



Carolinan Airstream Club

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Newsletter



21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960



PRESIDENTS CORNER

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Greetings to all CAC Streamers! I am certain every year many of us promise to spend more time with family and friends. However, executing this plan is often considerably harder. Our Airstreams give us a tremendous amount of latitude, to achieve these goals. Take a big step, plan well in advance and you won't be disappointed. We have a significant number of CAC rallies planned this year and every one of them offers fun and excitement. Jan and I maximize the off season by making short trips, hanging out with our local friends, working projects with service organizations, and of course making modifications to our Airstream. Perhaps it's just me, but Jan seems to spend this "off-season" in the kitchen testing new and quick recipes for our upcoming travels. Sadly, I must mention that during this time of year also manages to put a few pounds on ~~us~~ me. February proved to be a good month for your CAC leadership team to bond and work behind the scenes to make this year's rallies memorable for you.

If you have a special interest or expertise in the following areas, please feel free to contact the committee chair. **Budget- Janice Overcash; Constitution and By-laws- Jack Grimes; Publicity & Public Relations- Terry Sheally; Charity- Bjorn Casper.** Each month we will try to educate you on a significant aspect of our Club's Constitution or By-laws. This month, I'm highlighting the composition of the CAC Executive Board. ***The Executive Board consists of all elected officers and the Past President.*** As a CAC member, please read these documents and if you would like to propose an amendment, submit them in writing to any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will review the recommendations and submit to the Club members for consideration.

Lastly, I always end with a quote or saying of a famous person/character. The subject is happiness. This month's saying: "happy as a gopher in soft dirt" – Jed Clampett
Safe travels. Steve

View from Mount Mitchell, highest point in the Appalachian Mountains 6684'

Carolina Airstream Club

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Newsletter: Tabb Adams

Online store: Wayne Clark

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Attention!!!

Content for the newsletter is needed, Photos, Trip Reports, history of the club, Rally and Caravan details from leaders. I'm trying to have a couple of rally spotlights each month! If you would like to submit anything, please email Tabb Adams Newsletter Editor!

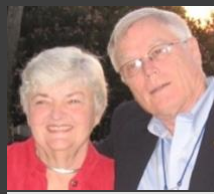
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We will be using the Whatsapp Messenger for all communications at this year's Rallies and Caravans!

[Download here.](#)



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Battle of Guilford Courthouse Rally

Full details of the rally schedule and some history, local eateries, and address of the campground have been added to the website. If you are attending the rally, please take a few minutes to review all the info!

[Click here for details!](#)

Greetings all! We are really looking forward to camping and seeing everyone. There are a couple of spots left at the Guilford Courthouse rally so hurry and sign up if that fits your schedule.

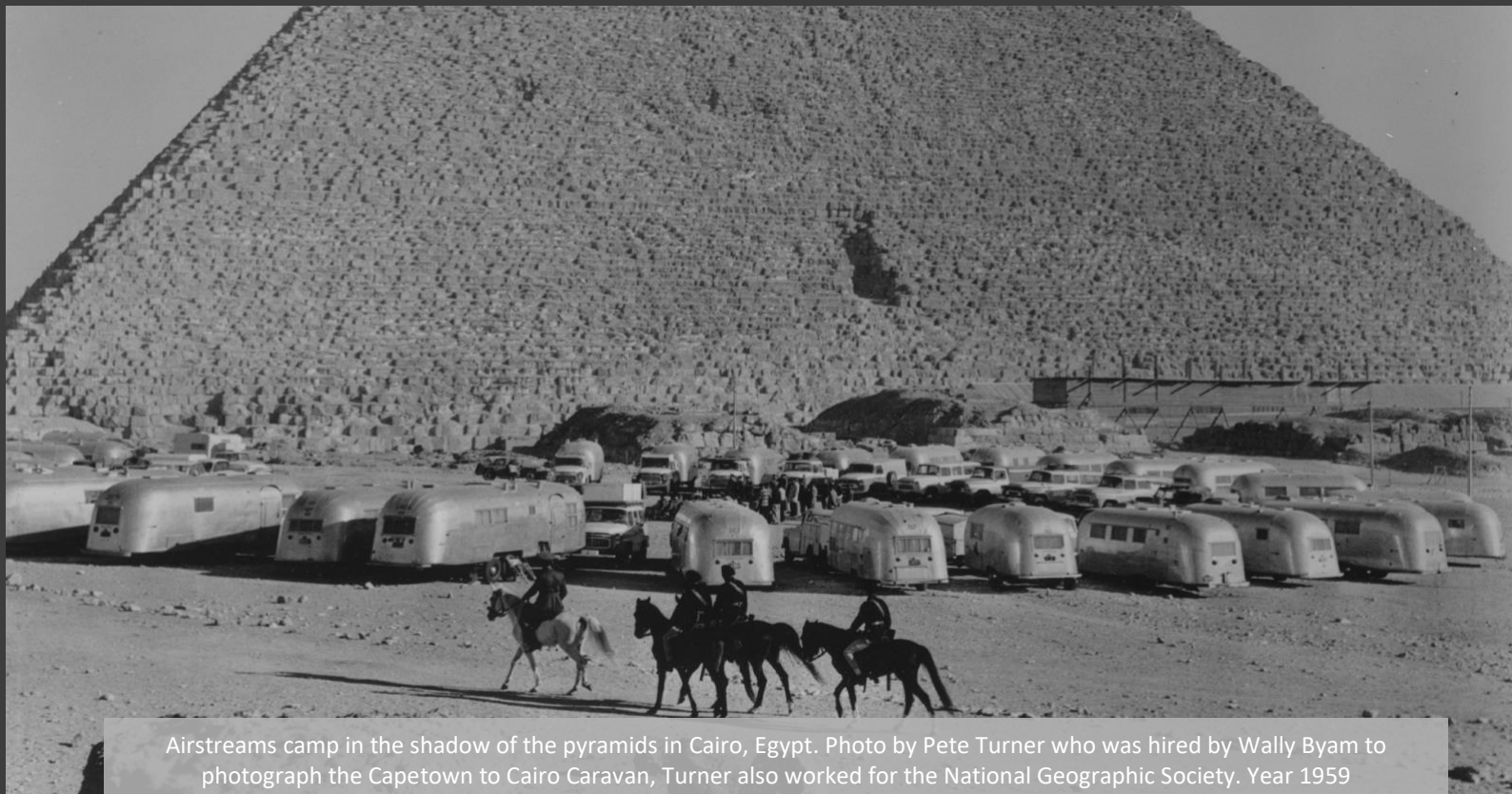
James Island is full but keep checking if you want to go there - vacancies pop up sometimes. This brings me to a very important point. If you plan to cancel, James Island or Ocean Lakes, please go to the CAC Facebook page and announce it a day before you cancel. That will enable those looking for a site to possibly grab yours. We are very concerned about 3 rallies and may have to cancel them soon if there is not more interest. They are: Endless

Caverns in New Market, VA in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, the D-Day Memorial rally in Bedford, VA and Rutledge Lake in Fletcher, NC. If you are interested in either of these, register quickly. If you are not going to International, please have a look at the ZooWharrie Rally that was just posted - that one looks like so very much fun. The hosts have done a great job planning it. Two other rallies that you might want to jump on are

Seabreeze in Holden Beach. Seabreeze is a new, sparkling, beautiful campground. The hosts have shown us some of their plans for that weekend and wow! Another, in a totally different direction is Mayberry. This is another gorgeous campground, and this one has large sites with mountain views. We have also gotten to see some of the plans for that rally and it's going to be outstanding.

We are so excited at what we are hearing from all the rally hosts this year. Each rally will be unique, and your hosts have planned amazing things at each one. We wish you would not have to miss any. Registration is open for the Region 3 Rally if you want to go and there are a few spots left at Kerr Lake, our stop to Region 3.

Looking forward to using you at Guilford Courthouse and all of the other rallies!



Airstreams camp in the shadow of the pyramids in Cairo, Egypt. Photo by Pete Turner who was hired by Wally Byam to photograph the Capetown to Cairo Caravan, Turner also worked for the National Geographic Society. Year 1959

Caravan to International Rally 2024

We have nailed down the details for travel from North Carolina to Airstream International in Sedalia, Missouri. We are scheduled to arrive at the rally a day in advance, October 4, 2024. You will need to contact Member service to arrange and pay for your extra night. I have made contact and set up a block of sites, 30/50 AMP full hookup, it is your responsibility to contact each location and set up your reservation and provide payment. Reggie and I will begin from the Wagon Wheel Rally in Mills River, NC you're welcome to join us at any stop along the way. Please send us details if you are deviating. For all locations I have given my name Pam Roe-Johnson, along with our club Carolinas Airstream Club.

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Tana-See Campground tana-seecampground.com
112 Carson Springs Rd.
Newport, TN 37821
Contact: Lisa
423-415-5000

Nightly rate is \$55.00 the do offer a military rate for our veterans.

Monday, September 30, 2024

KOA Lebanon (Nashville East) KOA.com
2100 Safari Camp Road
Lebanon, TN 37090
Contact: Libby
1-800-562-7028

We have a block as Carolinas Airstream Club

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Marion RV Campground
119 N. 7th Street
Marion, IL 62959
Contact: Taffy
618-997-3484

Nightly rate is \$52.00 they offer Good Sam and Military rate

Wednesday & Thursday October 2 & 3, 2024

Cottonwoods Rv Park cottonwoodsrvpark.com
5170 N. Oakland Gravel Rd.
Columbia, MO 65202
573-474-2747

Contact: Cheyenne

We have a block under PAM24 if you book online.

Nightly rate is \$45.00.



Rally 'Round Campfire

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Greetings Streamers! I hope everyone is doing well and anticipating the rally season kick-off just around the corner. Time flies.... Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Darryl Nester (Vicki) – **BRN 27772** – passed recently. Darryl & Vicki hosted the Holden Beach rally and Darryl was quite handy with repairs. He will be missed. Keep Vicki and her family in your thoughts.

Tabb Adams (Ruth) – **BRN 05561** – has been diagnosed with Melanoma Stage 3B and will be receiving Immunotherapy treatment in Knoxville at the Thompson Cancer Center. Prayers for a successful & speedy recovery.

"We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us." – Unknown

cherylanne!

Membership Non-Members & Rallies

Every wonder who could attend our rallies? It is probably not something most people have thought about. Obviously, if you own an Airstream and are a member of Airstream Club International you can attend our rallies. But did you know you can invite guests? Below is text from the club's constitution about guests:

A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing and using the member's trailer or motorhome or staying in a non-RV facility such as a cabin, motel room, etc., may attend activities of The Club. Members sponsoring such a guest shall ensure that the guest or guests adhere to The Club's Code of Ethics.



Membership Chair

Lee Dunn

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As of February 15, 2024, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 309 rigs and 581 members strong.

Photos for Rally Photo Directories

I am creating a photo directory for our rallies again this year. If you don't already have a photo in Evernote and want your picture in the rally photo directory please send me a photo at 032membership@gmail.com. Also, send me a new photo if you want me to update your picture in Evernote.

Evernote Update

The old CAC Evernote Notebook "Carolinas Airstream Club" is going away in July 2024. The new notebook "Carolinas Airstream Club – 021" is available now. For existing Evernote users the switch is easy. New Evernote users will first need to establish an Evernote account. If you want access to the new club notebook email me at 021membership@gmail.com and I will send you instructions.

Not familiar with Evernote and the club's notebook? Evernote is a password protected application that runs on a browser and smartphones. The club notebook was started in 2014 before Airstream Club International (ACI) created the Membership Directory. The club notebook has everything that is in the ACI Membership Directory in addition to the following, which most people like:

1. Larger Picture of members (if one is available)
2. Can select phone number and smartphone dials it.
3. Can select email address and smartphone opens mail app.
4. Shows member Airstream model (we have used this to invite members to a Bambi only rally in 2023)
5. List of current club officers and directors
6. Rally Photo Directories
7. Copy of the club's constitution, bylaws, and policies.

2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

Full details on Rallies and Caravans can be found by [Clicking Here](#)

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If you plan to go to the Endless Cavern, DD Memorial (Sedalia VA),
or the Rutledge Lake Rallies please make reservations now.
The rallies are drawing little interest, and we don't want to cancel them!

March 2024

March 14-17

High Point, NC Oak Hollow Campground
Battle of Guilford Courthouse Reenactment
Reserve now 336-883-3492
Hosts Steven & Brenda Mullinix
Dennis & Barbara Hackett

March 21-24

James Island
Reserve @ReserveAmerica.com
Hosts Randy & Shari Hord
John & Sharon Carriker

April 2024

Rolling Rally Number 1

April 11-14
Tanglewood/Maintenance Rally Led by Jim
Cocke Call to reserve 336-703-6494
Hosts Doug & Mary Miller
Larry & Linda Troxler

April 14-17

North Bend Lake Kerr Corp of Engineers
Water and electric
Book 6 weeks out @ Recreation.gov
Hosts Jim Cocke & Deb Wood

April 17-21

Region 3 "Streams and Meadows" Doswell, VA
Reserve January 22, 2024

April 25-28

Trot to Tryon Urban Rally Boondocking.
Hosts Skip & Denny Crowe

May 2024

May 2-5

Wake Forest, Holly Point Falls Lake
Water and electric hookups
Book 6 months out @ ReserveAmerica.com
Hosts David & Denise Lorenz

May 16-19

Holden Beach Sea Breeze Campground Call
now 910-842-2733
Hosts Doug Bevell
Ed & Janet O'Neill

June 2024

Rolling Rally Number 2

June 1-3
New Market, VA, Endless Caverns
Campground Call 443-664-3375 ask for Lisa
Mannon
Hosts Steve & Melinda Downie
Bob Knoll & Cindy Gamble-Knoll
June 4-6
Sedalia Center, VA, Boondocking Rally
Visit Bedford D-Day Memorial
Register at CAC website only.
June 7-8
Galax, VA Cool Breeze Campground
(Call 276-236-0300)
Hosts Rich & Marsha Morgan

June 20-23

Ham Field Day Rally
Lake Toxaway Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort
Call 518-532-7863
Hosts Layne & Wanda McMillan
Dave & Sue Schoenecker

July 2024

July 11-14

Boondocking Rally
Blue Ridge Parkway, Rocky Knob Campground
Book 6 months out Recreation.gov
Hosts Ray & Carol Combs
Bruce & Marcia Thompson

July 23-26

Fletcher, NC Rutledge Lake Campground
Call 828-654-7873
Hosts Phil & Cathy Drake
Tim & Sandra Almy

August 2024

August 8-11

Mayberry Campground
Call 336-789-6199
Hosts Jim & Kathleen Plyler
Gary & Sandra Long

August 22-25

Boone KOA
Call 828-264-7250
Hosts Burl & Mimi Hamock
Roger & Robin Holland

September 2024

September 5-8

Outer Banks Cape Hatteras

Call 252-987-2777 ext 105, ask for Jen.

Don't call Wednesday and Thursday, she is off!

Hosts Bjorn & Nicole Kasper

Ricky & Joan Wilcox

September 19-22

Joint Carolinas Rally

Palmetto Cove

Call 864-836-6221 to make reservations

September 26-28

Boondocking Rally

Brewery Rally Mills River Brewery

(Hosts Scott & Carol Browne)

October 2024

Caravan to International Rally

Dates TBD

Contact: Reggie Johnson

Pamela Roe-Johnson

October 5-12

67th Annual Airstream Club

International Rally

SEDALIA, MO

Register via [Airstreamclub.org](https://www.airstreamclub.org)

October 10-12

Uwharrie National Forest,

Zooland Family Campground, FHU

Book now at Zooland Family Campground

Hosts Mike & Georgia Olympio

November 2024

Rolling Rally #3

November 6-9

Ocean Lakes

Call 877-510-1413

Make sure to indicate

2024 Carolinas Airstream Club Rally

Hosts Officers and Board

November 10-13

Biltmore Christmas

Asheville, NC

Bear Creek Campground

Call 828-253-0798

Reserve after January 1, 2024

Hosts John & Renee Hoffman



Member Spotlight

Tabb & Ruth Adams

BRN 5561

What does CAC member Tabb Adams have in common with Airstream founder, Wally Byam? Both Tabb and Wally worked in the aircraft industry! Not surprisingly, when Tabb, a former aircraft mechanic, and his wife, Ruth, decided to "go on the road", the choice for a trailer was easy: Airstream. All that aluminum! All those rivets! All the aerodynamics!

When COVID prompted Tabb and Ruth to take stock of their quality of life, they concluded it was, as Ruth says, "meh". In search of a new lease on life, Tabb and Ruth sold the family farm in Indiana, and, in March 2022, began to travel full time in their new-to-them 2018 Classic 33FB Twin. They named their house on wheels Big Boy. As Tabb explains it, "Ruth and I were both long distance operators for a telephone company that no longer exists. Because we worked 3rd shift, our first date was breakfast ... at Frisch's Big Boy." (During the Smidge of the Ridge caravan in 2023, while camping at Asheville Bear Creek RV, Tabb and Ruth came across a vintage pay phone, still hanging on the wall, from their old phone company!)

So far, Tabb and Ruth mostly travel on their own, although they plan to attend the Airstream International rally in Sedalia Missouri in October. They also traveled with Brad and Blair of the "13 Adventures" YouTube channel. After forming an online friendship with the celebrities, Tabb and Ruth found themselves in the same place at the same time as Brad and Blair and ended up traveling with them for several days. (You can find Tabb and Ruth featured on the episode titled "Touring Our Friends' Airstream 33FB Twin Classic.")

After two years on the road full time Tabb, and Ruth:

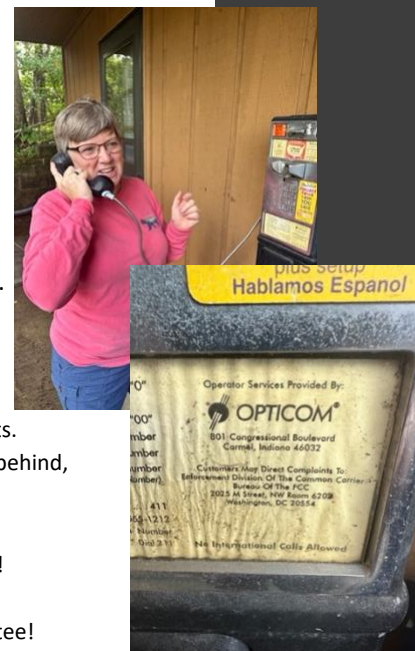
- Realize that being on the road is not cheap
- Were surprised initially at how many nice people they meet on the road
- Have become much more familiar with USA geography, and
- Have learned to vet campsites using reviews (not all "resorts" are resorts!)
- In terms of advice, they recommend fellow travelers:
- Learn to do basic maintenance of their rigs. "If you don't attend a maintenance rally. such as the CAC Tanglewood Park Maintenance rally in April take advantage of YouTube for "how too videos," advises Tabb.
- Slow down. Stay longer in one place. Be prepared to be spontaneous.

Both Tabb, an Amateur Radio Operator, and Ruth enjoy identifying wildflowers and native plants.

Now, instead of enjoying the small piece of land they planted with wildflowers on the farm they left behind, Tabb and Ruth are discovering new plants everywhere they go.

How would Tabb and Ruth describe their life now? An adventure ... with ups and downs, but always an adventure!

P.S. Tabb Adams is the new Tarheel Traveler editor and is on the International Club Membership At large Committee!



RALLY SPOTLIGHTS

CAC James Island SC Rally March 21-24, 2024

This rally should actually be at least two weeks long as there is SOOOO much to see and do in the greater Charleston area!! The James Island Campground has great sites, paved walking and biking trails, and a variety of fun activities. As you branch out from there, James Island and Johns Island have a host of wonderful restaurants, gardens, historical sites and of course, Folly Beach. And then there's historic Charleston and the Battery, Mount Pleasant, Patriots Point and Isle of Palms. This is just a fabulous area and we hope you can join us. If you haven't been able to get a camp site yet... keep trying! Life happens and people cancel all the time. See you there!!

[Click here for further details!](#)

Have you heard about the new caravan starting in 2025 that's right in our backyard?

2025 Kids on The Blue Ridge Caravan

This is an ideal caravan to start off with you and the kids (or grandkids)!

We will be ziplining, rafting, hiking, and biking, all while traveling along the beautiful NC Blue Ridge Parkway! All activities are kid friendly with a couple of activities with age or weight restrictions, don't worry there are alternate options. And if there's still energy to expend at the end of the day, there will plenty of campsite family games and campfires to cap off our fun-filled days!

This is a first of a kind caravan for WBCCI that's dedicated to kids and families having fun! The caravan is only 10 days, including three travel days at your own pace to explore and take in the beautiful sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Come join us on the inaugural 2025 Kids on The Blue Ridge Caravan and make great memories!

Dates: June 10-20, 2025

Start: Tuckaseegee RV Resort in Whittier, NC
End: Boone KOA in Boone, NC

Volunteer Leaders: Misti & Mark Roach **BRN 6912**
Ed & Joni Hall **BRN 5280**

For More Information & To Register: [Click Here](#)

For Questions: Please reach out to the Volunteer Leaders at
kidsontheblueridgecaravan@airstreamclub.org



New Members! Welcome to the Club!

William & Sharon Conner from Calabash, NC
2015 25' Flying Cloud 25RBT
BRN 19709

Dan & Brenda Engel from Lynchburg, VA
2 Tradewinds and Excella1000
BRN 1865

Paul & Cindy Rego from Little Mountain, SC
2021 25' Flying Cloud
BRN 19757

Ron & Lauri Morris from Raleigh, NC
2023 28' 28RBQ
BRN 24136

Bruce Evilsizor from Sunset, SC
2023 20' Basecamp20X
BRN 1870

Anthony & Sherri Engle from Greensboro, NC
1998 28' International
BRN 14502

Brent Maynard from Hampstead, NC
2022 '27 Globetrotter
BRN 1607

Carolyn & Barney Baxter from Raleigh, NC
2024 27' Globetrotter
BRN 12451

Nick & Holly Wylie from Franklin, NC
2018 23' Flying Cloud
BRN 1744

Robert & Susan Johanson from Youngsville, NC, and their
2009 27' Classic limited
BRN 5388

Affiliate Members Tammy & Mike VanBuskirk from Sachse, TX, and their 2021 27' Globetrotter
BRN 19340

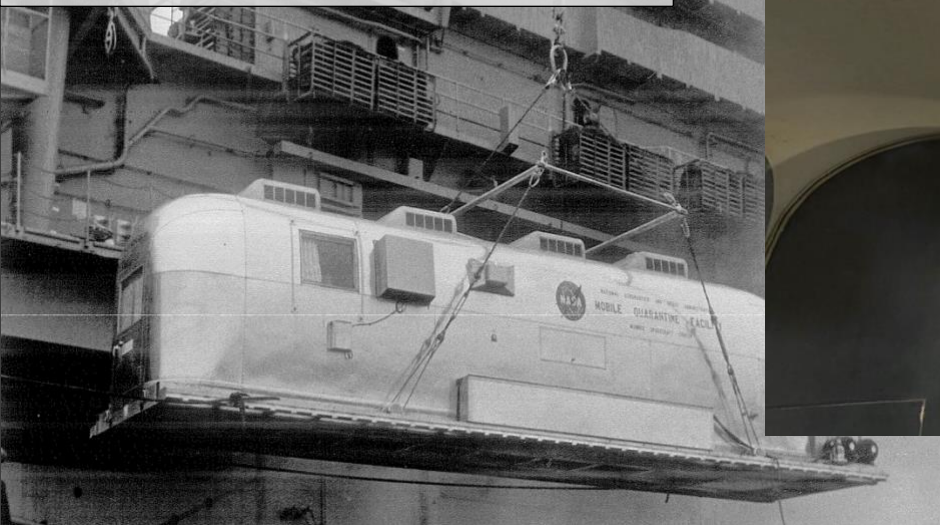
Mobile Quarantine Facility built to house the NASA Apollo Astronauts on return from the moon.



This Mobile Quarantine Facility (MQF) was one of four built by NASA for astronauts returning from the Moon. Its purpose was to prevent the unlikely spread of lunar contagions by isolating the astronauts from contact with other people. A converted Airstream trailer, the MQF contained living and sleeping quarters, a kitchen, and a bathroom. Quarantine was assured by keeping the air pressure inside lower than the pressure outside and by filtering the air vented from the facility.

This MQF was used by Apollo 11 astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins immediately after their return to Earth. They, together with a physician and a technician, remained in it for 88 hours while the MQF was transported on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet to the Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii and from there to nearby Hickam AFB. At Hickam, the MQF was loaded into the cargo hold of a C-141 aircraft and flown to Ellington AFB in Houston, Texas. The MQF, with the astronauts still on board, was then transported to the NASA Lunar Receiving Laboratory at Johnson Space Center where there were more spacious quarantine facilities. The astronauts were allowed to emerge from quarantine once scientists were sure they were not infected with "moon germs."

NASA transferred the MQF to the Smithsonian Institution in 1974.



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Emergency Room Edition

Think we can all say that its tough getting old sometimes! When on the road fulltime there will be times you need to see a doctor. For me 2023 involved 2 ambulance rides and 4 trips to the ER. I had decided that I would stop taking my acid reflux meds not knowing the consequences. First trip to the ER was in Ajo, Arizona down on the border of the USA and Mexico. Woke up on morning feeling horrible like someone standing on my chest and my stomach was on fire. Unfortunately there is no hospital in Ajo. The Ajo fire department was kind enough to transport me an hour and a half to an ER in Phoenix. Upon arrival they checked for all the heart attack signs which all came back normal. After a GI cocktail that fixed my issues, we were south bound back to Ajo. These issues continued for most of the year till I finally was able to get it all under control.

I also was struggling with some anxiety, think this was mostly from such an abrupt change in our lifestyle. When you go from working 40 plus hours a week to full time travel, I guess there wasn't as much to keep my mind active. And therefore caused me to have some bad panic attacks which lead to another ambulance ride in Vidalia, Louisiana. Who knew that going on this great adventure with no schedule would be so hard. By the miracle of modern meds I was all leveled out and had no further issues.

With this travel lifestyle I can recommend a few ideas to help when health issues arise on a trip. The first and most important is make sure your spouse knows how to drive your tow vehicle and tow your Airstream safely. They don't necessarily need to know how to back it up, but towing is a must. Ruth my wife was thrust into the fire as we were trying to get back from the Southwest to Tennessee to my doctor's appointments. Leaving Louisiana I had just left the ER and felt horrible, I said to Ruth you are going to have to drive. She jumped right in and did it. As the trip to Alabama continued, I felt better and was able to take over. She did great in the heavy traffic of Birmingham and even drove through a heavy rainstorm in the process. Second is make sure your spouse knows how to do the basic things when it comes to maintaining your rig. Dumping and flushing tanks, where the breaker panel is, checking tire pressures and knowing how to operate an air compressor are just a few. Hopefully you will get in the habit of sharing these duties as it makes for a safer trip in case the accidents happen. We've been putting this system to the test as I was just diagnosed with Stage 3 Melanoma, I start my immunotherapy treatments soon. Not sure how I will feel after the treatments, so it is good for Ruth to know how to take care of things.

Don't let health issues slow you down, if possible, I've really had to push through things and still enjoy the trip. Hopefully we will still be able to travel with my new diagnosis. If you have and experience with immunotherapy don't hesitate to reach out. It helps to know what side effects you've had and if it has worked or not. We still plan on attending International Rally.

See You Down the Road!