



WEST VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB

WBCCI Region 4 Local Club 115

Newsletter: October 28, 2021

A chilly HELLO! Hope you are enjoying the change of season as the days grow shorter. Erna and I ran the *Scenic Highway* in Pocahontas County last week. 22 miles of wonderful ridges and valleys with all sorts of colors both mixed and grouped in stands. At one point, we stood on a ridge at nearly 5,000 feet elevation with the Greenbrier River below us. We could see a mountain peak over 30 miles away in Virginia (we know this because the marquee at the overlook said so). We picnicked with an apple tree at one stop and found small American flags and ashes at the edge of the overlook. Someone wanted to rest there forever, I think. Such a fresh and beautiful state we have.

The WBCCI **64th International Rally** in Lebanon, TN. was one of the better rallies in my opinion. Exhibitors were set up offering everything Airstream. There were presentations about Airboard Storage Shelving, Instapot cooking, Boondocking Secrets, Shared Camping Recipes, and other subjects of interest. The rally hosted a pet show that was an all-around favorite event. There were walking and bus tours in Nashville touching on Broadway Downtown Nashville, Ryman Auditorium, many parks and halls of fame, and museums. Erna and I spent the better part of a day on Bourbon Street taking in the music, food and shops. Several hundred campers reserved an entire section of the *Grand Ol' Opry* for a concert including *Riders In The Sky*, Lauren Alaina, *the Gatlin Brothers*, Parker McCollum and others.

Evening entertainment included Ron Saylor, a California based, Gold Medal Award Winning Magician, the Wally Byam Airstream Club International Band, and fabulous dance music performed by *Top Tier*. *Top Tier* was fun, high- energy, and entertaining! The dance floor was full of happy campers and the encore had dancers begging for more. I expect to see more of this open dancing entertainment at future international and regional rallies. The 2022 International and Region 4 rallies are now taking reservations.

The **Swiss Festival National Rally** in Sugarcreek, OH was this past September and a great success as usual. Fun and games, giveaways and tours with Amish ambiance. Music performances and food, food, food. You may remember that the Swiss Rally, previously sponsored by us (WVAC), has been transferred to our Region 4 organization. WVAC has earmarked \$2500.00 as seed monies for the 2022 rally. Debbie May will remain in the position of Swiss Rally treasurer and accountant at least through the 2022 Swiss Rally reconciliation. WVAC passed a motion at our October business meeting to sponsor a social hour event at the 2022 Swiss Festival National Rally. This event will have a local DJ playing 60's, 70's and 80's music (for dancing) and include heavy hors d'oeuvres. The theme shall be "This Is How We Roll".

We just finished a club rally at the **KOA campground in Flatwoods, WV**. We had a prime spot in a wooded area at the top of the grounds. Lots of breathing room and a cozy area for campfires. We cooked, listened to background music (courtesy Shelba's Bluetooth), biked and hiked, and of course, shopped. Our annual club business meeting was conducted in the Hetzler's Airstream (it has the slide-out) during a rain shower. Don Hetzler spoke to the club about WBCCI insurance pertaining to official rallies. WBCCI has \$6M of coverage for the entire membership and a cap of \$1M per incident. If, at an official rally event, there should be an accident from camp setup to camp breakdown, contact the rally host immediately. And contact your club's chairperson(s). Of course, guidelines and claims are subject to the discretion of WBCCI and will not supersede personal coverages. We also planned our 2022 rally schedule; tentative dates and destinations are listed below.

We are still looking for a name to anoint our quarterly news sheet. It has been suggested that "Wild and Wonderful WVAC" or "The Wild and Wonderful" might be popular. Also "The Airstream Roller", "WVAC Roller", and "WVAC Traveler". We can abbreviate our club name, or not. We will take suggestions for a few more weeks and a ballot will be presented.

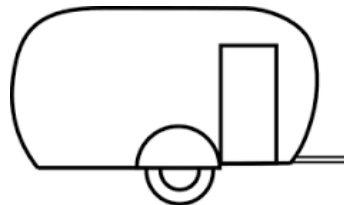
We have light blue, gray and dark blue masks sporting our new logo on the side for \$12. And 3x5' double sided flags for flying by our trailers are available from Shelba Tucker. Prototypes of WVAC logo decals measuring 3" and 8" will be made for review. These round insignias can be stuck to glass or aluminum

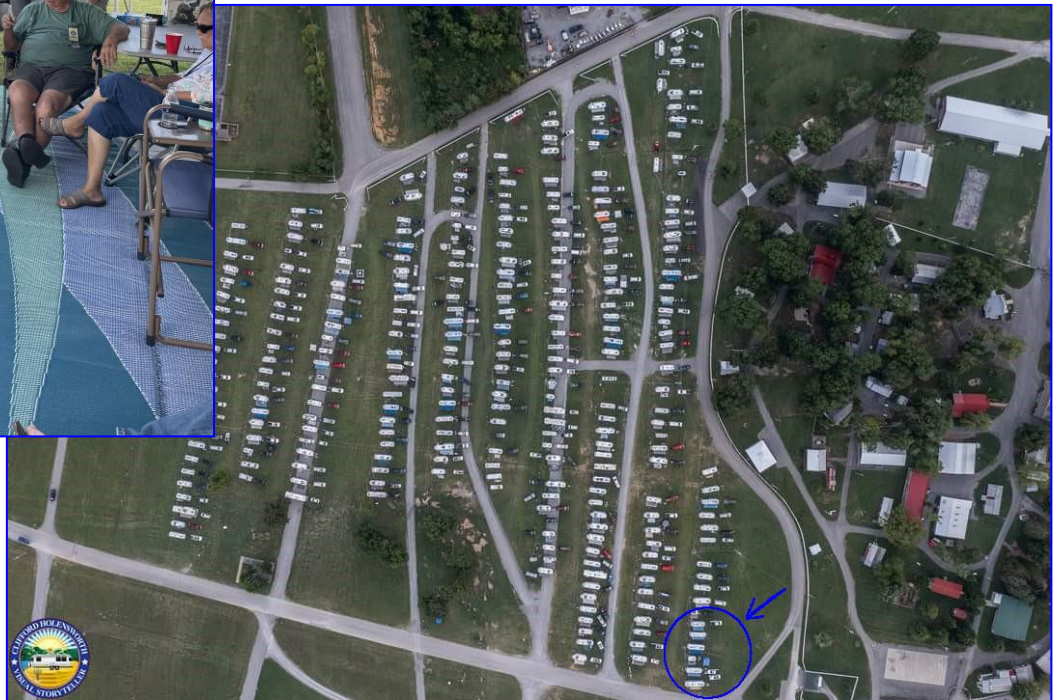
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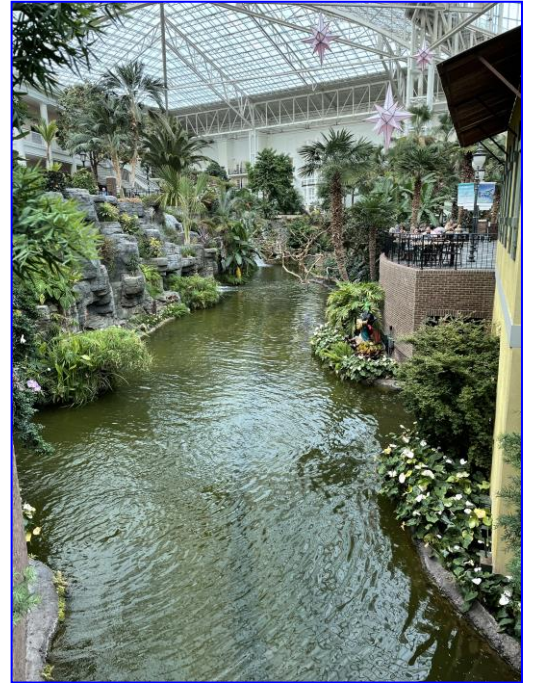
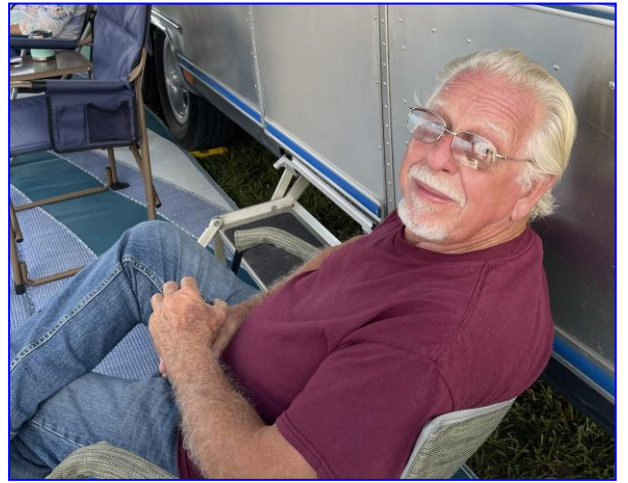
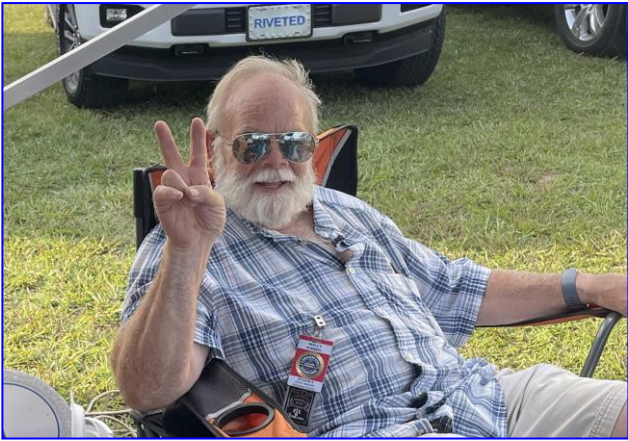
Tentative 2022 Rallies: (a final schedule will be published in the January newsletter)

- April 21-24 Wayne Barth and Debbie May will be at Ocean Lakes RV Park. They invite members to join them. He will be camping at K15.
- May 18–22 Region 4 Rally in downtown Wooster, OH
- June 9 - 12 Lewisburg, WV for Ronceverte River Festival and/or Renaissance Fair
- July 23 – 29 International Rally in Fryeburg, ME. We may caravan to selected over-night campgrounds, but you must make your own reservations.
- August 25–28 Teets Farm Lost River in Hardy County, WV. Full hook-ups. Rodeo night.
- September 24-20 Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek, OH.
- October 6 – 9 Charleston, WV. Doo Wop Weekend. Car show and street music. Downtown RV parking.
- October 20-23 Flatwoods KOA, Flatwood WV. Includes our business meeting.

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TUESDAY NIGHT

- John Conlee
- Parker McCollum
- Riders In The Sky
- LOCASH
- Connie Smith
- Aaron Weber
- The Gatlin Brothers
- Lauren Alaina

