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President's Message: by Paul & Kathy Welch (BRN 11648)

REPORT FROM LEBANON . . . AND MORE!

I remember our first Airstream International Rally. The opening ceremony went on and on and on. This year . . . 43 minutes, and it was excellent! We had a great rally. Vendors were there and it was amazing how many things they had that we realized we needed . . . everything from TST tire sensors to French Press coffee kits. The magician/mentalists was absolutely amazing! The update from the factory in Jackson Center by Mr. Humphreys was excellent. It took 10 huge tour buses to take everyone that wanted to attend the Grand Ole Opry to Nashville. As a matter of fact, the whole rally was fantastic . . . but the best part was seeing old friends and especially so many from our club.

Guess what! James Schall, a member of our club, was elected 3rd Vice President of the Vintage Airstream Club. Way to go, James!

And congratulations to Bill and Joyce Butucel! After an unfortunate accident near Kansas City which left both their truck and Airstream totaled . . . they found another Airstream up in the Dakotas. Way to go, Bill and Joyce! As most of you know, Joyce is 2nd Vice President of our club (Palmetto State Airstream Club) and editor of the Bell Ringer, which you receive each month.

I ran into a lot of people from Top of Georgia and they are really looking forward to our rally there on August 13 15. Eric and Donna Pollard are hosting that rally and I know they have some big plans for it. If you don't already have it on your calendar, put it on there. You won't regret it!



Photo by Donna Pollard



August Birthdays:

Bob Wilson – 7
Diane Butts – 14
Callie Ray Scurry – 18
Ken Whitman – 28

August Anniversaries:

Sonny & Linda Meadors – 6
Richard & Carrie Sandstrom – 6
Doug & Joanne Wallis – 9
John & Susan Leake – 16
Bob & Jan Wilson – 20
Burt & Gail Broadway – 27
Bill & Sandee Welch – 31

September Birthdays:

Melia Jacobs – 2
Bobby Puryear – 3
Pam Devine – 5
Cheryl Hamilton – 5
Sandee Welch – 8
Linda Foster – 14
Maryjane Carr – 26
Jeffery Moorehead – 27

September Anniversaries:

Happy Anniversary!

Cares and Prayers:

Continued prayers for Diane Butts, dementia and Jake's recovery from a stroke.

Jeff Morehead is still dealing with health issues from 2 car accidents.



Continued... **President's Message:** by Paul & Kathy Welch

By the way, don't forget to make reservations for Lake Wateree State Park for September 10-12. This is a joint rally with the Coastal Unit and that's always fun. The number to call is (803) 482-6401 . . . and let them know you are part of the Airstream rally.

You also need to make reservations for Alumalina in Marion, NC for October 21-24. This is the first time we have needed to make reservations to get a site and Kathy and I have already reserved a site. You can reserve a site by calling (800) 225-7802. The campground is located right by a Camping World . . . not that anybody ever needs to pick up anything for their "Pride and Joy!"

I'm hoping you are having a great summer and that you are planning to make it even better by joining us for these rallies. Good friends . . . good times . . . good memories! That's what we are all about!

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Cares and Prayers:

Sonny & Linda Meadors for their son, Jeff who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Praise: tumors were reduced but still a long road ahead of him.

Martha Harris from loss of her husband, George and her back issues.

Susan Leake dealing with drop foot after knee surgery. Prayers for physical therapy to help and benign lump in breast.

Kathy Welch for successful foot surgery, August 3rd.

2021 Airstream Rally Schedule

August 13-15, 2021

Smoky Mountain BBQ & Bingo Rally Schedule
Top of Georgia Airstream Park
14255 Highway 75 North, Helen, GA (706) 878-3590
August 13-15 2021

Come join us in the Georgia mountains! Your hosts for the rally:

Eric and Donna Pollard, Tom and Nancy Suttlemyer, Burt & Gail Broadway. Plenty of things to do, places to eat and shop in Alpine Helen, GA. Helen is located on the beautiful Chattahoochee River only 5.6 miles from the park. The rate is \$15 night for WBCCI members. Just RSVP to erictpollard@gmail.com and let us know you are coming so we can let the park know as well as the BBQ Restaurant catering our Sat. night meal.

Pay when you arrive. \$15 to Top of GA and our rally fee will be \$15 per person.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY 5:00 pm Happy Hour & Welcome, Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided.

SATURDAY 8:30 am Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy. Lunch on your own. Enjoy the day in Helen or enjoy time socializing with your fellow streamers.

4:00 pm Join us at the pavilion for Happy Hour, Bingo & Door Prizes. (Door prize donations are welcome.)

6:00 pm Dinner: BBQ and all the fixings catered by Hawgwild BBQ, Hiawasee. (Bring a dessert if you like.)

SUNDAY 8:30 am Continental Breakfast & coffee.

9:00 am Worship and prayer for the road.

Please bring your setups to all meals.

Eric & Donna Pollard and Burt & Gail Broadway volunteered to host

September 10-12, 2021

Airstream Rally
Joint rally with Coastal Unit
Wateree State Park

John Leake & Terry Montgomery volunteered to host

October 21-24, 2021

Alumalina
Tom Johnson, Marion, NC

November 5-7, 2021

Airstream Installation
Rally Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC
Eric & Donna Pollard to host



Need Ideas for Next Year's Rallies

Our VP, Eric Pollard, is looking for any ideas for next year's rallies. If you have any ideas for next year, please contact Eric.

See email and phone number listed below.

You may know of a great RV park or State Park near you where it would be easy to host. And as always you will have lots and lots of help!

Thanks for any suggestions as they are so welcomed.



Please contact Eric Pollard if you would like to help assist the host(s) for upcoming rallies...and as always, we will all step in and make their job a lot easier. Eric still needs a another host team for the Installation Rally in November.

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Let's all get ready for some fun and adventure in 2021. After all, we're Airstreamers!

<https://palmettostate.airstreamclub.net>

<https://airstreamclub.org/events>



65th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB

★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★

★ July 23-29, 2022 ★ Fryeburg, ME ★

Register thru [AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg](https://airstreamclub.org/Fryeburg) #ACIRALLY2022

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums, golf courses all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts.

Nuts & Bolts

by Terry & Annie Montgomery (BRN 3156)

Leveling your RV (manually)

Not all campsites are created equal, some are nice and level, some are paved, some have concrete pads and some sites are just plain awful. Also, just because a site is paved or there is a concrete pad to park your trailer on does not mean that your rig will be sitting level. To level your Airstream travel trailer, proceed as follows...

1. Use your bubble level as you are placing your trailer onto the site and get as close to level as possible from left to right.
2. If your rig is not level, it is time to get out the leveling blocks. These can be plastic, 2"x6" wood blocks or something fancy like the Andersen Camper Leveler. Depending on the site you may have to back your rig onto the leveling blocks. If possible, it is much easier to pull forward onto the blocks. Depending on how much you have to level, you may have to ramp up to your final height.
3. Check your level from side to side to ensure that you have your trailer level.
4. Chock your wheels both in front of and behind the wheel.
5. Unhitch your tow vehicle from your travel trailer.
6. Adjust your tongue jack located on the A-frame to level your trailer from front to back.
7. Put your stabilizer jacks down. Also, remember that stabilizer jacks are for stabilizing your trailer and not for leveling it. Just snug them down. Do not overdo it.

Having your trailer as close to level as possible both side to side and front to back can also help you avoid some other problems such as:

1. Refrigerator not cooling properly.
2. Condensate not draining from your air conditioner.
3. Entry door not closing properly.
4. A poor night's sleep because you are laying up hill, downhill or think you are going to fall out of the bed.

If there is a topic that you want me to research for future Nuts and Bolts just let me know. Nothing too technical though. Remember who ya'll are dealing with.

SAFE TRAVELS AND SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD!!!!

Welcome New Members / Affiliate Members

new member: James and Elizabeth Baxley
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2021 27' International

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES.... 2022 REGION 3 RALLY INFORMATION! YOU CAN NOW RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Our 2022 Region 3 Rally is being held at the North Georgia Fairgrounds, in Hiwassee, GA, from April 6-10. The Fairgrounds is letting us reserve campsites early for the event. Each person is responsible for obtaining a campsite for their rig. Contact the fairgrounds at 706-896-4191, as soon as possible, to make your reservation. Make sure that you mention that you are with the Region 3 Airstream Group, so they will allow you to register this early. Normally, they don't take reservations more than 30 days before your desired camping date. Reserve your site soon so we can group together. We are concentrating on Area 2. See the attached [campground map](#). As the date approaches, the campground will open reservations to the general public.

As the date gets closer, we will activate online rally registration, as we have done before. Be patient because we can't activate it until we have everything nailed down.

Keep on camping, and stay safe out there. See you down the road!

Roy Beavers - Region 3 Webmaster

Travels & Tails by Mike & Debbie Madden (BRN 29621)

Tales from our First International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee.

When it was announced the 2021 Airstream International Rally would be held near Nashville, I immediately filled out my vacation request and completed the registration. Since I had to ask for vacation time, you understand that I am still working. Since the location changes every year and with Lebanon, Tennessee only 340 miles from home, I knew this was something I did not want to miss. We were told the International Rally was like the Region 3 Rally and Alumalina jacked up on steroids! The official description was “an unsurpassed opportunity to gain experience, network and hear about the latest products and services impacting Airstreamers.” After attending the entire rally, from start to finish, that description was “spot-on.”

We pulled in late Thursday afternoon, parked alongside our new friends, connected power and daisy-chained water. Airstreams continued to arrive over the next few days. The sight of all those shiny campers was something special.

The rally program offered everything from hobbies, Airstream Club activities, exhibitor presentations, club presentations & roundtables, vendors selling the latest and greatest Airstream accessories and events highlighting the Vintage Airstream Club.

Debbie and I attacked the schedule like a teenager planning a trip to Disney World. Since our Airstream

is a house on wheels, we focused on the educational seminars including Dexter axles & brakes, RV electricity, batteries & solar, TST & tires, Zip Dee awnings, cooking classes, and exterior maintenance. An added bonus was personally meeting three YouTube Channel creators that we follow on a weekly basis, who travel full time in their Airstreams and presented a panel discussion Friday morning.



To balance the teaching sessions, the planners included some stuff including a trip to the Grand Ole Opry, which we attended with 450 other Airstreamers. Live entertainment from John Conlee, Parker McCollum, Riders in The Sky, Connie Smith, The Gatlin Brothers and Lauren Alaina left nothing to be desired. But for me, the showstopper was Aaron Weber, a comedian so funny that I actually hurt myself by laughing!



Continued... Travels & Tails

by Mike & Debbie Madden (BRN 29621)

The Rally brought some real talent at the venue as well, including a concert by the Airstream Band, by Top Tier, not to mention the 60's Night Party, outdoor movie nights, ice cream and BBQ socials to name a few.

The educational seminars were the meat & potatoes of the rally, but the real highlight was meeting fellow Airstreamers from everywhere, east to west & north to south. Since it was our first International Rally, Debbie and I had yellow FIRST TIMER RIBBONS on our badges which started many conversations with seasoned rally attendees and other first timers. We enjoyed every conversation, hearing of other Airstreamers travels many who had been on the road for weeks and planned to take a few more weeks to return home.

It was our first International Rally, but it will not be our last. The rally offered many teaching moments. What has stuck with me the most is...? I really need to retire!

Travels & Tails by Pam DeVine (BRN 2610)

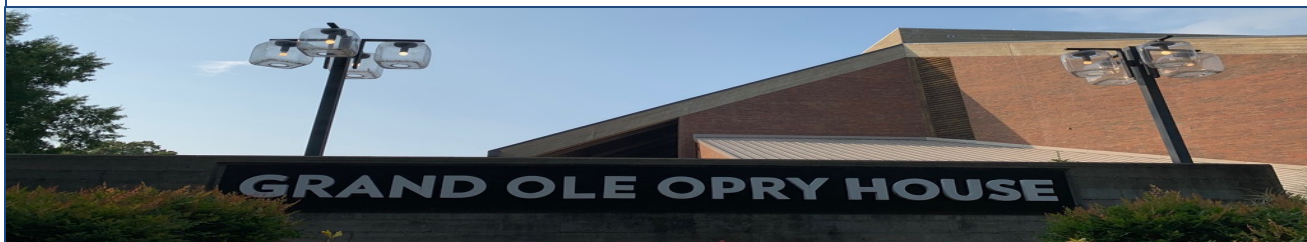
64th Annual International Rally Lebanon, TN

The other night I dreamed that I was in a park filled with almost 800 Airstreams. Today, I realized, that was no dream, I was really there! For an aluminum lover, it was pure heaven, everywhere you looked they were surrounding you. This was the scene in Lebanon, TN at the 64th WBCCI International Rally. What a sight, as you could see Streams made in 1946 all the way through the present day, 2021. 90 years of Airstream history on display.

The facility was very nice, it had an outdoor "food alley" with everything from bar-b-que to fresh, hand dipped ice cream cones. Yum Yum all the way down that street !! All the usual vendors, plus a couple new ones, were onsite to help you with your needs and wants. You could buy anything from handmade pottery to a new custom embroidered shirt, a lithium battery, trailer parts from Airstream, a set of tires from the Michelin man, plus items from the club store. Need new red numbers or a badge? They had 'em. The Airstream maintenance team was onsite to help with trailer troubles and if you needed an Easy Start for your air con, it could be installed as well.



Opening ceremonies were fun, as usual. A good chance to support your own folks out loud and Region 3 did a great job of that. For the days that followed there was lots to do around the camp. The parade of the vintage trailers was a big hit and it was posted on social media in a couple places.



There was entertainment, a 60's dance hosted by the vintage club and another music/dance event by a great band in the main hall. Also, about 450 rally goers, including me, attended a show at The Grand Ole Opry!! Top shelf all the way. All events were well attended and if sheer numbers are any indication of folks



having a good time, then there is no doubt that a good time was had by all. A longtime favorite, the pet show, brought in 4 legged beauties from all over the country and was much bigger than any I have ever been to. All pooches were winners and proud "pet parents" were beaming with pride.



Another special event was held by our own James Schall. James and his family hosted a Happy Birthday event to honor our club founder, Wally Byam. Wally's birthday is July 4th but it was a happy belated day all the same. A very big THANK YOU to the Schall Family...

Like many of us, our young James has a special affinity for the vintage side of our house and the history of the club. He owns a vintage trailer and is a member of the Vintage Airstream Intra Club. Congratulations are in order as James was named 3rd VP of the Vintage Airstream Club at their meeting in Lebanon!!! Good job James, we are proud of you...



If you couldn't make it, you certainly missed a good time but you get another chance next year. Registration for Fryeburg, Maine is ongoing. Register online at the main club website. <https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg>.

See You Down the Road.



Travels & Tails by Bill & Joyce Butucel (BRN 5392)

Let us tell you ...it has been an interesting summer!

As you all know and have probably read in July's Bell Ringer, we totaled our 1974 "SS Minnow" 25' Land Yatch on June 25th on our 3rd day of our adventure to SD, MT, ID and WY but that's not the rest of the story...

We found another trailer very similar to our 1974 Twin Bed Land Yatch, except it is 31 years newer and is a 2005 25' Twin Bed, Classic. It's a beauty but we are so very sad that we lost the Vintage that our 1974 had.

She does need some tender loving care but that is not a big deal for us. New tires, batteries, some plumbing updates...

But guess what? It was in Rapid City, SD exactly where we were heading before this all happened, and since we do not have our truck, because that was also totaled, Bill had to fly into Rapid City, SD (one way), rent a 20' U-Haul and pull it all the way back to York, SC.

Of course, when one is flying you can't pack too much so Bill had no tools, batteries, water hose etc....

When Bill stopped at his first campsite 2 hours outside of Rapid City, and after spending an entire day checking out this 2005 Classic, getting new tires put on, he found out the pipes in the shower and bathroom had leaks when he tried to fill the fresh water tank at his first stop. Unfortunately, he was unable to check that before leaving because there were no water hook ups at the storage unit where she was stored for 4 years. But no big deal, this will be an easy fix once he gets her home and has his tools, except for poor Bill with no water!

He took his time driving back to South Carolina, driving only about 300 miles or less a day. I stayed home setting up campsites for him along the way with drive through capabilities due to the fact it's a little tough with no cameras and pulling her with a 20' U-Haul.

There was on occasion over the weekend of July 23rd where there just was not a campsite available 300 miles out around Omaha, NE so I looked into "Courtesy Parking". What a blessing for Bill! He was welcomed and stayed at Dwight & Lana Olson's place in Gretna, NE. They were a godsend for Bill. The temperature for that day was over 100 degrees F. He needed at least to have the air turned on. Dwight and Lana had 30-amp set-up and even made him breakfast the next morning. So, I guess if you are out traveling and need a place to stay for the night, take advantage of the wonderful Airstream family out there that offers "Courtesy Parking".

I was able to get Bill in campgrounds with pull throughs the rest of the way home and he finally arrived a week later all safe and sound. He could not back the 20' U-Haul so he asked another Airstream member, John Leake to back us in with his 1997 van. We were so thankful. If you knew our driveway it is not an easy back-up. Trees on both sides of the driveway, uphill and to the right. John did an awesome job!

Now the fun begins, emptying her, and cleaning her up to get her ready for our first adventure, when we get a truck to pull her. The previous owner left her full of all kinds of stuff/junk and in every nook and cranny.

The lesson learned here is DON'T over stuff your beautiful Airstream! Not just because you are pulling all that extra weight but because when having to empty her after an accident, it is a nightmare. It was awful having to clean out our SS Minnow on a hot, rainy day. Food, clothes, shampoo, bird seed, cabinets, dishes everywhere. Bill and I did not realize that we had stuffed so much stuff in her and it was stuff we never even used.

Going forward we will take turns more often when pulling her, stop more frequently and enjoy our beautiful country more. Never to be in a rush to get from A to Z. Enjoy the adventure right in front of you and relax.

Also, many thanks to our Palmetto Club members for all your thoughts and prayers as we worked through this. We are so very grateful.

Travels & Tails by Eric & Donna Pollard (BRN 7218)

Travel Anxiety....Anyone?

I discovered on our trip to Montana and back that I may possibly suffer from travel anxiety. This is mostly due to fear of high elevations, dogs who don't like to travel, prior incidents involving tires and brakes and possibly seeing and reading about accidents along the way.



Our little Yorkiepoo, Cody, came with us on this trip, even though he suffers from travel anxiety. We would have left him with family because of his anxiety, but he hurt his leg and we felt like 24 days of riding in my lap, would miraculously help to heal him. Medication is required to calm him down for grooming and traveling. Did I say hi-strung? Have you heard of a Wild Cat? Well just picture one in your lap (for 24 days) who goes crazy every time you stop for gas. Oh and did I

mention anxiety from fear of not finding a gas station for over a hundred miles?

We solved that problem by stopping at half a tank, but that just made Cody more anxious. He barks so loud, I believe folks can hear him for miles down the road. Cody and I really bonded on our trip. I think he started to actually prefer me to his Daddy. As it turned out, maybe his medication is just what I needed too.

We all read about Joyce and Bill's accident last month, totaling their trailer and truck and thank the good Lord, they walked away without a scratch. I have to say, I was a little anxious for a few days after that. We lost our travel partners and did you see that trailer? Eric got a little tired of hearing me say "slow down" and "don't follow too close."

Joyce and Bill recovered quickly and made it home safely and we continued on to Montana. Our 24 day road trip took us to some of the most beautiful parts of our country. I got lots of National Park stamps in my passport book and filled in many missing states on our travel calendar. We saw the Arch in St. Louis, Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Devil's Tower, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and many other wonderful cities and state parks.

Even if that terrible accident had not happened, I think my fear of high elevations (meaning the Rocky Mountains), and pulling a travel trailer over them, would still have emerged. I really have never liked heights, but never really gave our road trip and where that road was taking us much thought and....why would I? Our trip was all planned out and we had reservations at many campgrounds, so how unsafe (or high up) could the roads be to get us from point A, to B, to C.

We have traveled from Texas to NC, from MI to NC, from GA to NC (I had to go home and see my Mama!) and never, have I experienced elevations like we did going over the Teton Pass from Idaho to Moran, WY. I never gave high elevations any thought. Well let me tell you, I will from now on.

Teton Pass is a high mountain pass located at the southern end of the [Teton Range](#) between the towns of [Wilson, Wyoming](#) and [Victor, Idaho](#). I have googled it quite a bit since returning home and found that I am not the only one that had a little fear in taking that route. In addition to the above back seat driving remarks, Eric then started to hear, "Are we ok?," "Are we going to make it?" & "Do we have to go over those mountains?"

Well, we made it over quite a few mountains and even went on the "Going to the Sun Road" in Glacier NP. We could not get a reservation for the "Going to the Sun Road," so we showed up after 5PM and were able to drive part way to Lake McDonald and the beautiful Lodge there. That's all the time we had before dark and that was fine by me. If you've driven it or watched youtube videos, then you know what I am talking about.
^/^/^/^ Yikes!

I also learned there is a website I will now consult before heading out west or to Maine for the International Rally next year.

It is **www.flattestroute.com**.
Check it out if you can relate.



If not, be safe, count your blessings, know where the road is taking you, and most of all, don't forget your anxious dog's medication.

See ya down the ^/^/^_____road!

Recipe

Crock-Pot Sweet Kielbasa

INGREDIENTS

2 Pounds Kielbasa sliced into bite size pieces
1 Cup Apple Sauce
3/4 Cup Brown Sugar packed
2 Tablespoons Prepared Yellow Mustard
1 Tablespoon Minced Garlic

INSTRUCTIONS

Add all the ingredients to a 3 qt crock-pot or larger.
Stir well.

Cover and Cook on LOW for 6 hours stirring occasionally.
Serve on WARM with toothpicks.

