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AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL SIGNS CONTRACT FOR 71ST INTERNATIONAL RALLY TO BE HELD IN OHIO IN 2028

Jackson Center, OH — Airstream Club International (ACI) is pleased to announce the signing of the contract for the 71st Airstream Club International Rally, to be held in June 24-29, 2028 at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio.

The 2028 International Rally marks a highly anticipated return to the Buckeye State and will be the first International Rally held in Ohio since 1999, when the event took place in Dayton. The location is especially meaningful to the Airstream community, as Celina is just a short drive from Jackson Center, Ohio, where Airstream travel trailers are manufactured, affectionately known as the Mothership, and where Airstream Club International is headquartered.

Local leaders and fairgrounds officials in Mercer County are eager to welcome the International Rally to Celina. The fairgrounds have invested heavily in infrastructure improvements to accommodate up to 1,000 Airstream campers on site, including the new Grand Event Center, which will be completed in time for the rally and serve as a focal point for major events and programming.



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“We are proud to welcome Airstream and thousands of visitors to Mercer County,” said Cara Muhlenkamp, Executive Director of the Mercer County Fairgrounds. “This event highlights the investments we are making in our fairgrounds while providing a meaningful boost to our local economy. Working with Airstream Club International and the International Rally Committee has been a dream come true, and we look forward to hosting this monumental event for our community.”

The announcement comes during an exciting period of growth and momentum for ACI’s annual International Rally, which is the largest gathering of Airstream owners in the country each year. The club recently wrapped up a highly successful 2025 International Rally in York, Pennsylvania, held August 23–28, 2025, drawing thousands of members for a week of education, entertainment, fellowship, and community engagement.

Looking ahead, ACI has a strong lineup of upcoming International Rallies:

- August 22–27, 2026 in Minot, North Dakota
- June 26–July 1, 2027 in Rock Springs, Wyoming
- June 24-29, 2028 in Celina, Ohio, at the Mercer County Fairgrounds

Each International Rally is supported by national sponsors and features a continually expanding Exhibitor Expo, showcasing products and services tailored to the Airstream lifestyle. Attendance and exhibitor participation have grown steadily in recent years, reinforcing the rally’s reputation as a premier event for both members and industry partners.

In addition to the strong attendance and sponsor support, ACI anticipates generating more than \$2 million in economic impact for each host community, consistent with previous rallies. The club also remains committed to giving back, raising thousands of dollars during rally week for local charities in each host city.



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“We’re thrilled about the future of the International Rally and what it represents for our members and host communities,” said Lori Tilton, ACI Executive Director. “Bringing the rally back to Ohio, so close to Jackson Center, has been a passion project for me since I joined the club 11 years ago. It feels especially fitting as we continue to celebrate Airstream’s legacy as they approach the century mark and the amazing growth of our Club over the past few years.”

Additional details about the 2026, 2027, and 2028 International Rallies, including programming and registration information, will be released as planning continues.

For more information about Airstream Club International, visit [airstreamclub.org](https://www.airstreamclub.org).

ABOUT AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL:

Airstream Club International (ACI) is a not-for-profit organization with headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio. The club originated when Wally Byam, the inventor of the Airstream, first led a group of travel trailers from Texas to Nicaragua in 1951, followed by subsequent caravans that encouraged people to get out and use their travel trailers.

In doing so, Wally inspired travel enthusiasts to see and enjoy the world, encouraging cross-cultural encounters, all the while using these environments to test the travel trailers he manufactured. On a caravan to Eastern Canada in 1955, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) was formed.

The club was later renamed the Wally Byam Airstream Club and is currently doing business as Airstream Club International (ACI). Today, ACI holds hundreds of local club and region rallies as well as dozens of local, regional and national caravans to provide club members with many opportunities to carry on the tradition of discovering fun, philanthropy, camaraderie and adventure together while traveling in their Airstreams. The ACI Annual



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Rally is the club's largest annual gathering. To learn more, visit www.airstreamclub.org and follow ACI on social media [@airstreamclub](https://twitter.com/airstreamclub).

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Cara Muhlenkamp (left), Executive Director, Mercer County Fairgrounds and Lori Tilton (right) Executive Director, Airstream Club International sign the contract to hold the 71st Airstream Club International Rally at the fairgrounds in 2028 in front of the Mercer County Fairgrounds team.



Mercer County Fairgrounds team with Airstream Club International Executive Director Lori Tilton at the ACI headquarters in Jackson Center, OH.