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#### **President's Corner**

Gary, Don, and I wish all our Region 4 Airstream families a Merry Christmas and hope you are able to be with your families for the holidays.

Guy and I are home from Florida for the Holiday and made a few Region 4 stops along the way. We will go back after the Holiday.

Our 2015 Region Rally may seem far away at the moment, but it really is coming up quickly. The Mansfield area has many attractions and your co-hosts are busy setting the tour schedule. Some of the visits under consideration are touring the Malabar Farm, home of Pulitzer Prize winning author, Louis Bromfield. Malabar was also the location of the wedding of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, and is filled with Memorabilia.



Malabar is not the only link to the movies in Mansfield. The Mansfield Reformatory and parts of the Mansfield countryside figured prominently in the filming of the

Shawshank Redemption, and tours are planned to both.

If the movies aren't enough you can also visit the Richland Carousel Park,

home of the first new, hand-carved carrousel to be built and operated in the United States since the 1930's.







Round up the Wagon Train, so in addition to our catered dinners, we plan a Trail Dinner. Guess you need to be there to find out more on that!

Shyrl and Marian are coordinating the plans for the Second Annual Ladies Tea and Decorative Craft Class. Please keep an eye out for the perfect hat and decorations to bring along.

Haydocy Airstream in Columbus will be bringing display units and there are also rumors they will have their "Land Yacht BBQ" wagon along.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Mansfield and appreciate the support you give the Region Rally. Knowing our expected attendance is critical to making arrangements for tours and dinners, please send in your reservations as soon as possible.

Best Wishes for the Holidays Marjorie

### **Looking Back**

The 2014 Swiss Festival National Rally is in the books, but if you're staring out at snow

and would like to relive it, there is a terrific slide/video show of the rally on their website. Check it out here:







http://landolakesohio.wbcci.net/pictures-and-videos/2014-2/

#### **Looking Ahead**

We have received word of new events for 2015 from two of our Region 4 Units.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights Caravan

Chip & Lori DeLeeuw and Norm & Jinny Kiel are revitalizing the Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights caravan of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The rally has been given the National Rally # N-44-N and Chip passed along this information:

With the blessings of Norm Hewer, (IPP) (140), the Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights caravan that Norm and his late wife Lucile put together, is being brought back to life. This fantastic caravan has been enjoyed by many WBCCI members.

Following a scouting trip this past summer, the drivers manual was updated and some small changes were made that we believe will be well received. Perhaps the most

significant update was to split the caravan into two halves. In 2015 the caravan will tour the eastern half of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The caravan will run for 15 days, ending on Labor Day weekend. This is a perfect duration for a 2 week summer vacation! Two new "Eastern U.P." stops were added. Manistique and St. Ignace, along with new activities including a visit to Kitch-iti-kipi, a 6 ½ hour small gauge train ride (operating since 1927) and a river boat ride up the Tahquamenon River to the Upper Falls. Here is your opportunity to walk the Mackinaw Bridge.

Key activities that remain from the original caravan include:

- A ferry ride under the Mackinaw Bridge en route to a day on Mackinac Island.
- Lighthouse tours
- Visits to numerous waterfalls
- A guided tour of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
- A tour of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point
- A Soo Locks boat tour
- And much more

Norm & Jinny Kiel (CL) (UPP/) (052) have graciously agreed to mentor and co-lead this caravan with first time leaders Chip & Lori DeLeeuw. Norm and Jinny led the original caravan for 4 years. Jinny is an accomplished "story teller" and all that attend will find it a special treat listening to her presentations.

This caravan will be limited to 15 rigs, plus co-leaders from Michigan (052) and Metro-Detroit (137) units. It would be wonderful to see this caravan fill up with Region 4 members.

The dates of the caravan are: Sunday, 8/23/15 – Sunday, 9/6/15 (Labor Day is 9/7/15). Kitty fee w/2 \$1,300, w/1 \$900, guests \$400. Registration deposit \$200. Cancellation fee is \$50 before 5/1/15, leader's discretion after 5/1/15. Balance of Kitty due no later than 5/1/15.

Send deposits, and/or any questions you may have, to Chip DeLeeuw, WBCCI #2748, Address: 906 Wright Lane, Milan, MI 48160, Phone: (517) 250-5060, E-mail: cdeleeuw@comcast.net

More information is also available on the WBCCI Caravan page of the WBCCI website: <a href="http://wbccicaravan.wbcci.net/future-caravans-2015/">http://wbccicaravan.wbcci.net/future-caravans-2015/</a>. You will need to scroll to the bottom of the page as this is the newest National Caravan to be added.

#### Big Year 2015

The Nova Unit is trying a new concept this year and hopes all Region 4 members will join in on the fun. Dan Bihary of NOVA describes what they are doing:

"A big year is an informal competition among birders to see who can see or hear the largest number of species of birds within a single calendar year and within a specific geographical area."



NOVA has decided to adopt this concept from our birding friends and adapt it to Airstreaming! The event is designed to encourage individuals or families to experience as much adventure as possible in one year. With our help, participants will publicly document their travels for fellow campers to compare and enjoy the miles traveled.

Big Year 2015 is open to all owners of Airstreams. It is our hope that while participating you take advantage of reading what the WBCCI NOVA unit has to offer and will consider joining our unit!

The word "competition" will be used loosely. Although we will strive to be accurate and fair, we consider this "trip" to be greater and more important than the "destination". Perhaps you may consider the Big Year more of a competition with yourself? Instead of staying home to weed the garden, go hit that state park you have never visited. When the early November storms loom, go find a coastline and experience the magnificent skies that God provides for us to see.

Perhaps our slogan shall be "Experience All the Adventure you can!"

Every contest requires rules. Big Year rules will be simple. One point for each night sleeping in your Airstream. One point for every destination. High score wins. The maximum points will be 365 nights and 365 destinations totaling 730. The only other rule is truth in reporting. Your honor is all that is required.

Big Year 2015 will be divided into two



#### **In-Service Class**

Most Airstreamers will fall under this class. If you are still working your 40 or more per week, this is your class. Perhaps you are retired but still extremely active with many other things, you are "In-Service". Maybe you are taking care of grand children or elderly? You probably belong in this class



#### **The Free Bird Class**

The typical participant in this class would be someone full-timing, employed on the road, or that has the ability to travel at will. "Free-birds" have no responsibilities that tie them to a home base. They basically have the ability to jump in the truck and leave with little planning.

classes. You may select which one most closely describes your personal lifestyle.

Instances will come up where it may be difficult to choose your class. Where do school teachers, lottery winners, and unemployed fall? I don't know! This is an informal contest for personal

enjoyment. Pick a class, if a change is warranted down the road, we can switch you over.

What's going to happen at the end? Well, most importantly, we hope you enjoyed the ride and lived the dream. Also, we hope you continue! I suppose some prizes and awards will be in order. We will be working with our friends around the country to round up some swag and goodies. I guarantee all participants will receive something nice to commemorate their accomplishments.

More information including an Entry Form and access to the "Score Board" is available by visiting the Nova website: <a href="www.campnova.com">www.campnova.com</a>

### 2015 Region 4 Events

Date	Event	Location/Contact
May 18 – 24, 2015	Region 4 Rally	Mansfield, OH mlotz@ymail.com
June 26-July 4, 2015	WBCCI International Rally	Farmington, NM <a href="http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2015-farmington-nm">http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2015-farmington-nm</a>
August 5 - 9, 2015	Michigan State Rally	Ravenna, MI Fisherkjan23@sbcglobal.net
August 23 – September 6, 2015	Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights National Caravan	Michigan Upper Peninsula cdeleeuw@comcast.net
September 26 – October 4, 2015	<b>Swiss Festival National Rally</b>	Sugarcreek, OH SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

#### **Bored in Florida?**



One of the burdens experienced by many of our Region 4 members is being forced to travel to Florida each year for the winter months, rather than stay and enjoy Mother Nature at her finest. We know you consider this your duty and mark off the days until you can come back home, so just to lighten your load you may want to consider visiting AlumaFlamingo in February.

This is the second year for AlumaFlamingo, held at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. The event features many speakers on Airstream Technical topics. Scheduled for this year are talks from the Airstream Factory Techs, Colin Hyde on anti-sway, Dexter Axle on Axles, Nuvite Chemical on polishing, and Lew Farber on Solar Systems. There will also be lots of activities of more general interest such as visits to an aquarium, fly fishing tips (no that's not a combined topic!), new Airstream displays, a visit to a musical string manufacturer, and discussions with the folks from the Habitat Care-A-Vans.

#### I'll Take That 2 Go Please

So you're a busy executive on the go, short on time, but still want to give the family an Airstream Vacation to Remember? Have we got a deal for you! Airstream2Go bills itself as the exclusive, factory-authorized source in North America to rent current model Airstream trailers, custom-matched to dedicated GMC Yukon Denali tow vehicles. The company provides rental customers with a premium vacation experience, turn-key in every element, including custom itinerary and activity planning. They have locations in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Bozeman. If you're willing to travel during off-peak times, a 28' International for a two week planned vacation will only set you back a little under \$12K. Maybe you can invite your cousin Roy and share the costs?





as approved by the International Rally Committee.

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Canadian checks must be imprinted US FUNDS

#### WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. 58TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/RALLY June 26 - July 4, 2015 • Farmington, New Mexico REGISTRATION

Convention/Rally Fees for registrations received prior to January 1, 2015, will be \$425 for couples, \$350 for singles, and \$125 for each additional adult. Convention/Rally fees for the first

575 to register include 30 amp electricity, water and regular pump outs (No 3 amp electricity or generator section available).

Rally Fees received after January 1, 2015, will be \$450.00 for couples, \$375 for singles, and \$135 for additional adults. Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2015, will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of \$2,000.00 in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

Free parking in the Bull Pen, with no services, is permitted for one night only before your parking date. Additional nights prior to your parking date will be at the rate of \$25.00/night, payable at verification..

FEE REFUND POLICY All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by May 15, 2015, and must include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds if postmarked after May 15 except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

Convention/Rally Parking Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 15, 2015.  Make checks payable to: WBCCI  Mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334  Canadian Checks must be imprinted "US Funds"  58th International Conve			For registrars only:  Amt: Check #  Date: Recd. by:  ntion/Rally					
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MAY 18-24, 2015

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RALLY PARKING: Mon: 12:00-5:00pm





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