adjustments)

Thursday September 9.

Arrival and welcome to the UWAC Monument Valley Rally. Evening: Happy Hour. Bring a favorite appetizer to share. Campfire

Friday September 10th

Morning: Doughnuts and coffee. Discuss potential day's activities and timetable.

Day: Time on your own to go explore the area.

Evening: Dinner on your own

Saturday September 11th

Morning: Breakfast on your own.

Wildcat Nature hike around the West Mitten Butte within the Monument. This is a 4 mile hike with lots of beautiful photo opportunities and awe inspiring vistas. It is a relatively flat, easy hike, about 2 hours walking to complete. Also will be good opportunity to visit and explore the Monument's Visitors Center. We will be leaving for the trailhead early morning (around 8 AM) in order to avoid heat of the mid-day. Evening: Happy hour. Catered dinner at the campground. After dinner a native Navajo historian and storyteller will give a talk about the monument and its history followed by some native flute music. We also hope to have a John Wayne themed movie night under the stars. Because of our past history on Saturday nights, please pray for a windless, warm and gentle evening.

Sunday September 12th

Morning: Continental Breakfast as a group. Farewell and Au Revoir to Monument Valley.

For UWAC registration and rally fees, \$22 per person, you can make payment using the Club's Venmo or PayPal account or mail a check directly to: Keith Lund , 4890 Silver Springs Dr. Park City, UT. 84098 (kslund@aol.com; jeanneL333@gmail.com) Keith and Jeanne Lund

October - Sun Valley Jazz Festival, Idaho

Several UWAC members will be attending the WBCCI Region 10 rally held in conjunction with the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival in Ketchum, Idaho. Registration details for the Region 10 rally will be shared once available, but advanced ticket sales for the music festival are now underway.

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

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

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



Make-Ahead Freezer Chicken Parmesan

My family loves chicken Parm but making it from scratch while Airstreaming is time consuming and messy. The good news is the chicken can be made ahead and frozen along with the right portion of sauce and cheese for a quick meal. Serve with pasta and Caesar salad for a no muss no fuss dinner.

Prep: 15 mins Cook: 40 mins Additional: 20 mins

Servings:

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 large egg, beaten
- ¹/₃ cup bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- ³/₄ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ¹/₂ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- ³/₄ cup shredded mozzarella cheese



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Directions

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet.
- Pound chicken breasts to 1/2-inch thickness or less.
- Place beaten egg in a bowl. Combine bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, and garlic powder in another bowl. Dip each chicken breast in egg, then roll in bread crumb mixture to coat evenly. Place on the prepared baking sheet.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Turn and continue to cook until chicken is no longer pink in the center and juices run clear, about 10 minutes more. Let cool, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Freeze in a 1-gallon resealable bag with smaller bags of tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese.
- To serve: Thaw in the refrigerator overnight. Reheat chicken at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) until heated through and crispy, 15 to 20 minutes. Top chicken with tomato sauce, sprinkle with mozzarella cheese, and bake until cheese is melted, an additional 3 minutes.

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Tech Corner...

Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems

One of the biggest fears of towing a travel trailer, next to the trailer becoming uncoupled from your hitch, is a flat tire or worse yet, complete tire failure commonly known as a blowout. This event can not only ruin your day's travel schedule but can also put your personal safety at risk. Nothing is much more frightening, other than going to war, than being broke down on a busy freeway with semi-trucks whizzing by at 75 + MPH, facing the prospect of changing a tire on the left side of your Airstream. Tire failure or a sudden blow out can also do tremendous damage to the aluminum body of your Airstream, also possibly the wheel and drum and bearing assembly resulting in thousands of dollars in repair costs.

On the road, "stuff" happens. Nails, potholes, curbs, road debris are all hazardous to your tires. Also, traveling with improperly inflated tires with pressure too high or even worse, too low can lead to poor gas mileage, premature tire wear, poor towing control and certainly, sudden tire failure. When you're rolling down the road, it's almost impossible to feel when your Airstream's tire(s) lose air pressure. That's where having a Tire Pressure Monitoring System comes into play. Not only do these systems allow you to remotely monitor the air pressure in each one of your Airstream's tires but also measure the temperature of the air inside the tire. Increased tire temperature can be a sign of impending wheel bearing failure or a dropped brake shoe. Again, leading to sweating it out, stuck in the emergency lane waiting for a tow truck.

Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems operate wirelessly to a monitor placed inside the cab of your tow vehicle which has a digital read-out displayed of the status of each tire and also have an audio alert preset to warn you of abnormalities in tire pressure and temperature. Each tire is outfitted with a radio monitor that replaces the usual tire stem valve cap. Once the pressure or temperature of a tire go out of spec, the system alerts the driver with a visual signal and an audio alarm so you can pull over at a safe location and prevent a much bigger problem. Pretty slick ! And what a huge degree of peace of mind it provides for you as you cruise on down the road headed to your camping adventure.

Most of these systems cost between \$300 - \$450. But in terms of safety and protection of severe damage to you, your family and your Airstream, that's a pretty good value.

Another nice feature of having your rig outfitted with one of these systems is that you can instantly know what your tire pressures are every morning before setting out without having



to manually check each tire with a tire gauge. Most of these monitors have rechargeable batteries that you can take into your trailer to recharge at night when needed.

Some of the best systems are: B-Qtech TPMS EEZ RV Products TPMS TST Tire Pressure Monitoring System. This one is available through the Airstream Life Store. Many of our club members have these systems.

Ask a few of them for their recommendation and review.

A Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) is important equipment when you're towing. If you're wondering what to look for, how it works and how to get the most out of it, click on this video.



New UWAC Website - Up and Running

The legacy UWAC website will be going away in July as the club transitions over to a shared website with the rest of WBCCI. Be sure to bookmark the new site: https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch

You can find the latest UWAC newsletter, rally schedule, registration instructions and other important information on the new website. In addition, as a member you can log-in and see the current directory of UWAC members.

For instructions on how to add your photo to the member directory, please see the following tutorial: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUICC-howkM</u>

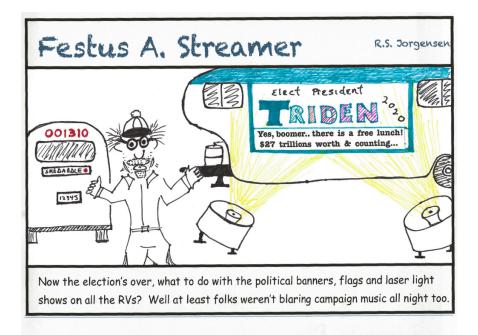
ATTENTION MEMBERS

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

For example, here is a photo of me and my traveling buddy, John. Attaching it to an email was pretty painless and took less than 5 minutes. YOU can do it! Bonnie That is where YOU come in...I need YOU to send me, via text or email, your favorite flattering foto. Do it now! For example, here is a photo of me and my traveling buddy, John. Attaching it to an email was pretty painless and took less than 5 minutes. YOU can do it!



Bonnie, Membership Director



CLUB FLAGS



Just a reminder that anyone can order the club flags that you see around, from Flagology. They can be personalized with your names and WBCCI number. Just use this link to their website since it's a custom item. The stands are sold separately but are available at garden centers, Home Depot and Walmart. We recommend that you secure the curved end of the stand with ribbon or a rubber band since the flag can fly off in higher winds. <u>https://</u> <u>www.flagology.com/product/personalized-utahs-wasatchairstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/</u>

Thank you all for your contributions to Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club, the rallies we look forward to and the newsletter.

Your participation in all aspects of the club is invaluable. This coming year will be one of our best with many opportunities for socialization, fun and club involvement.

Our club officers are available and excited to answer questions, help with planning or just to chat. Our beautiful website, thank you Ron, can answer most of your questions and is updated regularly for news and events. https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch

The newsletter is quarterly, the first week of January, April, July and October. Please send your pictures, descriptions of your camping adventures and the places your travels take you to share with the rest of us. I would love to include your stories and your thoughts. The more of you that share your Airstream stories and pictures the more interesting and informative our newsletter becomes. Thanks again. Jeanne JeanneL333@gmail.com

Let's Rally