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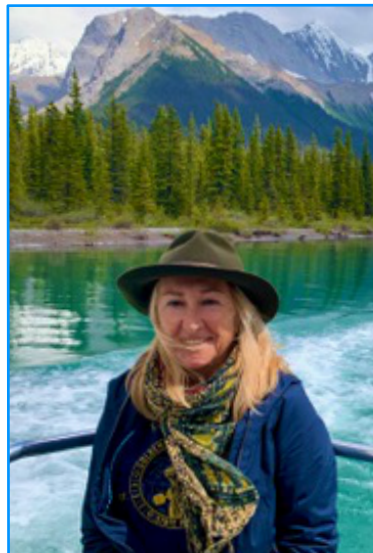
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President's Message



I just checked: 44° and one inch of rain in the past 24 hours here in McMinnville, OR. Also just checked the seven-day forecast: 76° in five days. That will certainly have me out in the garden, but most importantly, out washing my trailer! The rally schedules for our seven local clubs have been out and we are all planning our summer and fall camping seasons. I want to remind you that you can attend any rally that has openings in any club: you are not limited to

rallies with your local club, or even in your Region. Check the websites for clubs whose territory you might be transiting and meet new Airstreamers.

For a really cool snapshot of almost all the rallies and events in Region 10, look [here](#).

There are some amazing new benefits being rolled out to ACI members this year. I've already written about the Harvest Host platform for ACI members only to search for and book courtesy parking. I want to mention it again because this is such a great (free) benefit which allows you to stay the night at an ACI member's property or driveway while on the road to somewhere. You do not need to join Harvest Host to use this benefit.

But the really big news in Region 10 is about **Camp Airstream: Yellowstone**. This is an exclusive opportunity for Airstream owners to camp for a week just outside the West Gate of Yellowstone NP. This joint project (*continued on page 2*)

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with Airstream, Inc. creates an Airstream only group of premier sites with curated experiences, amenities (they will come pick-up/drop-off your laundry!), daily happy hours, wildlife, photography or stargazing classes, private 8 hour guided tour in the park, hosted meals, and more. Our President Eric McHenry says, "Continuing our partnership with Airstream, Inc, we're pleased to join them in launching this new, innovative program, which is direct alignment with our Club's strategic priority of offering new and exciting camping opportunities to our members." See the registration form and details [here](#).

In January a Resolution was passed to begin development planning for a Membership Clubhouse and the WBCCI Historical Center at the old location of our Club headquarters (HQ offices have moved 500 feet down the road). The Historical Center will be dedicated to the historical preservation, display, and education of the rich legacy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club. Volunteers have been hard at work for months curating our new museum of sorts. The Historical Center will be a separate legal and operational entity from the Airstream Club International, will be governed by its own Board of Directors, and responsible for its own fundraising and operational costs. This will be a great new resource for our members traveling to Jackson Center.

And lastly, here again is the link to your [members-only benefits page](#) that includes everything from camp stays, tires, apps, products, etc.

So much going on in our Club! Please remember to vote in the upcoming June elections for the Executive Council (see my article below). Happy spring and hope to see you down the road!

~Florence Tramoni President, Region 10 • airstreamregion10@gmail.com

In Memoriam ~ Pam Mann-Egginton

Dear Friends of the Airstream Community, this is to let you know, Pam Mann-Egginton died at home on February 6, 2025. No services are planned at this time. By looking at Pam, most wouldn't know that over many years, she was aggressively fighting the recurrence of cancer with resulting significant decline in health.

Pam and I served as Co-Presidents of the Montana Airstream Club from 2022 until 2024, as well as Co-Vice Presidents the preceding two-year term. Pam loved being part of any Airstream Rally she and Harold attended, whether International, Regional or our local Montana Club, and she especially loved the annual Hands Across the Border rallies with our Canadian Airstream friends.

Pam's unique personality blossomed when planning a rally. She would often, unexpectedly, let me know she had written jokes for us to tell, or she had written a poem she would read to entertain our campers. I still laugh to myself remembering Pam as the feisty "sassy waitress" during the opening evening of the 60th anniversary Hands Across the Border Rally in Helena.

At an Airstream luncheon Pam and Harold hosted in their home, she also treated those attending to a piano concert as she sang "Blue Skies" ala Ella Fitzgerald.

I will deeply miss my time with Pam, and I know you will also, but I'm comforted by the lyrics of the song, "Blue Skies" which I now feel was her gift to us:

"Blue Skies, smiling on me, nothing blue skies do I see . . .

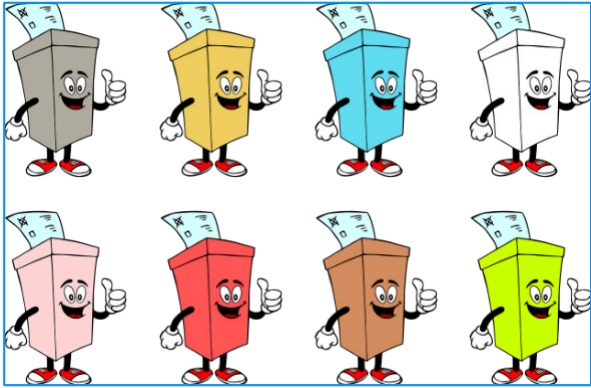
Blue days all of them gone, nothing but blue skies from now on."

Sincerely, Sue Smith.



Update on the 2025 Elections of Your Executive Council ~Florence Tramoni

President, Region 10



In June of this year, all members are invited to participate in the election of our new Executive Council (EC) members. This will be the second time in our Club's 70-year history that you, the members, are responsible for electing your leadership team.

The process starts with the submission of a Statement of Candidacy (SoC) by any member with a desire to serve to help shape the future of our Club. These SoC's will all be posted after April 1 on the Member's Only section of the ACI website so you can make an informed decision. The

election period will run from June 1-15 through electronic balloting, unless you request a paper ballot from Headquarters.

You will elect nine EC members, from which those eligible may seek election by the International Board of Trustees (the new EC members and Region Presidents) to run for President, Vice President and Secretary. These Officer positions are determined at a reorganization meeting held within 30 days of the completed EC election.

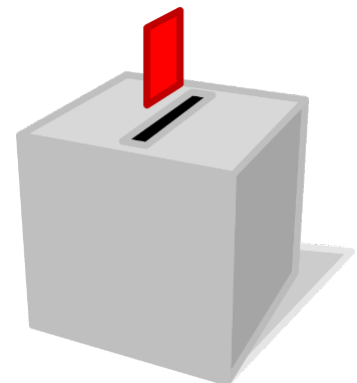
Vote is by secret electronic ballot and each position is elected by majority vote. When the fiscal year was modified by a Constitutional Amendment last year to reflect the calendar year, the start dates for the EC members also had to be modified. While the EC term is always for two years, this year only, the term will be 29 months to "catch up" to a January 1 start and December 31 end. The EC members elected in June 2025, therefore, will serve until December 31, 2027.

Last year, the position of Finance Director (FD) was codified in our governing documents, replacing the International Treasurer. This is a highly specialized position requiring a rigorous application and selection process. Again, any member may submit a separate SoC. Experience in writing and overseeing budgets, managing fiscal operations, providing financial guidance, among many others, is required. Within two business days of receiving the final list of candidates, the President will call a special IBT meeting to vote for the FD. The FD is a non-voting Officer of the EC and serves without term limits, at the pleasure of the IBT. There is a confidence vote at a minimum of every two years to renew his/her position as FD.

We are all part of a vibrant, growing Club of almost 10,000 BRN's. We are fortunate to have volunteers who give so much and care so much about the future of ACI. By exercising your right to vote, you empower your leaders to continue the tireless work of improving, enhancing and strengthening your Club. You will receive your ballot by email and remember, it is one vote per member, not one vote per BRN.

We learned a lot during the last election cycle and one of those lessons was around electioneering. Through the work of the Special Elections Committee, the Electioneering Rules were developed and updated to the Blue Book. Unfortunately, the bulk of our membership may be unaware of the new rules.

To address this, I'm pleased to share the new [Electioneering webpage](#). The development of this page is thanks to a great collaborative effort between the CBL, Parliamentarian, and the ROC.



Thank you for voting this coming June!

Editor's Desk ~ Carolyn White

Wanted: Your photos and write-ups about a rally you attended, such as your local club rally, any favorite "One Pot Wonders" recipes, your favorite modification, or ????. The deadline for newsletter submission is June 15 for the Summer issue. Email airstream355@gmail.com with your newsletter contributions.



Region 10 is fortunate to count among its member Ray Putnam, who is a great resource for all things Airstream maintenance and repair. This month, Ray demystifies Lithium batteries and offers the best solutions for our RV applications. **Up to now, Ray and your editor have been brainstorming topics. Now, it's up to our readers to ask an Airstream-related maintenance question of Ray. If your question is accepted for the Tech Talk Times in the Summer 2025 issue, we will send you a genuine**

Region 10 sticker! In the case of a duplicate question/topic, the first one asked will receive a sticker. Please submit to airstream355@gmail.com and I'll forward to Ray.

Region 10 Logo Wear and More - Great for Rallies - and Now Hats!

All of our Region 10 products are sold and shipped by TeePublic, with a "Satisfaction Guarantee." TeePublic ships internationally so our Canadian clubs can shop as well.

For each sale, your Region 10 receives a commission. The income from sales of merchandise will be used to support officer travel to attend installation rallies for the seven clubs in Region 10.

When you visit the storefront [here](#), you will see several designs listed with options for different size logos. Scroll down for other product options, such as magnets, stickers, tote bags and travel mugs. Two styles of hats are now available and can be found in the accessories section! The "Trucker" hat (left) has a mesh back and plastic adjustment strap. The "Dad" hat (right) is all fabric with an adjustment buckle.



At this time, we have the Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit's logo for all the products, which you can view [here](#), the Oregon Airstream Club's logo [here](#) and Idaho's [here](#).



TeePublic has excellent "fitting review" information and great customer support. Check out all the design options. Apparently the women's classic Tee shirts are now more true to size.

We now have an official Region 10 flag. The 3' x 5' flag is two sided and is available through Amazon for about \$24 plus shipping. If you would like a custom Region 10 flag, please contact me at airstream355@gmail.com and I will send you the artwork, the Amazon link and instructions for uploading and ordering. I would love to have more pictures of our Region 10 flag flying at a rally.

Safe travels!

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Scratch the Scratch ~John Richardson, BRN 4682

Scratch:

Verb,

Score or mark the surface of (something) with a sharp or pointed object.

When that something is the outside of your Airstream, and the sharp or pointed object is a tree branch in a campground the results can be heart breaking, do not ask me how I know. Every time you walk by that scratch your eyes are drawn to it and the emotions flood out again. But do not fear as modern science or at least Turtle Wax has a solution!

Last season I had the misfortune of getting a scratch in the clear coat along the full length of the curb side of my Airstream done by a tree branch. Looking to You Tube University I saw that people were having good results with scratch repair compounds. So off to Canadian Tire I went and picked up a bottle of Turtle Wax Scratch Repair & Renew for \$15.99 plus tax.

Following the instructions on the bottle I hand rubbed the scratch and to my relief the scratch started to disappear. I have since lent out the Scratch Repair & Renew to two other Airstreamers to tackle their scratches and both had similar results. The wife of one of the Airstreamers was very happy the scratch was gone as I gather it might have been her fault the scratch was there in the first place.

Just a note here these scratches were visible but in the clear coat layer, so if you scratch is deeper than that you just may have to live with the scratch. For the price it is worth a try.



ACI Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts ~Kathy Geese, ACI Executive Council

Planning your spring and summer travel in your Airstream? Remember the ACI Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts as an overnight option! Courtesy Parking is one of the best no-charge benefits to you with your Airstream Club membership. We went to the International Rally in Sedalia last fall but needed a secure place to park our rig for a week as we wanted to visit with our family in Kansas City before the rally and there was no place to park our trailer. I used the Harvest Host app (no charge to see Airstream Club member sites) to reach out to the ACI member offering parking on their property and asked if they would allow me to park my trailer there for a week. They promptly replied with a “no problem and we will hook you up to electricity!” Their home was on acreage with a large barn, and they met us with a bag of apples from their orchard and I gave them some Willamette Valley Pinot Noir in appreciation of their kindness.

On our trip to Arizona this winter from Olympia to Mesa where we were meeting up with other ACI members for “Adult Camp” and some much-needed Vitamin D, I again used the Harvest Host app and found an ACI member that offered courtesy parking en-route to our destination. We contacted him and he welcomed us to park in his drive, hook up to electricity, gave me detailed instructions of how to find his location, and asked if we wanted to join him for dinner or if we just needed some quiet time in our trailer. We accepted his dinner invitation and, when we arrived, he was waiting to guide us into his drive where he also parks his 30’ Airstream. John had Happy Hour ready and a pot of chili waiting for dinner! We had a lovely evening sitting by his fire pit next to the swimming pool discussing all things Airstream. Airstream Club now has over 340 members that offer overnight courtesy parking on their property and 2/3 of them offer electricity and/or water hookups. All have availability calendars posted and many offer multiple night stays.

If you haven’t used this fun benefit to membership, here is how you can access the map with locations of ACI Courtesy Parking hosts:

Account Activation Instructions for Current Harvest Hosts Members

The great news for current Harvest Hosts Members is that the process is very quick and easy. *** Please note: Harvest Host email address and ACI primary email address must match. If your Primary ACI membership email (check the online directory to confirm your Primary membership email if you don't know) does NOT match your Harvest Host email, click here and fill out this form: [Harvest Host and ACI emails Don't Match](#)**

1. Log in on [HarvestHosts.com](https://www.harvesthosts.com) using your existing username and password
2. Head to the “Discover” tab to access your map and view Courtesy Parking locations.
3. Make sure that you have selected “Airstream Club” in the Host Type drop down menu.

*If you had a Harvest Host account in the past and have issues accessing the ACI sites or get a message your account has expired, contact assist@airstreamclub.org. No charge for all ACI members!

Account Activation Instructions for Non-Harvest Hosts Members

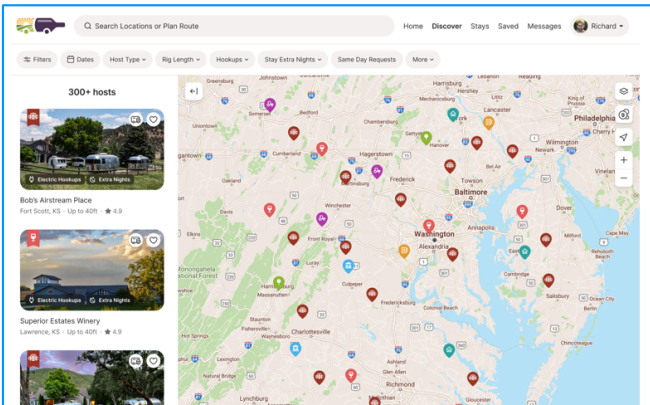
Even though Harvest Hosts now powers the Courtesy Parking program, you do not need to be a Harvest Hosts Member to access Courtesy Parking locations, although you may upgrade to a plan that includes Harvest Hosts at any time.

1. To activate your new Courtesy Parking account, click [here](#) to set up a new account login.
2. Enter the same email address you use for your ACI Membership. Then you’ll receive an email from Harvest Hosts to reset your password to claim your new Harvest Hosts account. (cont. on page 7)

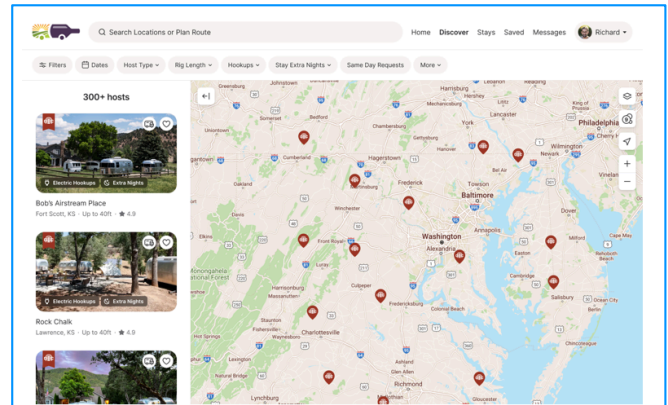
ACI Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts ~Kathy Geese (cont. from page 6)

3. Log in on HarvestHosts.com with your email and password, then head to the “Discover” tab to access your map and view Courtesy Parking locations.

Note: Only the primary member on your ACI account will be able to activate a new account on the Harvest Hosts platform. Don't know your ACI primary membership email? Check your information in the Membership Directory on the ACI website.



Active Harvest Hosts Members will get a combined map experience.



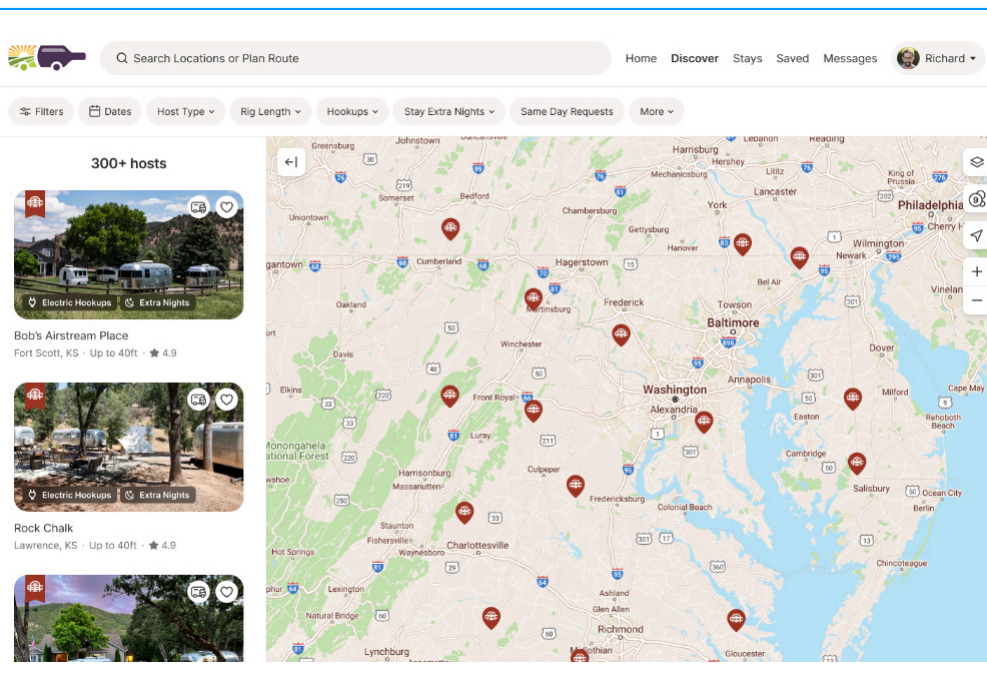
Non Harvest Hosts Members will only see the red Courtesy Parking location pins.

A Look At The New Features

For those who are active Harvest Hosts Members, the user experience will be exactly the same, but for those less familiar with Harvest Hosts, here's a quick tutorial on how to use the Courtesy Parking Program to find and book stays.

Using the Map:

Each red pin with the ACI logo denotes a Courtesy Parking location. When searching for a Courtesy Parking location you have a few options:



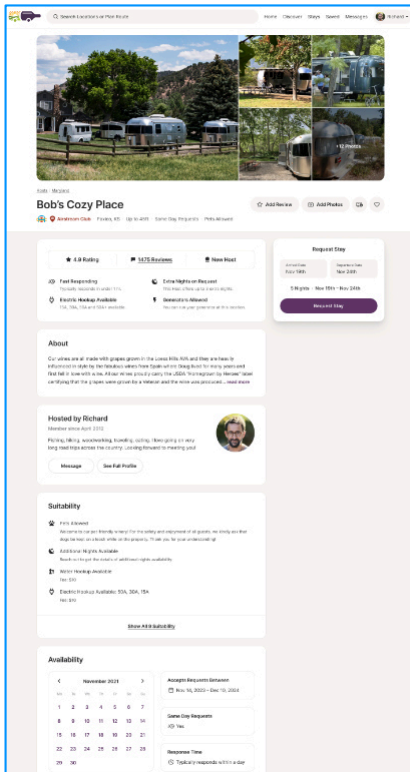
1. Use the search bar at the top. Search by the name of the host location or by entering a city or major landmark (City, National Park, etc.). Maybe you want to look for a host you've stayed with before. Maybe you want to find a host close to your next stop. The search bar supports both use cases.

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ACI Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts ~Kathy Geese (cont. from page 7)

2. Filtering the map. If you'd like to find hosts that meet your travel preferences, filtering the map is the best way to do it! Filter to find hosts that offer same-day requests, electric hookups, extra nights, and more. You will get a list of all the hosts that meet your criteria.

From there, click on a pin or a location from the list that appears on the left-hand side and click on the Host card to get to the host's full profile to learn more information!

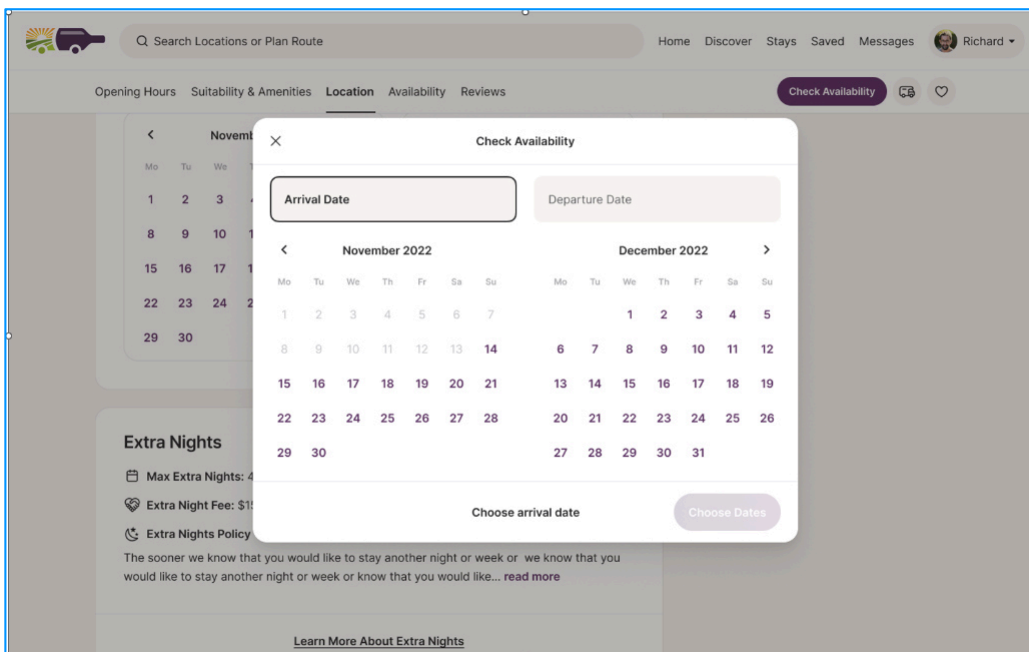
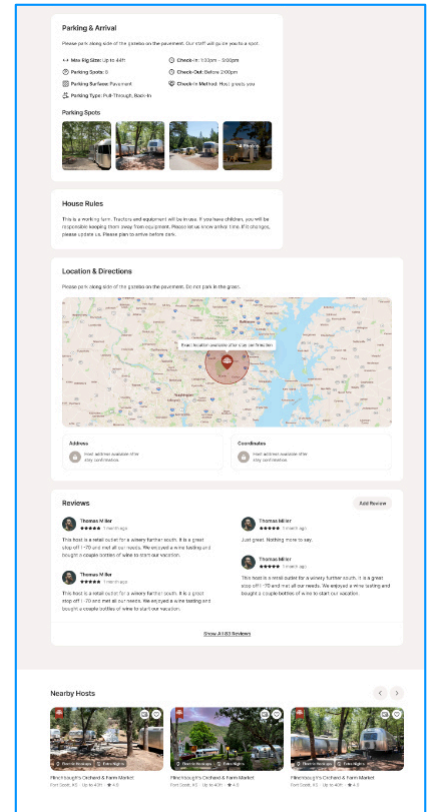


Host Profiles

The first thing you'll notice about the Courtesy Parking host profiles is how detailed they are. At the top, you'll find most hosts have included gallery photos. Scroll down to read the description, learn more about the Host, their rules, and what they offer, get more details about their parking surface, read reviews, and more!

Booking Stays

On the Host's profile, you'll be able to see their calendar and click the "Request Stay". You will be prompted to select dates and answer a few questions to complete the stay request.



Once you receive email confirmation that your stay was approved, you'll be able to see the host's address and be able to contact them. Head to the "stays" tab at the top to manage your stay requests and use the "messages" tab to contact your host if needed.

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ACI Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts ~Kathy Geese (cont. from page 8)

New Hosts Welcomed!

Interested in welcoming other Airstreamers to overnight on your property? It is a great way to meet other members and exchange helpful information about our rigs and travels. We have Hosts with horse ranches and Hosts with level driveways. The only requirement is that you have homeowners' insurance to protect you in case an "oops" happens on your property. Sign up here: [Host Data Collection Survey](#) and remember to check "YES" on the question about Homeowner's Insurance.

Now You're Ready!

There you have it! A quick tutorial for both Courtesy Parking hosts and members on how to use the new platform. Have you followed the above instructions and still can't find what you need? Contact assist@airstreamclub.org or call Airstream Club International's office at 937-596-5211.



Courtesy Parking spot offered by an ACI member. This location is between Ridgway and Montrose on the Western Slopes in Colorado.

Called "Pinon Park," this member can accommodate several trailers and offers electric hookups with an on-site RV dump. Photos courtesy of Kathy Geese.



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Questions? Email Airstream120@gmail.com

The Region 10 Tech Talk Times Number 10 ~ Ray Putnam



Lithium Batteries

There are several types of lithium battery cells. The list below is just to show how complicated this item can be. We will simplify it for you.

Lithium cobalt oxide (LCO)

- Has a high energy density, making it a good choice for certain applications.

- Contains a lithium cobalt oxide cathode and a graphite carbon anode.

* Lithium iron phosphate (LIP) or LFP or LiFePO₄

- Has a high discharge rate and good thermal stability, making it a good

choice for recreational vehicles, electric vehicles, power tools, and energy storage

Lithium nickel manganese cobalt oxide (NMC)

- Uses less expensive nickel and manganese and less cobalt, making it cheaper.
- Works almost as well as lithium cobalt in batteries.

** Lithium nickel cobalt aluminum oxide (NCA)

- Has a high specific energy, reasonably good specific power, and a long life span.

Lithium manganese oxide (LMO)

- Offers enhanced safety and fast charging and discharging capabilities.
- In EVs, LMO cathode material is often blended with NMC

Note the two starred* items above and see them again below.

Lithium batteries use Li compounds as the active material in both positive and negative electrodes. Lithium batteries offer high energy density and a low self-discharge rate.

Lithium batteries are available in a variety of amp hour configurations: 100, 110, 140, 200, 270, 280, 300, 400, and 460 Ah. Some of these are not suitable for your RV due to the physical sizes.

** Lithium nickel cobalt aluminum (NCA) batteries as designed by the engineers are highly recommended to be kept charged in the 40 to 80% charge range. These batteries are typically used by electric vehicles manufactured in the US (Tesla). This requires the addition of a device that maintains this specific charge range as recommended by the engineers.

* **The Battle Born 100Ah 12V LIP** or LiFePO₄ Deep Cycle Battery is a drop-in replacement for Group 31 and Group 27 batteries. As Battle Born Batteries' flagship model, this 100 Ah (amp-hour) lithium battery delivers superior and long-lasting performance and is engineered with lithium iron phosphate LIP or LiFePO₄ technology. Other brands may be available but one must match the appropriate engineering characteristics, (ECO LiFePO₄, E360 lithium battery, etc.)

- **100Ah Capacity with Deep Discharge** for a full 100 Ah lithium battery (12V) with 100% usable power
- **Designed for Versatility** with the ability to be wired in series or parallel and mounted in any orientation

- **Safe & Maintenance-Free** LIP or LiFePO₄ battery chemistry ensures long-term stability
- **Lightweight & Durable** weighing only 31 pounds for 100Ah of usable power
- **Long-Lasting** with 3,000-5,000 deep discharge cycles providing up to 10-15 years of power
- **Built-In Battery Management System (BMS)** for advanced protection, featuring low temperature protection, high and low voltage, short circuits, and more *(continued on page 12)*

The Region 10 Tech Talk Times Number 10 ~ Ray Putnam (continued from page 11)

Option: Can be equipped with proprietary low draw internal heating technology, this battery is ready to charge and provide superior power no matter the cold weather. Note: This is best installed inside your Airstream, eliminating the need for internal heating technology.

*The battery we recommend for your Airstream is the prismatic Lithium Iron Phosphate LIP or LFP or LiFePO4 battery which may be maintained to 100%. Not having to maintain the 40 to 80% charge rate like the NCA battery** simplifies the operation. **And the LIP batteries are much more stable with less possibility of igniting.**

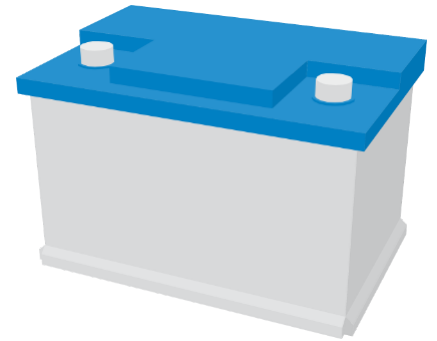
Victron is still the Cadillac of power converters but there is also the Progressive Dynamics (three-stage) converter and the BoonDock (four-stage) converter. There may be others. See bestconverter.com for pricing and availability.

Be sure to get a model that works with the LIP battery charging capability. Just a note: If your battery is not being charged properly and/or the battery is not performing properly, you may have a faulty converter. It may be that the battery is performing properly, however, the converter may not be charging it properly. If this is determined, you may want to consider one of the American power converter manufacturers listed above.

PS: I personally use deep cycle 6V DC AGM golf cart batteries. Wired in series to get 12V DC. I install them inside the trailer. They are much happier there.

I use the Progressive Dynamics power converter (a three-stage converter). I always keep the batteries charged to 100%. If I am not trailering, I keep the trailer plugged into AC power. I don't need an inverter because my truck has a 7.4KW generator built-in. That said, Lithium batteries, over time, have been shown to be more cost effective than AGM batteries.

Great talking to you. See you safely, down the road. Happy trails to you! BRN 7007.



Left: Region 10 ACI Group camping in Arizona, enjoying fondue and beverages on Valentine's Day.

Photo courtesy Kathy Geese



Organize Your Junk in the Trunk ~John Richardson, BRN 4682

Well after four summers of traveling in our Airstream I think I have finally nailed down what I want to carry in the rear bumper compartment of our 30 ft. Classic. It seems that there is an assortment of sewer hose connections, wheel chocks and blocks along with some levelers and the pole for the awning latch. This assortment in my mind falls into two categories, sewer and leveling so it seems only right that they are in separate parts of the bumper trunk. So, to prevent any mingling of these two categories I decided to put a physical barrier inside the bumper trunk to help with my OCD and keep the two different categories separated.

To start with I use one of my favorite mock-up tools, CAD. Yes, CAD which stands for Cardboard Assisted Design. First, I measured the inside of the bumper trunk and then cut a piece of cardboard to approximately that size. By fitting the cardboard in and cutting it to fit I came up with a perfect template for the interior divider.



It also allowed me to make sure that I could have the right proportion of space to keep the items in the bumper trunk, like the awning latch pole you can see here in the picture (left). It was the longest item I wanted to store so it gave me the length of

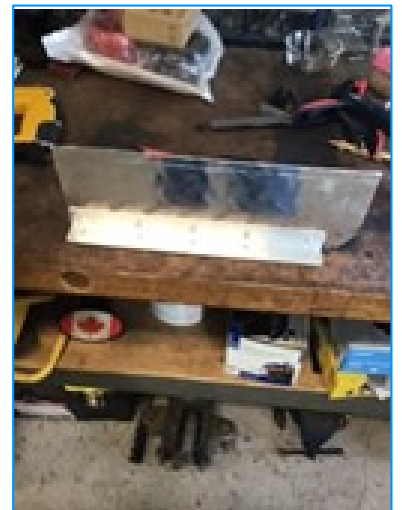
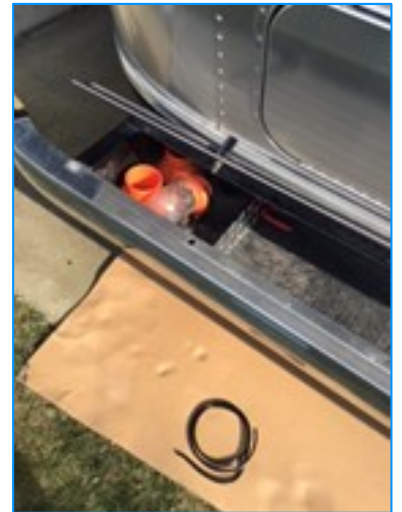
the right-hand side storage area.

After the CAD piece was to my liking, I used it as template and cut out a piece from some aluminum diamond plate I had in my shop left over from another project. Any kind of material can be used here as long as it is sturdy enough. Material like Plexi Glass, metal, polycarbonate, or plastic wood would work. Just keep in mind that the bumper trunk is not watertight and whatever material you use should be able to stand up to the environment of the road.



Next, I riveted a piece of one inch aluminum angle to the cutout diamond plate piece. This would allow the divider piece to be put in place and riveted to the floor of the bumper trunk. I removed the rubber mat from the bumper trunk so that I could drill some holes in the floor of the bumper trunk to attach the angle piece with the divider.

If your rubber mat was anything like mine it needed a good washing, also when I removed the mat there were several *(continued on page 15)*



Organize Your Junk in the Trunk ~John Richardson, BRN 4682 (continued from page 14)

small holes in the bumper trunk floor to allow for drainage and a couple were plugged up, so I cleaned out the holes.

I had predrilled holes in the angle piece and was only able to get the drill in from the top to drill two of the four holes I had predrilled. This was enough as you can temporarily use bolts to bolt the divider underneath the bumper trunk and mark the other two holes and drill from underneath.



I riveted the divider piece in and added a piece of automotive door edge trim to the top to ensure there were no sharp edges. As you may know, old skin seems to take very little to cut. I also cut the rubber floor mat of the bumper trunk into two pieces so that it fit the two new compartments.

This project took me about two hours to complete and I think will make the storage in the bumper trunk more organized. Just remember if I can do it, you can do it!



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~ Courtesy of Steve Tabacek, President, NW Inland Airstream Club, #179

Hello INWACmembers and affiliates,

Many thanks go out to our volunteer management team for their extraordinary efforts providing members with 10 rallies, a month-long Canadian Caravan, and hosted the 2024 Region 10 Rally. Over the past year we grew our club from 42 members and 32 affiliates to 48 members and 40 affiliates. We look forward to new members hosting rallies, meeting new friends, exploring, and creating memories in 2025.



Bruce & Joankick-started the rally season in April hosting the Tulip Festival Rally in Mt. Vernon, WA. They ordered-up perfect weather for touring the fields, enjoying food in Anacortes, and hiking at Deception Pass. This was a bucket-list for Debbie (your membership director), so thanks for providing us with this experience!

Region 10 Rally – Hosted by INWAC at Blackwell Island in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Six months of work from INWAC and Region 10 volunteers resulted in a fantastic Region 10 rally. 140 Airstreams camped for five days enjoying food, events, and planned activities. A highlight of the event was the raffle and silent auction which raised over \$13,000 for the UGM Women & Children's Center.



More rallies than ever before!

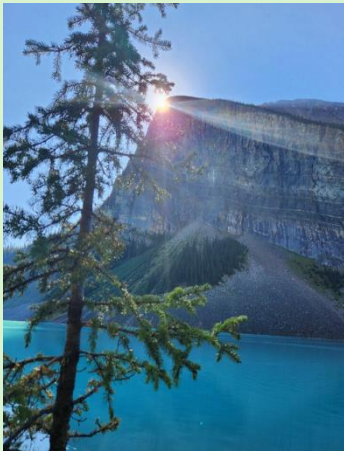
Ten rallies to include repeat destinations like Little Diamond rally in Newport, WA, Nugget Rally, St. Regis, MT and Carve Montana Rally in Troy, MT. New destinations included Curlew Lake Rally, McGregor Lakes Rally, and Lake Chelan Boondocking Rally. This was the first year of a very well attended Fly Fishing themed rally in Clarkston, WA. Andrea Lloyd worked with Glen Cruickshank and Tim Werner on one of the most extensively researched and planned rallies of the year. The rally deserves its own blog, so keep an eye out for a separate posting from the rally planning team. In the meantime, here's a few pictures.



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Reflecting on the Canadian Caravan

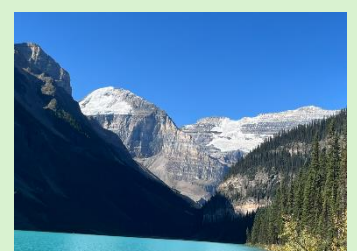
The Canadian Caravan Rally was originally planned to get me to Penticton for the Ironman race, and then do something nice for Debbie with a camping journey through the Canadian Rockies. We turned this into a four-week INWAC caravan which was enjoyed by up to seven Airstreams rolling through Canada. These are the types of experiences meant to share with friends and I'm hoping the 2025 travel season turns into a lifetime of memories.



Through the Rockies' peaks, so tall,
We roam together, free to call
The wind, the skies, the earth our guide,
With friends beside us, hearts open wide.

The rivers sing, the valleys glow,
Each step we take, the world does grow
More vivid, wild, and deeply true—
As nature paints its timeless view.

With laughter light and spirits free,
We wander where the soul can see,
In mountains high and forests deep,
In friendship's bond, our memories keep.



One Pot Wonders - Sausage and Dijon Rigatoni ~ Carolyn White

This is truly a one-pot meal that takes about 40 minutes to prepare and serves four. All you need is a small stockpot with a lid.

Ingredients:

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| 1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil | 8 oz. Rigatoni pasta |
| 1 shallot, minced | 12 oz. Fresh or frozen chopped spinach |
| 1 lb. Mild Italian Sausage (or vegetarian equivalent) | 2 ½ cups veggie broth or chicken broth |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | 4 oz. Goat's cheese (feta cheese), crumbled |
| 2 tsp. Italian seasoning | 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard |

Instructions:

1. In a stockpot over medium heat, add oil, shallot and sausage. Cook until sausage is no longer pink 8-10 minutes (internal temp 160 F).
2. Add garlic and Italian seasoning; cook until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.
3. Push cooked sausage to one side of pan. Add uncooked rigatoni and spinach to the empty side. Pour the broth over the sausage, pasta and spinach. Stir to combine.
4. Bring the mixture to a low boil, then cover and reduce heat to a simmer.
5. Cook, stirring occasionally, 12-14 minutes, until the rigatoni is al dente and most of the broth is absorbed.
6. Add the goat cheese and Dijon, stirring well and continuing to cook over low heat until the goat cheese is completely melted.
7. Serve immediately, refrigerating any leftovers.

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Upcoming Region 10 Rallies

[Calgary Stampede National Event Rally July 5-10, 2025](#)
[Pendleton Round-Up National Event Rally September 9-14, 2025](#)
 Region 10 Rally Hood River, Oregon June 24-28, 2026

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