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PRESIDENTS LETTER from Kim Alaniz

First off, I want to thank the WDCU for allowing me to represent the Unit at the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. Carrying the flag into the Opening Ceremony was an honor and a privilege. (And, contrary to popular belief, I did not violate the dress code by wearing a pink dress.) Backing up a bit, getting our group of trailers into the rally site was seamlessly orchestrated by Linda Moore — and thanks to her forethought and planning, the only delay we encountered was beyond our control and in the hands of the parking committee.

Throughout the week the Unit volunteered, took in the sights and sounds, and visited with old and new friends. Danee and I were kept busy assisting the Sign Shop leading up to and throughout the rally. When it was time to go, true to form, Danee and I were the last from the Unit to exit the fairgrounds (but at least we were leaving with AC in the truck all thanks to Kevin's Automotive). Our travels homeward, took us to Knoxville, Tennessee for several days to visit with dear friends and then onto Harpers Ferry, West Virginia to check in to the KOA and get a feel for the campground.

Speaking of Harpers Ferry, the rally is two and half weeks away. Currently we are expecting 15 trailers plus SkyMed representatives. The majority of attendees will be in the section of the campground with 50-amp service. Probably the most important thing we could have done but didn't while we were there, was to lift the electric box and determine if it accommodated both 50 and 30. I have received conflicting information from two campground supervisors, one says bring an adapter and the other says the electric has plug ins for both. That being said, bring an adapter. I will be emailing the attendees with more specifics as the rally nears. If you haven't emailed your registration form to me please do so ASAP. Registering with the campground is not the same as sending me the rally form.

I am looking forward to our remaining three rallies. Please sign up AND let the hosts know that you are planning to attend if you haven't done so already. Also, let the hosts know if you need to cancel because it's possible others might be interested in your site if that particular location happens to be full.

Happy camping everyone. And for now, the SIGN SHOP is closed until 2022 Fryeburg, Maine.

Sincerely,

Kim



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WDCU 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

August 19-22, 2021: Harpers Ferry / Civil War Battlefields KOA, 343 Campground Rd, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 Hosts: Kim and Danee Alaniz. Daneekim2468@gmail.com. See the Additional Rally info for more detail at the end of the newsletter. [Click here](#) for information.

September 15-22, 2021: Camp Hatteras RV Resort and Campground, 24798 NC-12, Rodanthe, NC 27968 Hosts: Sonia and Jerry McConnell Jerryjmcconnell@gmail.com Sonia.mcconnell@gmail.com. [Click here](#) for information.

October 14-17, 2021: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing/ Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA 17372 Hosts: Kim and Larry Garland jalopy32@comcast.net krimgarland@gmail.com. [Click here](#) for information.

MESSAGE FROM RJ MARQUETTE, R2 President

I'm writing this at a KOA on our trip home from Lebanon. Several other Airstreams are at the same campground, including a few couples from the Central Pennsylvania club. There's so much to talk about, and I hope I'm not blowing up everyone's newsletters. First, thank you, everyone, for the support you've shown Erica and I already, and it was nice to meet so many of you and reconnect with old friends. We're looking forward to being able to sit down with you around a campfire.

Unfortunately, our Canadian members were unable to attend the rally. The Region 10 flag wasn't present; there was an empty spot in the flagpole holder. It was a constant reminder of our missing friends in Canada.

My prediction for a polar vortex didn't pan out, but at least we didn't see extreme temperatures like we had during the 2019 Doswell rally. Most days topped out around 90°F (~32°C), so it was hot, but survivable. Mornings tended to be in the high 60s (16°C), though the humidity was always over 90%. The electrical system at the rally site was excellent; we had no problems with the air conditioner shutting off unexpectedly.

RJ's message continues here:

The rally was great – I heard the final count was around 780 Airstreams, and many people were first-time International attendees (something like 30% of the people there were first timers). We met many new people and caught up with old friends, and we found some time to explore Nashville. Our dog Sulley had a great time with long walks, visits to the dog park, and meeting many other Airstreamers and their dogs. I think he loves Airstream rallies as much as we do...maybe more.

Our Region 2 luncheon was a huge success. We had great food and great giveaways. The raffle for the biggest prizes generated \$675 for the local animal shelter "A New Leash on Life". Your generosity really came through. The shelter was thrilled with the donation, and, as animal lovers, Erica and I thank you, too.

Please join me again in thanking Rich for his efforts; in addition to his efforts for our region, he chaired a committee to improve membership benefits – the Michelin tire discount, for example – so his work has improved the club's offerings for everyone. We presented Rich and Kathi with a gift and plaque at the luncheon.

Various motions were passed during the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meetings; most of them were not controversial and passed easily. Probably the most exciting was that the 2023 International Rally will be held in Rock Springs, Wyoming, from about June 24 to about July 2. (Speaking of International rallies, registration for next year's rally in Fryeburg, Maine is now open. The dates of the rally are July 23-29, 2022.)

The one controversial topic was a motion to prevent the WBCCI from requiring proof of vaccination (or proof of exemption) for any event. This mostly affected caravans that are traveling between multiple jurisdictions and dealing with differing local requirements. Members submitted valid arguments for and against the policy, and although the motion passed, it was not a unanimous decision. The IBT felt that they had to clarify as much as they could, to avoid having the burden fall on event planners. The caravans will follow local or CDC guidelines, whichever is more restrictive.

One item brought for discussion (only – not voted upon) was changing the International positions to two years, instead of the current one-year term, and eliminating the 3rd VP position. Various members of the club had great arguments for and against this suggestion, so it wasn't immediately clear what was best for the club. President Tye Mott will appoint a committee to look into it and report back.

Now that International has ended, I am turning my attention to other things, including the Region 2 rally for 2022. Multiple people have offered suggestions and preferences, and I thank you for that feedback. My first goal is to nail down the dates and location, so that we can get them on everyone's calendars. More information will be forthcoming in my future notes.

There's so much more I could say about the last week or two, but I've taken up enough space in everyone's newsletters. Thanks for your time, and we'll see you down the road!

--RJ Marquette, Region 2 President



JOIN US / Renew – 2021 WBCCI Membership Renewal Information

It is time to pay your WBCCI and WDCU dues for 2021 which is now \$76.00 (\$75.00 for WBCCI and \$1.00 for WDCU). This amount reflects an increase of \$10.00 per year over last year's dues. The preferred and most efficient method to do this is to go directly to the following link airstreamclub.org/renew and pay with a credit card. The Airstream Club Headquarters Office will begin accepting renewals for the upcoming year on August 1, 2020.

To be listed in the 2021 Airstream Club Directory, dues need to be paid before December 31, 2020. If you have any changes to your Directory information, please note them on your renewal form.

Lifetime Members must proceed through the renewal process to inform the Airstream Club Headquarters Office that the member is active and in good standing.

Please contact Diane Sheridan by email Dianesheridan78@gmail.com if you have questions regarding your membership and/or dues payment.

UNIT MEMBERSHIP STATS & NEW DUES TIMING STRUCTURE

	WDCU MEMBERS	AFFILIATE MEMEBERS	CHG from last month
DUES PD THRU 2021	78	21	+1 Member, +1 Affiliate
NOT CURRENT for 2021	12	3	- 1 Affiliate

HOW TO ORDER NEW BADGES

New badges can be ordered online, click this link: <https://store.airstreamclub.org/>. You can order Officer or Regular badges as well as choose what logo comes on the badge.



2021 Unit Officers

President - Kim Alaniz #2468 – daneekim2468@gmail.com
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ONE MOORE THING...

International July 2021 is now in the books. We had a total of seven rigs caravanning into International to be parked. The Lebanon Outlet Mall was the perfect place to meet prior to caravanning in. We were not the only ones with that idea. There was a unit with fourteen rigs meeting. Luckily, we got the go ahead to move before they did. It is always fun to caravan together.

We met a new Airstreamer at the Nashville/Lebanon KOA and we invited her to go into International with us. She joined the caravan and WANTED to be parked with us. I was glad we didn't wear her out at the KOA. She was a great addition to our group. I miss you already, Lauren!

No whining this month. I know what you are thinking, THAT'S hard to believe! Our rig is tucked in at Colonial Airstream, once again, for awning work and some other stuff. I think C_Moore likes it there!

Scene along the way: A robin happily bathing and playing in a big puddle, a wicked huge bowling pin, a Blue Angels performance, climbed a lighthouse. What have you scene along the way? Send me a one liner telling me to lindamoorenh@comcast.net.

Please submit your news articles by August 30, 2021, as a word document OR just type it on an email. I am always looking for filler pictures and would like to start putting in your pictures of you, your airstream, your travels, or all the above. You have gotta be tired of looking at me!

Stay well, be safe!
Just campin',
Linda #15116



Grand Ole Opry. A bucket list item I didn't know was on my list! Check v.

ADDITIONAL RALLY INFORMATION –

...Harpers Ferry Rally - August 19-22, 2021 – Hosts: Danee & Kim Alaniz

HF /Civil War Battlefields KOA, 343 Campground Road, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425, 800-562-9497

Please fill out the rally form if you plan on attending the Harpers Ferry Rally in August.

Name: _____ Spouse/SO: _____

Children/Ages: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Post Code: _____

Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Mobile 1: _____ Mobile 2: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Unit: _____ Pets: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Airstream Type: ☐ Trailer ☐ B -Van ☐ Motorhome

Length (Feet) _____ Model _____ Year _____

Rally fees: Rally Fee: \$ TBA per person (to be collected at the rally)

I will be attending: ☐ Thurs ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun **Total** \$ _____

☐ I made a reservation prior to the release of sites, February 1, 2021 (no site number given)

☐ I made a reservation after February 1, 2021. If you were given a site number, please provide _____

Rally hosts: Danee Alaniz (c)301-943-3403
Kim Alaniz (c)301-943-4377
daneekim2468@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET TO LET KIM and DANEE KNOW IF YOU WILL BE GOING TO THE HARPER'S FERRY RALLY.

...OBX Rally - Sept 15-22 2021 – Hosts: Sonia & Jerry McConnell

CAMP HATTERAS, 24798 NC HWY 12, P.O. Box 10, Rodanthe, NC 27968, 252-987-2777, camphatteras.com

The 'official' rally is Wednesday to Wednesday 9/15 thru 9/22; however, Sonia and I will be there starting Sunday 9/12 so anyone who wants to make a full calendar week of it can.

With a minimum of 10 trailers we are getting a 20% discount but only for 7 days. So, for example, if you stay Sunday to Sunday or Wednesday to Wednesday you will get the 20% but the 8th day is back to full price. You pick which 7 days you want to stay...a little confusing but I wanted to clarify that.

The discounted nightly rate is \$65.00 plus tax and there are no additional charges to be added by the campground.

We have not decided on a rally fee yet...I have reserved the pavilion for Friday and Saturday evening so we will do a Potluck on Friday and maybe revive the Pasta Night for Saturday. We will of course have Juice Box Beach Thursday and Go Fly a Kite Friday. We will try to keep it chill.

We have reserved Dolphin Drive - when you call please say you are with the Washington D.C. Airstream Club. We are dealing with Jen Carlson but you can reserve with anyone in reservations. The below is from Jen.

"Rally members need to call to pay their individual deposits and any unclaimed sites will be released August 2, 2021. Approximately 10 days prior to arrival, each member will receive an email which will include a link to our secure payment portal so they can pay their remaining balance prior to arrival. Each group member needs to check in upon arrival at the Guard House to receive their arrival packet. Check in time begins at 1:00PM and we do ask that you time your arrival to be here no earlier than 1:00 as we do not allow early check ins."

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...Installation Rally – Oct 14-17, 2021 – Hosts: Larry & Kim Garland Jalopy32larry@gmail.com
LATIMORE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA 17372

Once again Kim and I will be hosting the WDCU Installation Rally on the infield of the racetrack at the historic Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, Oct. 14th- 17th. It is on the grounds of the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, a 501c3 non-profit that is preserving the history of motor racing.

There is 10-amp power for 16-18 campers, restrooms (no showers), and well water to fill your tanks on site. No dump station. Pets must be leashed. Large pavilion on site and the indoor meeting area will be available if needed.

A continental breakfast will be available Fri-Sun. Saturday's dinner will be catered by Blazing Swine before/after our meeting. Blazing Swine is one of the vendors at our car show that always gets rave reviews on their brisket. Dinner will be brisket and pulled pork and is covered for our members. Non-members are welcome at \$20 a person for dinner but must prepay before the rally so we can order the proper amount of food.

We are working on the rally schedule and are planning on keeping it simple...but we still have a couple cool ideas! More on that in a later newsletter after everyone gets at least one camping trip in this season!

2021 WDCU Installation Rally
Eastern Museum of Motor Racing
315 Latimore Valley Rd. York Springs PA

Camping Fee will be \$30 a person. This fee will go to the museum for use of the grounds for 4 days, meeting room and our tour of the museum.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Camping Fee \$30 per person #of people x \$30 = _____

Non-WDCU member Saturday dinner fee \$20 per person # of people x \$20= _____

_____ Super Grand Total

Check or money order to: Larry Garland
9 Maple St
Seven Valleys, PA 17360

Or Paypal to: Jalopy32larry@gmail.com

PHOTOS from International 2021.



Thank you, Kim, for representing our unit!



Thank you RJ for representing our region!

I wonder how much the bowling ball weighs.





Sammy B's lunch bunch.



Life's too short. Buy the BOOTS!



Rob Sunde driving the shuttle.



I love the night life.



I got to boogey....



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