

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST & "TECH TALK" – 4/27/24



Roughly 30 folks gathered for a fun & informative "tech talk" pancake breakfast at the Airstream of Utah dealership. This was a joint Airstream of Utah & UWAC event. Club members heard pointers on upkeep of their trailers, options for upgrades and other helpful tips from dealership experts and fellow Airstream enthusiasts. Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club appreciates the tremendous support from the Airstream of Utah dealership for both our local club and Airstream Club International. See agenda below.



AGENDA: Saturday - April 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

✦ **Pancake breakfast**

✦ **Brief welcome & introductions**

- Zach Decker, General Manager, Airstream of Utah
- Ron Jorgensen, President, Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club (UWAC)

✦ **We Rally Together (ACI & UWAC overview)**

- Overview of Airstream Club International & UWAC (Ron Jorgensen)

✦ **An Owners Perspective on Airstream Upkeep**

- Owners Perspective on Upkeep (Vic Gabrenas, 1st VP & AS Barista, UWAC)

✦ **Expert Technician Perspectives - Airstream of Utah**

- Ethan Anderson, Certified Technician

✦ **Ask the Expert - Q&A with Airstream of Utah Tech**

- Ethan Anderson, Certified Technician

✦ **Dealership "Show & Tell" - parts, upgrades, latest models & trends**



I. History & Overview of Airstream & Airstream Club International

- Wally Byam opens small trailer factory in Culver City, CA in 1931 with first public sale of trailers in 1932; Wally dubs them "Airstreams" because they cruise down the road "like a stream of air" – the start of a truly great American success story!
- In 1955 in eastern Canada, about 100 Airstream caravaners formed the Wally Byam Caravan Club (now commonly known as Airstream Club International) and have been promoting Airstream adventure ever since. ACI has over 16,000 members across North American and other portions of the globe, 12 Regions and over 100 local units like Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Helen Byam Schwamborn, one of the 80 charter members, who organized and supported the club until 1979.
- Like America, Airstreamers undertook great challenges starting with caravans to Central America (1951), Mexico (1952), Western Canada (1954), Eastern Canada (1955), Europe (1956, 1960), Cuba (1956, 1958), Capetown to Cairo (1959-60), Around the World (Singapore to Portugal overland, 1963-64), and Jamaica (1970), to mention a few. The pinnacle of challenges was Cape Town to Cairo, a grueling journey across Africa where the group was greeted with cheers "Viva Wally Byam" as they "zigzagged over desert, through jungle and swamp" (Lillie B. Douglas, *Cape Town to Cairo*, 1959 book)
- Today's Airstream Club International reflects that same desire for adventure as demonstrated by Wally Byam, Helen Byam Schwamborn, and other AS pioneers.
 - ✓ **Annual International Rally** - held in various locations each year with thousands of trailers / motorhomes in attendance (**last one in June '23 in Rock Springs, WY that was sponsored by Airstream of Utah & Airstream of Wyoming – thanks a million!!**)
 - ✓ **ACI Region Rallies** - next upcoming Region 11 rally in July '25 in Granby, CO
 - ✓ **Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club** (local affiliate of ACI) - caravans & rallies with monthly events extending throughout camping season, March to November this year including rallies and three caravans (Total Eclipse in Texas, Willamette Dammit, Sedalia); see event listing on UWAC website: <https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>
 - ✓ **ACI National Caravans & Rallies** - dozens of events each year like "North to Alaska"

II. Why Consider Joining ACI & Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club?

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| ✓ Lifelong friendships | ✓ Wider connections (Units, Regions, International) |
| ✓ Extravaganza of events | ✓ Discounts (Harvest Hosts, Tires, Etc.) |
| ✓ Club camaraderie | ✓ Collective wisdom - trailers, upgrades, maint. etc. |
| ✓ Festive gatherings | ✓ ACI perks like courtesy parking, Blue Beret, blogs etc. |
| ✓ An active lifestyle | ✓ ACI Intra-Clubs (Vintage, Boondocking, Grapes & Grains, Indie Streamers, and many others) |
| ✓ Explorer Memberships | |
| ✓ Shared adventures (rallies & caravans w/ stickers) | |