



## WEST VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB

WBCCI Region 4 Local Club 115

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Hello West Virginia Airstreamers!

Cooler, shorter days are upon us. The trees are coloring, and the gardens are producing the last yields of the season. Everyone that Erna and I encountered this year seemed busy as bees. We are looking forward to the holidays and hoping to slow down a bit and smell the roast turkey.

There were a several rallies (and one more to go yet at Flatwoods) on our schedule that took us from the New England coastal area, to the cattle lands of WV, to the cheese country of Ohio.

The **46th Annual Region 4 Rally** was May 18-22. This Main Street Style rally was truly in downtown Wooster, Ohio. The urban streets of the classic American town were brightened by numerous Airstreams from the tri-state area. Downtown campers stepped out of their trailers directly into the town's block party that celebrated the rally with us. Restaurants and shops were only steps away from our doorways. We may expect more urban rallies in the future.

The **Renaissance Festival and Ronceverte River Festival** was June 9-11. Airstream parking was at the WV State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg and just a few minutes from both festivals. Camp side cooking and campfires started our days and ended our nights. The renaissance reenactment had the look and feel of ye old English countryside that included amusing acts and music reminiscent of the period. Jousting matches, horse riding tricks, acrobatic feats and magic was performed throughout the day. Some of us went in costume and blended into the décor and ornamentation. Maids and lads,

pixies and fairies, Ladies and Knights, all together enjoying the fun, crafts and food. Tasting grilled kabobs on a stick or distinct sandwiches or specialty plates was the order of the day. The River Festival was part carnival and part arts and crafts show. Fun foods were intermingled with vendors selling locally made items from jewelry to signage to clothing. The car show was full of muscle cars, sport cars and rare sedans with tractors thrown in for the farm equipment enthusiasts. Live concerts were performed at riverside in the Ronceverte amphitheater.

The **Airstream Club International Rally** was in Fryeburg, Maine July 23-29. There were nearly 1000 Airstream units parked on the grounds and nearly 2000 attendees at the expansive venue. The rally started with an antique/classic parade displaying those historic Airstreams buffed to a brilliant gleam. There were Argosys with beautiful paint jobs and a rare class A Airstream motorhome. Later in the week, the Vintage Club had an open house to let admirers view original and custom homes on wheels.

There was whale hunting (photos only) and mountain climbing. While some in our club chartered a boat and headed for sea level creature chasing, others bought train tickets for a train ride to the top of Mt. Washington. Incredible views for both excursions.

At the dog show, Kathy entered her trick dog, Bluebell, and Shelba entered her k9, Stella, as a West Virginia Brown Dog. Both performed flawlessly.

The ladies donned their tea-time apparel and indulged in the Tea and Cookies affair one sunny afternoon. We used the golf cart we rented to shuttle the girls across campus so they would arrive fresh and sassy. And they were returned in the same fashion to our campers, still sassy.

Of course, hiking and biking, and sightseeing are part and parcel for any outings in Maine. Some of us went riverbed hiking and boulder climbing just a few minutes from the fairgrounds. And adjacent to the grounds is a riverside path just right for walking and biking. The dogs had a blast running the pathways. From old wooden bridges to modern ferryboats, we took in the sights and flavors of the Maine countryside and seashores.

At the fairgrounds there were two musical venues that attracted many music lovers to party to 70s music and dress in period costumes. The Vintage

Club offered a rock n' roll party under their big tent with DJ hosting. And the International hosted their coordinated rock n' roll party with live music from the 'fro headed Motor Booty Affair band. Many attended both and gave a resounding thumbs up.

Airstream specific vendors, food vendors and flea markets were running almost continually during the daytime. Birds of a Feather sessions and instructional seminars were scheduled every day for those staying on campus. It was a joy to sit at camp and watch the sun go down after a full day.

**The Bulls and Barrels Rodeo** was August 25–28 at the Teets Farm Lost River campground in Hardy County, WV. Riders come from far and wide to participate in Barrel Racing and Bull Riding. These cowboys and cowgirls belong to a national syndicated riding circuit and compete for points during the annual season. The bull riding is rough, and the barrel racing is fast. These cowpokes are serious about their sport and it showed at this rodeo. Safety clowns were put to the task of confusing and containing the bulls that went rogue during a bucking ride. Quarter horses run full out and turn full circle during the barrel races. And something for the youngsters, Mutton Bustin'; sheep riding is a hoot when the young boys and girls give the sheep a ride. The sheep don't buck so much as just run and shake the kids loose. Several kids rode sideways on their steeds for the required 8 seconds to receive points. You will just have to imagine the greased pig chase with 25 kids in the mix. When one pig escaped the ring and made for the big valley, it had us doubled over with laughter.

Alongside the rodeo ring activities were vendors preparing farm fresh beef burgers, brisket and chili. Add baked potato or fries and homemade ice cream for dessert and enjoy. Hayrides were free and there was an elaborate, if not extravagant, children's play area that held the attention of any kid that wouldn't be interested in bulls, horses and sheep. Also, under tent was a makeshift mini mall selling western goods like boots, belts, vests, shirts and

pants and skirts. Western themed jewelry as well. Something for everyone. The rodeo was exciting, humorous and surprising. At the end of the day it left us feeling exhausted but fulfilled.

Hardy county has new highways through the valleys and mountains. We took an afternoon to drive into the hillsides and take in the wonderful views. At one overlook we could see mountains cascading into the next state, turning from green to shades of blue as the view faded at the horizon. Looking in another direction we saw the ridges dotted with windmills quietly soaking up the breezes. A short drive toward the mills revealed just how amazingly large the propellers actually are.

During our road trip through the hillsides we found ourselves in Moorefield, the home of Mullin's 1847 Restaurant. The 47 Pub has outside seating and dinner service, so we settled down to a table a few steps from the small stage that is venue for music performers. Our early dinner turned into an evening of bluegrass from six local musicians spinning old favorites for hours and closing with "Country Roads".

Back to our trailers, our campfires were a pleasant way to wind down and recall the experiences of the day.

The 59<sup>th</sup> **Swiss Festival National Rally** at the Winklepleck Grove, Sugarcreek, OH. was September 24 – October 2, 2022. Several of our club members arrived early to help set up and work the rally. WVAC hosted a social event on Monday evening that included heavy h'orderves and DJ music by James Wallick. There was dancing, eating and schmoozing into the evening. The WV made door prize was won by first timer Vicki Prasch of the Texas Plains Club. Vicki came to Sugarcreek early to volunteer and work the rally.

Kathy Robinson brought and demonstrated her tabletop loom making assorted lanyards, belts, shoelaces and cords. Our club also conducted the cornhole competition and the winning team was awarded a beautiful original

trophy created and crafted by our own Kevin Robinson, guaranteeing bragging rights.

The Region 4 rally members were invited to decorate and ride our float entry for the Sugarcreek Swiss Parade. Fall decorations and Swiss costumes adorn the hayride themed float and was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Bean soup day at the park, and chocolates, cheeses and breads throughout the communities kept everyone thinking of food. Restaurants and specialty confection shops adorn the landscape giving choice to our appetites.

Evenings of karaoke in the pavilion or campfires by our trailers closed the days with that well rounded and time well spent feeling.

Please review the photos on file of our rallies throughout this year available on our club website <https://airstreamclub.org/westvirginia/west-virginia-airstream-club-newsletters>

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