



UWAC CLUB NEWS LETTER

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy... hope you've had an enjoyable summer and camping season! UWAC is completing ten great events this year thanks to our wonderful hosts & co-hosts, encompassing lots of beautiful locations between Fredericksburg, Texas and Cannon Beach, Oregon. These folks are the heart-and-soul of our club, so here's special thanks to John & Bonnie Ruskauff (Moab, Texas Eclipse), Kevin & Elizabeth Buehler (Texas Eclipse), Vic & Chris Gabrenas (Tech Talk breakfast, Willamette Dammit caravan, plus lots of pinch-hitting help), Laurel Black & Peter Grogan (Escalante), Holly Jorgensen (Tech Talk, Willamette, Pinedale, Sedalia, Zion Gateway, annual dinner), Airstream of Utah (Tech Talk breakfast), Gil & Elaine Jarvie (Bryce Canyon), and Kelli & Ron Araujo (Pinedale, Ouray.) I recently reviewed our membership roster and a majority of our UWAC members have attended (or will attend) at least one of our events this year. If you're missing-in-action this year, we'll have another great slate of rallies next year — so we hope to see you soon!!



Extend the 2024 camping season and join us at our Fall Retreat / Annual Mtg. For a change of pace, we are holding a Fall retreat rally in conjunction with our annual business meeting at the beautiful new Gateway Luxury RV resort in La Verkin, Utah. The location is at lower elevation so we should be able to enjoy one final adventure with our club friends. Dates are October 31 to November 3, 2024 although the hosts will be arriving early (10/30) and staying late (to 11/4) and you can too. We are receiving a 10% group discount for our group block of 20 sites — space remains available. The rally agenda includes a Halloween ice cream social, morning coffee gatherings, group hiking/biking outings, pot-luck dinner, annual business dinner, and lots of customary Airstream camaraderie! The annual club business meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at The Stage Coach Grille (www.thestagecoachgrille.com). There will be five dinner options including a gluten-free and vegetarian option. You can attend the annual dinner & meeting without attending the rally, or vice-versa. Registration is now open — see UWAC website (<https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch/uwac-registrations>).

UWAC is busy with rally planning for 2025. Planning for next year is well underway — see: <https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch/rally-event-schedule>. We already have a number of volunteers to host some events but there's also the chance for newer folks to get involved as co-hosts; having co-hosts is generally advised just to provide back-up in case of unforeseen events. There's no right or wrong way to host an event, it can even be a simple "No Host" (camping-only) event which we've done successfully in the past. We have a couple of months (notably April & September 2025) with openings, so please share any ideas for these months via e-mail at utahairstreamers@gmail.com. "Early bird" registration is open for a couple of 2025 rallies including Region 11 in Granby (July), and Blue Angels (August) - see UWAC website at the link above.

Be sure to cast your ballot (if a regular member) via JotForm for our UWAC annual meeting. Look for an email in mid-October with voting instructions on a proposed constitutional amendment on Vice-President / President term of service, and election of our club officers and directors.

Final thoughts as outgoing UWAC President: Special thanks to all our club officers, directors, hosts, co-hosts and volunteers — you're awesome! To everyone else, please get involved in some fashion — attend an event, volunteer to co-host, even consider getting involved with club back-office administration if you have the capacity. The club is only as vibrant and successful as our member volunteers, and we'd love to see you join in the fun of helping the club move forward. UWAC is doing very well, and we look forward to keeping it that way — ideally with your help. Congratulations to Vic Gabrenas who will become UWAC President at the end of the year; thanks Vic, we really appreciate everything that you and Chris do for Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club!!

Safe travels and see you down the road!

Best Regards - Ron Jorgensen

President, Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club BRN 1218

UWAC Rallies & Events

July 11 to 15, 2024. UWAC and Wyoming Pinedale Rendezvous

UWAC had a great turn-out with 24 trailers and over 40 members in attendance at our rally held in Pinedale, Wyoming over 4 nights in partnership with the Wyoming Airstream Club. The rally was held during the big community Green River Rendezvous celebration in town. The opening reception (photo below) was a delicious barbecue event where attendees were presented with rally stickers and souvenir books. Special thanks to our co-hosts, Kelli & Ron Araujo, and Holly & Ron Jorgensen for a great rally!!

For a complete description and pictures visit the UWAC website (<https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>) and The Utah Wasatch Airstream Club Facebook page.



August 8 to 12, 2024 Bryce Canyon Rally

The UWAC Bryce Canyon Rally (A Little Bit of HooDoo Heaven) was held August 8th through the 12th . Seventeen Airstreams, along with their 31 owners attended. The weather was both amazing and frightening, but no damage was done during either of our afternoon hailstorms. We were so excited to host four new couples that had never been to an Airstream rally before. We also had several members from Colorado and Arizona that joined us. We all made new friends and had so much fun!

Activities included a group dinner catered by Ruby’s Inn. We had our own dining area and yummy food. We gathered as well for a get-to-know you chat the first night, breakfast gathering two mornings and then a potluck appetizer good-bye the final night. Besides eating, many rode horses, hiked, biked, explored, took a tour bus excursion, and relaxed. Gil and Elaine Jarvie, Hosts



Leaf Peeping in the San Juans - September 24 to 29, 2024

Ouray is situated in the heart of the San Juan Mountains in southwest Colorado and is known as the Switzerland of America.

Kelly and Ron couldn't have picked a better week for our rally. The weather was great during the day for hiking, biking, jeeping and picnicking and cooler at night for a good nights sleep.

Wednesday we drove to Telluride for beautiful fall colors, hiking and visiting. The drive to Telluride was spectacular. Once there, dogs and people enjoyed the city. The gondola was a special treat and used as transportation between Telluride and Mountain Village. There is no cost for the 13 minute each way ride which accommodates bikes and pets as well as people. The views are incredible and perfect for **Leaf Peeping**.

Thursday was easy with a Smokehouse breakfast and an open agenda. What a great place to relax, hike or bike ride.

Friday was huge with a planned Jeep ride extraordinaire! Airstreamers met in the parking lot of Switzerland of America Jeep Tours for an exciting adventure to Imogene Pass.

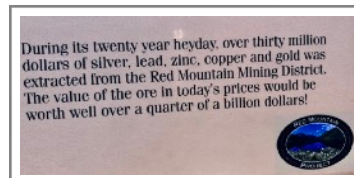


After crossing Box Canyon Gorge and Canyon Creek, we rode through the lower section of the Camp Bird mine and began our trek up Imogene Basin past the site of the Yellow Rose mine and waterfall. We climbed high above tree-line and the ghost town area of Camp Bird, home to plenty of gold and silver in the 1800's. With a summit of over 13,100 feet, the views were tremendous and included Telluride and the surrounding mountain peaks.

Saturday was a drive up Million Dollar Highway to Silverton for most . Others took hikes, bike rides or went sight seeing. We caravanned and stopped along the way at the Red Mountain Mining Project for views and to educate ourselves about mining and the San Juan



Picture courtesy Niels Vernegaard



Mountains. Million Dollar Highway is the iconic section of the San Juan Skyway between Silverton and Ouray. The nail-biting road winds around hairpin turns on the side of a cliff for 23 miles between the two historic mountain towns of Ouray and Silverton.

One interesting thing about the Million Dollar Highway is there are no guard rails. This is because in the winter, the road gets hit with frequent avalanches and the guardrails would get quickly destroyed by these devastating avalanches. This picture shows just one of many turns on this exciting road.



Silverton is a small, beautiful town featuring great views, bars, restaurants and a railroad providing transportation to and from Galveston.

Later, a group went to a local bar/restaurant to watch the University versus Arizona football game. The



socialization was great, the game not so much.

This was a great rally with just the right amount of guidance and freedom to choose. Nice job Kelli and Ron

Visit the UWAC and Utah Wasatch Airstream Facebook websites for pictures, descriptions and more information about the events and happening of UWAC.

STILL TO COME

[UWAC Caravan to Sedalia](#) - October 1 to 4, 2024 (UWAC arrives 1-day early in Sedalia). See UWAC email sent to club members and affiliates. Caravan registration closes 1-19-24 or when Sedalia sells-out.

Blue Angels Rally in Twin Falls (8/14-18/25: <https://form.jotform.com/242025533137145>)

Region 11 Rally in Granby, CO - July 23 to 27, 2025 at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountain RV Park. Book soon as this region rally will be very popular and possibly sell-out early. ([region-11-rally-2025-announcement](#)).

[2024 ACI/WBCCI International Rally](#) - October 5 to 10, 2024 in Sedalia, MO. (Book soon as this rally will sell-out.

UWAC 2024 Annual Business Meeting & Zion Gateway Retreat: The annual club business meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at The Stage Coach Grille (www.thestagecoachgrille.com). There will be five dinner options including a gluten-free and vegetarian option. The business report will be presented in written form with a brief summary and answer to questions from the various club officers with the expressed intent to keep the meeting "short-and-sweet." The club is also holding a rally in conjunction with the annual meeting, although you can attend either or both. There will be ample time at the rally to discuss club matters, future rallies, and answer additional questions. If interested in the annual dinner and/or Zion Gateway retreat rally, see: <https://form.jotform.com/241096744355158>

UWAC "HELP WANTED"

EVENTS DIRECTOR: UWAC has an opening on the board for the club Events Director; the position is described in the bylaws as follows: "To oversee event procedures and events planning by seeking input from of members, establishing event dates an locations, and soliciting event hosts." The position works with the club president, event hosts / co-hosts, and other members of the UWAC board to help plan and schedule club events including rallies and caravans. This position will be filled by appointment (the opening was too recent to solicit formal nominations as part of the normal annual process.) No specific background or qualifications are required, just a willingness to work with others and a general enthusiasm for Airstream rallies. *If interested, please notify us by e-mail @ utah airstreamers@gmail.com.*

ASSISTANT WEBMASTER: UWAC has an opening for an assistant webmaster that will be responsible to maintain the UWAC website, including the creation and listing of events that eventually show-up in Blue Beret via the website listing. The position will be filled by appointment. The assistant webmaster will transition to webmaster (a UWAC board director), likely sometime in 2025. The website technology is not very difficult to use but ideally the webmaster would be conversant with computers and tech-savvy. *If interested, please notify us by e-mail @ utah airstreamers@gmail.com.*

2025 UWAC Rally & Event Schedule (preliminary):

Feb. / March: Lake Havasu Bluegrass Festival (preliminary, Feb. 27 to March 2, 2025) - Joint rally with Las Vegas unit at Lake Havasu, Arizona. Details on reservations & registration will be e-mailed when available.

April: Open (exploring options for "boondocking" near Goblin Valley or alternate location, TBD)

May: UWAC Boondocking at Baker Ranch, New Mexico (preliminary, May 1 to 4, 3 nights; will have 1-night intermediate stop in Bluff UT enroute there - details TBD)

June: UWAC 10-year Anniversary Rally at Torrey (preliminary, June 19 to 22, 3 nights - details TBD)

July: UWAC Provo 4th of July Rally (preliminary, July 3 to 6, 3 nights - details TBD)

Region 11 Rally in Granby, Colorado (confirmed) - Region 11 has reserved 150 sites at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountain RV Park in Granby, CO from July 23-27, 2025. Please plan to join UWAC as we rally with clubs from fellow clubs from Wyoming, Colorado, Four Corners, Arizona, and New Mexico. Please see the [Region 11 website](#) for registration and reservation details.

August: UWAC Blue Angels Rally, Twin Falls (confirmed) - Join us from Aug. 14 to 18, 2025 at the Oregon Trail Campground for the Navy Blue Angels featured at the Magic Valley Airshow (airshow is 8/16-17). Hosted by Elaine & Gil Jarvie. Early-bird registration is already open (see Registration tab.)

September: Open (we are currently looking for hosts / co-hosts, and exploring several options; we definitely will host a Sept. rally at a TBD time and location)

October: Open (we are in prel. discussions with Nine Mile Ranch near Price, UT about options for holding a rally there in early October; this would essentially be a clone of a very fun rally we held there in 2017 - details TBD)

November: Annual meeting & dinner (Salt Lake City area, dates & locations TBD)

RECIPES

Marry Me Chicken

By Taylor Tobin

Southern Living Updated on September 6, 2023

Ingredients

- 4 (3-oz.) chicken breast cutlets (about 1/2-in. thick)
- (If you'd rather, feel free to swap the chicken breast cutlets for boneless skinless chicken thighs)



- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, divided
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 large shallot, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. fresh thyme leaves
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 1/2 cup dry white wine (such as Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc)
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano, plus more for garnish
- 1 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- Basil leaves, for garnish

Directions

Preheat a stainless steel or enameled cast-iron skillet over medium heat, then add olive oil and 2 Tbsp. butter to the skillet. As the butter melts, season the chicken cutlets with salt and black pepper.

Add the chicken cutlets to the skillet and cook until the outsides are lightly browned and the interior reaches a temperature of 165°F (approximately 2-3 minutes on each side). Transfer the chicken to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm.

Add shallot, red pepper flakes, oregano and thyme to the skillet and cook until the shallot starts to soften, about 3 minutes.

Add sun dried tomatoes and garlic to the skillet and cook 1 minute, just until the garlic becomes fragrant.

Add tomato paste, stir and cook about 1 minute and then add the white wine and chicken broth (you can substitute additional chicken broth for the wine if you prefer) scraping the skillet to any flavor bits from the skillet bottom.

Reduce heat to medium, add the heavy cream and stir to combine. Simmer for about 2 minutes until sauce begins to thicken. (You may want additional sauce if you plan to serve with pasta or rice)

Add the chicken back to the skillet and simmer in the sauce until the sauce clings to the chicken, about 4 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the grated Parmesan Reggiano. Add the remaining tablespoon of butter and the balsamic vinegar into the skillet and stir until the butter is completely melted into the sauce.

Garnish with grated Parmigiano Reggiano and fresh basil leaves.

TECH CORNER

RESOURCES FOR NEW OWNERS

Ron Jorgensen - BRN 1218

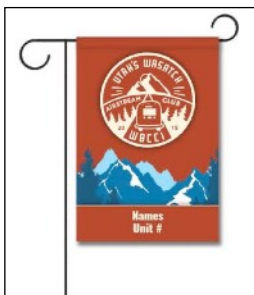
Many of our club members have newer trailers and may be new to RVing. One of the common problems and challenges is odor-control with the black and gray wastewater.



We were at a rally a few years ago when we had some black tank stink, and Keith Lund shared with us some pointers on tank maintenance from Happy Camper — I've linked to their website below, rather than copying/pasting. Although we've used the Happy Camper product in our blank tank with great success since then, there are other good options available to you — however, these tank maintenance tips are good ones:

<https://www.happycampersworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/tips-for-tanks.pdf>

Worth Noting



New Supplier for Club Flags - Interested in one of the personalized club garden flags that you see at our rallies and caravans? Perhaps it's just time to replace the old faded one. We have a new supplier that you can custom order yours with name and Big Red Number. The link to the supplier and custom design is on the club website (see below), and a sample is shown in the comments.

We'll look to add other club merchandise to our youcustomizeit.com store as priorities permit.

Bookmark the UWAC web site: <https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>

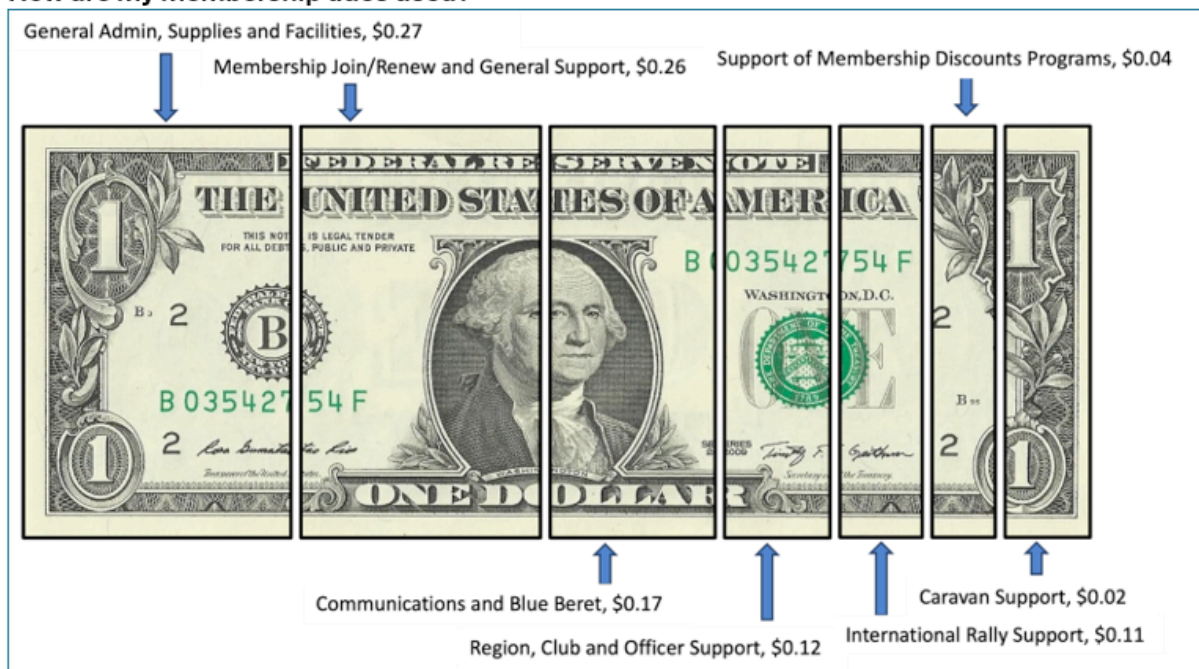


In response to rising costs, our International Board of Trustees has voted to increase the annual International dues from \$75 to \$99. This decision comes after careful consideration of the financial pressures we face. Despite previous increases in 1994, 2005, 2010, and 2021, these adjustments have not been sufficient to keep up with inflation. We are not alone in facing dues or price increases; we all encounter them in various aspects of our lives. From groceries to utilities and entertainment, prices have steadily risen due to inflation and other economic factors pre and post COVID pandemic. Understanding this broader context can help us appreciate the necessity of these adjustments. Your annual dues cover a wide range of essential items and services that are crucial for the smooth functioning of our Club. These include banking fees, software, labor costs, printing, and postage. Additionally, the dues fund the production and distribution of the Blue Beret magazine, new member packets, and provide support for membership and local clubs. By ensuring our dues are aligned with current costs, we can continue providing the quality services and support our Club members rely on. We understand that any increase can be challenging, but this change is necessary to meet our financial needs and sustain our Club's growth and development.

On behalf of your International Board of Trustees,

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How are my membership dues used?





Attention Members! The long-awaited **NEW** Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts is **LIVE** on the Harvest Hosts site! This is an exciting day for Airstream Club members and we're thrilled to bring together the technology of Harvest Hosts to our membership for **FREE**. This means you must log in through HarvestHosts.com in a web browser to access ACI Courtesy Parking locations. The Courtesy Parking Program is expected to be updated to the Harvest Hosts mobile app starting in October 2024. Until then, book your site through the Harvest Hosts site and start enjoying the best kept secret in Airstream Club International.

Formal Announcement of UWAC 2024 Annual Meeting:

Pursuant to Article VI of UWAC Constitution, the 2024 annual UWAC business meeting is being held on November 2, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at The Stage Coach Grille in LaVerkin, Utah for the purpose of reviewing UWAC business matters with the membership. Any interested club member may attend (affiliates are welcome too, just no voting rights.) The agenda will include a report on club business, and the results of regular member voting on officers & directors, and a proposed update to the UWAC Constitution. The 2024 voting **by regular members of UWAC** is available until the end of October. <https://form.jotform.com/242405042051137>

BOONDOCKING MESSAGE

Due to the increased interest in no-hookup camping or "boondocking," a new tag has been added to the event interface on the ACI website so that you can let people know when you are having this type of event. Please tag your events with this (see attached PDF help document) if they are no-hookup or boondocking. This will help Airstreamers who want to do this type of camping to find your events.

To keep the tag short, the term "boondocking" was chosen. This is all-encompassing for any event that is camping without hookups. So this means urban camping, BLM camping, campground camping but where hookups are not present, camping in someone's farm field, Corp of Engineers park, etc. A tag of all those words would have been really long, so it was decided to just use "boondocking."

Although getting this tag for events was an initiative of the Boondeckers Airstream Club (BAC), using the tag does not mean that the event is affiliated with the BAC in any way. The tag is merely a way for users to find events that are boondocking in nature, just as they might want to find caravans, region rallies, etc.

Please let me know if you have any questions about using this tag. This tag-ability allows you to share your boondocking events and attract the crowd of Airstreamers who enjoy this type of camping.

-Jason Grendahl, President, Boondockers Airstream Club

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My name is Dennis Walsh. My wife, Sherry, and I are new Airstream owners and first-year members of UWAC. In July, we attended our first rally in Pinedale, Wyoming. We met lots of people and had a great time. At that rally, I asked President Ron Jorgensen if we could survey the members on various questions. Here is a summary of what we gathered from the 28 members who responded to the survey.

These answers are fun to read and informative. Hopefully, surveys like this will help our volunteer leadership plan events and gatherings that will interest the members.

Respondent Info

– 28 replies:

- 26 couples and two solo travelers
- 19 are retired (or mostly retired)
- 7 are working
- 14 travel with their pet(s)
- 12 prefer commercial campgrounds
- 13 prefer “solitude” or boondocking
- 25 live an active lifestyle

Favorite RV modifications

There were lots of favorites here, too. There were several clear winners.

- Lithium Battery upgrade was the most popular – 11 votes
- Solar panel additions – 7 votes
- Inverter upgrade – 5 votes
- 3” lift kit – 4 votes
- Starlink satellite internet – 3 votes

Bucket List Destinations led with five votes. Canadian destinations such as Vancouver Island, Banff, and Nova Scotia had five votes combined.

Florida, Florida Keys, and Florida Beaches had four votes.

The Rose Bowl Rally had two votes.

The remainder of the destinations were primarily National and State parks.

Favorite Rally or Event

The Oregon Willamette Dammit caravan was the favorite with eight votes. The Texas Eclipse Rally had three votes. All other events had one vote.

Favorite Place to Camp

Cannon Beach, Oregon, was the favorite with four votes. Kodachrome Basin SP had three votes, Bryce Canyon had two, and all others had one vote.

Suggested Locations for Future Club Rallies or Caravans

This was a tough call. There were 25 unique replies. We should have asked two questions, breaking out short three - five-day gatherings from more extended caravan-style travels. National Parks led the list, including all the usual favorites such as Bryce, Zion, Moab, Glacier, Yellowstone, Crater Lake, Mesa Verde, North Rim of the Grand Canyon, etc. Other possible rally locations included Sun Valley, Red Fish Lake, Bend, Kodachrome Basin, Montana, Ten Sleep, Wyoming, and Telluride, CO. See the detailed list for all the suggestions.

Membership Interest Survey

Quarterly newsletter articles on maintenance was the top vote-getter. 18 votes

Willing to volunteer – 13 votes

Basic maintenance class – 11 votes

Winterization class – 10 votes

New Owner Overnight Rally – 7 votes

(see a complete breakdown on our UWAC website: <https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>)

Please share your thoughts on the survey and things you might like to have asked in future surveys or newsletters. Just email to: utahairstreamers@gmail.com

Starting in January we will have a new editor for the newsletter. Linda Galloway, 301-233-7697, lindawgallowayl@gmail.com has volunteered to be our new editor. Please send all pictures, articles and anything you would like in the newsletter to Linda. She would love your input and support in this new adventure.

Thank you to the entire club for your support and contributions while I've had the honor of sharing the UWAC news. Jeanne Lund