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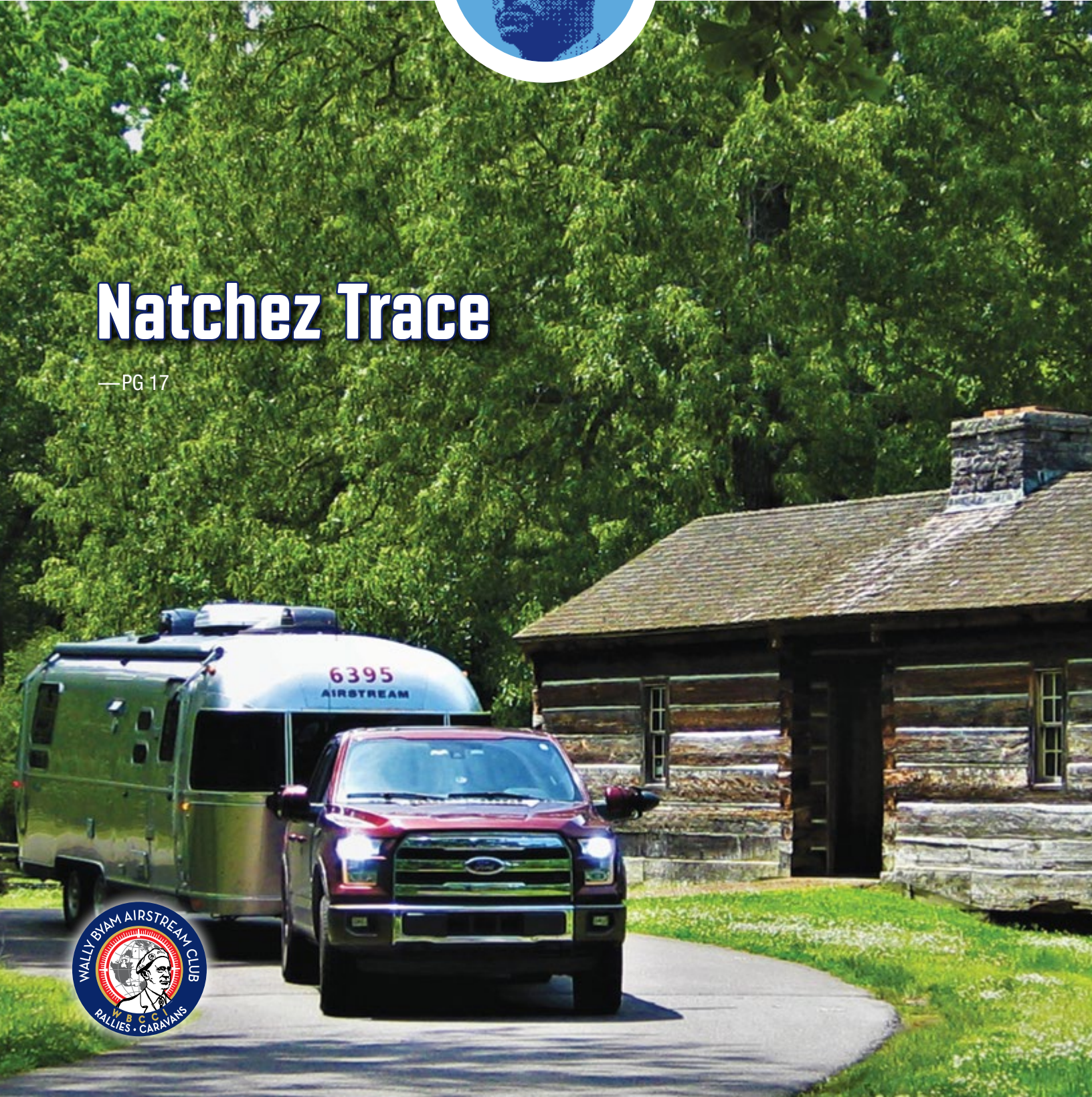
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President's Corner



As I began my trip to Lebanon, TN and continued on the Advance Caravan to Fryeburg, ME, what resonated through these adventures was my desire to make it as meaningful for our members and for the public at large as it was for me.

The International Rally in Lebanon was a building block for my intention to raise the visibility of the Airstream Club (WBCCI) to our members and non-members, and to encourage all of us to "give back". I am sure you all are wondering what I am talking about. Doakie (my travel buddy, a Welsh Terrier) and I were on the way to Lebanon when we pulled over for the night at a Flying J Truck and RV plaza about 9:30 pm. We ate and I walked her when I noticed a SOB (some other brand) had parked next to me and they were having some issues. Me being me, I went to help and after a few minutes we had a few of their problems resolved and they just needed some new tires to complete their trip to Oklahoma City. They had just bought this rig and were lost on how things worked. I made some new friends as we sat and had a drink afterwards; they kept trying to pay me, I just said "help the next traveler that has a problem". About ten minutes later, a couple came that needed a few tools to get their truck running. My new friends jumped up to help them, telling them how they were just helped. The next morning as I was getting out of my rig, the wife came over and insisted on taking me to breakfast in the truck stop. She asked about my International Vice President sign.

I explained where I was headed and told them I would be installed as the 2021-2022 International President. They both could not believe I would stop and help them like I did. This is what many Airstreamers do because we are a community of travelers that care about fellow travelers. They sent me a note thanking me again and for caring about travelers and to my surprise, they were looking at an Airstream to continue their retirement adventure with. Lesson learned, one act of kindness will ripple across our travel routes and affect many people positively.

As many of our members know during my short time as President, I have an open door/phone policy. I may not always agree, but will listen, discuss suggestions and answer questions. I am but one person of the Executive Committee where we function as a team to listen to ALL of our members' concerns. I encourage open dialogue and transparency which helps develop cohesive membership. Each and every one of us are responsible for our own safety and health, which should come first. Then we can help others to make their days just a little better and more special. With closure, stay safe, be responsible and leave our imprints of our adventures better than when we arrived.

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