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# UWAC Club News

## Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club News

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow UWAC Members and Affiliates,

This is our final newsletter for 2021 and my final message as the President of our Airstream Club. I think 2021 may have been our best year yet as a club. I don't have the exact statistics, but I think this year we've held more rally's than any year to date. Our membership has grown and participation – especially with new rally hosts – has never been higher. As a club we owe a debt of gratitude to our Officers. John Ruskauff is our 1<sup>st</sup> VP and will become President on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ron Jorgensen is our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and will become our 1<sup>st</sup> VP on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Keith Lund is our Treasurer and has agreed to continue in that role. At our annual dinner you will have the opportunity to vote for/ratify a new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP as well as a Director of Membership and a Director of Events. All of these positions will be part of the Executive Board of the Club. Your current Board members have been the driving force behind our extensive rally schedule – often hosting or co-hosting – one or more rallies, and I hope you take a moment to thank them.

Looking forward, the Board has identified at least one rally every month from April to September for our Club. Additionally, there is a Region 11 rally (which includes Utah and our Club) in Casa Grande, Arizona in March as well as the Region 10 Jazz festival in October. The International next year will be held in Fryeburg, Maine in July 2022 – a beautiful area if you have the time to visit – and in 2023, the International will be in Rocksprings, WY (practically “up the street” for Airstreamers). If you have a rally idea, please bring it forward! Living in our slice of paradise, we could comfortably have a rally in March, October and November as well. Perhaps you would consider leading a “just camping” or “no host” rally sometime during our camping season next year.

(Barb and) I have enjoyed our opportunity to serve as your President these past two years. Barb has been instrumental in getting the work that needed to be done actually done, and I'm grateful for her help!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the club dinner and business meeting as well as a great camping season in 2022.

Happy Camping! Jim Powell, President



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## Annual Club Dinner and Officer Installation

Please save the date for our Annual Club Dinner and Officer Installation. This event will be Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Though we understand that a week-night is not ideal, that was our only option due to staffing challenges for private parties at restaurants. The dinner will be held at the Asian Star restaurant in Midvale; this will be a buffet meal followed by a quick meeting and new officers installation. It's not time to register for this now; you will receive an e-mail sometime in late October after we have confirmed details and pricing with the restaurant. Since this event was cancelled last year due to COVID, we are excited to have it this year in a private room. This is a great opportunity to meet the club's board and other members, and to hear what's on tap for next year's rallies!

Jim & Barb Powell

## Membership renewal.....

I hope you had a great, travel-filled summer with our club and are itching for more. I know we've all received the memo from International regarding membership renewal for 2022. They have really streamlined the website and made it possible to pay for your main membership and any affiliate memberships you wish to renew as well. Check your inbox for the email from International dated September 8 - it has all the instructions to get you where you need to go.

Previously all renewals started Jan 1, but now ACI has a new system in place where those newer member's renewal falls on their anniversary date. That changes things up for me a bit with the club membership list and directory. For those whose renewal starts the first of the year and have not paid by the end of the previous year, I will keep you on the member list for 60 days. After that, I will assume you are no longer interested and drop you from the mailing list. Same for those on the anniversary track, but I will keep you on the list for 60 days after your anniversary date.

I hope you'll make the decision to renew - we have some great rallies planned for next year and would love to see you there!

Bonnie Ruskauff, UWAC Membership Chair

## Stories from the Road...

### *Late August trip To Glacier National Park*

We were lucky to find a 3-day opening at an RV park close to the west entrance of Glacier National Park and booked this last minute trip. In order to break up the drive, we stayed one night in Divide, MT at the Hyde RV Park (about 6 hours from us). This small, family park has about 12 sites, is \$35/night with water and electric—and has pretty views!

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It's about 8 miles off I-15 and is very quiet and has a huge open field for a dog area and a single dump station for registered campers. The owner Linda stopped by our site to say hello and tell us about the area, and how the park sits on the 100+ acres that has been in her family for four generations. There is even a local bar/pizza place a short walk down the road in this rural setting.

The next morning we headed to West Glacier, about a 5 hour drive. We took the slightly longer route up Hwy 35 along the east side of Flathead Lake. It's a pretty drive past huckleberry and cherry orchards that were in season (late August/September), so make sure you stop at one of the roadside stands to pick some up. However, the road has no shoulder and there are few areas to pull off with a trailer so plan your lunch, gas and potty stops ahead of time! We got to the West Glacier KOA just after lunch and were impressed at the first KOA "Resort" we've ever seen. Though it's pricy (\$80-\$145/night) the sites and amenities are worth it. We normally don't spend this much for a site but we heard about this park and wanted to check it out (we like to find RV parks with nice cabins to do trips with friends and family that don't have campers). Our premium site had a large cement patio with grill, fire pit and nice 6-person patio set, with pretty, privacy landscaping and shade trees. The park has 2 pools, cafe, ice cream shop and more. Definitely a "glamping" experience! It's only 2.5 miles to the park entrance. We were able to get the required 7-day pass/reservation by booking on-line at 8 am the week before; this allows you access to the whole park and is only \$2. This is a new requirement to help reduce traffic/parking in the park and without it you can only access a small area of the park. The popular, 50-mile long "Going-To-The-Sun Road" transits the park from the west entrance to the east entrance and is off-limits without the pass. It is one of the most scenic drives in the West! If you secure a pass, be sure to drive the entire road (at least one way), but beware that the section from "The Loop" to Logan Pass Visitor Center has steep drop-off's and is not recommended if you have a fear of heights.

We biked from the KOA into the park, around Apgar Village and stopped at beautiful Lake McDonald. We also biked around the campgrounds inside the Park to check them out. They are very shaded, no hook-ups and do have some larger pull-through sites for trailers. The next day we hiked on the Lake McDonald trail on the north side of the lake, but at mid-day most of the trailhead parking lots were full. Apgar Village has nice amenities: food, gas, gift shop, rafting outfitter etc., but the next day we drove to the east entrance and there isn't much there (we should have packed a picnic). You can also bike on the same paved (off-road) path away from the park entrance into the next town of Hungry Horse. There's not much there but it's a nice bike ride. We explored some of the side roads where we saw some smaller campgrounds and B&B's.

It was a fun trip but we really needed another two days in the park, but we didn't want to change sites so we decided to come back another time and stay 5 days. Our camping neighbor told us the scenic boat ride on Lake McDonald is worth doing and will add that our next visit.

Barb and Jim Powell





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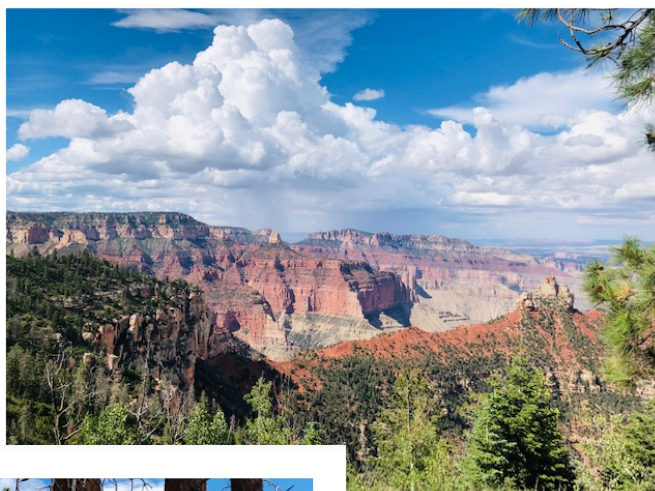
## *North Rim / Jacob Lake Rally — July/Aug 2021*

*Co-hosted by Linda & Darrell Galloway and Holly & Ron Jorgensen*

UWAC held another successful rally at the beautiful Kabab Camper Village at Jacob Lake near the North Rim of the Grand Canyon from July 30 through August 2. A total of 40 campers in 14 trailers joined this rally. The group enjoyed several group activities including a BBQ dinner at the campground, plus all of the scenic beauty that is the North Rim. A number of campers enjoyed a beautiful hike along the Uncle Jim Trail, and the group held a dinner at the spectacular Grand Canyon Lodge overlooking the canyon. Weather varied from cloudy and rainy to nice, but it did not prevent any of our planned group activities. The last night of the rally featured a spectacular night sky, something that had previously been obscured due to all the monsoonal clouds & rains.

Thanks to all the wonderful club members and affiliates who attended. We appreciate all the great work by the co-hosts, particularly the Galloway's who originated the idea and got the ball rolling for this fun rally.

Here are a few pictures from the rally — hope you can join us at a future rally!





## September 9th - 12th – (SANDSTONE STREAMING)

**Hosted by b Keith and Jeanne Lund, Ron and Holly Jorgensen, Hunt and Megan Williams**



What an incredible place to share. We had Unit Members, Affiliate Members and members from other districts. What a great group of people. We rode horses, visited the back country, stimulated the economy with silver and turquoise purchases, learned to be artists and enjoyed a chuck wagon dinner. We survived a major thunderstorm, viewed amazing vistas, learned how to make yarn and saw where John Ford made movies. How much more can you jam into three days? Well, there's more. We took road trips to near by sights and saw where Forest Gump ended his historic run.



We drove the Moki Dugway, (one brave couple towed their trailer) we hiked the Wild Cat Trail, and ate at Gouldings. Everyone seemed to do it their way.



Holly Jorgensen was entertaining and skillful as she moved from artist to artist, giving nonjudgemental suggestions, to help us complete our masterpieces.



And Saturday evening, almost everyone held on to our canopies while a large thunderstorm had its way with us. After the storm we had a beautiful sunset, a great meal, and were served peach cobbler by the Clayton clan. Later, Larry Team,

Navajo story teller, told us a story about what Monument Valley means to the Navajo people. Saturday evening was just like was supposed to be, storm and all. We're looking forward to our next Airstreaming adventure. Keith and Jeanne



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**Please note: The Sun Valley Jazz Festival has been cancelled. If you registered for this event and haven't been contacted you can email: [info@sunvalleyjazz.org](mailto:info@sunvalleyjazz.org) for information.**

## *Tentative 2022 Rally Schedule*

**March 9-13th:** Region 11 Rally in Casa Grande, AZ March (see below for more information)

**April:** "No-Host" Rally in Jackpot, NV

**May:** Armed Forces Day / Air Force Rally May 19-22 at St. George Airport

**June:** Flaming Gorge--June 16-19. 17 Reserved: 17 FH sites and 3 dry camping sites

**July:** Wyoming Caravan; about 2 weeks to various places / International Rally, Fryeburg, Maine

**August:** Schofield's Boondocking Rally and Paz's Dinosaur Monument Rally

**September:** Crater Lake, OR Sept 9-12 –Gabrenas are hosting, 20 spots reserved @ Crater Lake RV Park in Prospect

**October:** OPEN

**November:** OPEN

More information will be sent by hosts when available. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting a rally 2022 would be a great year to volunteer. Our Rally co-ordinator Holly can give you more information. ([ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com) or cell: 801-599-8275).

## *REGION 11 – BEST IN THE WEST!*

Taken from the Region XI, October 2021 Newsletter

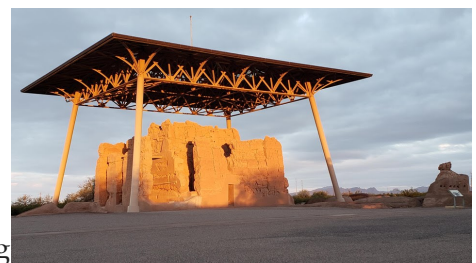
Kenneth E. Johansen, President

Hello all – I'm hoping everyone is doing well and staying safe.

The big news is: **The Region 11 Rally is BACK !**

Covid put the brakes on this year's annual region rally, but things seem to be opening up a bit and we are looking forward to putting together a really great event for all of us in Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico Region and beyond.

March 9-13 are the dates; please mark your calendars for a wonderful event in **Casa Grande AZ** at the



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Pima Fairgrounds and Event Center. The weather that time of year is about as perfect as you can get. We are expecting a great turnout. The event center offers twelve 50-amp sites, twenty-six 30-amp sites and as many 15-amp sites as we need. Water hookup is available as well. We should not need AC that time of year as the temps are very mild.

What do we have planned? Glad you asked; we are in the process of hiring some excellent entertainment, starting with a Mariachi band to stroll among us while we meet and greet and chow down on provided tacos, then ending with an exciting 50's 60's and 70's band. Food? Yes, we plan to have at least 2 catered meals, one opening night with tacos and a very nice full meal at the end. More information to follow.  
[r11info@wbcci.net](mailto:r11info@wbcci.net)

## Airstream Club RV Etiquette

UWAC is proud of our affiliation with WBCCI (Airstream Club International) and intends to fully honor the Code of Ethics laid-out for the club. See insert.

Many of our local club members are experienced RVers, and some are new to camping. Whether you are experienced or a novice it is important to understand the strong commitment that WBCCI makes to good will and respect for others, following the rules, and orderly camping. In real simple terms: follow The Golden Rule.

What exactly is proper RV etiquette? There are many sources of information on proper camping etiquette; here's one example from the KOA Camping Blog:

### **YOUR DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO CAMPING ETIQUETTE ([KOA.com](http://KOA.com))**

#### **CAMP LIKE YOUR MOTHER IS WATCHING**

Nothing can put the kibosh on a fun camping trip faster than sharing your outing with obnoxious neighbors.

#### **WBCCI/ACI Code of Ethics (Blue Book)**

To be ever mindful of our responsibility to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct, indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples and countries.

To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on other of our diverse membership so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members of differing ethnicities, religious beliefs or orientation and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code.

To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them in the same way.



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If you've been camping more than a handful of times, you're likely to have a story or two about loud, oblivious campers who just didn't seem to have a clue about the common "rules" of camping etiquette.

It doesn't matter if you're taking advantage of the amenities at a private family campground, or are up in the woods in your favorite national park – most of the same simple rules apply.

Camping etiquette becomes even more important as more "newbies" discover camping as the wonderful family activity that it is. Knowing the rules can help you make lifelong friends, instead of instant enemies on a campground. It's also important that you get the next generation of campers started right, so pass these rules/tips down to the kids.

Before we launch into the list, here are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- Campers are the friendliest people on earth! Everyone is there to have fun, so a little respect goes a long way. Every campground has a set of simple rules to ensure everyone's enjoyment. Review them with your family.
- Respect nature, too. Hey, it's got to last us all a long time, so try to leave no trace, and don't "use it up."

### **CAMPING ETIQUETTE 101**

Here's some simple tips we've gathered over five decades in the camping business. Plus, we've asked some of our Facebook friends for their tips, which are included below in italics:

1. **Quiet Time Means Quiet Time:** Seems simple, but it can be the Number One complaint of many campers. Most KOAs start quiet time at 10 p.m. That doesn't mean you can't enjoy a late-night campfire. Just be sure it doesn't come along with screaming kids, loud laughter and your tunes. Some of your fellow campers have to get up early and hit the road.
  - "Disengage your car alarm to prevent it from going off." – Michelle H.
  - "We want quiet time so we can finally enjoy our alone time snuggling by the fire." – Lisa M.
2. **Respect Other Campers' Space:** A campsite is just like your home's yard. Don't walk through others' camping space, and coach your kids to do the same.
  - "When we are set up, it's like our home. Do you take a shortcut through your neighbor's yard?" – Cathy G.
3. **Leave Wood At Home:** Campgrounds that allow open fires will have firewood for sale. Use it. Transporting your own wood can spread insects and disease and could threaten an entire local forest. Also be aware of and respect local fire bans, and never take wood from standing trees.
4. **Don't Leave Food Out:** It isn't just cute little squirrels that will enjoy your leftovers. Other, less desirable visitors will also indulge, including bears and "non-cute" rodents. Once they get a free meal, they'll be back.
  - "Nothing messes up a site faster than an animal in a bag of food." – Lindsay R.

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5. **Late Arrivals Need To Be Considerate:** If you show up after dark, try your best to keep noise and lights to a minimum. Also be careful where you park your vehicles when you arrive, so you don't block others' access. "At least check to be sure your vehicle lights are on low beam." – Mel H.
  6. **Help A Campground Out:** Everyone likes to use a clean restroom, so be considerate of others after you've completed your morning ritual. Make sure the paper towels hit the trash, and wipe up around the sinks and counters. If you spot a problem you can't fix, report it immediately to campground staff. (At KOAs, that would be the great people in the Yellow Shirts!).
  7. **Keep It Slow:** Campgrounds are typically full of kids on bikes and folks walking dogs. Be sure to keep to the slow posted speed limit. It'll keep the dust down, too.
    - "Campgrounds are safe places for kids. Drive slow to keep it that way." Matt G.
    - "If you have a toy hauler RV, be sure you know the rules about ATVs and motorcycles on the campground." – Tracie T.
  8. **Respect Your Campsite:** Don't dig trenches or hang clotheslines or hammock from trees without the OK of the campground owner. Also, only use the designated fire pit.
  9. **Smokers, Watch Your Butts:** Cigarettes aren't campfires. Be considerate of your fellow campers downwind, and be sure to pick up your butts and put them in the garbage.
  10. **Control The Kids:** Show your kids the boundaries of your campsite, and respect those of others. Keep their bikes off of roadways when not in use. Send them to the playground for noisy games.
  11. **Share The WiFi:** Nearly all KOAs have free WiFi, but please remember you're in the woods and WiFi here may be different than your hot home cable connection. A quick email or Facebook post is great, but this may not be the best place to stream movies 24/7. You're outside. Go enjoy it.
  12. **Leave The Campsite Better Than You Found It:** After you pack up, check around for garbage. Move back anything you've relocated, like rocks or logs. If anything is broken, like the picnic table, be sure to let the staff know. Recycle what you can.
    - "Campgrounds are a great place to teach your kids lessons. Cleaning up after themselves will become a habit you'll value." - Dennis C.
  13. **Take Care Of Your Pets:** KOAs require all pets be on a leash at all times, except when using our cool Kamp K9 Pet parks. Owners need to clean up after their pets throughout the campground, and control excessive barking.
    - "Keep pets on a leash to avoid problems between animals." – Vicky H.
  16. **Do Your Sewer Connection Right:** Make sure your RV sewer connection is secure, and there are no torn hoses. Remember, your connection likely faces your neighbor's site.
    - "In an RV, things break. Check your sewer connection and hose every time you hook up." – Wally Y.
  17. **Put The Fire Out:** When going to bed, be sure your fire is out and not smoldering. And don't use the fire pit as a garbage can.
  18. **Dispose Of Wastewater Properly:** Dump your dishwater away from faucet water sources and in a designated place. Use biodegradable soap.

- “Few things will get you dirtier looks than doing your dishes in the bathroom sink.” – Manny T.
- 19. **Generators Are A No-No:** Unless your camping in an unimproved campground in an area that specifically allows generators, pay the little bit extra for an electric site and plug in the RV. Your fellow campers will love you for it.
- 20. **Be Polite, Early Risers:** If you’re leaving early, pack up what you can the night before so you can just unhook and go, without a lot of slamming compartment doors. And for diesel RVers, don’t rev the engine on your way out.
- 21. **The Golden Rule Still Works:** It’s still as simple as “do unto others ...” If you’re an experienced camper, help those less experienced when you can. It will add to the enjoyment for both parties, and you’ll experience one of the best things about camping.



## Airstream of Utah

September 8 at 11:06 AM · 🌐

New location update: Airstream of Utah will be fully operational in our new building starting Monday, October 4. Our new address is 3131 W. 2210 S. West Valley, Utah.





## UWAC Website - Up and Running

The legacy UWAC website will be going away in July as the club transitions over to a shared website with the rest of WBCCI. Be sure to bookmark the new site:

<https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>

You can find the latest UWAC newsletter, rally schedule, registration instructions and other important information on the new website. In addition, as a member you can log-in and see the current directory of UWAC members.

**MEMBER DIRECTORY:** For instructions on how to add your photo to the member directory, please see the following tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUICC-howkM>



**CLUB FLAGS** Just a reminder that anyone can order the club flags that you see around, from Flagology. They can be personalized with your names and WBCCI number. Just use this link to their website since it's a custom item.

<https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-utahs-wasatch-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>

