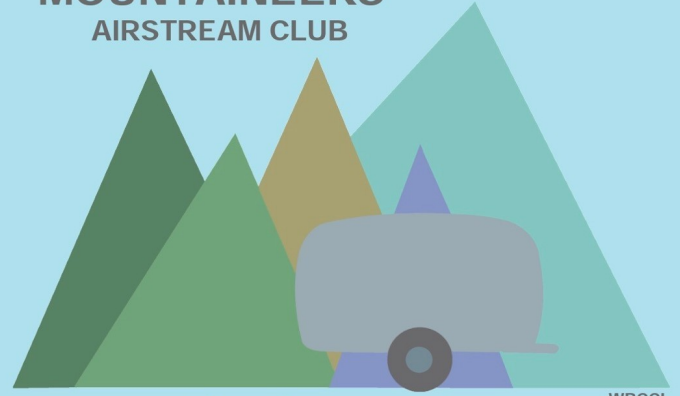


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Member Handbook

In this Handbook, we tell you who we are, our Club history, what we do, how we function, and how you can get involved.

Who We Are



Caravanners created the Wally Byam Caravan Club (later Airstream Club International) in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada on August 3, 1955. Shortly after that, local clubs were formed all around the US, Canada and Mexico. NEMAC (formerly the White Mountains New Hampshire

Unit) came to life by some of the folks in the New England Unit who wanted a more local club for the northern New England area. The White Mountains NH Unit got its charter August 26, 1969. Never a large unit but always a passionate and committed one, the club struggled with membership numbers. Persistence paid off as membership grew. The club hosted the 2007 Region 1 Rally in Bondville, Vermont with the slogan of **"Simply Camping"** It reflects the club's value of returning the basics of good times, good food and the comradeship of the campfire.

In 2019, the Club changed its name to Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club to represent the broader geographic mix of our members. The NEMAC is a member of Region 1, which also includes New England, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Region 1 is a fun group of Clubs where you can make new best friends. Region 1 along with eleven other Regions in the US and Canada make up Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). While "Wally Byam Caravan Club International" is the official corporate name of the



<https://airstreamclub.org/northeast-mountaineersClub>, we are also known as Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), and Airstream Club International (ACI.)

Our website can be found at

<https://airstreamclub.org/northeast-mountaineers>. NEMAC embraces the "It's not where you are, but who you are there with" theme. We find shared passions and fun in traveling,

exploring and being part of the Airstream experience. We are and will continue to be a Club that welcomes all who have the experience of owning an Airstream – any make, model, or year - vintage or new.

Whether you are single, married, partners, families - full timers, part timers, weekend warriors, and renovators, our Club ensures you are surrounded by friendship, fun, adventure, support and knowledge. No matter where you live, NEMAC can be your home!

What We Offer

With our Airstreams, we attend camping rallies and go on caravans. We offer frequent opportunities to get together throughout the year. Rallies and other activities are great ways to make new friends and learn more about your Airstream.

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club typically offers 5-6 local Rallies each year. Descriptions of the rally/activity along with instructions for registration are included in our newsletter, made available through the NEMAC website and/or email's. Rallies have nominal registration fees in addition to the cost of camping. Most of the time, members will make their own reservations with and payments to the campground. On occasion there may be fees to cover the cost of food and entertainment. Registration and any additional fees for the rally must be paid up front via Square.

So that a majority of our members can attend a rally, most begin on Friday and end on Sunday, although the Host has the choice to extend the rally beyond the weekend. The rally hosts plan the activities of the rally that



may include social hours, campfires and shared meals. *Rallies may also include Executive Board meetings, general membership meetings and the Officer Installation Ceremony.*

We encourage our members to sign up to be a host or co-hosts for a rally. We have a Rally Planning Guide in the plan that will make the make hosting a rally easy and not time consuming. Stay tuned!

During the “noncamping” months, we try to get together for luncheons to keep in touch. Typically they are in late Fall and early Spring. We hope that our members volunteer to host an event/activity. Luncheons can be at local restaurants or in your home if you desire.

How We Communicate

Our primary method of communication is email. Your email address, which we receive from Airstream Club International, is used to get the word out to you.

We publish an electronic Newsletter, ***Mountain Echoes***, monthly and send out periodic business or activity-related emails. Be sure to check your junk mail folders for emails from us. If you are not receiving our communications, please email the club secretary.

We want to protect our member’s privacy. Newsletters will not contain member addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses without prior approval. Officers, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, and luncheon and rally hosts may have contact

information listed.

The references below may appear in our Mountain Echoes:

- Personal or group photo which may identify individuals by name
- Pictures of our Airstreams which may include our big red numbers and license plates



The items listed in the bulleted list below may appear in a locally maintained membership list.

- Name
- Address (summer and/or winter)
- Email address
- Phone number(s)

How We Are Organized

NEMAC is governed by an Executive Board (EB) made up of the NEMAC President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, four Trustees and a Past President. We have a Constitution and By-Laws which govern our Club actions. The Constitution & By-Laws are published on our website. The Executive Board conducts monthly meetings which are typically held virtually. Members may join an Executive Board meeting by requesting attendance with the President at. Approved minutes of the EB meetings are available upon request to the Secretary.

Our annual dues support minimal officer and standing committee expenses as well as rallies. Our Treasurer, along with the Executive Board, is responsible for ensuring that our finances are managed properly. Once each year, the accounting is audited by a volunteer member of our Club who is not on the Executive Board. Copies of the most recent financial report are available to members by request to the Treasurer.

In June of each year, the NEMAC President forms a Nominating Committee which is responsible for nominating the next slate of Club officers: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustee(s). An annual election is held in September or October where each member may vote for the officers, who are installed at the October rally or activity.

Once a year, typically in October, NEMAC holds a general membership meeting where the outgoing President gives a report of the prior year and new officers are installed. This meeting may be part of a rally, luncheon or on-line. The President may call other Business Meetings when member input is needed on

NEMAC, Region 1 or International issues. All members are encouraged to become involved in Club activities and governance.

How You Benefit

You became a member of the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club as part of your Airstream Club International membership. We are referred to as “your local Club”. Our Club has two classes of members: Regular and Affiliate. Regular members have the right to become a Club officer and cast votes. Affiliate members have chosen a different primary club, but also have chosen to be part of NEMAC to participate in our activities. They are not able to be a NEMAC officer or vote on club issues.

Airstream Club International (ACI) supports **Intra-Clubs** that might be of interest that provide gatherings of like-minded Airstream owners. <https://airstreamclub.org/explore/intra-clubs>.

As a member of Airstream Club International, you can access **special member benefit programs**. These can be found on the main website, www.airstreamclub.org, after logging into the portal. These special benefits include access to hundreds of courtesy parking locations where you can overnight on your travels.



You also have access to a number of **caravans** and **Regional/International rallies**. Caravans are conducted year round throughout the US and into Canada and Mexico. Many caravans have waiting lists so we recommend reviewing the options and getting on their lists for consideration. The Regional & International rallies are typically attended by hundreds of Airstreamers and afford opportunities to expand your circle of travel friends and learn more about Airstream ownership.

Airstream Club International publishes a periodic newsletter, *the Blue Beret*, which contains a wealth of information about Airstream ownership and traveling. Members can contribute articles and travel photos to info@blueberet.com for consideration in a future publication.

Airstream Club International handles all membership renewals electronically. When it is time to renew your membership, you will be contacted by the International office.

How To Get Involved

As a member of the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club, you have many opportunities for participation and contribution of talents. You can attend activities or rallies. You can host an event or rally. You can write an article for the ***Mountain Echoes***. You can submit travel pictures for the ***Mountain Echoes*** or website. You can volunteer for a special committee. You can become a member of the Executive Board.

Rally or Event Participation: This is the best way to meet fellow Airstream owners. Most of the time, it is as simple as RSVPing and perhaps making a camping reservation.

Rally or Event Hosting: This can be as simple as picking a location, date and contacting the NEMAC President. Or, it can be more involved by sponsoring a “themed” rally that has multiple options for participant activity. The best part about hosting is that the level of involvement is up to you!

Share Your Travels: We love seeing travel pictures in our newsletter. We love learning about new equipment or camping gear. You can send pictures or articles to the club secretary. The newsletter chair can also help edit any article.

Volunteer: On occasion we have a need for a special committee to research or recommend updates to our policies and practices. We have special committees for special celebrations. We have an annual Nominating Committee that searches for our next slate of officers. Being a part of a special committee gives you a unique look into the running of your Club.

Become an Officer: It is not as daunting as it sounds – after all we are a social camping Club. Being an officer affords you an opportunity to get involved at a more detailed level. We’ve had members who have no experience on governing boards do an exemplary job in their officer role. We’ve had members serve in

multiple roles over the years, once they find out just how much fun the Club is. Any current or past officer can share more about each role and the level of work involved.

There are many options for involvement.

NEMAC is successful because of our volunteers and their contributions!