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ISSUE 3

Words from our President:

Hello Fellow Airstreamers!

Spring has Sprung. Camping season has begun. Pets and Paws is over and I hope everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to the Region One Rally as the next rally on the schedule. Unfortunately, Steve and I are not registered and hope to get on the wait list. We are registered for the International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee and it looks like it will be our first rally of the year!



We continue to survive these strange times and continually changes regulations regarding the pandemic. I encourage everyone to stay safe and enjoy whatever camping and socializing you are comfortable with.

Your board will be meeting soon to discuss elections, schedules and future planning. The website is a work in progress and we should have an update soon. Please be in touch with any of the officers or other members if you have any questions about anything club related.



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New Members to NEAC



Gail Ahmed
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Alexis and Kurt Schleicher are from Lyme, New Hampshire
and have a 2007 Bambi 19'

Dan and Monica Kerman are from Atkinson, New Hampshire
and have a 2017 Classic 30'

Valerie Hurst and Richard Constance are from Dover, New
Hampshire and have a 2020 International Serenity 23'

Ryan Krause is from Bennington, Vermont and has a vintage
1988 Excella 28'

Frank Ruffing is from New Harbor, Maine and has a vintage
1963 Flying Cloud 20'

Evan Scarponi is from York, Maine, has a 2019 Flying
Cloud 30'

Member News.....

Member Tim Darsney is on the lookout for a B190 Van. If any member has one they wish to sell or knows of one please contact

Tim @ neatimdarsney@gmail.com



In Episode 122 of Luv Subbin, we accept the challenge from East Coast Streamers and answer 40 questions. Some of them are RV specific and some are quite random.

[40 Questions with Rich from Luv Subbin while doing Spring Maintenance/ Airstream RV](#)

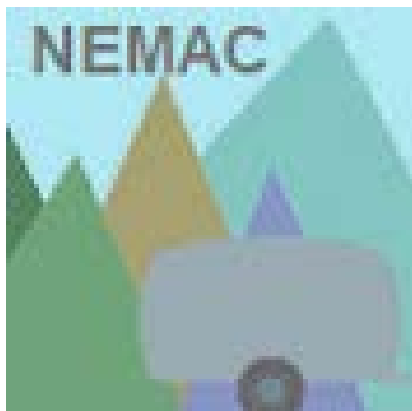
- Rich & Cindy Collins

While the Chilly Man Rally won't be happening this year, Andrew Fowlie & Carolyn Collins are planning to be at Salisbury Beach State Reservation May 20 - 23 for a Chilly Man Rendezvous. We invite others to join to reconnect and raise a toast to Airstreaming (BYO- Chili is optional!) Andrew and Carolyn booked site D-47. Folks need to book their own sites through Reserve America.com Let Andrew and Carolyn know if you are coming. Their email is in membership directory.

(BYO- Chili is optional!)

Folks need to book their own sites. Massachusetts State Park camping will be opening for reservations on Monday, February 15 at 9:00 . We are hoping to book a site around the area of D47-50, E47-50 or thereabouts.

<https://massdcrcamping.reserveamerica.com/>



What? "Farm to Table Rally"
Where? Lake Forest Resort, Wakefield, NH
When? August 20-22
Who? Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club and
New England Airstream Club

NMAC and NEAC will co-host a "Farm to Table" rally in the heart of New Hampshire. Join us for good food, good friends and good fun. There will be opportunities to enjoy the lake, the mountains, the rail trail and so much more. We have reserved the rally field and we can accommodate 20+- rigs. We have reserved ten spots for each club to start. We will see how registration goes and then open it up. Please reserve with me early. We may be able to get more space from Lake Forest as we get closer to Summer.

We will work out the details and cost as we get closer to summer and have an idea of what is possible under the new normal. For now, please let us know if you would like to join the fun. We will accept non-binding reservations in the order that they come in and also have a waiting list if necessary.

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REGION 1 RALLY 2021

It's Official! "Oh! The Places You'll Go" is back on the road!
Region 1 Rally 2021 will be at the Three County Fairground in Northampton, MA.
Save the date: June 17-20, 2021
(Note: This is a New Location and New Date)
Location! Location! Location!

The Fairground is conveniently located on the edge of the commercial and historic district of this college town. The city of Northampton is known as one of America's best small cities. A top ten town for craft lovers, walking and bike trails, and a highly rated shopping district in the Connecticut River valley. History abounds in Northampton with early abolitionists, women's rights activists and Calvin Coolidge's residence in the early 1900's. Today the town is the home of the Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum, Smith

College's Botanical Garden, Museum of Art and so much more, e.g. the Beer Can Museum.

Kayaking the Connecticut River and its tributaries along with hiking adventures to the top of Mount Tom and Mount Holyoke are just a short drive from the fairgrounds. Within 25 minutes of town are Springfield's National Basketball Hall of Fame, the Armory-National Historic Site, and the Dr. Seuss Museum and Sculpture Garden. To the north of town is Deerfield with its Historic Deerfield Village, the Butterfly Conservatory and the popular Yankee Candle flagship store.



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The fairground is just a two-minute drive from exit 19 on I-91. The fairground is the home of the longest ongoing fair in America. Our Airstreams will have 30 amp electric, daisy-chained water, dump station and dedicated WIFI for our use. Our vehicles will be parked on grass and gravel field areas surrounding our center of operations, a commercial size open air pavilion with a stage. Yes, in these uncertain pandemic times, we will maximize the air circulation by using this outdoor facility while being protected from the sun and possible inclement weather. In the event of extreme weather, we have the backup of the colossal arena building. Social distancing should be easy to maintain in these venues should the need still exist next June. As we reexamine our abilities to get together in responsible ways the Three County Fairground will offer some of the best facilities while providing an ideal location with considerable interest and places to explore.

Greetings from Region One:

What a year it has been, but the end of our quarantine is in sight. Many of you have had your rigs out and many of you are getting them ready to travel. Bard Fuller and his team have been planning for our Region Rally for well over a year. The pandemic caused a cancellation, a change of venue and, even now, plans are changing almost weekly in response to the shifting health regulations. If you are signed up, we will see you there, and if not, get on the waitlist so you can register when conditions allow more of us to gather. We will have a short Region One business meeting at this rally. You have my word that it will be long enough to get our business accomplished, but not long enough to interfere with the fun that Team Fuller has planned for us.

And now, a word of thanks to Rick Cipot. For nine years, Rick has been our faithful scribe, writing an article for each issue of the Blue Beret. That is 81 articles, give or take. Rick has let us know that he does not have any more articles in him so he is going into retirement from this job. We could say that it is a "thankless" job but let's not have that be the case. Please let Rick know how much you appreciate his dedication to Region One. mrjrick@aim.com. Rick is handing off his pen to the region officers.

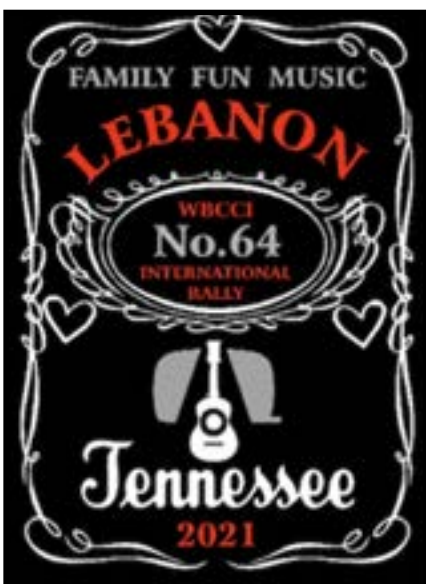
We look forward to seeing you on the road again!

Doug Hart, President

WBCCI 64th International Rally

Join us for the 64th International Rally in Lebanon, TN
Lebanon, TN is the county seat of Wilson County,
Tennessee with a population of approximately
37,000. Lebanon is located in Middle Tennessee,
approximately 25 miles east of downtown
Nashville.

Wilson County Fairgrounds
945 East Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN 37087



*To
Register*

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here](#)





Outdoor Mystic Art Festival Rally

August 13-15, 2021

NEAC & COCAC Co-Sponsored rally



Seaport RV Resort and Campground, 45 Camp Ground Rd., Old Mystic, CT 06372

<https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/new-england/connecticut/seaport/>

Please refer to the state of CT travel advisory <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

COVID-19 contingencies: All gatherings and meal planning will follow CDC guidelines available at that time, so be prepared to wear facemasks and respect social distancing, etc.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

Rally schedule (tentative):

- Friday 4:30 pm happy hour with heavy appetizer potluck (local brews will be provided for tasting).
- Sat 8 am Coffee provided.
- Sat pm dinner on your own at one of the many wonderful restaurants/takeouts in downtown Mystic, bonfire starts at 7 pm.
- Sun 8 am, local bakery donuts/muffins and coffee provided.

Information about the art festival: <https://www.mysticchamber.org/mystic-events-calendar/mystic-outdoor-art-festival> Also, lots to see and do while in Mystic, CT! Seaport, Aquarium, kayaking, bicycling, hiking trails, pool at the campground, restaurants, shopping, microbreweries, and more.

To reserve your site, call the campground and mention you are part of the Airstream Club Rally.

For this rally, reservation of sites is on-your-own, and they will honor a 20% discounted rate (\$62-82/night) between August 13-16, 2021 for our rally attendees. Tess will be on site #70. Bard will be on #95A.

Map of sites: <https://952ws4ayphb1pfb6hy8v3gfr-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/seaport-guest-map-2021.pdf>

Charisse Sankow, Resort Manager, Seaport RV Resort and Campground

45 Campground Road – Box 104, Old Mystic, CT 06372

Office: (860)245-6040, Phone: (860)245-6039, CSankow@Suncommunities.com

A **\$5 per adult** kitty fee will be collected **upon arrival** as your contribution to firewood. Hosts will purchase local bakery products and beers, and will appreciate any contributions to help defray the cost.

As soon as you have reserved your site, please send Tess or Bard an email with your names and site #.

Questions?

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Ideas on How to Carry an E-bike on a Trip

By Nancy Phillips

Before you even buy an e-bike, you should figure how you are going to transport it. E-bikes are heavy and have electronics on them need to be protected from moisture, dirt, and grime.

If you have a bike rack for non e-bikes, it may or may not hold even one e-bike. You should have a bike rack that supports the tires and not just have the bike hanging in the air. The Airstream Fiamma bike rack that is mounted on the back of Airstreams will only hold one e-bike. Most likely if you don't have a bike rack, you will need to have a class 3 receiver put on the back of your trailer, which will be an additional expense. What is a real plus with this option, is being able to move the bike rack to your tow vehicle, if you need to drive to the bike path.

Since the bikes are heavy, putting bikes on top of a roof or on a bike bunk will be challenging. Putting the bike under a truck cap might be an option, but potentially awkward to get in because of the weight. People who have a fold bike recommend large plastic tub to make it easier to slide the bike in and out of a vehicle or trailer.

A dog like metal ramp might be handy to have if you can't lift 50 plus pounds.

E-bike racks are expensive and not all e-bike racks are made for being put behind a travel trailer. I found e-trailer.com had the best information on which bikes were recommended for the back of a trailer. Since the bikes are heavy, some e-bike racks come with ramps which is handy. One person suggested buying a scooter rack which is much cheaper at about \$150, holds up to 400 plus pounds and comes with a ramp. <https://www.etrailer.com/Hitch-Cargo-Carrier/etrailer/e98873.html>

The only two e-bike racks that I found that are specifically made for the back of trailers are Swagman and Yakima. There are other e-bike racks, but I would look very careful how they are constructed, since you want the rail that goes in the receiver to be horizontal and rather beefy versus curved, because of the bouncing it will receive at the back of a trailer. Those manufacturers don't recommend their racks for the back of travel trailers. Thule is one of them

There are two safety issues with putting e-bikes behind your trailer. You will be adding a minimum of 150 pounds to the rear with two e-bikes and a hitch. This could impact your tongue weight, which means the potential for sway. You should have a cover for your bike (not all covers will work on the back of a trailer), which means you may block your rear lights and will have to add additional lights.

One e-bike in the trailer. We use bungees or rope to secure the bike for travel



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So, what have we done? We bought a Swagman E-Spec Bike Rack. <https://www.etrailer.com/RV-and-Camper-Bike-Racks/Swagman/S94FR.html>

One full sized bike rides on the back of the trailer if the weather is good, but I do wrap the screen and battery terminals in bubble wrap and plastic for travel. That still leaves the rest of the bike to the elements. I can't cover the whole bike because we haven't worked out where to put additional lights. I did buy a rain cover which can be used on the back of the trailer if there are two bikes on the rear. You do want to buy one size up, for ease of covering, especially if you have two bikes on the rack. It is a Pro Bike Cover for travel from Amazon. [Pro Bike Cover for Outdoor Bicycle Storage - Heavy Duty](#)



[Ripstop Material, Waterproof & Anti-UV \(Travel - XXL for 3 Bikes\)](#)

The other bike rides inside the trailer. My husband built a simple wooden rack to prevent the front tire from rolling back and forth. It's just wide enough for the tires, that is holds the bike upright. The specs are made for our layout. We use bungies to secure the bike in an upright position. This still allows us to enter the trailer to get to the bathroom and use the kitchen to prepare lunch. We can put two e-bikes in the trailer, but it will make it more challenging to get to the bathroom and we might

not be able to use the kitchen. My husband is working on a plan. So, stay tuned for future updates.



Bike tire support to keep the bikes from rolling around. Bungees are used to help keep the bikes upright and in position



E-bikes in front of the goucho to the right of the door, which allows easy access to the kitchen and bathroom

The Tin Chef – April 2021

By Kathy Lanier – WBCCI #5939

Favorite YouTube Cooking Channels (most have adjacent websites)

Periodically, I do a listing of favorite websites or You Tube Channels that are related to cooking and adjacent to camp cooking. Enjoy!

Marys Nest – Traditional Cooking from Whole Food Ingredients

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MarysNest/videos>

RoseRed Homestead – Canning, Bread Baking, Offgrid and some camping

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNXnzorI5nuqem74vPa31gw/videos>

Views on the Road – Homemade Mexican Cooking – part-time RVer

<https://www.youtube.com/c/Viewsontheroad/videos>

Carey on Vagabond – Couple Full-timing in a Van (4 years) Lots of camp cooking intertwined with their adventures

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CareyOnVagabond/videos>

Indigo Nili – Instant Pot Cooking – Explains Instant Pot cooking simply and in great detail

<https://www.youtube.com/c/IndigoNili/videos>

Townsend's – Historical Cooking – Great review of older and primitive cooking methods. Many methods can be applied to camping. Lots of primitive living history and entertaining. Townsend's also sells historical cooking wares on their website. They are based in Indiana.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/jastownsendandson/videos>

Calvacade of Food – Vintage Appliances and all things kitchen – Great for ideas for your vintage Airstream kitchen

<https://www.youtube.com/c/cavalcadeoffood/videos>

Gadget Corner

One of my favorite recent finds is a vintage jar opener. The Pry-a-Lid works great for opening glass jars (great for home canners and commercially canned jars) – it works so well that I have even bought one for the camper. The Pry-a-Lid works better than any modern jar opener that I have been able to find. Be on alert for them as you thrift shop (much cheaper) or find them on eBay or ETSY.

Hoping to see you all around a campfire soon!

Katy

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Apr 9 -11
9th Annual Pets and Pals National
Rally, Coastal Acre Campground,
Provincetown, MA
(Lilly Hamnqvist and RJ Dominic
from Cape Cod)

Thank you for coming!



~~May 21-23
/Chilly Man, Salisbury MA,
(Carmen & Lisa Louie hosts)~~

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Jun TBD
New York City

Spring Business
Meeting
More info coming.....

June 17-20
Region One Rally,
3 County Fairgrounds
Northampton MA
Charter Oak

Jul 17 - 24
International Rally
Lebanon TN

Aug 13 - 16
Mystic Arts Festival Joint Rally
with Charter Oak
Hosts -
Tess McShane & Bard Fuller

Aug 20 - 22
Lake Forest, Farm to Table
Host - Doug Hart

Oct 20-31
Echo Lake Rendezvous
Hosts- Earl and Elaine Duesel

Nov 22 - 29
Cut your own Christmas tree
Rendezvous, White Mountains
National Forest, Danforth Bay
or Hancock State Park
Hosts
Per Hamnqvist, Denise Buck
& Doug Hart

???
Apple Island, Burlington Vt
Rendezvous
Hickman suggestion

???
Northern NY rally
John Scholl suggestion

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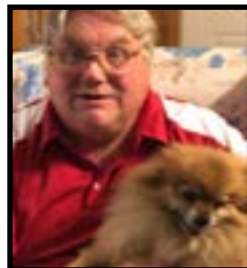


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From The Editor:

Happy Spring! Although you wouldn't know it by the temps we had! We went from 70 to 30 so quickly! Hopefully it will be back to 70 really soon. How many of you have booked your summer camping trips?! Going anywhere special or just getting away from reality? Wherever your travels take you I hope you enjoy every step of the journey! Please send in your photos from your camping adventures! I would love to include them in the newsletters. Who knows? Maybe one of your camping spots may become a favorite of one of our members!

If you haven't already signed up for a rally now is the time to do so! You'll find some flyers in this newsletter. Check out the NEAC website for updated info on rallies.

As always, stay safe and healthy!

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PLEASE put 'Quipper' in the
subject line

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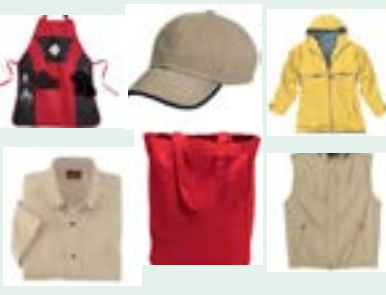
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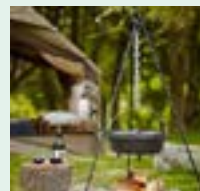
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Vintage Airstream Club
Full Timers Club
Amateur Radio Club

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Corporate Casuals/NEU



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The *NEU* of *WBCCI* website
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& rally listings for our Unit.
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