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# President's Corner



## April Showers Bring May Flowers

Do you remember the old joke from elementary school... April showers bring may flowers. And what do may flowers bring? Pilgrims!

As I sit here and write this month's column, I am reminded that there is a lot more to May than just flowers. This May, in particular, has brought so much more! It's brought a worldwide rollout of Covid vaccines. It's brought fewer cases, fewer deaths, and a loosening of restrictions nationwide. Stores and restaurants are opening up again, mask mandates are being loosened, and travel is picking up. Our rallies are being planned and Airstreamers are signing up! This May is looking so much brighter than last May!

I anticipate that college and high school graduations will again be held. Weddings, baptisms and funerals will again be held. Families will be back to visiting each other. Nursing home residents will have family visiting again. Remote learning may become the exception, rather than the norm.

But what kinds of things have we learned from this pandemic? We've learned that family is more important than anything. We've learned new ways to work, new ways to meet via Zoom. We've learned to cook from scratch, and we have learned to keep spare rolls of toilet

paper in the house! We've seen people caring more for each other, helping neighbors with groceries and such when they weren't able to get out. We've learned how to rise to a national... even global... crisis, and to be flexible AND resilient. Certainly we never want to go through something like that again, but I hope we don't lose the lessons. And just think of the stories we can tell for years and generations to come!

What is May bringing to you and your family? For me, it's a wedding on May 1st! I'm wishing you many family gatherings, travel, fun and JOY! Happy May!

Hope to see you at the International Rally in July at Lebanon, TN. We still have sites available. It would be a great way to get out and have some fun in your Airstream and enjoy the Airstream lifestyle. Go to the Club website and click on the link to register for the Rally.

See you down the road.

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## on the cover...

Helen Byam Schwamborn was a pioneer of the Work From Anywhere movement. Pictured here in her Airstream in 1956, Helen was continuously devoted to her work managing the Club and organizing Caravans even while she was on the road. With the all-new Flying Cloud 30FB Office, Airstreamers continue to embrace a 90-year legacy of working, playing, and living from anywhere. - page 20

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