



UWAC Club News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Airstream-ers!

Our camping season is off to a great start with fun rallies and more new members. Thank you to the hosts that have organized the rallies this season; especially our newer members who have stepped-up and brought their interests and personal style to rallies. Now more than ever, we are glad to have our summer trips planned out, since getting RV reservations in popular places is difficult.

And speaking of advanced planning....Region 11 has nailed down the dates for a huge Region 11 Rally in Scottsdale, Arizona March 9-13, 2022. We recently had a Zoom meeting with the regional and club officers where they gave us more details on this big event. It will be on the new grounds of Airstream of Scottsdale, and they will accommodate us with electric hook-ups in their huge parking lot. They plan to have music, food and some fun activities. We plan to extend our February stay in Casa Grande and join them in Scottsdale. More details will be coming out, but think about joining us for some warm weather and fun next March. But if you plan to make it part of a longer trip, make your other reservations soon!

Happy Camping. Jim Powell, President

From the road.....

Konfab in Kanab Rally — April 2021

by Ron & Holly Jorgensen #1218

UWAC held its first-ever rally in beautiful Kanab, Utah from April 8 through 12th at the new Grand Plateau RV Resort. We had several new members participate with a total of 10 units and 20 individuals. Club members participated in several activities in this scenic wonderland including a dog-friendly group hike at Wire Pass / Buckskin Gulch, visits to Horseshoe Bend and Page, AZ, tours at Best Friends Animal Society, and a couple of group dinners in Kanab

(Rocking V Cafe) and Page (Fiesta Mexicana). The weather was excellent with daytime temperatures in the mid-70s.

Special thanks to Bonnie & John Ruskauff for all their excellent work in planning the rally. We were delighted to be able to attend and facilitate some of the on-site rally activities like happy hour, fire-pit gatherings, and continental breakfast. The most rewarding part of the rally was making new friends. It was an absolute pleasure to get to know so many new & interesting club members. We really look forward to seeing all of the attendees at rallies later this year — so many great Airstream friends in UWAC.

They say “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Here are a few pictures from the rally:



Buckskin Gulch Hike on April 10, 2021

Submitted by Grant Clayton and Dorothy (Dottie) Clayton

Saturday morning the group completed a few miles of the 20 mile Buckskin Gulch hike, a well-known Navajo sandstone slot canyon located in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (near Kanab, Utah). The hike took about 9 miles round trip, including the Wire Pass trail adjacent to the parking lot to the beginning of the slot canyon, in very nice 66 degree weather. The hike provided ample stimulation for many of the senses with the canyon rarely being more than 10 feet wide and the walls of the canyon being high and tall obscuring the view of the sky to a narrow slot with some small pools of water, with a section which needed to be descended / ascended and some petroglyphs.



Shortly after the group had turned around to hike back to the trail head, one of the many rocky areas in the slot canyon was encountered. None of the sections of rock were very difficult to navigate, though they were occasionally accompanied by puddles or mud. As we hiked through the rocky patch with some mud, Grant attempted to step up over some taller rocks but his leading foot caught on a rock and his planted foot slipped in some mud. He brought his hands up to catch himself with his hiking poles, but wasn't quite fast enough and face planted onto a rock! Grant's two grandchildren (ages 15 and 17) who were on the hike affectionately described the maneuver as "high-fiving a rock with his face." See adjacent photo of the scene of the incident.

Grant suffered several facial cuts due to the accident, some of which were caused by his sport glasses breaking from the impact, as well as other minor contusions and scraps. The cuts were limited to a few points on Grant's forehead and nose, principally four different gashes. Grant stayed sitting on the ground for a total of about 20 minutes as his adult daughter, Dottie (a nursing student), performed first aid. Fortunately, Ron brought a good first aid kit on the hike and a Good Samaritan hiker provided some liquid bandage. While Dottie performed first aid, plenty of other hikers offered to help, ranging from chemical ice packs to placing 911 phone calls. It was extremely heartening to see so many strangers offer to help.



Grant was coherent throughout receiving first aid, and showed no signs of a concussion or other brain injury. After the bleeding was stopped (which was the major effort of first aid), he resumed remainder of the hike back to the trail head with no difficulty. Grant seemed to enjoy scaring young hikers by saying, "It's tough in there!" or "This is what happens when you don't listen to your parents!" as they hiked by into the canyon. While Grant hadn't seen

himself yet, and didn't realize how mangled and bloody he appeared, he received very concerning looks from hikers coming into the canyon, particularly from the children hiking with their families. Other members of the group enjoyed watching other hikers react to his words of caution and bloodied and bandaged face.

Everyone in the group enjoyed the beautiful hike in the slot canyon of Buckskin Gulch. Later that day in Page, Arizona, Grant received medical attention at Canyonlands Urgent Care where two out of the four gashes on his face required a total of eight stitches by the medical professionals. See the adjacent photo of Grant after the medical professionals at Canyonlands Urgent Care cleaned him up but before the stitches and bandages were applied. Dottie enjoyed closely observing the procedures after being invited to watch when the medical professionals learned she was a nursing student. Grant, Dottie and Grant's two grandchildren enjoyed a good dinner with a number of members of the group (albeit late due to the medical procedure) at Fiesta Mexicana restaurant in Page. Dottie removed the stitches (after receiving instruction from the medical professionals at Canyonlands Urgent Care) a week later. Grant had an uneventful and full recovery. Everyone on the hike learned how important it is to be prepared for the unexpected. Many members of the club enjoyed the Buckskin Gulch hike.

DARK SKIES IN KANAB

Mary and Marcello Paz

We had a great time at the Kanab Rally 2021, and unknown to us the area we camped in was considered a dark sky area, which is perfect for astronomical photography.

When you are in the city there is always light pollution that makes it difficult to see many of the stars. The rally at the Grand Plateau area offered an opportunity to take advantage of the dark sky. So if you are ever in an area with dark skies, get creative with your DSLR Cameras and a wide lens if you have one.

A tripod is a must and the app store offers plenty of tools to help with locations, times, and a variety of camera settings for night photography. I use the paid version of Photo Pills and I like it. It does a pretty good job. All it takes is passion and willingness to stay up late, depending on the time of year it could be 3:00 a.m.





You don't need the latest, expensive, top of the line equipment. You can accomplish a lot with just less expensive equipment. Go ahead and try different settings to get the one picture you like.

I took these pictures with the Airstream in the foreground. I wanted to have a sense of scale with the Milky Way in the background. One of these pictures is from Bryce Canyon rally last year.

MOAB - CORONA EDITION

Moab3 Recap — May 2021

John and Bonnie Ruskauff

Ah Spring. The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and the Airstreams are leaving their cocoons. We traveled to southeastern Utah, specifically Canyonlands Campground in Moab on May 6 to park our trailers, and our camp chairs, in the red dirt. We had 14 trailers, including members from two other units!

On our first night, we enjoyed a progressive happy hour, rotating between three host



campsites. We shared potluck appetizers and were able to get acquainted as well as catch up in a smaller group setting.

Friday was free day and our members took the opportunity to explore Moab and the surrounding area. Some hiked, some shopped, some checked out the local watering holes,



some sat by the pool. We regrouped that evening to embark upon a four-wheeling sunset tour of Hell's Revenge in 13-passenger Mercedes Unimogs. There were quite a few surprised faces, white knuckles and "I didn't know you could climb that" comments. We enjoyed a few hours together on the famous red rocks, made

new memories together and got some great pics for the photo album.

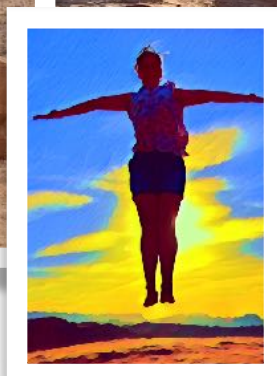
On Saturday morning, many of our intrepid explorers took a hike to Corona Arch. It was another opportunity to explore



the red rocks and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. Others took the opportunity to hike to Delicate Arch and were impressed by that as well. Our Saturday evening excursion took us to Antica Forma where we enjoyed delicious pizza and pasta, then back "home" again to gather around the campfire.

Sunday morning, Mother's Day, dawned sunny and warm. It was the end of a fun rally and for most, departure day. Although there were a couple of mishaps at the end – a flat tire and a detached

patella tendon (both mended) before we parted, we felt the rally was a success. We met some new campers, re-connected with friends we hadn't seen in a while and had a really great time. Thanks to all who participated and we hope to see you down the road!



Fremont Indian State Park Rally — June 2021

by Ron & Holly Jorgensen #1218

UWAC held another successful rally inside Fremont Indian State Park near Sevier, Utah from June 10th through 13th at Sam Stowe campground. A total of 19 campers in 9 trailers joined this rally. The group enjoyed the scenic beauty and unique geology surrounding the campsite, as well as the first-rate museum, visitor center, and hiking trails through the myriad of petroglyphs and pictographs in the park. A number of campers enjoyed a beautiful bike ride along the nearby Big Rock Candy Mountain trail, a visit to the gold mine relics in Bullion City, and dining in nearby communities. Weather varied from windy to cold to nice then hot, but we didn't let it interfere with activities.

Fremont Indian State Park and Museum are interesting attractions and well-worth a stop if you visit Sevier County. Many in the group also saw a special presentation by Native Americans including willow fishing pole making, storytelling, flute music, and a beautiful native lullaby. Overall, the group had a great time, including the standard coffee, happy hour, and campfire get-togethers. The geology of this area is stunning.

Here are a few pictures from the rally — hope you can join us at a future rally! 2021



Rally Schedule

Be sure to check the new UWAC website regularly for club news, schedules & information (<https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>). You'll find the latest rally schedule on the website.

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!



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.

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

September 9th - 12th – (SANDSTONE STREAMING): Monument Valley KOA.

Hosts are Jeanne & Keith Lund.

We're excited to finalize plans for a GREAT rally. If you are registered with Doc at Monument Valley KOA congratulations, the rally is full and we will start a wait list if we have additional Airstreamers who would like to join in the fun.

If you decide you must cancel, please let Keith or Jeanne know before you give up your reservation so wait listers may have first chance to use the reserved space.



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)

Additional Rally Planning... 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.)

Recipes

Easy One-Pan Airstream Dinner – from Mary Paz

- *Steak or chicken – Cut into thin strips
- *Veggies of your choice, chopped and sliced for stir frying.
- *Seasonings and / or Salt and Pepper.

I used red peppers, green peppers, carrots, onions and some small potatoes that I had precooked in the microwave and cut in half.

Heat your frying pan with a tablespoon of oil. Add your strips of meat and cook until done to your liking. During cooking add spices, salt and pepper, if desired.

When the meat is done, add the veggies, and more spices if you like.

Prep tip: I like to cut all the veggies ahead of time at home, and take them in the Airstream in a zip lock bag. Then all you do is open the bag and dump them in the pan. Cook until they are tender. Serve and enjoy.



Interested in Website Tech?



If you are tech-savvy, ACI/WBCCI has created a new role of Assistant Webmaster for units. The club has established a network of webmasters across the 120 units in the club and is working diligently to upgrade technology including new club websites, online rally registration and payments, and support platforms including Slack. If you have interest in getting involved in our web content and these technology upgrades, we have an opening for a

club Assistant Webmaster. This role will work with the UWAC webmaster (Ron Jorgensen) to populate our unit webpage and work to integrate new technologies. Time commitments would be minimal, typically just a couple of hours a month. Contact the UWAC webmaster (ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com) if you have interest or questions about the role.

TRAVELING WITH FIDO

by Keith Lund D.V.M.

Reprinted from UWAC Newsletter 2017

The dog has really undergone quite an amazing evolution in its role as the family pet over the past 60 years.

Back in the 1950s, a dog's role was considered as a working companion or pet that lived in the barn or "out back" in a dog house full of straw, commonly at the end of some sort of tether. Now days, dogs are considered family members that will often share the bed with their owners, have special meals cooked for them, and ride in the car with a head out the window. They sit on the couch and watch movies with the family sharing in the bowl of popcorn, help shop at Home Depot and PetSmart and share the cabin space on airline trips. Where once Lassie never made it past the back porch mudroom, now Buddy has his own-monogramed bed in the living room surrounded by toys and special dog treats.

So, with this dramatic social transformation of the family pet dog, it's no surprise to see many more people hiking, camping and RVing with their pets. Hitting the road with your furry companion can be a lot of fun and sharing new destinations and adventures can really add to the overall enjoyment of the trip. With that being said, there are a few issues that should be considered and planned for before and during an RV outing.

Travel Maladies: A few dogs, especially younger ones, will sometimes experience motion sickness and/ or travel anxiety. Most dogs will grow out of the motion sickness issue but initially these few pets can be given over the counter Dramamine safely or there is a really excellent, fairly new drug called maropitant that is available by prescription from your veterinarian that works great. Consult your family veterinarian on dosing intervals and amounts of either of these drugs. Have a discussion with your veterinarian and see which one she might recommend to use for a calmer traveling companion.

The Leash and ID: A leash is probably the most important item in your dog's travel bag. It provides safety, control and helps your pet be a model citizen when coming upon another person or dog. No one wants to be confronted with a barking or over friendly dog especially if they are with their dog that is on his leash. Whenever hiking with your pet near automobile traffic or hazards, such as steep cliffs, a leash is a must.

Some dogs, when away from familiar confines of home, may wander off, become disoriented or plain just get lost. It is important that all dogs have some form of ID on their collar so whoever finds your wayward dog knows how to get him back to you. Obviously your name,



Garret Ruskauff protects his puppy's paws from the rough sandstone in Moab.

your pet's name, telephone number and maybe email address should be on the tag. Tags are cheap and many stores offer kiosks for do-it-yourself point of sale. Tags and collars can be removed so it might be a good idea to have a permanent form of ID such as a microchip implanted into your pet. Microchips are very common technology now, inexpensive and easy to do. All veterinary clinics and shelters have scanners to read and retrieve information from these microchips.

Diet: It seems that camping, partying and cooking out or barbecuing increases the temptation to share our tasty dinners and leftovers with our pets. Dog's digestive systems do not do well with spicy or fatty foods. To avoid digestive upsets such as diarrhea, try to keep your dog's dinner much the same as he would eat while at home.

Health Records: It is a good idea to keep a copy of your dog's health records or at very least his vaccine records in your trailer. You never know when the need will arise to take your pet to a doggie play day center, go to a groomer or visit a veterinarian while on the road. Most kennels and groomers, good ones at least, will require certificate of proof for your dog's current vaccination status. These vaccines will include Canine Distemper, Parvovirus, Rabies and Bordetella (commonly referred to as kennel cough). Keep your pet current and be prepared to prove it.

Endemic disease issues: Most dog owners do not realize what a bonus it is to live in Utah. We have almost zero prevalence of fleas, very few ticks and low incidence of heartworm disease. It is a wonderful place to own a dog. However, other areas of the country are not this lucky. Heartworm disease, spread by mosquitos is very prevalent in all the Midwest, Southern and East coast states. Lyme disease, spread by the bite of a tick and also a threat to humans, is rampant in the New England states. Ticks and fleas are common in many areas of our country and they are major vectors of disease for pets as well as their owners.

The key here is "know before you go". Your family veterinarian is the only source to trust to inform you of different endemic disease threats that could be a concern to you and your dog in areas you are planning on traveling. She also is an excellent information source on flea and tick prevention and what to consider to minimize your dog's exposure to many diseases that could be a problem when traveling to various areas of our country. Also what additional vaccinations might be indicated such as Lyme disease vaccine. Flea and tick control has never been easier and safer. These products are one thousand times less toxic to humans and the environment than they were in the 1970's. Please, please, only use the products prescribed by your veterinarian. Do not use over the counter products sold at pet stores or on-line.

Prescription products, although maybe a little more expensive, are so much more effective and safer for you and your dog. If cost is an issue than request your veterinarian send a prescription to an online pet pharmacy. Do not freak over this issue and worry to the point that impacts your fun during the trip. Just do what is needed to safeguard your pet's health, comfort and happiness. It's easy with a little knowledge and planning.

Watch the heat: Dogs do not perspire! This puts them at tremendous disadvantage with controlling their core temperature. The only way dogs can cool themselves down is to pant

heavily and rapidly, which is extremely inefficient. Please be careful when doing extreme activity such as hiking, running, biking whenever temperature outside is 75 degrees or more. Completely avoid strenuous activity whenever temps go over 85 degrees especially on clear and sunny days. Drinking water is important to prevent dehydration but it does absolutely nothing in preventing hyperthermia. Signs of heat stroke in the dog are weakness, heavy panting, dark red gums, and inability to rise and continue moving. If you suspect your pet may have heat stroke then it is important to pour whatever cool water you have or can find, be it in a canteen, a pool or lake or stream over their body, especially trying to concentrate getting water to the major blood vessels found under the neck and on the inside of the upper thighs. Heat stroke is a life- threatening emergency and medical care at a veterinary clinic should be found as soon as possible.

Be kind to your dog's dogs: Be aware of what is happening to your dog's paw pads when running or hiking on rough terrain for long distances and avoid surfaces such as asphalt, sand, or hard sandstone on especially hot sunny days. Think of you doing the same activity without shoes or socks on. It hurts and can cause some nasty pad ulcers or thermal burns. Get some doggie booties if you are planning on this kind of activity. Also keep your pet's nails trimmed to a normal length. This will really help avoid split and broken nails, which can cause hemorrhage and pain. Learn how to do this yourself. It's easy and needs to be done frequently

Put together a simple doggie first aid kit for the trailer: This kit should contain things such as telfa pads, gauze bandage, VetWrap which is an elastic self-adhering bandage similar to Coban in humans. Tweezers and adhesive tape should be in the kit. Also some bland over the counter ophthalmic gel such as Lacrilube, a tube of Neosporin, also a tube of panalog ointment is useful for treating skin irritation and red swollen ear canals. Rimadyl is an oral medication that belongs to a family of drugs called non- steroidal anti-inflammatories. It's action is similar to Advil in people and is used to treat pain from a variety of causes in many areas of the dog's body. It is a good drug to have on hand especially when you are in remote locations on a weekend. Your family veterinarian would probably be OK with dispensing a few tablets for you to have on hand. Follow your veterinarian's recommendation on dosing this drug. It is based on the weight of your pet and is generally used twice a day. If you do not have access to Rimadyl then either Tylenol or Aleve are OK to use for a couple of days in a pinch. Always try to completely avoid giving your dog aspirin, Advil (ibuprofen) or any narcotic opioid drugs. Situational Awareness: Be vigilant when enjoying activities while camping with your dog. Try to anticipate danger, hazards and precarious circumstances. Again, the leash. Dogs are sometimes oblivious to potential trouble much like a 3-year-old child. Be cool but be careful.

The Poop Bag: Do not forget to stock the trailer with poop bags. Always clean up after your dog whether in the campground or on the trail. Nobody likes to see dog poop while hiking especially on the bottom of his or her boot! Scoop that poop, it's the right thing to do.

This is just a brief overview of a few things to consider when traveling and camping with your dog. Being on the road in the great outdoors is somewhat different than life at home. There can be challenges that need to be solved. The fun part is watching your dog, through your patient training, learn how to deal with these as well and become a seasoned camper. Having your best friend along really adds to enjoyment of the adventure. Remember the old Airstream adage: “It’s not where you’re going but who you’re traveling with”

Tech Corner...

Stop the squeak! 9 places your Airstream wants lube

RichLuhr Dec 14, 2020 Airstream Life Store Blog

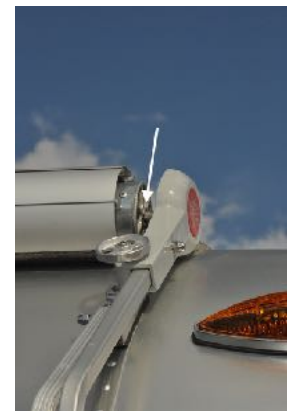
An Airstream trailer only has a few moving parts, so taking it to the dealer for an old-fashioned “lube job” isn’t normally part of the program. But occasionally things squeak, grind, or stick, and that can make the whole trailer seem old long before its time. Fortunately, it’s an easy fix—and easy to prevent. Other than wheel bearings, you can easily take care of all the common lubrication points by yourself, with no tools other than a rag, and no special skills. (You can do the wheel bearings yourself, too, but you’ll need a few tools and a willingness to get greasy; the procedure is documented in [my book “The \(Nearly\) Complete Guide to Airstream Maintenance”](#).)



You also don’t need to stock up on a lot of fancy lubricants. Most simple jobs can be done with common silicone spray, which is available in any hardware or auto parts store. We also use and recommend Boeshield T-9, because it quickly dries to a waxy, waterproof finish that inhibits corrosion and lasts longer. It also doesn’t capture dirt like grease does. (You can find Boeshield in the Airstream Life Store both as individual bottles and as part of our [Maintenance Essentials](#)

[Kit](#).) If you are going to use silicone spray, wear grungy clothes and consider wearing gloves too. It’s a little messy, and the smell tends to linger even after you wash off your hands.

Let’s look at eight typical lubrication points that can be found on most Airstream travel trailers. Several of these also apply to the Nest, Basecamp, Interstate, and Atlas.



1: Awning arms and rollers. Start with the aluminum arms and telescoping tubes that hold up your Zip Dee awning, whether manual or powered. Zip Dee recommends wiping them clean (use soap and water for stubborn dirt) and then spraying the telescoping arms and tubes with silicone. For a manual awning, don't forget to spray the springs near the claws at the end of the upper rafters (see arrow in right photo).

If you have a power awning, don't use silicone spray on the two small holes in the support arms. Put a little white lithium grease in those.

If your manual awning squeaks as you unroll it, spray the ends of the rollers (pictured above), or drip a little Boeshield T-9 at that point. The awning should be quiet as you deploy it.



2: Stabilizer jacks. The four stabilizer jacks under the trailer tend to get noisy over time. In fact, they can eventually develop a loud squealing noise when you put them down or take them up, which can make you quite unpopular at the campground. They may also squeak as you move around the interior of the trailer.

A quick shot of silicone will cure this, but the trick is knowing exactly where to aim. Often the squeak point is at the innermost end of the jack, where it is fastened to the underbelly of the trailer. Spray in this area and run the jack up and down a couple of times to confirm that the noise is gone. If it still squeaks you can try a few other locations on the jack (you can't add too much silicone spray here) and have an assistant run the jack up and down as you work, to help distribute the lube. Just be sure not to lie directly under that point when you spray it, or you'll get a face-full of silicone dripping down on you.



3: Door hinges. Your Airstream door should not sound like the entrance of a haunted mansion. But don't use silicone here; it tends to make a messy black streak (the result of silicone and aluminum oxide mixing) that you'll find after your first tow or rainstorm.

Instead, a few drops of Boeshield T-9 lubricates more cleanly. Apply it to the top of each hinge and work the door back and forth a few times to make sure the lubricant has dripped down the length of the hinge pin. Use a rag or paper towel to wipe up any excess that drips out.



4: Folding entry step. The entry step doesn't usually need much help, but if it's making noise, generating black dust (on an aluminum step), or hard to move, it's time to lube it up. Silicone or Boeshield can be used on the hinge points. Work the hinge a few times the way you did

with the entry door.

5: Locks. There seems to be a fair bit of debate about the proper way to lubricate a lock. Some people swear by light machine oil, others like silicone, some use “graphited” oil, and others use only powdered graphite. To make it more confusing, there are just as many “authorities” who say to never use any of those products.

Don’t stress over it; almost any lubrication is better than what most locks get, which is nothing at all. If a lock is getting sticky or fussy, just put a *small amount* of your lube of choice in the keyhole, or lubricate the key itself and work it in and out of the lock several times. In this case, more is not better, so start with less than you think you need and only add more lubricant if the lock is still sticky.

Remember, locks can rust just like any other steel product, so it’s good preventative maintenance to lubricate the locks even before they start to get difficult to turn.

6: Window and vent seals. The black rubber seals around Airstream windows and Fan-Tastic Vents tend to stick shut if they aren’t maintained. You may have noticed little decals under the windows warning you not to force them open from the inside if they stick shut—that’s because you can break the glass if the seal is really stuck. Fortunately, all the seals need is a quick wipe-down with a rag and some silicone spray, and then they won’t stick. Don’t spray directly on the seal, or you’ll have to clean up overspray afterward. Open the window or vent fully, wet a paper towel or clean rag with the silicone, and wipe the seal with that.



Let the silicone dry on the seal for a minute or two, to minimize mess on the glass, before you shut the window.

7: Window latches. If you have standard Airstream windows with two chrome latches (like the one pictured at left, not the Hehr windows that use a round black knob to open), it’s a good idea to lube the latches once in a long while. Just a drop or two of Boeshield where the latch rubs will make them operate smoothly.

8: Hitch coupler latch. This is probably the most overlooked lube point on any trailer. Failing to show the coupler latch a little love once in a while will result in a rusty and difficult latch. A little paint scrapes off the latch every time you use it, leaving bare metal that will rust, so lubricating it with Boeshield is good insurance. Just a few drops on the sliding parts will do the job here.

9: Coupler ball. Technically, the ball isn’t part of your Airstream, but I’m including it here because it’s important. If you don’t lube it, the chrome finish of the ball will wear off (a process called “spalling”) and it will begin to make some really awful squealing noises as you tow.

Put a coat of good-old-fashioned grease on the ball so it will last longer. You can just smear it on with a paper towel or put on a pair of disposable gloves and apply the grease with your fingers. You can also put grease inside the coupler, from beneath.

Ordinary grease or white lithium grease will do; you don't need to spend more for something exotic. If you have ruined a few pairs of pants by accidentally brushing up against the greasy tow ball, try putting a plastic grocery bag over it when you're not using it.

If you use a Hensley Arrow or ProPride 3P hitch, the coupler ball rarely sees the light of day. But it still needs lubrication. Make a point of unhitching the ball at least once a year to load up the ball and coupler with grease.

Doing all the lubrication points listed here will take you only about 30 minutes the first time, and probably half that the second time you do it. So the investment is small, and the rewards—*blissful silence, an Airstream that feels new again, and longer-lasting components*—are big.

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.

WORTH NOTING:

HELPFUL RALLY RESERVATION INFORMATION

All rallies have two charges, one for a space to park your Airstream and one for the UWAC rally fee.

Rally fees may be as low as \$5 or as high as \$25 per person.

Any payment should be labeled with which rally you plan to attend and the number in your party.

Questions can be addressed to the hosts of the rally you plan to attend or to a Board member.



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.
<https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-utahs-wasatch-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>

Thank you all for your contributions to Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club. 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. Thanks again. Jeanne

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MEMBER DIRECTORY: For instructions on how to add your photo to the member directory, please see the following tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUICC-howkM>

