

“Just for Fun” Survey Results - 2024

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 Jorgenson 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. I've summarized most replies but included the details for those who want to know more. 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

Trailer/RV Model:

- Classic = 9
- International = 5
- Flying Cloud and Globetrotter = 4 each
- Basecamp = 2
- Remaining models = 1 each

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 (see complete list at the end if needed)

Alaska 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

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

Favorite RV Modifications

Batteries – upgrade to lithium	11
Solar Panel additions	7
Inverter upgrade	5
3” lift kit	4
Starlink internet	3
Bidet	2
Bike rack	2
Easy-Start air conditioner mod	2
Mattress upgrade	2
New tow vehicle	2
portable frig/freezer	2
Propane grill	2
12 volt air compressor	1
AirKrafters - erPOD AC vents	1
AirKrafters – GenRak Generator Undermount	1
Beddies – zip-up bedding	1
Cabinet & Drawer modifications	1
Ceramic coating	1
Clear window installed in the door	1
Cooktop replacement	1
E-Bike	1
Espresso machine (we know who)	1
Generator – Install on trailer	1
Induction stovetop burner	1
Internet router	1
Kitchen table modification	1
Micro-Air thermostat	1
Outside faucet replacement	1
Replace water heater to tankless	1
Snap-pads for stabilizers	1

Sofa Replacement	1
Step support for stairs	1
Trailer Hitch on rear of trailer	1
Water Filtration (soft water & filters	1
Window and/or curtain modifications	1
Winterization Kit	1
Generator – external	0

Bucket List Destination

Alaska	5
Florida, Florida Keys, other beaches	4
Canada – Nova Scotia & Maritime Provinces	3
Rose Bowl Event	2
Airstream Factory – Jackson Center	1
Canada – Banff	1
Canada – Vancouver Island	1
Glacier NP	1
Michigan	1
North Rim Grand Canyon	1
Sequoia/Redwoods	1
Whidbey Island	1
Zion NP	1

Favorite Place to Camp or RV Park

Cannon Beach, Oregon	4
Kodachrome Basin SP	3
Ruby's Inn – Bryce Canyon	2
Sun Outdoors - Paso Robles, CA	2
Acadia NP, Maine	1
Boondocking -Big Horn National Forest	1
Boondocking – Grand Staircase/Escalante	1

Buckskin AZ SP	1
City of Rocks SP	1
Cottonwood – Teddy Roosevelt NP	1
Custer SP	1
Harris Beach RV Park	1
Mountain Valley RV Park - Heber City	1
Pillar Point RV – Half Moon Bay, CA	1
Red Fish Lake, Montana	1
The Ranch – Dallas, TX	1
The Range Vintage Trailer Resort - Ennis, TX	1

Favorite Event (so far...)

Willamette Dammit/Oregon	8
Dark Sky - Kanab	1
Texas Eclipse	3
Creed Wagon Wheel	1
Bryce Canyon	1
Moab	1
Kanab	1
Escalante	1
Greater Yellowstone	1
Rock Springs International Rally	1
Fryeburg Maine	1
North Rim Grand Canyon	1
Potlatch, Olympia Washington	1

Future Event Suggestions – many unique, no single favorite.

- **Canada (Vancouver and Vancouver Island, Canadian Rockies**
- **Montana, Idaho, California**
- **National Parks – all the usual favs**
- **State Parks – Kodachrome Basin, Goosenecks**
- **Granby CO, Taos NM, Bend OR, Red Fish Lake, Telluride CO, Sun Valley ID**
- **Speedweek, Rose Bowl,**