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President's Corner



For those of our members that have known me the longest, you know that in 2007, I started following my "AIRSTREAM DREAM". As I embark on my year as your President, I intend to continue to share my dream with all our members and to make my year rewarding for all of you.

It goes without saying that we face many challenges throughout the world, and it will be one of my primary goals to put FUN into Airstreaming. I recognize that meeting our challenges will help us make our organization better and responsive to all our members. Initially, I am going to seek inclusion of all our members and build upon the expertise that each member brings to our Club. I encourage each member to raise their hand and become involved.

Our Club is many things to each of our members - not just camping or caravanning. We are a family of friendship, information, education, volunteering and activities. I will seek to improve the foundation of the Club by encouraging pride, respect and diversity for all our members.

My game plan is to achieve this through the following:

- Education and Membership Programs

1. Seminars that include the operations of our new website and database. Classes reviewing the responsibilities of Local Club and Region Officers which will help us to work together to achieve our goals as a TEAM.

2. Provide materials and information on our website and in the *Blue Beret* to assist initially in answering members' questions and a future guide to membership activities.

- Communications

1. Headquarters (HQ). Communications with our very busy HQ Team are extremely important. Before reaching out to HQ, our members should first check out our website and *Blue Beret* to answer and clarify members' questions and information that is needed. At all times, the HQ Team deserves the respect of our members and our members should not unreasonably demand answers. Remember the HQ Team is there to help all our members and, in light of the present environment and volume of requests, they may need time to get the correct and specific answer.

2. Meeting Deadline and Due Dates. When a member commits to meet a deadline or due date, it is extremely important to honor your commitment. This includes motions, rallies, caravans, newsletter articles and other obligations. As your President, I will and will encourage other officers to do the same. If at any time you need assistance to achieve your goals, please reach out to me.

3. Community Involvement. Being involved in the community where your rally or caravan is being held is important to the visibility that our Club as a whole provides the public generally with the Airstream Way. This involvement can be achieved by thinking of creative ways to help local communities, businesses, churches and animal shelters with their fundraising and other needs.

As I begin my year as your President, I intend to be creative in getting our message out to our members and beyond. I will be visible and available to all our members and will be persistent in achieving my overall goal, which is to fulfill my Airstreaming Dream.

I will help you down the road!

Tye Mott

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