

Virginia Traveler

A publication of the Virginia Airstream Club (#109) ACI

President's Notes:

This issue finds Lee and I in a bittersweet situation. After being the chair of the Virginia Airstream Club for two years, it is time for us to move on to another role. I appreciate the support from the board and members who have taken part in the activities or support the activities over the last couple of years. A special thanks to Xan, Randy, and David for making some dreams a reality in 2021. Especially the Silver in the Street in Abingdon which was wonderful and only dampened by the shortage of fuel caused by the pipeline issue.

What makes this very sweet are Stephanie and Peter, who are taking on the vital roles of Secretary and Chairman starting in October. I look forward to supporting their leadership in wherever the board takes us in the coming year.

We had a pleasant and productive time at our Business Meeting Rally hosted by Xan and Randy. We walked the new Crozet Tunnel and met two new couples we had not seen before. I appreciate the board members making the drive on Saturday morning to be part of the meeting. Douglas, DA, John Pezzoli, Steve and Kay Lambert came to participate and have always been supporters of club activities.

I'd be remiss to not mention Bruce Campbell who has joined our board. Gary and Lynn Brink are constant supporters and volunteers, but we think we'll find a position for them to help guide us through the future. Greg Wall has been supporting the club by producing the newsletter and that has been a special blessing.

For those who have not joined our events, please know you are always welcome. We hope to provide opportunities in the future with more options. Things in our sights are a new owners rally and a service rally. If you have input or ideas for a service rally, please let us know. We really need the right fit with enough options so everyone can contribute.

Please consider being a host, or honestly a co-host, of an event or rally. Most events are just a few days and I know for me, having a beginning and an end are great benefit.

And thank you for the opportunity to serve and learn more about the Virginia Airstream Club and WBCCI. See you down the road!

Thanks!

Jeff

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International Rally

Many of you have been to an International Rally and this year's rally was typical of an Airstream event. Well done, with lots of options. There were a number of seminars, generally in air-conditioned comfort. The fairgrounds were big, and we were spread out, but once one figured out the lay of the land, it was smooth sailing. My thanks to the many volunteers who served the membership and made it look easy. I was especially happy to see there were organized events for kids, and I hear they were enjoyable.

I so enjoy seeing many of the folks we have met and camped with over the years. We saw the folks we bought our trailer from and many old and new friends.

Lee and I rode with the bicycle group most mornings, and for those concerned where we went, we rode to a donut shop in downtown Lebanon every morning. Some imbibed, and others didn't. It is always a pleasant group and bigger than I remembered from Doswell.

Honestly, the first few days of the rally were trying for me. I was worried about the direction of the club and not being sure of my role as a delegate gave me some reason to pause. Once I figured out where I needed to be as a delegate and knowing Peter and Stephanie were stepping up, gave me new life.

Some big things are coming to WBAC. Everyone who has an email address will be able to vote. If your partner or non-primary member has an incorrect email they will not be able to vote. The old one number, one vote is a thing of the past. Dues for affiliates and life members can be tracked and collected through the ACI website. Eventually there will be central banking for the clubs. This will eliminate the need for PayPal, reduce costs and should make local IRS reporting a thing of the past. Treasurers will be as easy to change as any other officer. Historically, the Treasurer position of any organization is the hardest to change, as there are bank forms, address changes, signature cards needing folks to be in the same room in order the change Treasurer officers.

When we go to centralized banking, all we will have to do is change the information with Jackson Center and with some verification, the new Treasurer will be able to take right over. That is how it works with my engineers' group and we were told it would be the same for WBAC. Send in the new officers list and bingo after a certain date, the change is made.

That being said, if you have not explored the ACI website, I encourage you to see what is available when you log on. I'll agree there are a lot of clicks involved, but it gets better with more information every day.

Thanks!

Jeff



Pictures from Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI), now called Airstream Club International (ACI):

Constitution and Bylaws

The club will once again be voting on the revisions to the Constitution and By Laws. This change was as a result of suggested changes voted on and adopted by the delegates at International. Please recall that the Board approves the By Laws, the membership approves the Constitution.

The big change is that every member that has a valid registered email with WBCCI will be able to vote electronically and there is a by-mail provision. Historically it was one BRN, one vote. So, approve the Constitution and be sure both members have valid email address. This may require a call to headquarters.

The other change is changing dues collection to annual date. Previously, everyone had renewal date of 12/31/XX. This change affects the duties of the Treasurer and changes are incorporated.

Another change is allowing any member of a club or an at-large member to affiliate with any local club.

The last change is to the delegate voting change. With every member voting, the delegates will have different voting role.

So, in order to incorporate these changes in our Constitution and By Laws, you should see copies of these documents in an email, and we will ask you to respond to the Secretary. We will give you a couple weeks to respond. We would like to have these documents approved and sent into headquarters by the end of the year as the changes become effective in 2022.

Jeff Cutright

New Members Lucas and Jennifer Tepper

We are a family of 4, 2 daughters, who are 6 (Elle) and 8 (Emma), our black lab Bogey. We have been streaming since March 2020. We jumped into it on somewhat of a whim when we decided to cancel our trip in March 2020 to see family on the west coast and we thought, hmm, maybe we will just drive out there. So we got really lucky and found a very clean 2017 23'D FC that was up at Colonial in NJ. Unfortunately with the way 2020 played out, going to the west coast wasn't in the cards for us, but we hit many of Virginia's state parks (from the coast to the mountains) and our big trip was down to the Smokies. At the end of our season we ended up selling the 23' and ordering our 27'.

We took delivery of our 27' on March 6, 2021 which was almost 1 year to the date of picking up our original 23'. Since taking delivery we have been very active putting almost 11,000 miles on it so far. We've been all over VA again (Highland Haven being one of our favorite spots), down to Elijah Clark in GA, and then did a cross-country trip June 12 - July 4. We did the trip over 23 days, stayed in 14 states, drove 7,600 miles, hit 3 national parks including Arches, Crater Lake, Glacier National, and got to see 2 sets of family in Westport CA, and Whitefish MT. We absolutely love the freedom our Airstream has brought us along with the all of the amazing experiences we're getting to share with our girls. Below is a picture of us at Logan's Pass in Glacier National Park 3 days after Going to the Sun Road opened up. We have some more trips coming up around VA, NC (Ocracoke), and wrapping up the seasons with a visit to Jackson Center to take care of some warranty work.



Lucas Tepper

Bike Virginias August 20-29 by Jeff Cutright

The trial run of Bike Virginias was a fun and learning experience. The goal was to ride The Virginia Creeper, the New River Rail-Trail and the Greenbrier Rail-Trail over the 9 days while camping. I learned several things that could help make a future adventure run smoothly. Some it was just dumb luck and others were learned during the experience. We did this trip from Friday August 20 until Sunday August 29. Along for the ride were myself and Lee, Lois Leaburn, Terry Barone (TB), and Bryan Leaburn. TB lives in California but grew up in WV, and I went to WVU with TB. Bryan & Lois live in South Carolina but grew up in California. TB and Bryan worked together in aerospace.

We started out at the Cultural Center parking lot in Abingdon. We found from the friendly maintenance guy that the Cultural Center has allowed groups to camp there from time to time. There were some lights in the lot and limited trees, but it was a pleasant place to boondock for a couple nights. We were far enough from any houses that running a generator wouldn't bother anyone. The temperatures at night were such we did not need air conditioning.

It was a long trip up the hill on a bicycle from the restaurants in Abingdon to the Cultural Center. Naturally, we biked to supper to the surprise of some in the party. As was stated, 34 miles of the Creeper Trail was not enough. "Are we really biking to supper?" The restaurants in Abingdon were great and we ate at 128 Pecan and Rain. We could not get into the Tavern as they were reservation only and booked.

We caught a shuttle in Abingdon at 8:30 AM to Whitetop, VA where most folks consider the beginning of the Creeper Trail. Especially on a Saturday morning, there was shuttle after shuttle of folks unloading at Whitetop. Other than it being cool at the top of the mountain, we had a nice trip to Damascus where we had lunch. After fueling up we continued to Abingdon, and it was a beautiful day.

We went in the Cultural Center on Sunday, and it is a beautiful facility. Think a smaller Tamarack. Some movies, lots of crafts for sale and information about the music history and local legends.

We moved on to Stony Fork Campground which was in the National Forest up I-77 from Wytheville. It is a nice facility with sites that have power or power and water. There is a stream running through the campground with trout, but it is a seasonal stream as flows were warm and slow.

Lee and I had to go to Roanoke on Monday and Lee was not able to return due to some commitments. Lois was only riding the Creeper, so she left us on Sunday. That left Bryan, TB, and I to fend for ourselves. We had plenty of prepared food thanks to Lois and we did just fine.

The next day we rode the New River Trail section that Lee and I have ridden several times, Galax to Fries. It's 17 miles, about 12 or so follows Chestnut Creek down to the New River. We rode to Fries and had lunch at The Cafe. On the way back Bryan determined that in 4 extra miles he could ride down the New River to Foster Falls SP. He chose that course and TB and I rode back up Chestnut Creek to the truck. We picked up Bryan on the way home and he rode all the 57 miles of the New River Trail in two days.

We moved on to Watoga SP in West Virginia, which is on the Greenbrier Trail. We stopped in Roanoke for lunch and drove through a pretty nasty rainstorm on our way. On Thursday we rode up the Greenbrier Trail to Marlinton and had lunch on the River. We secured a shuttle with Appalachian Sports to Cass the next morning. Our day was capped off with this monster scoop of ice cream at Rayenna's in Marlinton. TB had two scoops. Our goal was to ride the Cass Railroad Shay's to Whittier Station at 11 AM, have lunch and ride the 25 miles back to Marlinton. Mission accomplished with supper at Old Mountain Tavern and food from Alfredo's in Marlinton.

The last day of riding we drove to Spring Creek and biked to Droop Tunnel, the other tunnel on the trail. We did stop at Droop Mountain Battlefield SP and found a lookout tower worth the view. There is a tunnel between Cass and Marlinton that opens up to a trestle. When we reached the tunnel TB and I turned around and rode back to truck while Bryan rode a few extra miles back to Watoga SP. Bryan had ridden all but 20 miles of the 77 miles of the Greenbrier Trail.

So, nine days, 150 miles of bike riding on three rails trails. See you down the road!

Thanks!

Jeff



"BRIGHT IDEAS"

Safety:

1. When traveling, it's a good idea for family members (or a trusted friend) to have access to account numbers, computer passwords, and location of important documents in case of an emergency.
2. Make a will - or the state will make one for you!
3. Keep in the visor of your truck the name, phone number, and address of a person to contact in case of emergency.
4. Use a safety vest when working roadside outside the vehicle - available at Harbor Freight or rural supply stores.
5. Hide a spare key inside the furnace/hot water heater outside.

From Randy Rinehart

Officers 2021

President: Jeff Cutright #31189
1st Vice President: Christopher Meccia #5625
2nd Vice Pres: open
Treasurer: Xan Rinehart #4546
Recording Sec: Kay Lambert #6095
Past Pres: Randy Rinehart #4546

Trustees:

(1 years) David Broad #2381
(2 years) D.A. Powell #9900
(1 years) Danny Locklair #5249
(2 years) John Pezzoli #6750

Committees:

Rally & Caravan: Douglas Powell #9900
Membership: Randy Rinehart #4546
Newsletter: Greg Wall #7351
Website: Jeff Cutright #31189

Officers 2022

President: Peter Davey #23528
1st Vice President: Open
2nd Vice Pres: Randy Rinehart #4546
Treasurer: Xan Rinehart #4546
Recording Sec: Stephanie Tisch #23528
Past Pres: Jeff Cutright #31189

Trustees:

(1 year) John Pezzoli #6750
(1 year) Douglas Powell #9900
(2 years) Chris Meccia #5625
(2 years) Bruce Campbell #1835

Committees:

Rally & Caravan:
Membership: Randy Rinehart #4546
Newsletter:
Website: Jeff Cutright #31189 and Stephanie Tish
Directory: David Broad #2381

Sad Passing of Past President Harold Hamlett

Virginia Airstream Club Past President Harold Hamlett (who has been ill in recent years) passed away on September 9, 2021, at the age of 84. Harold was a retiree of the U.S. Air Force and is being interred on September 15, 2021 (today), at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, VA. He is survived by Maxine, his wife of 57 years, daughter Lee Ann Stratton, and sons Carlton L. (Buck) Hamlett & family and son Terrence (Mac) Hamlett & family. He is also survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Our National organization website: <https://airstreamclub.org>
Virginia Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/virginia>

VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB EVENTS 2021 SCHEDULE							
Start	End	Event	Joint	Location	City, State	Contact	Email
Sept 24	Sept 25	Commonwealth Rally	x	American Heritage Campground	Williamsburg, Va	Tidewater	laweva@msn.com
Sept 28	Oct 4	58th Swiss Festival		Winklepleck Grove	Sugar Creek, OH		SwissRallyRegistar@yahoo.com
Oct 14	Oct 17	Streamin' in The Gap		Cumberland Gap, Tennessee		See page 9	https://hoppyhiker.wixsite.com/streaminthegap
Dec 4	Dec 4	Holiday Luncheon		Mrs Rowe's Family Restaurant	74 Rowe Rd, Staunton, Va I64/81 junction		randolph.rinehart@gmail.com

VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB EVENTS 2022 SCHEDULE							
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Jan 17	Jan 20	International Board of Trustees Meeting		Creek Fire RV Resort	Savannah, GA	John Leake	john@leakesantiques.com
Jan 27	Jan 27	Board Zoom		6:00 PM			
Mar 24	Mar 27	Maintenance	x	Small Country Campground	Powhatan, VA	Tom Carmichael	tomc@sportsimageinc.com
Apr 6	Apr 10	Region 3 Rally		North Georgia Fairgrounds	Hiawassee, GA		r3info@wbcci.net
Apr 7	Apr 10	Springtime Bluebells	x	Outlanders River Camp	W. Luray, Va	Linda Heuer	gheuer@umich.edu
Apr 22	Apr 24	New Owners Rally		Misty Mountain Campground	Greenwood, VA	Randy Rinehart	randolph.rinehart@gmail.com
Apr 21	Apr 21	Board Meeting		6:00 PM			
May 12	May 15	Silver in The Streets		Abingdon, VA	Abingdon, VA	Jeff Cutright	jcutright4@msn.com
Jun 10	June 11	Houston Festival		Cool Breeze Campground	Galax, VA	Gary Brink	gbrink1775@gmail.com
July 21	July 30	65th International Rally		Fryeburg Fair Association	Fryeburg, ME	ACI	
Aug 4	Aug 6	VA Club Business					
Aug 8	Aug 13	Old Time Fiddler's Convention		Cool Breeze Campground	Galax, VA	Region 3	baumjc@gmail.com
Aug 18		Board Zoom		6:00 PM			
Sept 9	Sept 18	Bike Virginias		Abingdon-Wytheville-Lewisburg	Abingdon, VA	Jeff Cutright	jcutright4@msn.com
Sept 22	Sept 24	Commonwealth Rally	x	Waynesboro 340 South	Waynesboro, Va	Peter Davey	peter@pdavey.com
Sept 28	Oct 4	58th Swiss Festival		Winklepleck Grove	Sugar Creek, OH		SwissRallyRegistar@yahoo.com
Nov 17	Nov 17	Board Zoom		6:00 PM			
Dec 3		Holiday Luncheon		to be determined			
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2021 Commonwealth Rally Registration Form

Friday, September 24 - Sunday, September 26, 2021

Please call Larry or Richard if you are interested in coming and your schedule allows last minute changes!

The Tidewater 111 Airstream Club will be hosting this exciting event at the American Heritage RV Park in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Rally Fee is \$20 per person, which does not include the campground fee at American Heritage. Please make your site reservation soon by Email: americanheritagervpark.com or by calling 757-566-2139. Mention that you are with the Airstream Rally to receive a discounted fee.

Name(s): _____

Member of which club: _____

WBCCI# _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of people attending: _____

x \$20.00 = _____

+ Daytime Ghost Tour @ \$10/person

Enclose check to Tidewater 111 Airstream Club, Richard Duncan, Treasurer

Most events will be open to all attendees EXCEPT the Daytime Ghost Tour, which is limited to 25 people at a cost of \$10/person. Please include this in your check.

Please send by September 1, 2021 to: Richard Duncan, 6907 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Va 23188

Please view the Promo Rally Sheet for additional information concerning this exciting Commonwealth Rally.

For additional information: Larry Evans, President: 757-636-8836

or Richard Duncan, Treasurer at 740-319-8088

Please call Larry or Richard if you are interested in coming and your schedule allows last minute changes!



Come and Celebrate the beginning of Fall with your Virginia Commonwealth Friends in our Colonial Capital, Williamsburg.

Exciting Activities to include:

- Strolling DOG Street venues, shops and restaurants within the Colonial District
- Williamsburg Farmer's Market (Saturday AM)
- Daytime Ghost Tour Saturday AM (limited to 25 guests @\$10.00 per person)
- Flamingo Bingo with valuable prizes (grand prize one year WBCCI membership)
- "Winsome" performing acoustic music (Saturday PM)
- Officer Installation with President Bill Wild (Friday PM)

Included Foods: Two Breakfasts

Saturday hosted by Northern Virginia Club

Sunday hosted by Virginia Airstream Club



Friday

Pierce's Bar-B-Que Dinner @ 6:00 PM
with Fall pies and ice cream

Saturday

Happy Hour @ 4:00 PM hosted by Spirit of Virginia)
Frank's Frank Dinner @ 6:00 PM
Gormet S'mores @ 9:00 PM

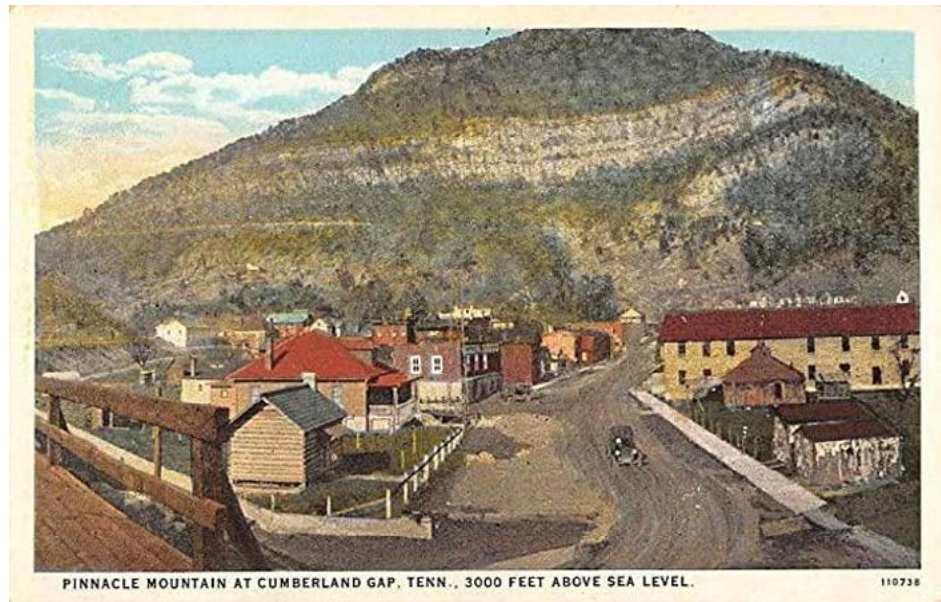
Limited Sites at a negotiated rate of \$49.00 per night plus tax full hook-ups.
Price good until August 16, 2021. Book Directly with American Heritage RV Park
when calling for reservations you must say you are with the Airstream Rally

To Register, please mail your rally fee of \$20.00
per person by September 1, 2021 to

Richard Duncan, Treasurer Tidewater 111
6907 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, Va 23188

STREAMIN IN THE GAP
OCT 14-17
<https://hoppyhiker.wixsite.com/streaminthegap>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streamin-the-gap-tickets-157670238929?aff=ebdssbeac>



Great Smoky Mountains National Park

