NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Welcome You are now a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). As such you are now entitled to participate in all WBCCI activities. This includes all unit activities across the Canada and the United States, as well as all national, region, and unit caravans. You can attend the International Rally, as well as region rallies, special events rallies, and national rallies. You are also welcome to partake of courtesy parking. There is also the wealth of RV lifestyle know-how that you can tap into through the many new friends you will meet.

We are glad that you have chosen to be a part of our Airstream Family. Our members come from very diverse backgrounds, but are equal in their love of traveling. We have compiled information about WBCCI, which we hope will help you understand what everyone is talking about so you can fit right in with seasoned members.

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Who was Wally Byam? Born July 4, 1896, died July 22, 1962. He was one of the pioneer manufacturers of the travel trailer. He founded the company, Airstream, Inc. He was a leader in developing both the romance and enthusiasm associated with the automobile and recreational vehicle culture. Wally traveled extensively, and his adventures were the inspiration for the formation of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). The Club was founded in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1955, and has grown to about 6,000 member families.

The Wally Byam Creed

"In the heart of these words is an entire life's dream. To those of you who find in the promise of these words your promise, I bequeath this creed...my dream belongs to you."

WallyByam

To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.

To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way to travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.

To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands…of rediscovering old places and new interests.

To open a whole new world of experiences…new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.

To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun, and personal expressions.

To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow…over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts…to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.

To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.

To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end and thus make your travel dreams come true.

Code of Ethics

To be ever mindful of our responsibility to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct, indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples and countries.

To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code.

To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them in the same way.

Club Web Site
http://wbcci.org/ This is the Club web site, where you can find information about the international organization as well as links to each of the 12 regions and each of the many units.

International This term refers to the overall organization of WBCCI which has members in the United States and Canada. It also refers to the rally held once a year for all members of WBCCI. The International Rally is one week in length and always begins on June 27, and ends on Wally Byam's birthday, July 4. This is a great way to meet WBCCI members from all parts of the United States and Canada.

IBT The International Board of Trustees (IBT) is composed of seven international officers and twelve regional presidents. They meet three times each year, January and just before and just after the International Rally

Blue Book The Blue Book contains the Constitution and Bylaws that govern our organization. It generally is revised after each IBT Meeting. Unit officers have copies of The Blue Book and it can be found at WBCCI.org under club information.

Blue Beret The Blue Beret is the Club magazine. It is published nine times each year. It is not published in January, July, or December. In January, the members receive the directory for the new year instead of The Blue Beret. The Blue Beret contains information of all events sponsored by WBCCI as well as helpful hints for getting the maximum pleasure from your Airstream. Electronic copies of The Blue Beret are available by email. The website is www.BlueBeretOnline.com.

Name Badges Each person attending a club activity should wear his/her name badge during the time of the event. This will help us to get to know each other. The ribbons displayed below the name badge are used to promote an event such as the International Rally or a Region Rally.

Badge Colors

Members	clear, white inserts
Present and Past Unit Presidents	white, light blue inserts
Present and Past Region Presidents	red and silver, white inserts
Region Vice Presidents	red with white inserts
International Presidents and Past Presidents	royal blue and gold, gold inserts
Other Present and Past International Officers	royal blue with white inserts
National Caravan Leaders	clear, light green inserts
International Standing Committee Chairmen	coral, white inserts

Member Numbers and Stars As a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club you have received a membership number. New members will receive their first set of red numbers from headquarters free of charge. This membership number should be displayed on the front and back of your trailer/motor home. The number will identify you as a member of WBCCI. Next to the number you will notice red stars. These stars indicate the number of years that a person has been a member. Members receive one star for each five years of membership. Also, some of the WBCCI emblems on the trailer have a gold ring around them. This ring indicates life membership in WBCCI. International Officers, Region Presidents and Caravan Leaders have the option of being assigned numbers from the categories below:

Past and Present International Presidents	100-199
Past and Present Region Presidents	200-299
Other Past and Present International Officers	300-600
Past and Present Standing Committee Chairmen	700-799
National Caravan Leaders	800-899
Open for future categories	900-999
Members	1001 and higher

Flag Flying Flying the national flag of your country is encouraged by the International Organization. Members are also, encouraged to fly their WBCCI flag, their provincial/state flag and their office flag, if they have them. Correct flag etiquette can be found in the Bylaws in The Blue Book.

CB Radio During caravans the CB Radio is used as a means of communication. Set your CB to Channel 14 as it is understood to be the RVer's channel. When out on the road, Channel 14 is used to keep in touch with others in your Airstream caravan, or to say, "Hello," to passing Airstreams.

Amateur Radio/HAM

Ham radio provides a network for members traveling, for WBCCI rallies and is used for other communications as necessary.

Support Accessories for RVs This is meant to be a general list of suggestions as these items will vary from owner to owner. However, whether you are simply preparing to attend a unit rally, traveling to a region or international rally, or joining a caravan, the following items are things that you should have either in your tow vehicle, trailer or motor home to be prepared for camping and traveling.

2 5/8" free flowing Y's with caps
50' extension cord, 10-12 gauge
30 amp extension cord
Flag(s) and flag holder
Highway safety hazard triangles
25' 5/8" drain hose
Small shovel
Fire extinguisher in RV and tow(ed) vehicle
Fuses for battery system and pump
2 gallon waste water bucket
Wheel chocks
Sewer hose, 10' minimum
Leveling blocks/boards

Common Courtesies for Airstreamers These are courtesies that help make rallies more pleasant for all to attend:

Remove the ball mount after parking so there is less danger for others
Remove or retract your mirrors once you have unhitched
No clothes lines at your campsite
Keep your campsite neat
When a person is hitching or unhitching, do not distract them. This will allow them to focus on what they are doing until they are finished.
In the past it has been a sign of courtesy to blink your lights at oncoming Airstreams as a way to say, "Hi."

Again, Welcome to our Club! We are glad you decided to join WBCCI, and we look forward to traveling with you. The most important thing you can do is to become involved in the club activities. You can take part in any WBCCI activity that is planned all across Canada and the United States. Don't be shy. You will always be welcome. "We will see you down the road." (Airstream Farewell)