

THE CLASSIC NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2021

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

"We rode the Storm" Edition



Happy backyard streaming or wilderness retreat, we made it, and are ready to hit the road again!



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Classic Airstream Club President's Message



Dear CAC Members,

Life certainly has changed for everyone with this pandemic and our ability to gather, travel and enjoy our Airstream life basically hit rock bottom. BUT, as they say, "there is light at the end of the tunnel" and things are slowly improving. Soon we should be able to go to rallies, caravans and hug each other. Most of us probably have had at least our first shot and psychologically feel better knowing things are improving.

Despite the pandemic, our CAC is doing OK, we have money in the bank and are doing things to improve our Club. Sadly the Caravan Tony Land, our Caravan Chairman, had spent so much time organizing for 2020 had to be cancelled. He is now researching a caravan for 2022 and hopefully many of us will be able to go on it. As more information is available we will let you know, but please consider it as I am sure it will be FUN.

Given myself and many of our CAC Executive will not be able to attend the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, we again held a virtual business meeting on Apr 12, 2021.

Something that should make your CAC membership sweeter is your Executive have again extended everyone's membership by a year, this time to 2022.

Most of your Executive and Council Members and Committee Chairpersons volunteered to serve you for another year. The two changes are Ken Ritenour is our new Treasurer and Marie Efira is our new Secretary.

With the assistance of Carolyn Beardshear working with our Webmaster Ed Efira and our Treasurer Ken Ritenour, our CAC website is being improved as part of the new Airstream Club International Website and it is planned to allow new members to register and pay for their membership on-line.

For those of you who will be attending the Lebanon Rally, wonderful, we wish you a safe time. There were 24 CAC members registered for the Rally. When you arrive check for our information desk for details and tickets to our Social to be held on Jul 19th in Building E East from 4-5 set-up, 5-6 social and 6-7 clean-up. Please consider helping to man the information desk and talk to other Club members about joining CAC.

Remember to continue to take safety precautions and they will help you to keep well so we can get out there, make new memories and experience the Airstream life once again.

Don McKelvay
President

UPDATE: Sadly I have to report that our longtime Webmaster Ed Efira has to retire for health reasons. Our hearts and prayers go out to Ed and we thank him for his outstanding service. Although our Virtual Meeting on April 12th resulted in all our Administrative Board positions being filled, I am now asking each member of CAC to seriously consider volunteering for the position of Webmaster and contact me soonest so we can arrange for a handover of this critical position. We want to enable Ed to concentrate on his new priorities.

Classic Airstream Club BUSINESS NEWS

- Due to special circumstances an Emergency Resolution was approved in order to conduct a virtual business meeting.
- Business meeting was held on April 12, 2021.
- All the Administrative Board members, with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer were extended until 2022.
- Kenneth Ritenour was appointed Treasurer.
- Marie Efira was appointed Secretary for 2021-2022.
- Our Caravan Chair, Tony Land was authorized to investigate and conduct a CAC Caravan following or prior to the 2022 International Rally.

And GREAT NEWS for those who were already members:

Membership was extended by one year to 2022 for every membership.

The new Classic Airstream Administrative Board is as follows:

Executive Board

- President Don McKelvay #205
- Vice Pres. Elizabeth Whitley #12544
- Secretary Marie Efira #5495
- Treasurer Ken Ritenour #8414

Council Members

- 1 Year Term Marie Efira #5495
- 2 Year Term Jimmy Johnson #3996
- 3 Year Term John Smith #6366



Appointed Committees

- Caravan Chairperson Tony Land #5466
- Newsletter Editor/Facebook Admin Marie Efira #5495
- Webmaster Ed Efira #5495



Classic Airstream Club Social



We traditionally meet during the Airstream Club International Rally. This year, the 64th International Rally will take place July 17-24 in Lebanon, TN, east of Nashville.

<https://airstreamclub.org> (Events)

<https://wilsoncountyfairgrounds.com>

Do not forget to stop at the Classic Airstream Club table! We'll be happy to answer all your questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, July 19 2021 at 5 pm

During this Rally we will be having a **Social on July 19th in Building E at 5 pm** (from 4-5 pm for set-up, from 5-6 pm for Meal/Event, and for Clean-up from 6-7 pm).

For Current members the cost is FREE and for Prospective Members we welcome you to join our Club with annual dues of \$10 for the family and your food will also be FREE. Non members may attend and pay the \$5 per person.

Advance registration is required. You will need to sign-up for the social at the CAC table set up at the registration or before the Social by contacting **Kay Corder** at **816-565-1722**.

Please observe all of the health protocols.

Volunteers Needed

Please sign up at the CAC table or contact **Kay Corder** at **816-565-1722**.

Your help is always appreciated. Our Club has managed to maintain low membership dues because it is only run by volunteers.

Volunteering is the best way to make long lasting friendships

Classic Airstream Club Member News



Ben and Kay Corder

Even if you have only been member of the CAC for a short time, there is a name you are familiar with. This is a name and a face that those of you who have attended the CAC caravans, rallies and socials have always associated with the Classic Airstream Club.

Kay Corder, after many many years at the service of the CAC as Treasurer has decided to take a well deserved (semi) retirement from the official Club activities.

Hard to leave a club when you have been so instrumental in its creation! Kay and her now

deceased husband Ben served in many positions, and organized rallies and caravans.

See the very impressive list below.

Thank you Kay from the bottom of our hearts!

Thank you for your dedication and many many years at the service of the Classic Airstream Club!

It won't be the same without you! Wishing you the longest and happiest retirement!

Ben Corder

2003 – President
(worked with Max Carmicheal in Vermont to get Intra-Club status)
2007 – President
2006 – Nominating Committee Chairman

Kay Corder

2009 – Treasurer
2010 – President
2011 – Treasurer
2018 – Treasurer
2019 – Treasurer
2020 – Treasurer

Caravans Led

2003 – Classics to Vermont – June 14-25, 2003
2006 – Exploring Western Iowa – October 8 – 15, 2006
2008 – Classics to Bozeman – June 15 – 25, 2008
2009 – Co Leaders with Bettie and Jimmie Jones – Eastern Wisconsin Lighthouses – July 5 – 15, 2009

Rallies

Midwest Rally in Independence, MO from June 7 thru 9, 2002
Arizona Adventure Rally Feb 9-12, 2010
Taste of Cajun Country Rally in Rayne, LA Oct 31 - November 11, 2003





The Classic Airstream Club is an IntraClub of the Airstream Club International (WBCCI). Our membership is opened to all WBCCI 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, Globetrotter, International Serenity, Bambi, Caravel and all other aluminum models with the iconic shape. The painted Argosy trailers and motorhomes qualify as well.



Our Members Talk: Let's Talk Dumps!

Full hookups camping sites are very convenient but when you travel a lot you realize that you do not need to empty your tanks every night. So a good way to save money is to opt for the Water & Electric sites, which is often what is only available in the State and National Parks. We never got bad surprises except once in Sheridan, Wyoming, when, after lining up behind a couple of trailers we found out that they had left us, without a friendly warning, with an overflowing dump. A very unpleasant surprise!



Otherwise we have always been mostly happy with the morning trips to the dump. In Fargo ND, once, we didn't even had to go very far as the dump was located at the end of our site. When you have driven all day, you are not too picky, and after all, it was a cheap full hook up!

The award for the best dump we ever had to use would go to the one pictured below in a farm/family campground in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. You just had to align your trailer.

No need to use your own sewer hose! The hose attachment could fit any kind of trailer sewer outlet. That made the operation so much easier.

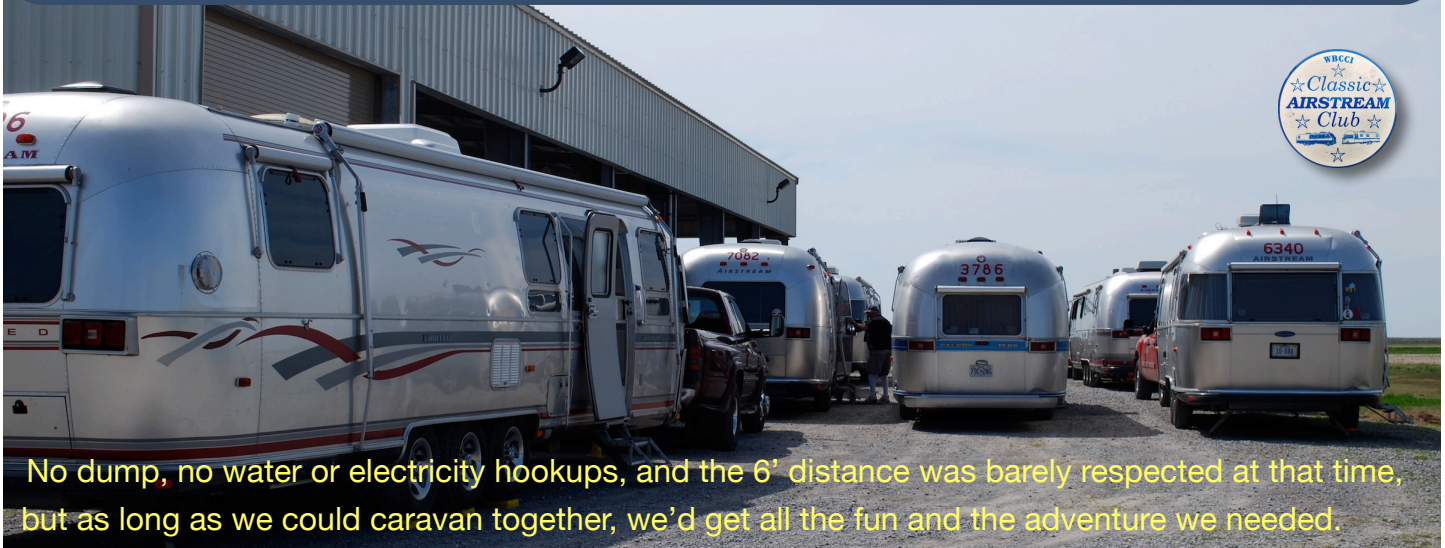
If you are local or just happen to be driving by, this is a place we would certainly recommend.

Our huge site at Twin Bridge Campground was of the greenest grass by a river under century old trees, and we very much enjoyed sharing it with a group of friendly ducks.

twinbridgecampground.com



CAC Caravans



The last 18 months have been difficult and despite all his efforts Tony Land, our Caravan Chairman, has been unable to secure reservations and had to cancel his caravan plans.

Next year, we will gather in Maine and we will drive through many beautiful areas on our way to the 65th International Rally.

If you are local to that part of the country and want to share the secret destinations that members from other states never had a chance to learn about, please contact Tony and he can help you organize a slow pace, friendly and relaxing caravan on our way to the Rally or after the Rally.

Contact Tony Land, Caravan Chairperson, at
tonyland53@bellsouth.net or call 850-994-0296



North East Coast Local Caravan Leaders Wanted!



Join or Renew your Membership

To join the Classic Airstream Club or renew your membership,
download the application from our website

<https://airstreamclub.org/classic>

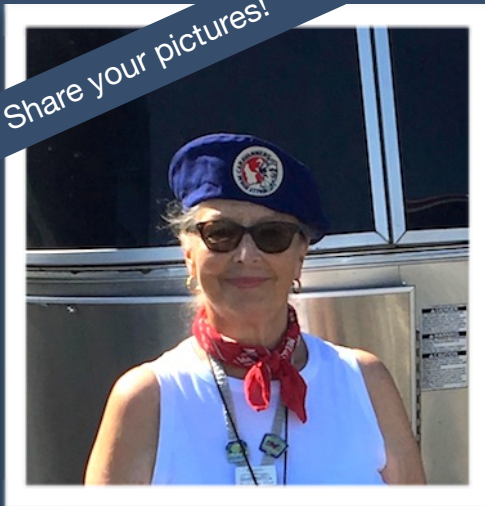
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CLASSIC AIRSTREAM CLUB

Mail your application with your \$10 check to:

Kenneth Ritenour, CAC Treasurer,
3080 West Lake Dr NW,
Cleveland, TN, 37312



Share your pictures!



Marie Efira,
Newsletter Editor/Facebook Page
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The CAC newsletter is published quarterly. We welcome everyone's participation and new ideas. Let us know of any upcoming events you want published or any technical issues you want addressed. We encourage you to share your pictures and stories about your travels for publication in the newsletter and Facebook page.

We made it easy for you: to access our website type "Classic Airstream Club" in your browser.

Don't forget to "like" our page on Facebook. To locate the CAC's page, go to "search Facebook" and simply type in "Classic Airstream Club."

For all inquiries regarding our Club, contact us at
classic.airstream.club@gmail.com



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Classic AIRSTREAM Club

Membership Application

The Classic Airstream Club is an IntraClub of the Airstream Club International

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

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____

Please Print

(Spouse/Partner) _____

Airstream Club International Membership Number _____

ACI Local Club (Unit Name/Number) _____

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

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal _____ Code Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

My Classic Airstream is a

(CHECK ONE) ☐ Trailer ☐ Motorhome

Model _____ Year _____ Length _____

Annual Membership \$10.00 (US Funds) ☐ Cash, ☐ Check # _____ Dated: ____/____/20...



PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CLASSIC AIRSTREAM CLUB

MEMBERSHIP IS OPENED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL WHO OWN A CLASSIC DESIGN AIRSTREAM TRAILER OR MOTORHOME AS DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CLASSIC AIRSTREAM CLUB, AN INTRACLUB OF THE ACI.

Submit application and payment to: Kenneth Ritenour, CAC Treasurer,
3080 West Lake Dr NW, Cleveland, TN 37312