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If someone were to ask me the single most important thing I would like to accomplish, it would be to Encourage an Inclusive Environment at all levels, where club practices & policies serve to unite members, where all members are treated with respect, all views valued and all voices heard.

Our Club, this family, is full of much diversity: of thought; of lifestyle; of heritage and of tow vehicle, Airstream model & length and camping choices. All are welcome in my world, this world of happy campers.

I have a deep respect for our heritage, our founding and long-time members and the possibility of "what if" for the future. These are a few of so many who have shaped my experience in this beloved Club:

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I don't think there is any more beautiful place in August than the U.P. of Michigan, at least not while sitting beside the most Superior, and mother of all lakes, Lake Superior. Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, where soaring spice-colored cliffs reflect in the aquamarine waters of Munising. It's a place you can kayak over a sunken ship in 20 ft. of water and glide through rock arches. Here at a Pictured Rocks Wisconsin/U.P. Chapter rally, the setting is perfect for writing this on the first day of summer on June 21.

For an easy and light summer dinner, or side, a green bean and tomato salad comes to mind. This goes very well with focaccia bread, recipe coming soon!

Green Bean and Tomato Salad

(serves 4 as a side, or 2 as a large lunch)

For the salad, boil **4 medium size (or equivalent) Yukon Gold potatoes** with the skin on. Place in a pot of enough salted water to cover the potatoes. Cover and simmer lightly until firm tender, not falling apart. You can cut the potatoes into chunks ahead of time if you



want this step to go faster but I think it makes the potatoes more watery. Scoop potatoes from the water (don't drain the water) so they can cool. Throw in a **couple of large handfuls of green beans** (uncut and untrimmed) and simmer in the potato water for about 5 minutes. As with the potatoes, they absorb less water inside if they aren't cut first. They should be still crisp but not hard. Drain and cool.

Whisk **1 1/2 tablespoons of white wine vinegar (or apple cider vinegar) and the juice of half a lemon with 3 tablespoons of olive oil** in a bowl. Chop your green beans

into bite-size pieces and cut off the stem end. Add to the bowl and toss. Cut some (how many is up to you) **cherry tomatoes (multi-colored ones look nice)** in half, or any larger tomatoes into bite size chunks. Put in the bowl with the oil and vinegar and toss lightly. Peel the cooled potatoes with your fingers. The skin should rub off easily. Cut out any bad spots or large eyes. Cut the potatoes into bite-size chunks (like for potato salad) and add to bowl. Add a **couple of chopped scallions and some chopped parsley and basil.**

Add **salt and pepper** and mix lightly.

Feta cheese works well in here too if you want to add that. There are no real measurements, just toss everything in a bowl and taste. You can always add more vinegar or olive oil or tomatoes or scallions. Herbs make the salad look lovely and gives it a bright, fresh flavor. The beauty of this salad is not only in the colors, but in the options you have. You can change the vegetables or herbs, snap peas or dill come to mind. You can easily increase the amounts for a large AIRSTREAM RALLY salad to share!

Gina Eggers and boyfriend Mark Kasten are owners of a 27' FB International Serenity, "Something Shiny." Gina has been a lifelong camper and foodie, attending classes and seminars around the United States on breads, grains and vegetarian/vegan and raw foods. She has been teaching classes at a kitchen store in Wisconsin and in hers and other homes. She is a member of the Bread Baker's Guild of America. You can reach Gina at upnorthbread@icloud.com and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.



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WBAC Newsletters

Start Spreadin' the News...

(with apologies to the Chairman of the Board!)

Hedda Smithson, WBAC Publications Chair

Earlier this year we compared a visit to a toyshop to the building blocks of our club newsletters. We hope to use this as an outline of the future "Newsletter Planning Guide" that will be posted online.

After reading and enjoying dozens of newsletters these past few years, we want to share some of the things we have seen. What you as readers and/or editors do with this information is totally up to you. Each unit is different; each editor has different skills and/or resources. But - if an idea catches your eye, please feel free to try something new. One of our favorite mottos is "When was the last time you did something for the first time?" If you have suggestions to expand this content, please share.

Most newsletters have several parts in common. The first page may have the logo of the unit or club, a side bar that lists the current leadership, links to the unit's webpage, "what's inside", and guidelines for submission of content along with contact information. A message from the

unit president can include a wide range of information. Many bring an update of news from the Region or International level, kudos to members who have gone the extra mile, encouragement to get involved, and may include a pithy quote to ponder. We all love to celebrate special days and look for our names on the list of birthdays and anniversaries. Usually there is a comment about "If you don't see your name, let us know and we will add you to the list." Many newsletters have colorful birthday and anniversary graphics. (Some are animated!!)

Stories and photos of unit events such as luncheons, rallies, and caravans form the bulk of the content of many newsletters. Many articles are written with the idea of "Make folks wish they had been there." Or "If I wasn't there, this story is almost as good!" Promotional content for future events and a complete listing is included in many as well.

Many have a "member update" or "sunshine" section where members learn about their friends

who may be dealing with challenging issues or celebrating wonderful occasions. We are here to take care of one another!

There is a range of publication frequencies: our favorite is "almost monthly". Others state a given number of issues per year along with deadlines for submission of copy.

Most newsletters arrive in the in-box via an attachment. Some editors include a "don't miss" or "in this issue". Many just say "Enjoy". Several clubs offer the option of "Drop Box", Constant Contact or a link to the unit website.

Watch this space for more articles regarding newsletters and the development of a "Newsletter Planning Guide."

If anyone has input and/or suggestions for this project, feel free to send an e-mail to publications@wbcci.org.

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A Presidential Gift to the Queen

Chuck Nesbit, #3823

The WBAC and Airstream community have benefited from the leadership and of John Leake for well over a decade. As the current president of Region 3 he has worked tirelessly to grow club membership and support an array of activities benefiting members. His positive attitude, boundless enthusiasm, and love of people light up any room he enters.

A number of years ago, John founded the popular Alumalina Rally which annually draws over 200 Airstreams and their owners to the western Carolinas. The event is a permanent date on the rally calendar of many units in the region. The tall man with the white beard and blue beret we affectionately know as "Sandlapper" is ever-present at the rallies he leads and attends, focused on extending southern hospitality and friendship to every attendee. His wonderful wife Susan is always by his side making every event John is involved in a tremendous success. Recently they joined with good friend and fellow Airstreamers Terry and Annie Montgomery to found an annual "downtown" rally in their hometown of York, South Carolina.

John is also an entrepreneur, craftsman and businessman. The father/son team of John and Jay Leake are the third and fourth generations in a family furniture business over half a century old. Their small workshop in York produces exquisite 17th and 18th century reproduction furniture to custom order for customers nationwide who appreciate the beauty of natural hardwoods and the hand craftsmanship of another era. Step into the Leake Furniture Makers workshop and you will see the hands of father and son cutting dovetails, carving a chair

leg or carefully placing intricate inlay.



An article in the October/November 2014 issue of Garden & Gun magazine showcased the hand craftsmanship of the Leakes and gave the small workshop national recognition. Since then orders have been flowing at an unprecedented rate but the Leakes respect their craft and tradition. The workshop continues to produce one quality piece at a time.

Recently President Trump was invited for a state visit to England by Queen Elizabeth II to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of the European continent by the allied troops. At these state visits, tradition has the leaders exchanging gifts. Mrs. Trump chose a Tiffany brooch for the presidential gift to Queen Elizabeth II. The White House decided to commission a custom box, made by an American craftsman from wood saved from a tree on the White House grounds, to encase the brooch for presentation. The White House turned to John and Jay to produce the box, on a very compressed timetable, for this historic event.



All work stopped at the workshop for six days. The White House sent a small amount of wood, sourced from a large branch that had fallen. There was only enough wood to make one box, so John had no room for error. Everything had to be perfect - and it was!

The Leakes milled the wood and assembled it into a small box four inches by five inches by 1 3/4" deep. Hand cut dovetail joints were used to fasten the sides of the box. The top was etched with a design from an old drawing of the White House provided by the presidential staff. Meticulously hand cut and placed black velvet lined the box. The bottom of the box was hand signed and dated by Jay before it was put in an overnight package to Washington. It arrived in time to make the trip to England.

I spoke to John by phone a few days after the box shipped to the White House. Ever the humble man, his voice was filled with pride and joy at being selected to play a small part in a historic event. After decades of developing his woodworking skills, the former high school shop teacher has reached the pinnacle of his craft and profession. To world leaders, he is a master woodworker. To the Airstream community, he remains our good friend John.



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First Female Ready to Hit the Ground Running as WBCCI International President

Mark Magie #24797

Could it be that a young girl's dream of someday skating on a Roller Derby team led her to a life on bigger wheels...those under an Airstream trailer? And could it be that moving with her family from Oklahoma to Kentucky to California to Arkansas and finally to the Pacific Northwest instilled in this girl a nomadic spirit...not unlike that of Wally Byam who encouraged everyone to endlessly strive to stir the venturesome spirit that moves a person to follow a rainbow to its end?



Mona Heath is that girl. When Mona Heath takes the reins of the world's largest Airstream club this July at the 62nd WBCCI International Rally in Doswell, VA, her heart will be racing thinking about the magical things happening in the Wally Byam Airstream Club, and the possibilities they present on behalf of the almost 16,000 members who are living the Airstream dream. "I will work to ensure WBCCI is positioned to engage current and future Airstream owners, while retaining the rich heritage of travel, friendship and adventure inspired by Wally Byam," says the incoming international president.

"I'm super excited about the branding work which influences all aspects of the club...the new website, new print collateral to welcome new members and support recruitment efforts, a new data base while maintaining our core value: we camp and we caravan." A team builder herself, Heath says "our international vice-presidents are so incredibly aligned and I'm confident they will carry forward the spirit

of teamwork, transparency and inclusion."

When asked what it means to be the first female WBCCI president, she is quick to respond, "I prefer to say that I hope to be a really good international president who happens to be a woman."

Heath has an affinity for vintage trailers. Her first travel trailer was a 1962 Shasta which "opened her eyes and spirit to camping." It was while camping near the Canadian border that she saw a vintage Airstream with its flags flying, and she was hooked. She purchased a 1969 Tradewind and affectionately named it Kalakala. Next was a 1957 Bubble named Wanda, followed by a 1961 Bambi called Rogue, then a 1957 Flying Cloud christened Alice, and a 2011 Bambi named GiGi.

Her current Airstream is a 2019 27-foot Globetrotter Copenhagen lovingly named Globby, which she looks forward to traveling in during her tenure as president. Her traveling companion is Izzy, a chihuahua/rat terrier who she never leaves home without. And

if she finds time between presidential duties, she hopes to find time to read a book...not on a device, but the old-fashioned way with an "old-school" book with a cover and paper pages.

Heath has been a WBCCI member for ten years and is a member of the Oregon Airstream Club, #090, in Region 10. Looking back on the past three years as an international WBCCI officer, Heath recalls "a delightful whirlwind of travel, new friends, learning and adapting while developing

collaborative and mutually respectful relationships with the Executive Committee, the International Board of Trustees and our membership."

She hit the ground running as International 3rd Vice President serving as chair of the International Long-Range Planning Committee, embracing that role by developing opportunities for improvement. It is her priority to plan for the future and leave no club member behind as "we move forward and continue to learn from the past."

Among Heath's goals are ...

- Commit to our members to preserve the WBCCI unimpaired for future generations of Airstream owners and club members with strategic and fact-based planning while respecting our rich heritage.
- Create an inclusive environment at all levels where club practices and policies serve to unite members; where all



members are treated with respect, all views valued and all voices heard.

- Encourage a broader scope of national and special event rallies to include non-club events (Urban Air, Alumalina, Alumapalooza, etc.).
- Introduce unit/region short caravans and caravans that incorporate rallies into their route, allowing members who can't participate fully to meet up along the way.
- Develop a membership growth and profitability strategy independent of industry trends through the creation of a brand messaging platform which attracts non-club owners of new and used Airstreams.
- Establish an International Marketing Standing Committee that will embed a compelling, consistent and engaging voice throughout our print, digital and social media platform.
- Reinvent our publications with content, layout and advertising that incorporate relevant voices from within and outside the club (e.g. Vintage Trailer Supply, blogs, etc.).
- Promote the improvement of our club vision utilizing the LRPC 2017 survey results and, in turn, improve membership recruiting and retention.
- Improve electronic media by investing in a new club database and website platform which is adaptable, easy to navigate, engaging to current and future club members and delivers revenue through a digital marketing platform.

- Align with Airstream, Inc. to maximize the power of the Airstream brand, which in turn will align our actions with the lifestyle of the new Airstream owner while remaining relevant to existing members.

- Embrace a seamless relationship between our members and Airstream, Inc.; its dealer network and marketing.

- Support Airstream digital initiatives and product launches simultaneously.

- Commit to a shared sustainability platform for Airstream owners and the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC).

If Heath hit the ground running, it's because she knows how the "rubber meets the road." Besides being a competitive roller-skater in her earlier days, Mona Heath is a self-described "shoe dog." She left a position at Boeing to sell shoes for nearly 10 years at Nordstrom where she became a buyer with more responsibility.

That led to various sales management positions at Nike, Inc. for 11 years where she developed distribution strategies and consumer targeting, exceeding revenue expectations. As a buying director at Nike, Heath gathered consumer insights and influenced production creation that propelled the global basketball, golf and Jordan brands, while leveraging team resources, to exceed revenue and stock ledger margin budgets.

For two years, Heath was a regional sales manager for another footwear company, Sorel. She assembled a team of sales representatives in Sorel's west territory, empowering them as marketplace experts and supporting their distribution strategies. The west territory included four of the top five accounts and represented more than 60-percent of the US marketplace revenue for FY11.

Most recently, Heath established a Los Angeles, CA Airstream 2 Go rental location, focusing

on a commitment to premium customer experiences and the cultivation of corporate relationships. She developed partnerships with key stakeholders, implemented fleet management processes to manage the logistics of a \$4 million inventory and, as General Manager, led teams and resources in multiple locations across the country. Ask Heath about an Airstream adventure she would like to forget, and she may tell you about a "man down" tank flush incident during her first Airstream 2 Go corporate event.

In the midst of her professional career, Heath has found time to attend the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta two times, the Texas Vintage Rally two times, multiple region rallies, a caravan ending at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor for a crab feed rally, and next year's WBCCI International Rally in Loveland, CO will be her ninth international rally.

Still, her favorite place to camp with Izzy in her new Globby is on the Oregon coast at Sea & Sand RV Park. The campground is terraced offering spectacular beach and ocean views... Heath prefers the lowest tier closest to the water where she and Izzy can stroll on the sand, watch the sun set, and curl up with a real book in her Airstream.

What is she most looking forward to as WBCCI president? "The same thing I'm doing now – traveling, meeting up with dear friends and making new ones. It is truly an honor to be in this position," Heath says. "We honor our history and our legacy. It's who we are. The Wally Byam Airstream Club exemplifies the Airstream lifestyle, and with that, the possibilities are indeed endless."



Alabama Airstream Club helps welcome new Airstream Dealer to North Alabama

Bill Lancaster, #12345

Members of the WBAC Alabama Airstream Club participated in the Grand Opening of the new Rocket City Airstream located at 21768 Alabama Highway 20, Tanner, AL. Rocket City is the only Airstream dealer in North Alabama, providing sales and service of Airstream products. Jayco products are also available at Rocket City. There were three (3) Ribbon Cutting ceremonies on Friday, March 29 with Chambers of Commerce representatives from Athens, Decatur and Huntsville participating. Country music and film star Trace Adkins attended the festivities and did the ribbon cutting honors.



Trace Adkins, country music and film star, relaxing in front of one of the new Flying Cloud Airstream trailers during the Grand Opening of Rocket City Airstream

Literature about the Airstream way of life, pictures from past rallies and information on the Special Event - Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally was available for attendees at the grand opening of Rocket City Airstream. Rocket City

will be supporting the Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally (October 1-6). Rocket City will have new Airstream trailers on display at the rally site. Tim Maxwell, WBAC Club Member, will be conducting a seminar on Zip Dee awning operation/ maintenance and providing an update on Airstream Company operations and initiatives. For Airstreamers planning to attend the Region 6 Rally in Muscle Shoals, AL (October 10-14),

who may need to have maintenance work done, or simply need a place to stay between Rallies, Rocket City will be providing a limited number of water and electric camping sites at their dealership, at no charge.



Ribbon cutting ceremony



(Left to Right) Bill & Betty Lancaster (President and First Lady-Alabama Airstream Club); Russ & PJ Pry (Past-President and First Lady-Alabama Airstream Club); Trace Adkins, country music & film star; Tim Maxwell, Airstream Regional Director of Sales-Eastern Region.



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First Club Caravan to Mexico in over 20 Years

Michel Bourassa, #2568

Having just returned home from our Region 10, BC Unit sponsored 2-month caravan to Mexico, I delight in viewing the hundreds the photos that we took and those taken by our friends posted on Facebook. I think that between the 25 of us on the caravan, we must have over 1,000 photographs recording everything from meal presentations to ancient ruins and even a dog who thought he was a cow, and indeed it's nice to revisit the sights we experienced in that way.

"A picture is worth 1000 words" according to the old saw, but there remain some things that pictures simply cannot communicate.

There are no photographs of what really mattered and what was so important to all of us on this inaugural caravan to Mexico: The gracious, happy welcome we experienced from ordinary Mexican people. Those images live in the mind, and the emotions they generated in the heart - No photo can capture that. At a gas pump, a driver pulled up: "Thank you Senor for visiting my country"; at a street vendor's food stand: "Where are you from? Welcome! Here (proffering a gordita) free for our guests"; at the Centre for Fine Arts in Mexico City, an official "Did you really like our presentations? (Yes!) You like Mexican culture? (Yes!) We are so proud

you have come!"; a cab driver on a country road trip "You see, my country is safe - we all want you to be safe!" and a school teacher "We are honoured that you have come."

In addition, our caravan of 12 Airstreams from 16' to 30+, wending its way through towns and rural roads always generated "thumbs up" by pedestrians, waves, smiles and shouts of "Benvenudos" from kids and adults. They were happy that we were there in Mexico!

That is the Mexico that cannot be displayed in a photo and that is the Mexico that awaits adventurers who are willing to take the step across the border.

We were 12 Airstreamers, all WBAC members, in the caravan. A nice sized group that quickly bonded and became quite cohesive. This was a big asset given some of the challenges we faced. To keep morale high after certain of those "events", the Rubber Chicken Award was created. It passed though many hands at Happy Hour over the two months we were together. The criteria for earning the custody of the beloved chicken, varied but by way of example, consider these: The owner of an Airstream trailer that flew - well, was airborne for a few seconds after hitting an unseen Tope; and to another member seen to be trailing toilet paper from his black water discharge pipe; another for forgetting

to turn the water pump off before heading out and flooding his rig - twice! And your writer for diving into a shallow pool and nicely conking his head.

We had our share of adventures: One caravanner's tow vehicle had a fuel pump fail in the middle of a three-way intersection but was rescued by the Green Angels and soon on their way. Later, a caravanner locked their keys in their truck - no problema - a locksmith was found at 7 in the morning and he opened her door while still in his pyjamas; another had a wheel on his rig burn out in the middle of a large busy city street - the Green Angels arrived; then the police and in a jiff they were escorted off to a mechanic who vaporized out of the blue and within 45 minutes they were back on the road with the group. For whatever problem arose, there was always a solution.

In our travels, we were able to spread a little bit of Airstream love, something everyone participated in, and contributed to. Airstream itself participated by donating 25 backpacks that we filled with basic toiletry needs and donated to an orphanage for young boys. The boys welcomed us as visitors, if not almost family. They were curious about us and were delighted with our presence and our gifts. The event was more akin to graceful sharing, not condescending colonialism that some people feared it would be. We also visited a rural



Durango-Mazatlan Highway Bridge



Carnival in Mazatlan



Tunnel on Durango-Mazatlan Highway

school, not very well supported by the system, and donated enough collected school supplies for the 60 kids that were there. Once again, in a great environment of different people meeting and sharing. They won't forget us that's for certain.

The events we participated in were amazing: Carnival in Mazatlán; an evening stroll through a small colonial city accompanied by professional troubadours and Gaspar, the burro, who carried wine for us; Guanajuato (just the city name needs no more in particulars); the Folkloric Ballet and music event at the Centre for Fine Arts in Mexico City; Teotihuacan – majestic ruins from 2000 years ago; a copper atelier where we watched copper jewelry and wares being made by hand; the Durango – Mazatlán highway and of course the beaches at Lo de Marcos and Boca Iguanas just to name a few.

The meals that we were treated to were gourmet delights, just incredible. No pizzas for us, we dined at top notch restaurants in just about every locale we traveled to. Cooking lessons for creating Mexican dishes were provided on two occasions which proved to be a big hit with everyone. For something different, several of us went to the Mazatlán fish market and bought about 6 kilos of freshly caught shrimp, then took them across the street where they were cooked for us in a restaurant that had no food. Yes, no food to sell:

They cook what you bring! We enjoyed our shrimp plates each with dozens of different sauces.

Safety was never an issue. We rode in open air cabs, went on individual side trips, walked streets at night, mixed with local people, strolled around small and large towns, ate, travelled, bargained with shopkeepers and street vendors essentially, *living* in Mexico, without any threats or worries at any time.

The route, meals and tours were well done, interesting and in many instances, unique, well planned and well led. We made new friends within the club and learned valuable lessons from this first caravan by WBAC to Mexico in over 20 years which will be incorporated into the future caravans that are planned for Mexico.



This is Us!!



Small girl and her "baby" for us to see



Drone photo of bridge on Durango-Mazatlan Highway



2000 year old painting found on wall at the Teotihuacan Ruins



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Our European Road Trip - Part 2

The Heights of Europe with Ice Cream!

Don Lewis, #16592

I continue the story of our wonderful trip through France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium in the summer of 2018. Hopefully you read the first episode in the last Blue Beret where we had got as far as Coulon in the West of France travelling in Ali, our 2015 International 684 Airstream, similar to a 27ft US model but 8ft 3ins wide.

To remind you of who was travelling, we are the Lewis family - Don (me), my wife Amanda, Abigail our 15-year-old daughter and, with us on every trip so far, Amanda's mum, Betty. And of course, we can't forget Barkley, our Golden Doodle dog.

So, you rejoin us on day 11 as we take a long seven-hour drive from Coulon down to the Midi-Pyrénées and what we think is the most beautiful bastide (fortified) town in France, Cordes-sur-Ciel, a name that reflects the town's site on a hill above the clouds that frequently collect in the river valley. We discovered it a number of years ago and just have to keep going back – we once even drove for over two hours for a day out from near Toulouse... and to savour some of their magnificent lavender ice cream. Yes, if you read the last episode you will know this trip has a theme!

As usual, the drive down in our Land Rover Discovery pulling Ali was effortless, helped by France's excellent Autoroute system. It was only on the last 10 miles that we had to make sure we had checked the route to ensure we avoided small narrow village roads. On this trip we invested in 'Co-Pilot,' a great sat-nav app that runs on the iPhone and Android devices and allows you to enter the length, width, height and weight to make sure the route is safe for the



Close to Cordes-sur-Ciel

Airstream. It is available worldwide - and I have no links with the developers!

French cars often went by giving us the thumbs up and hooting their horns... I assumed they were admiring the guy driving... but maybe it was the Airstream that impressed them! Actually, on that note Amanda and I split the driving 50:50 and we often arrange it so that Amanda drives into the campsites. She gets looks of surprise and comments that a 'lady is brave enough to tow something so big!' A very out-dated view, I am sure you will agree... and anyway Amanda is much better at parking.

We arrived at a very small campsite about 5 km (3 miles) from Cordes - Camping Camp Redon. It was a simple site and a little too tight to get onto the pitch we wanted but thank goodness for motor movers. There were easier pitches, but none matched the view of the sunsets we

got on most nights. The sunflowers in the surrounding fields are normally wilting when we are there in the late summer, but they had not yet burst into bloom and it was nice to see them this early. The local wine is Gaillac. Try some - it's excellent. We scheduled visits to local vineyards - after all we had the space to bring some home... well, there's always room for wine and, of course, ice cream, but there was none on this travel day so double boules tomorrow!



Sunflowers in Cordes-sur-Ciel

Next day we were able to do a bit of exploring and catching up on the local gastronomie... well crêpes and ice cream!! The town's history dates back to the crusades and it was the first bastide town, built in 1222 to replace the town of Saint-Marcel which had been burnt to the ground by the troops of Simon de Montfort. You will see from the pictures that this new town was built in a highly defensible position on a hill, but unfortunately that didn't stop it being pillaged in 1436 during the 100 years' war!! All the streets are narrow, very medieval and on a very steep hill - obviously! There are lots of arty gift shops, actually selling some nice stuff as well as the usual tourist bits. At the top, the views are fantastic across the surrounding hills, so are the crêpes and ice cream! I have included a picture of a well that drops 113m (370ft) to the underground river below. Now spoilt by a coin



Cordes Market Place



The well that saved
the town



I had two of these!



The hills are steep but help
work off the ice cream!

machine, it enabled the town to get water, even when under siege.

Looking for the best photograph of the town, we made our way up the hill opposite where we got a great view looking back across the valley.

Our evening was spent drinking wine, playing board games and watching another wonderful sunset. Oh, and the Airstream had glowworms around it. We had never seen them before, and they are quite amazing and really bright. It was a very pleasant day. However, Amanda told

me we had thunderstorms with lightning and torrential rain overnight. I never heard a thing. One of the benefits of wearing hearing aids is being able to take them out at night!

Day 13 started with a quick trip into Cordes as it was market day - quite a small one in comparison to others we have been to. We also went back to the hill we found the day before because the light was better for pictures of Cordes.

Then it was a very typical French lunch, back at Ali, our home away from home, with fresh bread, sliced cured sausage (saucisson) and pâté with salad. I did wonder if it would have been healthier to have had another couple of



Excuse the distortion,
but it's big!

crêpes and ice cream - even Amanda thought the crêpes were potentially healthier. On that assumption we went to Albi and had ice cream!!

Albi has been a settlement since the Bronze Age and was a centre for the Cathars who developed their own version of Christianity and were seen as a threat by Rome. On their defeat, the red-brick Cathedral of Sainte Cécile was built as a statement of dominance of the Catholic Church. It is the largest brick-built structure in the world and has a very elaborate interior. It is absolutely enormous and dominates the surrounding area.

Albi is the capital city for the Tarn Department in Occitanie. It has open areas with fountains and narrow shopping streets. It was very hot, and Barkley got to paddle in a fountain. He attracted a lot of attention on our trip because he is such a big dog and also because of his water coat. The French didn't seem to have seen them and so we were constantly having angry French

people telling us off for putting a coat on him in the hot weather. It was only when we explained how it is soaked in water and keeps Barkley cooler that they would then say "ahh tres bien" and we were all friends again. Albi is a lovely



Barkley having a paddle

place to visit if you are in the area - go to see the cathedral if nothing else.

Back at Ali we had another great sunset - the reflections

against the aluminium and sunglasses (as we call the protective screen at the front) always make for a great photo.

The great thing about being so flexible in your travel plans with the Airstream is that you have complete freedom to plan your route and not worry about hotels, etc. That's even better when you can also plan your route to catch up with old friends. Day 14 was one of those days and soooo relaxing. We visited an old IBM friend of mine who lives in a beautiful house 45 minutes from Cordes in Les Pesquiés. With Colin and his wife Jennie, we celebrated him finally retiring from IBM after a fantastic career - for a lot

of which we worked together. I wish you could see Colin's BBQ set up which produced great marinated chicken! They have been working hard on their house for over 18 years, making



Sunset in Cordes

it to a wonderful bolthole.

Barkley had a swim in the pool and then played ball. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and, as usual, I ate and drank too much, not helped by Colin remembering I like Magnum ice creams!!!



Ice cream & wine

Day 15 - wow did it rain! We were on the road again from Cordes-sur-Ciel to a 4* campsite called Les Verguettes at the foot of Mount Ventoux in Provence,

quite close to

Carpentras. It was a long and wet journey and it went down to 14°C at one point!! We started in the wet so packing up was not much fun. Then the way out of the campsite was really tight so, instead of scratching Ali, we used the motor movers - thank goodness again for motor movers...and waterproofs!! So, 7 hours later and travelling via the Millau Bridge, seen in the rain, we arrived at the next site. The Millau Bridge, the world's highest suspension bridge, is a real feat of engineering, designed by the British architect Sir Norman Foster and worth a detour. I have included a picture I took in the sun a couple of years earlier.

On arrival, unfortunately, the first impression of the campsite was that it was certainly not 4*. Pitches were right on top of each other and scruffy. We chose this area to see the lavender fields as we always get there too late in the summer to see them in full bloom. We didn't let the campsite ruin our visit - especially as we have the luxury of being in Ali!

Cordes-sur-Ciel



Lavender fields around Salte

Day 16 - We were in time for the lavender and wow the colour was just amazing - the pictures don't do it justice. We drove to Sault, which is in the hills below Mont Ventoux and is on the lavender route. It was surrounded by lavender fields in the valley below and on the higher plains above. It's another lovely place. We had lunch and found a laundrette - well these things have to be done! While we waited, we enjoyed a very nice beer in a pleasant traditional local bar. Lavender fields look very different depending on the angle - look across the field and they look very disjointed and 'rough', but if you look down the planted lines then you get the traditional picture.

It would have been a perfect day, but we didn't have ice cream! Do you realise that was two whole days without it!! Should I make up for it with three boules the next day or just two days with two boules? Decisions, decisions!

To be continued



A very nice bar in Sault



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All set up in Cordes-sur-Ciel



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The 1959-60 African Caravan Part 3: The Belgian Congo

We continue our 1959-60 African Caravan review following the caravanners thru the Belgian Congo.

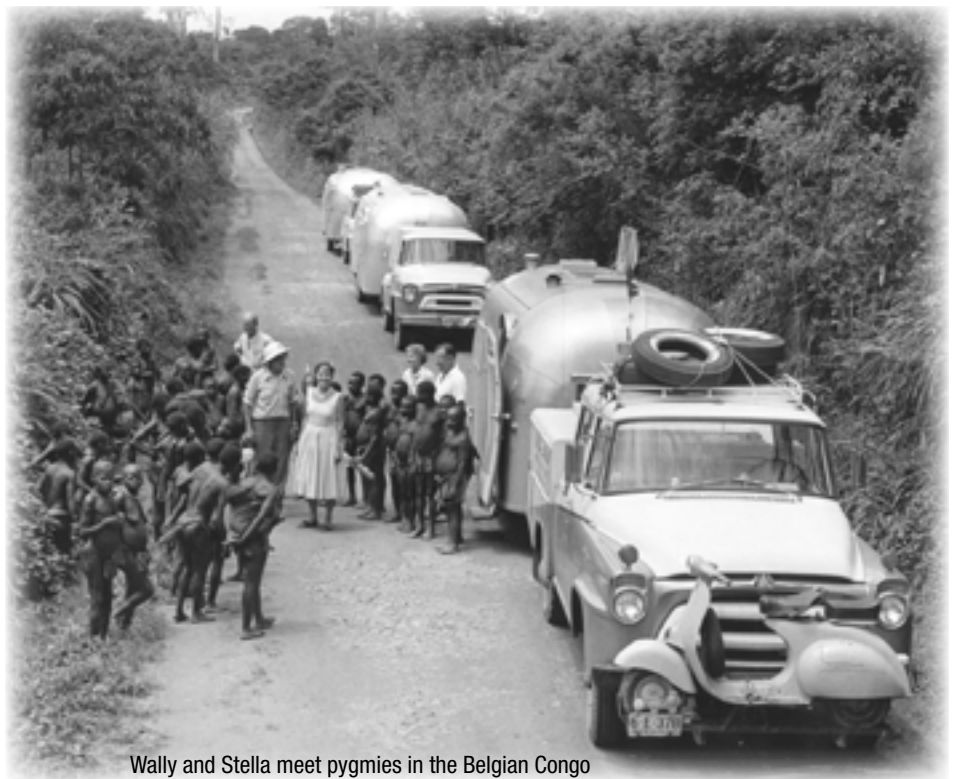
Belgian Congo*

September 12 – October 13, 1959

(* includes two stops just across the border in Ruanda-Urundi)

As the caravan crossed the border from Northern Rhodesia into the Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) it faced the new challenges of language (almost no one spoke English) and a lack of sizable towns or other places to get gas, butane, repairs, and safe drinking water. The distance between such places could exceed 600 miles! Most of the streams, rivers, and lakes were infected with bilharzia making the water unsafe to drink or even wash in, so the water they carried had to be conserved for drinking with bathing relegated to just a small basin. When their water tanks ran dry, they had to ask the natives where to find safe drinking water. They also had to take bitter antimalarial pills twice a week.

After crossing into the Congo, the 125-mile drive to Elisabethville (now Lubumbashi) was extremely rough and took over 12 hours to traverse. Both drivers and passengers were exhausted by the continual bouncing. The first rigs arrived in Elisabethville after dark. Many arrived the next day after parking along the road when they got too tired to continue. The #1954 Albert and Georgia Meissenburg family became



Wally and Stella meet pygmies in the Belgian Congo

stranded on the road when their Airstream broke its frame. Wally continued to Elisabethville to find a welder he could send back the next day to repair their trailer. Another trailer bent an axle and tore a rear tandem wheel off. Several others broke springs. Trailers were also experiencing plumbing leaks that wasted their precious drinking water and broken butane lines that caused them to have to travel with the butane, and therefore their refrigerators, shut off. One trailer had a small fire at a broken butane line. Luckily it was quickly caught limiting damage.

The group voted to stay an extra day in Elisabethville for repairs. Wally called a meeting to address the challenges they were facing, offering options of turning back for South Africa, heading east to the coast of Tanganyika to ship home, or going by rail to Leopoldville (now Kinshasa) on the west coast to ship home. Only one caravan family, #1604 Darwin and Loretta Hamer and nephew Roger Dixon, opted to quit. Forty rigs voted to push ahead on the fuelless and waterless 600+ mile stretch to Albertville (now Kalemie) on the shore of Lake Tanganyika.

They would try to beat the coming rainy season as dust was preferable to mud.

After Elisabethville, the roads became worse with steep ups and downs in addition to washboards and trailer bodies began to pull away from their frames requiring improvised U-bolts to resecure the fronts of the trailers back to their frames. Mountain switchbacks were so narrow that traffic could only pass in one direction at a time, and natives used gates and beat signals on 50-gallon oil drums to control traffic direction. By now the caravanners began to encounter African witch doctors in the small villages they passed.

On September 19 at Mitwaba, two families decided to take an alternate route to Albertville. One of these families, #2279 Val and Mary Sutcliffe, took along a friend for their son David. Thus Bob Nolte, the grandson of #985 Bill and Nellie Lohof, would be separated from his grandparents for a few days.

The main caravan continued to Kiambi where it took two days to get all the rigs across the Luvua River as the small ferry could only take one rig at a time.



#2374 Alfred and Fern Olsen on the Luvua River Ferry

After crossing the river, rain became more frequent, and the roads became very slippery with mud filled ruts requiring frequent use of four-wheel drive.

At Albertville, after refueling and a couple of days of repairs it was time to move on. Several families arranged to ship their rigs on barges to



Caravanner in pith helmet up close with a witch doctor

Usumbura at the northern end of Lake Tanganyika to reunite with the caravan there. Though the two trailers taking the alternate route had not arrived yet, on September 25 the main caravan drove out of Albertville bound for Usumbura and again faced steep, narrow mountain roads controlled by drums. A few rigs stayed behind in Albertville waiting for repairs. They would catch up later.

After a 2-day drive that passed coffee and banana plantations and terraced farms, the main caravan arrived in Usumbura, Urundi (now Bujumbura, Burundi) just across the Congo border in Belgian controlled Ruanda-Urundi.

Here they refilled their gas tanks from 50-gallon drums of gasoline that the Wagon Boss had arranged to be waiting for them.

The next day a paved road led back into the Congo to the mile-high tourist city of Bukavu on the south end of Lake Kivu. During their 3-day stop, caravanners got a chance to visit restaurants and clubs and swim in the bilharzia-

free waters of Lake Kivu while waiting for the rigs that were delayed leaving Albertville.

Their next destination was Goma at the north end of Lake Kivu, though their campsite turned out to be just across the border in Goma's sister city of Kisenyi, Ruanda (now Gisenyi, Rwanda). The caravan settled down for a full week to allow for extensive repairs and for frayed tempers to cool down. Ohio built trailers, which had less leaves in their springs, seemed to be suffering more damage than California built trailers, so extra leaves were bought and installed on many trailers. Joe and Toots Bos had to completely stop using the water system in their Ohio built "African Special" Airstream as they could not stop the water lines and fittings from breaking. They relied on a water tank in their truck and hoped that the cabinets in their trailer, which they had braced with 1x4s and 2x4s, would hold together long enough to make it to Cairo. In contrast, Virgil and Grace Golden's Ohio built Airstream had suffered very few problems to this point, though it would have its front end bolted back down to the frame with U-bolts before they left the Congo. During



Native dancers in the Kisenyi, Ruanda Camp near Goma



Don Christie at the Equator

several long and heated meetings at Goma, some caravanners expressed a desire to ship home when they reached Nairobi, Kenya. #115 Dallas and Helen Calmes and the Meissenburg family broke away from the main caravan to go big game hunting.

During this stop, caravanners were entertained in camp by the Watusi and Bahutu tribes who performed dances, and by Batwa pygmies who put on a hunting demonstration with their bows, arrows, and spears.

The caravanners held a "white elephant" sale to allow them to get rid of souvenirs they no longer wanted, with the proceeds going to restock the caravan "kitty". Ivory carvings were bought by caravanners in Goma and Kisenyi markets. Many caravanners visited the plantation of an American woman that employed 200 natives to grow pyrethrum flowers used in the production of insecticides and a coffee and banana plantation of a Russian woman, learning these women worried about unrest that might accompany the coming Congo independence. At night the caravanners could see the glow

from the cones of several volcanoes to the north of their campsite.

Just before the caravan departed Goma, the two missing rigs finally caught up after being delayed by terrible roads and broken equipment. The Sutcliffes arrived with a small dik-dik antelope they had adopted as a pet. Bob Nolte was finally reunited with his grandparents ending their 3-week worry period.

From Goma/Kisenyi, the caravan headed for Albert National Park (now Virunga National Park), their last major destination in the Congo. As tropical rains were becoming more frequent, many rigs got stuck in the mud in the park. As they tried to extract stuck rigs after dark, elephants surprised the caravanners causing them to scramble into their trailers. Leaving the park, the road climbed 5000 feet in 12 miles and the caravan crossed the equator for the first time at an altitude of 7200 feet. #1986 Don Christie dressed up in his wife's bra and girdle to commemorate the crossing.

At Beni, where fuel was again available in 50-gallon drums, the caravan was starting to

splinter a little more. #2359 Dr. Charles and Beatrice LaFrance decided to leave the caravan at Nairobi as Beatrice's sore back could no longer take the pounding on the bad roads. A few rigs left early to head to Nairobi, Kenya. A few rigs would hunker down at Beni to repair their trucks and Airstreams while many voted to make a 300-mile side trip to Mambasa, Epulu, and Mt. Hoyo. These families saw an Elephant Training Center at Epulu and a real Pygmy camp at Mt. Hoyo. At Mt. Hoyo they saw how "curare" poison (for arrow tips) is made from the bark of a tree. During this side trip, the caravan postman, #1199 Gene Ritchie, suffered burns to his face in a gasoline explosion, but continued with the caravan after the doctors bandaged him up.

After the side trip, the caravan reassembled at Beni and numbered 28 rigs. As they prepared to leave the Belgian Congo for Uganda, they were about to put the most primitive part of Africa behind them.

To be continued next month.

African Caravan Advance Scout Dale Schwamborn Talks About Adventures in the Belgian Congo

Pygmies: Traveling one day ahead of the Caravan, the Advance Scouts encountered pygmies alongside the road. Naivete and lack of fear led us to park our vehicle and call out “Jambo” (“Hello” in Swahili) to the pygmies. Sign language was exchanged, and the pygmies gestured “come on with us”. After fifty yards the wild brush gave way to overgrown bushes with a hollowed-out tunnel. At approximately three feet tall the pygmies walked through the tunnel standing up, but we had to bend over to make it down the trail. The tunnel eventually opened to a large clearing that was open upward to the bottom branches of the forest canopy. It provided a habitat for fifteen to twenty families. Little huts of bowed branches provided secondary shelter. The nomadic pygmies were proud of their transitory village that gave them protection from the elements and from being spotted by the Belgian Air Force who were attempting to locate the pygmies to settle them in permanent villages. Several hours of human exchange occurred without the need of words. Amazing!

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Dale and pygmies in the Belgian Congo

Elephants: As the Advance Team left Albert National Park to scout the next destination, we drove up an escarpment and came across a herd of elephants, including calves. Never approach elephant calves as mom and dad are big and can become nasty if they think harm will come to their baby. At midnight we reversed through the darkness. Wham, bang, bounce, spin, and the truck came to a halt in a runoff ditch prepared for the perennial monsoons. The truck was equipped with a four-wheel drive and a power winch but was stuck too deep for this equipment. Eventually the elephants moved off and a flatbed truck came along. A dozen natives

and the truck put the Advance Scouts back on the road in forty-five minutes. By two o'clock in the morning we were on our way.

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Surprise Visit: The day after the elephant encounter the Advance Scouts stopped for the night, jumped into our sleeping bags, and waited for the morning. The first one up opened the door and immediately called “Get up now! We have visitors.” Outside were several hundred spear handling, bow carrying, loinclothed natives. Were we to become stew meat?

Sunday clothes? Trophies? Leopard bait? Panic can paint such savage thoughts, but these natives were merely curious. Not often does a shiny vehicular residence visit this part of Africa. Music has a way of soothing extremes and communicating friendship, so out came the battery-operated record player. Some great swaying, dancing and grunting followed. After a while the natives went on their way and we laughed how we had avoided a second potentially dangerous situation in less than twenty-four hours.

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Caravanning Tech Tips - Part 3

Continued from June 2019

It is best to use distilled water in your lead acid battery, but if distilled water is not available, use the water from your fresh water filters. You should add water to the bottom of the battery inlet, not to the top of the battery. Be sure to check all the batteries every two weeks when on a trip. Keep your battery terminals clean and coated with a thin layer of Silicon Dielectric. Buy a special wire brush terminal cleaner and use it at least once per year. This will insure that you re-tighten the connections. If you develop corrosion, a mixture of baking soda and water will clean it right off, but do not get any in the battery through the filler caps. Be sure and wash everything off after you are done and then clean the terminals and apply the Silicon Dielectric. Also, check the tightness of all the major cable connections, particularly the ground lead, from the battery to the chassis. Finally, spray the entire connection with one of the special battery terminal coatings to prevent corrosion. On a recent rally, one of the campers drove up in a newly purchased used Land Yacht and turned off his engine. Upon trying to restart it five minutes later, it would not even turn over. He then told me he had just had the starter, generator and battery replaced within the last week. I checked the battery and it was fully charged so I suggested he check the battery ground connection. Sure enough, that was the problem. He removed the wires, cleaned everything, greased everything with Silicon Dielectric and retightened the bolts. Started right up like a new unit. He was heading back to the repair shop after the rally to see if he could get some of his old parts back. By the way, after he turned on his hot water heater, it would light but then go out before the main burner lit. I checked the ground wire and it moved with hand pressure. A little tightening and the heater worked fine. **Check the grounds first.**

You must check each of the coach batteries, which means disconnecting one of the leads, so they are not in parallel. Very often, one of them is bad and this will not show up if they are all connected. Always remove the

ground terminal first from the batteries when you are going to perform any tests. If you remove both cables, hook up the ground cable last. On a new trailer, we once found that one of the batteries was not even hooked up and that explained why the trailer did not last very long on battery power. Several Land Yachts have three batteries mounted behind the front hood. They were mounted all the way to one side so that it was not possible to check the one farthest to the left without removing two of the three batteries. Guess which one always goes bad first! You can easily remount the batteries in the center with storage on each side of them. That way it will be easy to do a complete battery check. Particularly for the older trailers, the *Univolt* power converter (most of these are no longer in service) cannot restore a set of batteries that have gone into a deep cycle discharge. This is true no matter how long you are plugged into A/C shore power. Some older units had high current capacity chargers; however, these are the units that boiled batteries and led to premature failures. If your trailer or motor home charger cannot put at least 10 to 15 amps into a discharged battery, then you need an auxiliary automobile-type battery charger. One of the smaller units around \$45 - \$60 is fine. This will allow you to bring back your coach or engine batteries when attached to shore power. A pair of coach batteries that provide about 180 amp-hours will take about 18 hours to fully charge when using a 10-amp charger. You can use this type of charger for your engine battery just to get the vehicle started; however, you really need to put about 400 amps into it for a full charge. Starter battery chargers put out about 50 to 100 amps and are about 3 feet high on a roll-around cart. However, once the vehicle is started, your engine alternator will take care of the final charging after a few hours of driving.

During the winter months, you cannot leave uncharged batteries outside in the cold weather. They can freeze and crack the case. Some campers store them inside the house when the weather turns cold. You can leave them outside if they are kept in a charged state. A computer-controlled

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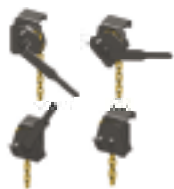
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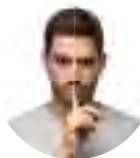
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charge system will keep a trickle charge on the batteries and start a full charge cycle as needed. You can also use a solar panel system with built in charger to keep the batteries from freezing. This works fine for the coach batteries but does nothing for the motor home starter batteries that are not usually connected to the solar panels or charge circuits. I use a computerized boat charger that has multiple charge circuits (two or three) for several battery banks (one charger for the coach batteries and one for the engine starter batteries). Do not forget to check the water levels several times during the winter months if you use flooded batteries.

Surge Guards

These come in both portable and hard-wired versions. They can protect the RV from electrical surges, incorrect polarity, open neutral, reverse polarity and over/under shore power voltage input. They range in cost from \$100 (surge/spike protection only, for 30-amp) up to \$400, for all the above, with a 50-amp line. They are available for hard-wired installation in a motor home or a portable device for trailers (can be hard wired — but may be difficult). Every camper should have a \$5, 120-volt AC line tester which provides a simple check for any of the defective wired conditions above. This tester will work fine on a 30 or 50-amp outlet box by using the proper 20-amp adaptor. You can check the AC voltage level with your multimeter and determine if it is adequate for running the air conditioner. For protecting my sensitive electronic equipment, I prefer using a good quality spike and interference circuit strip (computer, phone and tablet chargers, ham gear, etc.) which costs in the \$15 range. Therefore, unless you want an automatic protection system, you can provide a manual system for about \$20. Nothing you can put in an RV will protect you from a lightning strike.

Autotransformers

I am always getting questions about whether these are needed for camping and worth the cost. What this device does is automatically increase the A/C voltage about 10% if it is below a level that could adversely affect some of your RV appliances. This increase is reduced if the voltage rises to a safe value. Lighting, water heater, power jacks, propane furnace, electric heaters are not usually damaged by low A/C voltage. Air conditioners and microwaves, however, can be seriously damaged. This is particularly true for the air conditioning compressor. When the voltage is low, then motors will require more current and run slow, thus increasing heat buildup. If you are in a campground with poor wiring, then problems can occur if you don't monitor the A/C voltage. I have only run into this two or three times in my camping adventures and in that case, we turned off the air conditioner and limited our current draw. The autotransformer will boost your voltage and allow you to draw

more current to safely run your appliances. However, it will further reduce the voltage of your neighbors. Many years ago, campgrounds were built primarily for tent campers. Now they typically provide for 20A, 30A and 50A rigs. In general, I think the cost benefit for an autotransformer is marginal.

Brakes

It is a good idea to keep a record of the mileage when you have your brake pads changed. This should be done for trailers as well as motor homes. You should have the pads checked at least every 15,000 miles. The friction material should be a minimum of ¼ inch thick. If it is less than 1/8 of an inch, then change them ASAP. Be sure to check all the wheels including the tag axles. On most automobiles, the pads can be checked without removing the wheels. For trailers and motor homes, the wheels will usually have to be removed. When having a tire replaced, I ask them to check all the brake pads; however, I have found that unless you are there and actually measure the pad thickness you do not get a reliable answer. After many long RV adventures, I have concluded that if I am going across the country and on a caravan that will travel 10,000 miles or more (Alaska, Newfoundland, Southwest, Mexico, etc.) I will change the brake pads before the trip. Changing the pads is less than \$200 and since I will be on the road for 10,000 miles or more it is good insurance. Having to replace a rotor or caliper on a trip is usually a \$1,000 job not to mention the difficulty in finding the parts. Listen for strange noises. A grinding sound may mean you have worn out your pads and are getting metal-to-metal contact. This usually means new rotors, calipers and pads. When your mechanic says you have at least 5,000 to 6,000 miles left on your pads, that is fine for your car if you are staying home but not if you are on a cross country trip.

For your trailer you should change the entire brake assembly including drums, magnets, springs, etc. I know campers that carry both right and left side spare brake assemblies for their trailers. A complete assembly costs about \$75 and can be easily replaced on a caravan (four bolts and two wire connections). For a two-to-three-month caravan, this is a reasonable addition to your spare parts kit depending on the age of your brakes. Many of our caravans spend considerable time in the Rocky Mountains with heavy wear and critical dependence on our braking systems. It is always less expensive to start out with new brake pads than to have to change them on the trip. If you change a trailer brake assembly, make sure you have reliable electric wire connections. The constant vibration and stress makes this a serious failure possibility. You should have shrink-wrap tubing over the connections, and the connections should be taped and rigidly supported.

Happy trails to you. See you, safely, down the road.

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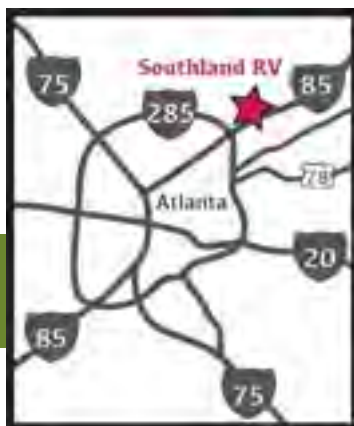
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Texas Country Air Rally in Brownwood, Texas

Susan Poff, #1423

My husband and I were so glad we had the opportunity to attend the Texas Country Air Rally, a National Rally held in Brownwood, TX last October 2018. This lovely town of about 20,000 people welcomed the Airstream "All Aboard" Rally attendees with open arms.

The rally was well planned by a select group of members from WBCCI Region 9 with the support of the City of Brownwood and the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce. The "All Aboard" Rally theme was focused on the extensive railroad history from the region and many of our meetings were in the beautifully refurbished railway station and depot. The town boasts a wonderful railroad museum and a historic Harvey House as a part of the railway station amenities. We enjoyed tours of both of these great pieces of local history.

Our first day started on a Thursday, which was arrival day. The local Heartland Mall parking lot was a staging area where we gathered to be parked by members of the Brownwood Jeep Club and members of Region 9 and local Ham Radio Club. They parked all approximately 75 rigs in a few hours that afternoon. Most were parked in a grassy downtown block equipped with water and electricity. We were within walking distance of most of the planned activities. The weather was perfect in October, the days were sunny and warm, the evenings crisp and clear. This made walking to



our activities a real pleasure. The area was beautifully decorated with bales of hay, big pumpkins and huge containers of blooming chrysanthemums.

Our days were filled with great presentations such as the one at the Fire Department where we met the arson dog and handler working a several county area investigating arson cases. The dog performed exercises that showed the tremendous abilities that help with arson investigations.

We also heard a presentation by two authors (Sara Peterson and Katanna Zachary) from nearby towns who had explored and written a book about the Kennedy Assassination with some new theories about who was responsible. A Kohler Manufacturing Company representative gave a good presentation about the importance of the facility to the Brownwood economy. Three M representatives gave a presentation about their local facility. Elizabeth Jose, an Airstream artist from Taos, NM gave a presentation about how she became an artist who specializes in painting Airstreams and how she has been chosen to do several covers for the *Airstream Life* magazine. A local beekeeper, Mark Henley,

gave a presentation about the importance of bees and beekeeping in that area of Texas. There was even a Gentle Yoga class for those who wanted to relax from the busy schedule!

Our evenings offered many outstanding performances by such Texas greats as Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys. There was a Dulcimer band and other outstanding musical acts.

We were given lots of free time to explore the wonderful local restaurants, flea markets, clothing boutiques, etc. Plus, there were great activities planned to go to a wonderful local chocolate shop, the Turtle, where we heard about the history of chocolate and how this shop makes their own chocolate. And several of us shared the opportunity to participate in a hands-on painting class with the artist, Elizabeth Jose. Now I actually have a painting of our Airstream! And there were many activities planned for children.



We got to meet new friends and enjoy being with many old friends. We can't wait for the 2019 Texas Country Air Rally to be held in Brownwood, TX again on October 24-27, 2019. We hope lots more people will come to Texas for this event!





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Loveland 2020 International Rally Sneak Peek

Mona Heath, International President

Incredibly, 2020 marks 60 years since the Club has had an International Rally in the State of Colorado! 2020 also marks the 65th Anniversary of the formation of the Wally Byam Caravan Club by Airstream owners on the 1955 Airstream Wally Byam Eastern Canadian Caravan August 3, 1955 in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada.

What better place to bring 700

Airstreams for the 63rd International Rally than The Ranch Events Complex in Loveland, CO <https://www.treventscomplex.com/about-the-ranch/>! We will have full access to the First National Bank Exhibition North & South Halls, Larimer County Conference Center and the Thomas M. McKee 4H, Youth & Community Buildings with close to 50k square feet of meeting space.

The beautifully groomed and expansive 240 acres of land that comprise The Ranch Events Complex will provide parking and space for outdoor activities, with the Rocky Mountains offering a stunning backdrop to the West.



Humanity build.

More Loveland2020 Rally details:

- We are working hard to select memorable entertainment and activities, stay tuned for updates!
- MuttNation Foundation, a 501C3, has been chosen as the Loveland2020 charity and will be partnering with local 2018 MuttNation Grant Recipient Foothills Animal Shelter in Golden, CO.
- Loveland2020 will also offer the opportunity for rally attendees to volunteer at a local Habitat for

Interested in learning more about how the Club works? All members are invited to attend the following:

- June 22: Region Officers Forum
- June 24: 2019/2020 Executive Committee and International Board of Trustees Seminar/Meetings
- June 25: Delegates' Meeting – Election of 2020/2021 Officers
- June 27: 2020/2021 Executive Committee and International Board of Trustees Seminar/Meeting

General Parking Dates: Tentatively scheduled to begin June 17, 2020

All 700 sites will have 20amp power, water and pump-outs. A single air-conditioner unit uses 15-17 amps on 20amp power without tripping breakers. In order to save electric for other uses, we will ask attendees to switch both the refrigerator and water heater to propane.

More details will follow in a series of informative updates online @ <https://loveland.airstreamclub.net>, our Facebook Page @Loveland2020 [Loveland2020](#), via email and, as we get closer to the rally start date, on the Grupio app @ <https://www.grupio.com> app.

The Loveland2020 logo, all 18,000 stitches, is available exclusively on our Lands' End Club Store <https://business.landsend.com/store/airstreamclubir/>, where a wide array of apparel and accessories are available for customization. In keeping with the Welcome to Colorful Colorado signs you will see throughout the state, the rally colors are any and all that complement the logo.



Rally Dates: June 20-27, 2020.

Mark your calendars for these "Don't Miss" activities:

- June 20: Vintage Airstream Club Parade and Rally Kick-Off, Military & First Responder Recognition
- June 21: Vintage Open House & First Timers Reception
- June 22: Most. Epic. Cornhole. Tournament. Ever.
- June 23: Airstream, Inc. Leadership Presentation
- June 24: ALUMINATION - a feature-length Airstream documentary screening hosted by Eric Bricker
- June 25: Happy 65th Anniversary! – Celebrating our Club Charter & Helen Byam Schwamborn
- June 26: Installation of 2020/2021 Officers and Rally Wrap-up

Enjoy Loveland like a Local

Rhonda & Jim Cooper #1967

The Ranch Events Complex, site of the 2020 International Rally, is just eight miles northeast of Loveland, CO. Often referred to as the “front range” by residents of Colorado, the site is nestled between the Plains and Rocky Mountains.

With an elevation of 4,982 feet, Loveland will be an ideal place to hold the 63rd International Rally. The summers are mostly warm and clear, with lots of sunshine and low humidity. Average June temperatures range from a high of 81 degrees to low of 46 degrees. Average precipitation is 1.77” with March, April & May being the rainiest months with 1.57”, 2.17” and 2.4”, respectively.

Within Loveland there is much to explore and experience. Visit downtown for a look at history, shopping and dining. Come ready to connect with the many outdoor opportunities: three golf courses, lakes for fishing and boating, hiking and biking trails, plus 32 public parks. Plan to see the nationally recognized sculpture gardens and galleries.

The attached [digital version](#) of the Loveland Visitor Guide, “Discover Your Next Adventure”, includes family fun, public art, locals guide to the foodie scene and shopping throughout Loveland’s unique districts.

Take a few minutes to explore the Loveland [visitor website](#) and definitely browse the [Discover Loveland](#) and [Explore Northern Colorado](#) sections. The Visitor Center is just minutes from The Ranch and is a great place to get information, maps and purchase items from local artisans. The center also features a sculpture park and the new [Love Lock Sculpture](#).

Upcoming issues of the *Blue Beret* will feature specific articles and website links so you can enjoy all that Northern Colorado has to offer during the 2020 Airstream Club International Rally. We will offer a personal view of Northern Colorado, sharing our favorites. Jim moved to Loveland in 1980 and Rhonda is a native, born and raised on a farm in eastern Colorado and a resident of Loveland since 1973.

For example, by driving west an hour, approximately 30 miles from Loveland through the Big Thompson Canyon and the town of Estes Park, you can experience Rocky Mountain National Park. The views are spectacular! Surrounding communities like Fort Collins, Greeley and Windsor will be highlighted. Our goal is to help you plan if you have time for just a quick lunch, half day to explore and specific ideas for dining, shopping, exercise and enjoying the abundant outdoor spaces in Northern Colorado.

The articles will also suggest travel trips in the area before or after the rally. If you are planning your first trip to Colorado or going to extend your stay before or after the rally, The Official Colorado Tourism [website](#) features a digital version of the [Colorado State Vacation Guide](#) or you can have one mailed to your home address.



Devil's Backbone



LOVE Lock Sculpture & Visitors Center



Lake Loveland Sculpture Sunset

Photos courtesy of City of Loveland Tourist Office

Cajun Country Caravan

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

Springtime in Cajun Country of south Louisiana, is the time to say, "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" (Let the good times roll!)

Peter and Judy Schwarz (#2004) along with co-leaders Gene and Charlene Gardner (#2393) would like to guide you through the historical Cajun/Acadian area of Louisiana in March during crawfish season.

The caravan starts in Breau Bridge, LA with an authentic gumbo dinner served at the campground to get everyone in the Cajun spirit. Gumbo is the official Louisiana state dish.

The first two days a bus takes the group into Baton Rouge for tours of the Governor's Mansion, Old State Capitol and Louisiana State Capitol – the tallest state capitol building in the United States! There will be stories of the infamous Huey Long (Governor and U.S. Senator) and of the interesting history of this area.

A tour the LSU Rural Life Museum (www.LSU.edu) reveals the area's diverse cultural

ancestry – French, Spanish, Native American, German, African, Acadian and Anglo American. An authentic jambalaya lunch is served.

The next stop on the caravan is New Iberia. Tour Shadows on the Teche (www.shadowsontheteche.org) historic home built in 1834. On to Jefferson Café on Jefferson Island for a casual lunch. After lunch there will be a tour of the Joseph Jefferson Mansion and Rip Van Winkle Gardens (www.ripvanwinklegardens.com) - 115 acres of semi-tropical gardens.

The Cajun Swamp tour is a must for this caravan and you won't be disappointed. View the swamp, cypress trees, wild boar, raccoons, snakes, owls, egrets and alligators along the way. After the two-hour tour, lunch in St. Martinville is followed by a walk through this historic town.

A morning visit of the oldest operating rice mill, Konriko (www.conradrice.com) is to learn about the rice process during a guided walking tour of the mill. A free afternoon might be spent at Avery Island with a tour of the tabasco factory and jungle gardens! (www.tabasco.com)

Next stop is Abbeville to enjoy the hospitality of the city. Everyone will have the opportunity to see crawfish being harvested by a local fisherman on his boat and then enjoy a crawfish boil for lunch at Crawfish Haven (www.crawfishhaven.net). In the evening local music can be enjoyed at the historic Red Barn in Abbeville. The next morning, enjoy breakfast with the mayor in Abbeville and a walking tour of Abbeville's historic homes, churches, museums and art gallery.



Travel on to next stop in Eunice to enjoy Zydeco music and dancing the Cajun 2-step at historic Fred's Lounge, then visit a jam session with locals performing at Savoy's Music Center (www.savoymusiccenter.com).



Learn the history of the region as well as see exhibits of Cajun life, musical culture and artwork at the Prairie Acadian Cultural Center (www.nps.gov). Music and food of the region may be sampled. In the evening enjoy Cajun music and Rendezvous des Cajuns performance at the restored Liberty Theater - 1924 movie house originally built for silent movies.

Last stop is Carencro where an interesting tour of St. John Cathedral (1916) is conducted. The next day is a tour of Vermilionville Historic Village, a living Cajun and Creole history and folk life park (www.vermilionville.org) with restored historic structures. A morning breakfast at the campground and the final banquet in the evening ends our 16-day Cajun/Acadian adventure.



Meet the Caravan Leaders

Peter and Judy resided in Wheaton IL before moving to NTAC (North Texas Airstream Community). Gene and Charlene lived in Huntley, IL before moving to Buckeye, AZ. We were both members of the Northern Illinois Unit.

Storytelling Special Events Rally

Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 2 - 6, 2019

Harry & Teresa Herrmann

Imbued with the natural beauty of Northeast Tennessee, Jonesborough has played host to the National Storytelling Festival since its inception in 1973. Tucked away near the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee's oldest town offers historic charm, modern services and small town hospitality. It is a storybook setting for three days of storytelling festivities. The picturesque place is where the storytelling revival began, and where thousands return each year to share the time-honored tradition.

Take advantage of early parking beginning September 29 at only \$28.00 per night with full hook-ups. Come early and have time to do some touring in the East TN, Southwest VA, and Western NC area.

A must visit is the Gray Fossil Site only 2 miles from camp (discovered in 2000 and is one of the largest, deepest fossil sites in the world with finds of red panda, rhinos, camels, alligators, tapirs, saber-tooth tiger, elephant, etc.), tour Bristol International Speedway, attend a play at the famous Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA and have lunch at the historic Martha Washington Inn, take a day trip to Asheville, NC to tour the Biltmore Mansion, visit Natural Tunnel, VA or visit the home of President Andrew Johnson with lunch at the historic General Morgan Inn in nearby Greeneville, TN. We will be available to offer any guidance, suggestions or directions.

If you plan to come early you will want to also get tickets for the Donald Davis performance on Wednesday evening, October 2. You can order those when you call for your festival tickets. Mr. Davis is a retired Methodist minister and a favorite storyteller of many. If you have never heard him, you have missed a real treat.

Everyone is responsible for ordering their tickets to the festival. You can call 800-952-8392 or check online at www.storytellingcenter.net Check the coupon section in the back for the registration form. We hope you will plan to come join us for this exciting event.

Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally

**Leicester, Vermont
October 11 - 14, 2019**

Dottie Walbridge

Please come and join us for the Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving National Event Rally which is scheduled for October 11-14 at the Country Village Campground in Leicester, VT. This rally is sponsored by the Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club and is hosted by RJ Dominic and Tye Mott. You will be able to arrive on Thursday for an additional fee, but everyone must leave the campground on Monday.

The Country Village Campground is located in the middle of Vermont. What a wonderful time of year to camp in the Green Mountains. Beautiful colorful foliage wherever you drive. You can take in the Foley Brothers Brewing Company in Brandon, VT just seven miles south of Leicester. Or take in the Mount Horrid Scenic overlook at Brandon Pass. The view to the west of the Adirondacks is breathtaking. There is also the Maple View Farm Alpacas where you can learn about alpacas. There are the Neshobe River Winery and the Otter Valley Winery where you can sample the local wines. You can enjoy downtown Brandon by checking out the Blue Moon Clothing and Gifts store or the Book & Leaf Bookstore. There are restaurants for those who do not want to cook such as: Café Provence, Gourmet Provence, the Lilac Inn, Brandon House of Pizza, Mae's Place or the Long Iron Restaurant & Pub at Neshobe. These are all found in Brandon. Then 6.5 miles away in Pittsford you will find the New England Maple Museum.

You can spend your time exploring while taking in the colorful fall scenery or you can spend your time at the campground enjoying a relaxing weekend.

Our schedule includes a potluck breakfast, a wine and cheese happy hour and the highlight of the weekend is the "Smoked Turkey" Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday. If you wish to contribute a dish to share for the dinner, please contact RJ or Tye and let them know what you are going to bring. Larry Lamontagne will be the cook and he has done this many times before. The meal will be as delicious as it has been in the past. There will be a dessert happy hour and a new and exciting contest this year.

We want to thank Phil LeClair, Manager of Airstream of Vermont, for agreeing to bring some new Airstreams to this rally for you and the general public to look over and perhaps purchase, if you are so inclined.

Click on the link below to see a copy of the Columbus Day flyer: [Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Rally Flyer](#)

We hope to see you in Vermont!

Texas Country Air National Rally

**Brownwood, Texas
October 24 - 27, 2019**

Bill Price

The Texas Country Air Rally returns in 2019 to Brownwood, Texas. Join us in the geographical center of Texas for the largest Urban Rally in the United States. Texas Country Air is a WBAC National Rally.

Our Rally headquarters for 2019 will be the historic Brownwood Depot and Harvey House. These have been fully restored to their magnificent original state.

For 2019 we have a limited number of 30 amp electrical sites available. These are available on a first come first served basis. Register early if these amenities are required. A Rally fee of \$100 covers all activities including evening entertainment. Electrical sites are available for an additional \$60.

Your days and evenings will be busy. Informative seminars, tours, hands-on demonstrations, live music and much more. 2019 will have many factory representatives from various manufacturers. From grilling to tow vehicles, you will be kept busy.

As Brownwood is a railroad town you will enjoy the Lehnis Railroad Museum complete with dozens of working model train layouts. In addition two large scale model riding trains are available in the museum garden. These are within easy walking distance of your urban campsite.

For registration information see our Facebook page "Texas Country Air"

If you do not have Facebook simply Google "Texas Country Air"



REGION 1

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Bear with me for a moment while I jump into my time machine. As most of you know, when my fellow Region Editors and I are putting words to paper, we are actually writing of events that have either not yet happened or guessing on what may have happened and hope we are right. Sort of like today is tomorrow's yesterday. So with that said, I hope everyone had a great time this year in Doswell for the International Rally. Now I say that knowing absolutely nothing of the events yet to take place which have already taken place. Shall we move on then?

Summer is here and on the East Coast, our camping season is in full swing. Several great rallies have already taken place in our region and we are looking at several more before the fall season rolls around. I must say that we are seeing a few extra rallies for later in the season than normal. Nice to know that a little nighttime frost isn't scaring off any rally hosts this year. Don't forget about the National Event Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Rally this year. I believe that there is still room at this point but don't wait too long. Speaking of Columbus, did you know he set sail from Palos, Spain on August 3, 1492 with three ships; Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria. He was looking for a westerly trade route to the Far East but actually landed in the Bahamas on October 12. Oops.

Speaking of rallies, the Charter Oak Airstream Club from Connecticut held a wonderful maintenance rally earlier this year and it was a sold out event. From the stories I have heard, it was extremely beneficial for all the members each learning something new about their Airstreams and how to maintain them for many more years of enjoyment. I believe there was only one Airstream left behind at the end of the rally as no one really knew how to get it back together again once they took it all apart. Perhaps they will offer this rally again in the future. A note to those who have never hosted a rally before and think it's beyond their skill set; any one can easily host a rally and you don't have to take an Airstream apart to have a good time. Pick a theme, find an easy location, throw in a few happy hours and a potluck dinner and there you go – instant rally! Seriously, throw in a little adult beverage and all is good.

If you have any club news or campfire stories you would like to share, please feel free to send them my way. What's the worst that could happen, other than me including it in one of my columns and embarrassing the heck out of a good friend? Whatever you do, have fun and keep the shiny side up!

REGION 2

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Today is June 13 and I'm still "riding the high" from our Region 2 Rally held last weekend at the South Mountain Fairgrounds in Biglerville, PA. Our bribe to the weatherman paid off and the sun shone on more than 70 rigs that travelled from all of the Region's 16 Units. Our rally hosts put on a great party. Together we yapped, sang, ate delicious food, learned stuff at seminars and danced to great music. And, on top of all that, we had time to explore this amazing part of Pennsylvania and its history. So much fun! Next year's Region 2 rally will be May 20-26, 2020, in Kingston, Ontario. Planning is underway for this first Regional rally in Canada since 2010. To our American members, dust off your passports and plan to be there!



Joint Rally with Central Penn, Keystone & Penn LeHigh clubs at Lum's Pond State Park

In a previous note I talked about the joint season opener for the Central Penn, Keystone and Penn-Lehigh clubs. Altogether,

61 members along with a few

young ones, joined in the fun from May 3-5 at Lum's Pond State Park in Bear, DE. 32 rigs, including some from Delmarva, MidAtlantic, Washington DC, Metro New York (Hammers) and Watchung, NJ (Shorts), travelled to Lum's Pond. This was such a success that it's on the calendar again for May 1-3, 2020.

While I'm in "promo mode", here's a plug for [Penn Wood Airstream Park](#) in Limestone, PA. Gordon and I spent six nights there on our way to the Region 2 rally. Frankly, we could have stayed a lot longer. What a great spot with so much in the area to do. If you haven't had the chance to visit yet, put it on your list!

And, now it's time to say a great big thank you to Past President Mark and Past First Lady Debbie Hammer who've worked so hard and steadily for the past two plus years on behalf of Region 2. We truly appreciate your leadership and how much you have done for us. Welcome to new Region 2 President Rich and First Lady Kathi Short. You have our full support.

REGION 3

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Still trying to get away from it all in your Airstream? Don't overlook a visit to a property of the National Park Service. According to their website, the National Park Service has various divisions of their properties. "Generally, a national park contains a variety of resources and encompasses large land or water area to help provide adequate protection of the resources." "National historical parks are commonly areas of greater physical extent and complexity than national historical sites." There are more - national monuments, national preserves, national lakeshores, national seashores, national rivers, national scenic trails, national historic trails, national historic sites, national military parks, national battlefield parks, national battlefield sites, national battlefields, national memorials, national recreation areas and national parkways.

There are six national parks in Region 3 - Biscayne NP in Florida, Dry Tortugas NP in Florida, Congaree NP in South Carolina, Everglades in Florida, Great Smokey Mountains NP in North Carolina and Shenandoah NP in Virginia.

The National Geographic website (www.nationalgeographic.com) posted an article by Robert Earle Howells – [8 Unsung Sites in US National Parks](#). There are three of these highlighted sites in Region 3.

Congaree National Park in South Carolina "is home to no fewer than 31 species of spiders and 25 species of snakes - four of them poisonous." Though you might like to hike the Congaree Blue River Trail "swimming in Congaree is not highly recommended."

Florida's Dry Tortugas National Park is only accessible by boat or plane making it one of the most remote National Parks. It is the home of Fort Jefferson constructed of 16 million bricks between 1846 and 1875 as protection for shipping in the Gulf of Mexico. It was never completed - perhaps "too heavy for the sandy island."

The Great Smokey Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee has the distinction of being the most visited national park. If you visit you might just be treated to an amazing synchronized light show by the local fireflies!

The National Park Pass is an entrance pass to over 2,000 federal recreation sites. The annual pass is \$80 and is available for everyone. A free annual military pass is available for current U.S. military members and their dependents. Seniors can get a lifetime pass for \$80 or an annual pass for \$20. More types of passes and their benefits can be found at the National Park Service website (www.nps.gov).

REGION 4

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Highlights of Region 4 Rally

In May, 73 member units attended the Region 4 Rally in Oak Harbor, OH. Lake Erie, Put-in-Bay and Toledo were some of the attractions. The weather was beautiful and each evening there was great entertainment, the tours were fun, and the Dutch oven food was delicious.

Special thanks and recognition to Don and Marian Hetzler for their leadership and support of the region for the past two years.



Highlights of the International Rally in Doswell, Virginia

At least 52 units attended the 2019 International Rally in Doswell, VA. At the region luncheon, a drawing was held for six attendees to receive another \$50 discount to the 2020 Region 4 Rally. Brad Briggs was installed as 1st VP and Fred Kiehl as 2nd VP. Karen Fisher was installed as Region 4 president at the Installation and Closing Ceremonies. She offered her thanks to all the region and international officers for their commitment to serving during the upcoming year.

Save the Dates - See the Region 4 website for more details.

2020 Region 4 Rally - May 13-17, 2020 at the Lenawee County Fair and Event Center in Adrian, MI

2020 Region 4 Caravan - June 6-17, 2020 from Coldwater, MI to Loveland, CO for the 63rd International Rally

2021 Region 4 Rally - May 18-23, 2021, at the Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, WV

REGION 6

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Hello from Region 6. Many of our club members are returning home from the 62nd WBCCI International Rally last month in Doswell, VA where those attending were treated to a week of fun with other Airstreamers from across the country.

The Region 6 Rally is October 10-14 at the North Alabama State Fair, 65 Sportsplex Dr., in Muscle Shoals, AL. Muscle Shoals has a rich music history from the 1960s to today and music lovers will love this one. The theme is "Where Music is Made!" and the rally includes tours of record studios where Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, Percy Sledge, Cher, Lynyrd Skynyrd, to name just a few, have recorded hit songs. Look for the registration form at www.region6.airstreamclub.net

The Alabama Airstream Club is gearing up to host the Athens Old Time Fiddlers Special Event Rally, October 1-6, which includes the 53rd annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Athens, AL.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club will be holding its award-winning, second annual Airstreams on the Square rally September 5-8 in downtown El Dorado, AR around the Union County Courthouse. The rally coincides with the SouthArk Outdoor Expo on Saturday - a day of live bands, car show, dog show and exhibits for outdoor enthusiasts. Register online at www.mainstreetel dorado.org. Next in October, the annual Arkaluma rally will be October 24-27 at Mulberry Mountain, 4117 Mulberry Mountain Loop, Ozark, AR. It is the fourth annual "Burning Mouse" with Airstreams parked in the magical wagon wheel arrangement.

The East Tennessee Airstream Club will hold a Club Rally August 22-25 at Mountaineer Campground on the peaceful side of the Smokies in Townsend, TN. Activities include hiking, tubing, antiquing, Tuckaleechee Caverns and the Townsend Heritage Center Museum. Officer elections and installations will be September 19-22 at TCPC in Crossville, TN.

Members of the Louisiana Airstream Club will hold officer elections during a rally set for September 12-15, at Parkers Landing Campground, 7577 E. Oaklawn Rd., in Biloxi, MS.

The Music City Airstream Club will hold officer elections and installations September 19-22 at TCPC (Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground) in Crossville, TN. This event is for all Tennessee Airstream clubs.

The West Tennessee Airstream Club members will hold their Hummingbird Festival rally September 6-8 at Wall Doxey State Park in Holly Springs, MS. It will also be the club's election and business rally.

REGION 7

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Good morning Region 7 Airstreamers and all. By now Doswell is history. Sure is a fantastic area for history. Folkorama Region 7/National event rally is next on our list of events. Then on to the rest of our much too short summer and fall installation events. It appears that WBAC is really taking a big step forward with all the website changes taking place. This would be a really good time to get up to date with what the new websites have to offer. If you have not already done so, or do not know how to get on the new sites, get out your unit directory or the *Blue Beret* and call someone. It will be well worth your time. As always - be safe.

REGION 8

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What an outstanding 62nd International Rally held in Doswell, VA. With over 700 rigs registered for the Rally, it was certainly well attended. Thanks to all those who assisted in its planning and those behind the scenes volunteers.

Region 8 extends a hearty congratulations to Mona Heath, International President, and the 2019-2020 International Officers. We tip our hats to Barry Bell, Immediate Past President, for leading the organization in 2018-2019.

We are deep into the caravan and rally season. A Tri-Unit Rally/Buddy Rally was held August 8-11 at the Pottawatomie County Fairgrounds in Avoca, IA. The units involved were the North Iowa, Nebraska and Iowa Airstream Clubs. With 25+ rigs registered; it was a great time for everyone.

The Midwest Vintage Airstream Club Rolling Rally runs August 16-31 and is hosted by Joyce and Lee Cantrell. The rally starts at Beed's Lake State Park near Des Moines, IA and ends in Grand Marais, MN. For more information contact the Cantrells.

More Region 8 Rallies coming up include the North Iowa Airstream Club September Rally in Albert Lea, MN September 5-8; Missouri Greater Ozarks Fall Rally in Grove, OK September 12-15; and the Iowa Airstream Club Fun on the River Rally in Hampton, IL September 12-15. Contact the respective Club presidents for more information on these rallies.

REGION 9

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Howdy! In the words of Nat King Cole, we are in “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!” The International Rally in Doswell, VA, is a memory, and Airstreamers are either heading home or traveling on a caravan. In any case, it is still summer with some adventures behind us and more yet to come before summer ends.

At the start of summer, our dreams were filled with the promises of relaxation, fun, adventure and a well-deserved break from our predictable daily routines. We soon discovered, however, that summer presented its own challenges for us. We carefully planned our travels, we looked for ways to have spectacular adventures and awesome experiences. Now suddenly we find ourselves with unstructured time, a change of pace, new experiences, and sun, rest and fun. We aren't quite sure what to do with ourselves. We don't have to experience awesome adventures 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When everything is awesome, soon nothing is awesome. Activities and planned adventures soon lose their luster. We can create our own “awesome” adventures and memories. During these “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”, we should slow down a little, sit a spell and think about life. Travel on roads you've never been on before. Take time to stop and smell the roses. Stop in quiet, little known places for undetermined lengths of time. Make friends with the travelers parked next to you. Share happy hour or a meal with your new acquaintances. Trade recommendations of places to visit and activities to try. Take pictures along the way. You will soon realize that you can create your own “awesome” memories. You'll be surprised what is still out there just waiting for you to discover or re-discover it. Wind down the last month of summer with spur of the moment decisions and spontaneous travels. I think you'll be surprised at the fun-filled adventures you'll experience.

If you are looking for a fun adventure this fall, it's not too late to plan to go to the Texas Country Air National Rally in Brownwood, TX, October 24-27, 2019. You can still register for this exciting rally. There will be informative seminars, tours, hands-on demonstrations, live music and more. You won't want to miss the model train displays and rides. We hope you can join us.

This month the spotlight shines on the Greater Houston Airstream Club which was originally named the Texas Coastal Plains Unit when it was chartered on September 2, 1975. This Unit was formed by a group of members from the Texas Gulf Coast Unit who felt the need for a Houston based Unit. On December 9, 2016, the Unit members voted to change the name of the Unit to the Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC) in order to better identify themselves with the general public. The Unit

covers approximately a 100 mile radius around the Greater Houston Area, although there are members from all over the state and nation. The members represent diversity in age, employment, marital status, and owned Airstream models (trailers as well as motorhomes). From the beginning, this Unit has been considered somewhat of a group of renegades that dared break off and start anew. The “Wily Coyote” portrayed by Belle Edwards in the Unit's logo has become an icon that best represents the somewhat daring and adventurous spirit of GHAC members. The current Unit President is Jerry Goodwin.

Region 9 Trivia: The answer to last month's question is: When there were twelve (12) Regions, W. O. Wylie was the first Region 9 President and he only served for one year, 1967-1968. Did you have the correct answer? This month's question is: When were Region 9 records first computerized? Answer will be revealed next month. Until then, continue to enjoy the dog days of summer and travel safely!

REGION 10

Carol Ortiz, Contributing Editor
Region10.airstreamclub.net

August: The time of year when all of Region 10 has perfect weather for traveling, caravanning and camping together in our Airstream rigs! The Northwest is alive and in full swing with multiple activities! So, let me share what is happening.

The Alberta/Saskatchewan Airstream Club has planned the “Hands Across the Border” with the Montana Club in the Eastend Campground in Eastend, SK from August 29-September 2. The town advertises that it is in the “Valley of Hidden Secrets.” Hmm. I wonder if the secrets will be revealed at this rally? There may be some in the T-Rex Discovery Center located close by.

August 8-11 the Oregon Airstream Club will hold the “Paint the Town Rally” at the new Camp RV Park in Bend, OR. Hosts Brad & Susan Taylor say that the campground is “smack dab in the center of town.” It's walking distance to the brew pubs in Bend and attendees can visit the Sun River Art Fair. August 9-11 Jay & Cindy Muir will host the “Rolling Along the River” Rally, boondocking in Harrisburg, OR where there will be a “Movie in the Park” with popcorn included. “Casey's Rally” will be held August 15-18 in Westfir, OR at Casey's Riverside RV Resort. Mike and Linda Able promise a laid-back rally.

The Salmon Rally and Mountain Rendezvous will occur August 1-4 at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor. The Washington Airstream Club and rally host Mark Johnson invite everyone to eat the yummy salmon grilled over

alder coals and to dress up in old time western costumes. Ax throwing, knife throwing, and archery contests will be part of the activities, as well as a log cutting contest. Then, Richard Stolarik and Diane Carpenter want you to join them for the “Dog Days of Summer” Rally, August 16-18 at the Silver Cove Resort in Silver Lake, WA where you can canoe, kayak, fish or hike. You can visit Mount St. Helens and the National Volcanic Interpretive Center which is nearby.

The Idaho Airstream Club is planning their Installation Rally for August 15-18 at the Three Island Crossing Park in Glens Ferry, ID. Along the Snake River, hosts Bill & Ann Sargent and co-hosts, Michael & Kim Schanze share that activities may include a visit to the Oregon Trail History and Education Center, hiking, “disc” golf or real golf and fireside happy hours.

Some members of the Montana Airstream Club plan to join the 7th Annual Fiddlers Picnic and Vintage Trailer Rally in Livingston, MT from August 2-4. It will be held on the banks of the Yellowstone River on the Old Mercier Ranch. Then, August 29-September 2, the 50 year plus “Hands Across the Border Rally” with the Alberta/Saskatchewan Airstream Club, will be held in Eastend, SK. The Rally alternates hosts so the Montana Club will host this rally in 2020.

Dates to remember:

October 15-21 Region 10 Sun Valley Jazz Festival Rally

July 21-26, 2020 Region Rally in Lynden, WA

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
Region11.airstreamclub.net

The Colorado Airstream Club August Rally will be in La Veta, CO on August 8-11. The Rally site is the Circle the Wagons RV Park in south central Colorado on US 160 and may be one of the most scenic areas of Colorado. This Rally is all about enjoying the area by riding on the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad, hiking the trails around La Veta, driving on the Highway of Legends or maybe driving west to the Great Sand Dunes National Park. The Rally is sold out, but attendees will include WBCCI President Mona Heath who will be on her way to visit next year's International site in Loveland, CO.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
region12.airstreamclub.net

Hello Cal-Neva Airstreamers. Cecelia and I just visited Bakersfield to arrange for events that will take place in October at the R12 Region Rally. The Bakersfield RV Resort used to be the Crest Drive-In movie theater. When they built their onsite restaurant, they named it the Crest. The food there is very good and it will be open the whole time we are there. We may have competition from the locals as it is a very popular venue. The Crest will be catering our Tri-tip dinner on Saturday night.

We will be reaching back in Region Rally history for a few items. We will begin the rally with a baked potato dinner on Wednesday night. We have had a quilt donated as well and we will raffle it off. Proceeds will be going to our charity from last year, Marley's Mutts. Since it is close to Bakersfield, we will be helping them again.

Last time we were in Bakersfield we missed this location but not this year. We will be attending the Buck Owen's Crystal Palace on Thursday night. It rivals the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville for the quality of its food, dance floor and live entertainment. The tour of the Dewar's Ice cream factory will be popular as well. There are driving, biking and walking tours of the city that are mapped out and marked. The hall in the RV park has been remodeled and will be available for line dancing, bingo, games, entertainment and meals. We are halfway full at this time in June so get on our new website, region12.airstreamclub.net and sign up.

In other R12 news, I have some shout-outs. Congratulations to the Central Coast California Unit for their Coast to the Sierra Caravan. From Moss Beach to Eureka, then to Nevada and down to Bishop, ending at a rally in Lone Pine. Also, to the NorCal club for their luncheon at JT'S restaurant in Gardnerville, NV (President elect Cecelia and Bob joined them).

The El Camino group attended the Vintage Trailer & Camper show in Hemet and were serenaded by the “Oreo Divas”. The GLAAC group was having a tasty Dutch oven dinner at the Refugio State Beach at the same time.

Lastly, I don't want to forget to mention the San Diego Unit Joint Rally at the Bayfair Boat Races in September. How cool is it to link up with the Greater L.A., Las Vegas and South Coast California Airstream Club for this event? Let's keep these activities going and all have fun together. I'll see you down the road.

EUROPE

Ian Jamieson, Contributing Editor
<http://europe.wbcci.net>

Writing at the end of June, we now have three of the seven WBCCI Europe rallies done. The most recent was at Mulhouse, North East France.

Mulhouse (pronounced Mooluce) in the Alsace region has a medieval centre steeped in culture. In the past two centuries, it became an industrial town at the forefront of the development of the automobile from the humble beginnings of carriages with motors through to the present-day Peugeot factory. Railways also played a huge part and so did other companies like the printing firm that produces the incredible wallpapers and mural designs for palaces and, of course, the White House! The railway and car museums, amongst the largest in the world, kept us busy as did the pool party and other socialising. The whole area has culture, food and wine with histories dating back thousands of years.

Next comes the Norway Caravan. With a rendezvous in North Germany, it promises a two-week tour of the fjords with their stunning and unique scenery. We have a programme of events to rival any rally and it promises a list of amazing bucket-list experiences.

This year we have two American couples taking part. A lot of thought is going into finding ways for US and Canadian members to meet up with European Airstreamers - what would Wally have thought of this part of his legacy. Already there are several ways, from Airstream swaps to shipping and RV rental. More later.

Membership continues to grow and increases year by year. With seven rallies this year the advantages of membership are clearer than ever. There is already talk of next year's locations!



In Memoriam

The officers and members of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. express their sympathy to the families and friends of these departed members.

Adams, Beverly (162-FL).....#13973

Boyer, Randall (000-FL).....#7992

Chellman, Mary Ann (137-MI).....#3764

Davis, Carl (106-CA).....#3403

Unit Past First Mate

Friday, Jane (001-AL).....#2507

Hitt, Evelyn (056-MS).....#1955

Unit Past President

Kolb, Joseph (109-VA).....#1060

Unit Past President

Laseter, Jack (032-GA).....#2827

Rich, Cy (124-ON Canada).....#5822

Stamps, J W (106-TX).....#10452

Winterhalter, Suzanne (166-NC).....#3768

Unit Past President



From the Vice President of Sales



Lenny Razo

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH. We were finally able to string together some dry days over the last few weeks. It has been great seeing the sunshine and getting outside to enjoy the beautiful days!

Airstream has been very busy since I last wrote you in June. The new plant has really started to take shape over the past 6-8 weeks. In late July, our Executive Team had the opportunity to be on site for a topping out ceremony. We were able to watch the last beam structure be put into place; which included an old Scandinavian ritual that dates back to 700 A.D. A small pine tree is placed on the beam to stand as a talisman for good luck and prosperity for the future occupants of the building. As we look forward to the next few months, we will see the final exterior pieces being put in place for the Airstream Heritage center and the offices. Included are some pictures of the last beam being placed.

Airstream is proud to announce two new exclusive Airstream dealerships. The first location is one many of you may already be familiar from the WBCCI rally in Doswell, VA. Airstream of Virginia located in Thornburg, just moved into their new location in July. We are thrilled about the growth of this location and their investment into a new exclusive store. Airstream is also excited to announce the opening of Airstream of Oklahoma. This dealer will also be an exclusive store. We know this will be a growing investment for the future.

Many of you have questioned what it means if a dealer is a 5-Rivet Dealer. I'd like to take a little time this month to address that question. Airstream is beginning its third year for the 5-Rivet program, which is a dealer standards program. Each of our Airstream dealers have an opportunity to gain 5-Rivet Status during any given quarter of the year. In the past two years, the dealers had requirements to meet, which include, but were not limited to, having a dedicated Airstream website, a dedicated inventory space, include Airstream signage in their dealership, and have certified salespeople and service technicians within the dealership. Along with these requirements, dealers also had to score at or above national average on the customer survey scores which mainly addresses the sales process, from a greeting to the delivery of an Airstream. In the coming months, we will be adding a service portion to the 5-Rivet program. The new survey will go to Airstream customers after each warranty visit in order to get their overall satisfaction with the dealer's service and warranty processes.

As time goes on, we plan to continue to improve and grow our 5-Rivet program. This program was created and to ensure that Airstream and our great Airstream partners deliver the best possible experience from beginning until the end.

On behalf of almost 1,000 hard working families in Jackson Center, OH, thank you for your business and passion for our products. It means the world to each of us here at Airstream!





Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings! I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer so far. Writing this article in late June, we are wondering where summer is in Ohio. It has been very wet and cool. According to the meteorologists, that is supposed to change soon, and we will be seeing warming temperatures.

I usually write about fixing something, but since you are out using your Airstreams right now and may be running into cellular or Wi-Fi issues, it might be a good time to introduce you to one of our newest aftermarket items and that is our Airstream Connected Kit.

Airstream Connected Kit

Airstream now offers an aftermarket Connected Kit which consists of a roof mounted high-gain and wide-band antenna and interior mounted 4G LTE cellular router with built in Wi-Fi. The Airstream Connected Kit gives you the ability to stay connected virtually anywhere your travels take you in the United States. Below are a few pictures and details of this kit.

Antenna and Router Kit



Airstream Part Number 513675

The antenna has built-in support for popular and future cellular bands (2G, 3G, 4GLTE and 5G ready) connectivity for those that want to stay connected on the road. The cellular portion is provided by AT&T and is a

monthly and yearly payment plans. You can connect internet devices to the router by Wi-Fi or by using the two Ethernet cable ports in the front of the router.

Airstream Connected App

There is also the Airstream Connected App which can be downloaded from the Apple app store or Google Play store. This app has many benefits which include being able to check your connection and configure your router.



Checklist – Find checklist for departure, arrival and more. Stay organized and make your adventure more relaxing and trouble free. Complete all steps on the checklist to know you're all set.

Locate – Out on an adventure and take a wrong turn? Open the app and tap locate. The map shows where you are and the location of your Airstream. Pressing the directions to my trailer will provide directions in your default GPS application.

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During the month of August 2019 only the rims/tires are: **\$379.95** each
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419 West Pike St
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937-596-6111 EXT 7403



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More – Press the more button to find your network and connectivity settings. Create guests' networks, gain quick access to your owner's manual, parts books, video how to's, roadside assistance phone number and Airstream Customer Service contact information.

This kit can be ordered and installed on any Airstream vehicle by any authorized Airstream dealer as well as the factory service center in Ohio.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Doswell at the International Rally!!

I would love to hear from you and if you have a suggestion or topic you would like to see covered in a future article or have a question, just drop me a line at rmarch@airstream.com.

Have a great month!

International Rally

2020 Jan 20-24	2020 Mid-Winter IBT, Las Vegas, Nevada
Jun 20-27	2020 International Rally, Loveland, Colorado

National / Special Event Rallies

Aug 4-10	Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA
Aug 7-14	Around the World with Folklorama, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Sep 9-15	Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Sep 21-29	Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH
Oct 1-6	Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL
Oct 2-6	Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 4-8	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM
Oct 11-14	Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT
Oct 15-20	Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Ketchum, ID
Oct 24-27	Texas Country Air Rally, Brownwood, TX
Dec 28- Jan 1, 2020	Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA



REGION 1 Activities

Region 1 Website: <http://region1.wbccj.net>

Oct 11-14	Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally, Bristol, VT
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Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club -
capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Flea Market Finds Rally, Village Green CG, 228 Sturbridge Rd, Rte 20, East Brimfield, MA, Larry Lamontagne 413-221-3542, email: larry-pat@eckon.net / RJ Dominic 914-204-6190, email: ridominic@wbcci.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club -
charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net

Aug 9-11 Fun & Games Rally, Brook N Woods CG, 1947 County Rd 8, Elizaville, NY,
Wiley & Gail Downing 203-241-2537. email: ctnanabug@comcast.net

Aug 23-25 Autgtoberfest Rally, Crowne Point Camping Area, 131 Bishop Camp Rd, Perkinsville, VT, Evelyn Watts 203-426-5532, email: evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net

Sep 6-8 Searching the Southeast Corner Rally, Mystic KOA, 118 Pendleton Hill Rd, North Stonington, CT, Chris Dubrowski 203-797-4385, email: chrisdubrowski@gmail.com

New England Airstream Club - <http://newengland.wbccj.net>

Sep 6-8 Rhode Island Polo Rally, Melville Ponds CG, 181 Bradford Ave,
Portsmouth, RI, Bonnie Hogan 401-862-6157, email: brhhogan@cox.net
Sep 20-22 Fall Business Rally, Salisbury Beach CG, 1 Beach Rd, Salisbury, MA,
Stephen McPeters 207-865-3372, email: steveandbarb@comcast.net

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - northeastmountaineers.airstreamclub.net

Quebec Canada Unit - quebeccanada.airstreamclub.net

Aug 16-18 Front Row under the Perseids Rally, Domaine Radar, 50 Rang Sainte Catherine, Saint-Sylvestre, QC, Andre Jeffrey & Marie Josee Vallieres 418-596-3330, 418-561-8560, email: mariejoseevallieres@me.com

Sep 7-9 Installation Rally, Camping Domaine des Cantons, 315, Route 112, Saint-Etienne-de-Bolton, QC, Jean Bourque 514-373-5052, email: bourque.jean@videotron.ca

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REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: Region2.Airstreamclub.net

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit -
al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net

Aug 16-18 Bluegrass Rally, Laurel Hill SP, 1454 Laurel Hill Park Rd, Somerset, PA,
Gayle Gibson 724-873-5305, email: digibson1@comcast.net

Central Maryland Unit - centralmaryland.airstreamclub.net

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - centralpa.airstreamclub.net

Delaware Valley New Jersey Unit - <http://dvnju.wbcci.net>

Delmarva Unit - delmarva.airstreamclub.net

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - hudsonmohawkny.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-18 Taste of Champlain Rally, Cumberland Bay SP, 152 Cumberland
Head Rd, Plattsburgh, NY, Bill/Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565, email:
hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com

Sep 12-15 Take Me Out to the Ball Game Installation Rally, Cooperstown KOA, 565
Ostrander Rd, Richfield Springs, NY, Geoff/Sue Whittle 518-783-1606,
email: whittle06@gmail.com

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - keystonepa.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-19 Exploring Western PA Caravan, Johnstown, Shanksville and others,
Howard Mergelkamp 267-733-3565, email: howardsan70@gmail.com

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - metropolitannewyork.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Apple Picking Rally, Ulster County FG, New Paltz, NY, Pam Scheublein,
email: pscheublein@gmail.com

Sep 20-22 Adirondack Balloon Festival Rally, Floyd Bennett Airport, Glens Falls, NY,
Barb Treveleudes, email: billtrev@optonline.net

Mid-Atlantic Unit - mid-atlantic.airstreamclub.net

New Jersey Unit - newjersey.airstreamclub.net

May - Oct: Social hour every Saturday 7 PM at Jersey Shore Haven, Pavilion, 728 Dennisville
Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net

Aug 15-18 Rally, Jersey Shore Haven, 728 Dennisville Rd, South Seaville, NJ, Judy
Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net

Sep 19-22 New Jersey State Rally, Jersey Shore Haven, 728 Dennisville Rd, South
Seaville, NJ, Judy Coupe 267-261-1392, email: judycoupe@comcast.net

New York Finger Lakes Unit - newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net

Aug 23-25 Farm to Table Rally, Babcock Farm, 3866 Kendrick Rd, Sherman, NY, Jim
& Paula Babcock 716-761-6976, email: paulab@cecomet.net
Installation Rally, East Aurora Firemen's Field, 299 Pine St, East Aurora,
NY, Molly & Ron Rubino 716-807-7687, email:
rubinomolly110@gmail.com / Dona 716-830-9697

Ontario Canada Unit - ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

Penn-Lehigh Unit - penn-lehigh.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-18 Camping on the Lake Rally, Raystown Lake, Huntingdon, PA, George
Collister 570-447-0605, email: george.collister@comcast.net

Pennsylvania Unit - pennsylvania.airstreamclub.net

Washington DC Unit - wdcu.airstreamclub.net

Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club - watchungnj.airstreamclub.net

Aug 23-25 Rally, Hickory Run SP, 3613 PA 534, White Haven, PA, George & Linda
Kiesel 908-930-0550, email: gkiesel861@gmail.com

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: region3.airstreamclub.net

Aug 4-10 Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - <http://bigbendflorida.wbcci.net>

Sep 20-22 Rally, Blackwater River SP, Milton, FL, Craig Brinkley 850-447-1457,
email: cbrink@fairpoint.net

Carolinas Airstream Club - carolinas.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-19 NC Mountain Rally, Mountain Stream RV Park, 6954 Buck Creek Rd,
Marion, NC, campground reservations 828-724-9013, email: 0021@wbcci.net

Sep 19-22 VA Rally, Highland Haven Airstream Park, 6517 Highland Haven Rd NE,
Copper Hill, VA, ReserveAmerica.com, email: 0021@wbcci.net

Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - <http://coastalgeorgia.wbcci.net>

Sep 26-29 Rally, Blythe Island, Brunswick, GA, Barry Fuller 229-269-7770, email:
barfull7@aol.com

Florida Airstream Club - <http://floridaunit027.wbcci.net>

Sep 19-23 Joint Rally w/South Florida & FL Treasure Coast, Seminole CG, 8991
Triplett Rd, North Fort Myers, FL, Vicki Digby 239-565-3253, email:
vdigby1@me.com

Florida Springs Airstream Club - <http://floridasprings.wbcci.net>

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - floridasuncoast.airstreamclub.net

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - northernvirginia.airstreamclub.net

Sep 20-22 Virginia Commonwealth Rally, Newport News City Park, Virginia, Greg
Heuer 430-298-4650, email: gheuer@umich.edu

Palmetto State Airstream Club - <http://palmettostate.wbcci.net>

Aug 16-18 Low Country Rally, Barnyard RV Park, 201 Oak Dr, Lexington, SC, Rich
Sabo 864-399-9221, email: richnkay3@yahoo.com

Sep 13-15 Apple Picking Rally, Tom Johnson Camping Center, 1885 US 70 W,
Marion, NC, Rich Sabo 864-399-9221, email: richnkay3@yahoo.com

Piedmont North Carolina Unit - piedmontnc.airstreamclub.net

Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit - <http://shenandoahvalleyofva.wbcci.net>

Sep 12-15 Virginia Commonwealth Rally, Newport News City Park, 13560 Jefferson
Ave, Newport News, VA, Ken Tarrant, email: kentarrant@comcast.net

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - southcarolinacoastal.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Lost in the 60's Rally, Lee SP, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC, Perry Wallace
843-421-4838, email: purry65@gmail.com

South Florida Airstream Club - southflorida.airstreamclub.net

Southeastern Camping Unit - southeasterncampingunit.airstreamclub.net

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - tidewatervirginia.airstreamclub.net

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - <http://topofgeorgia.wbcci.net>

Aug 28-Sep 2 Labor Day Rally/Bus. Mtg. Top of GA Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N,
Helen, GA, Charlotte Williamson 706-485-9331, email:
togpres@gmail.com

Virginia Airstream Club - virginia.airstreamclub.net

Western North Carolina Unit - westernnc.airstreamclub.net

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REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: region4.airstreamclub.net

Aug 21-25 Michigan State Rally, Charlotte, MI
Sep 21-29 Swiss Festival Rally, Sugarcreek, OH

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - akronohio.airstreamclub.net

Aug 6-10 Rally, Top-A-Rise CG, 4267 Dean School Rd, Falconer, NY, Fred Kieh
330-697-0463, email: fred@kiehbuilding.com

Appalachian Unit of West Virginia - <http://www.wbcci.net/>

Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club - <http://cincinnati.wbcci.net>

Columbus Ohio Unit - email: christopher.b.lang@gmail.com

Mahoning Valley Ohio Unit - www.mvou.wbcci.net

Aug 2-5 Wings-n-Wheels Rally, Ernie Hall Aviation Museum, 4033 N River Rd NE,
Warren, OH, Dave & Nancy Brett 330-774-1287, email:
dbrett@zoominternet.net

Sep 5-8 Rally, Willow Lake CG, 3935 N Broadway, Geneva, OH, Rick & Elaine
Richardson 440-812-6490, email: rickelainehq@gmail.com

Miami Valley Unit of Ohio - miamivalleyunitofoh.airstreamclub.net

Aug 7 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn,
OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com

Sep 4 Breakfast 9 AM, Fairborn Family Diner & Rest., 419 N Broad St, Fairborn,
OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com

Sep 13-15 Joint Fall Fest/Installation w/Cincinnati Ohio, Oak Crest CG 937-593-
7211, 4226 Township Rd 187, West Liberty, OH, Lucille Haas 937-638-
6666, email: lucyhaas1937@yahoo.com

Michigan Airstream Club - michigan.airstreamclub.net

Aug 21-25 All Michigan Airstream Club State Rally, Eaton County FG, 1025 S
Cochran, Charlotte, MI, Ken & Anita Briggs 517-543-0636, email:
kabriggs2@att.net

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit

Aug 15-18 Rally, Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln, MI, take US 23 N from Standish, go
through Tawas & Oscoda & proceed N to Harrisville, turn L (W) on M72 at
traffic light in Harrisville, go until you reach Barlow Rd (about 5 mi.), turn
R (N) at Barlow Rd. & continue until you see red & white fence posts on
your L (about 8 mi.), follow the red & white fence posts a short distance
until you reach the Lost Lake Woods Club gate on your L. You must go
to the far R lane marked for guests, pick up phone & punch in 1111 on
the keyboard, this will ring into the club office. Tell them you are with the
Airstream group & they will raise the gate for you. Follow the paved road
(Fox) 1 mi. When you reach the end of the road, turn R (N) and proceed to
the CG a short distance on the R. Bob & Crystal Ruess 989-736-7683,
email: cruess321@aol.com

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - mohicanvalleyohio.airstreamclub.net

Aug 8 Luncheon 1 PM, Golden Corral, 575 N Lexington-Springmill Rd, Mansfield,
OH, Dona Garner 419-566-4951

Sep 5-8 Rally, Penn Wood, Clarion, PA, Findling 419-688-0001
Sep 12 Dinner 5:30 PM, Oak Park Grill, 2919 SR 430, Mansfield, OH, Marty
Weithman 419-468-5004

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit - <https://sites.google.com/view/campnova>

Aug 1-4 Rally, Penn Wood Airstream Park, (see campNOVA.com), 999 Kindel Rd,
New Bethlehem, PA, Alan McDowell 513-943-2026, email:
alanjmcd@gmail.com

Aug 22-25 Escape Room Rally (see campNOVA.com), Lebanon/Cincinnati NE KOA,
760 Franklin Rd, Lebanon, OH, Alan McDowell 513-943-2026, email:
alanjmcd@gmail.com

Sep 12-15 Clifty Falls Campout (see campNOVA.com), Clifty Falls SP, 2221 Clifty Dr,
Madison, IN, Alan McDowell 513-943-2026, email: alanjmcd@gmail.com

Sep 26-29

9th Annual Airbiscuit Anniversary Rally & Chili Cook Off (see campNOVA.com), Guilford Lake SP CG, 6835 E Lake Rd, Lisbon, OH, Loren St. Peter,
email: lwoodruff78@gmail.com

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club -

southeasternmichigan.airstreamclub.net

Sep 13-15

Movie Night Rally, Camper's Haven Family CG, 2326 S VanDyke
Rd, Bad Axe, MI, Robert & Linda Smith 248-284-3627, email:
SEMACmembership@gmail.com

The Western Reserve Camping Unit - www.westernreserve.wbcci.net

Aug 21-25

Tall Ships Festival Rally, Maxwell's Woods, West Springfield, PA, Lake Rd,
W of Springfield, Erie, PA, Joe Maxwell 814-899-1821, email:
mamax4@verizon.net

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website: region5.airstreamclub.net

Sep 4-8

Region 5 Rally, Amboy, IL

Central Indiana Airstream Club -

centralindiana.airstreamclub.net

Aug 16-18

Rally, Mounds SP, 4306 Mounds Rd, Anderson, IN, Charles Mason 317-
525-7897, email: mason.charles@comcast.net

Indiana Airstream Club - indiana.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-18

Buddy Rally, White River CG, 11299 E 234th St, Cicero, IN, Branko
Mijatovich 206-402-8987, email: nined2yk@gmail.com

Sep 14

Fall Installation Luncheon 12:00 PM, Downtown on the Square, 111 S
Main St, Columbia City, IN, Branko Mijatovich 206-402-8987, email:
nined2yk@gmail.com

Kentucky Airstream Club - kentucky.airstreamclub.net

Aug 14-18

Capital Rally, Elkhorn CG, 165 N Scruggs Ln, Frankfort, KY, Campground
Office 502-695-9154

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Aug 16-18

Rock Cut SP Rally, Rock Cut SP, 7318 Harlem Rd, Love Park, IL, Jim &
Margaret Kraner, email: jimkraner@outlook.com

Sep 13-15

Road America Vintage Festival, Road America, N7390 St Hwy 67,
Plymouth, WI, Bob Whitesell, email: whitesellrobert@yahoo.com

Southern Indiana Unit - <http://southind.wbcci.net>

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club - illinoislincolnland.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-19

See It Preserved Rally, Iroquois County FG, GPS address: 1390 E 2000 N
Rd, Watseka, IL (2 mi. N of Crescent City, IL on Rte 49), Bud Lanoue
815-472-3931

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: region6.airstreamclub.net

Oct 1-6

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, AL

Oct 2-6

Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN

Oct 10-14

Region 6 Rally, Muscle Shoals, AL

Alabama Airstream Club - alabama.airstreamclub.net

2nd Mon each month: Dinner 6 PM, Montgomery, AL area, call for directions, Paul Aehnlich
334-277-9647, email: pca2@charter.net

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Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - arkansasrazorback.airstreamclub.net

East Tennessee Airstream Club - easttennessee.airstreamclub.net

Louisiana Airstream Club - louisiana.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Election Rally, Parker Landing, 7577 E Oaklawn Rd, Biloxie, MS, Dale Spillman 225-405-4057, email: laul5880@bellsouth.net

Mississippi Airstream Club - mississippi.airstreamclub.net

Music City Airstream Club - musiccity.airstreamclub.net

Sep 19-22 Election/Installation Rally, TCPC, Jim/Sara Lee 931-652-9230, email: jhlee@mindspring.com

Pensacola Florida Unit - pensacolaflorida.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-18 Story Telling Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

Sep 19-22 Music at the Springs Rally, Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, 591 Mystic Springs Rd, McDavid, FL, Camp Host 850-256-3280, email: mystic.springs@yahoo.com

West Tennessee Airstream Club - westtennessee.airstreamclub.net

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - mogrtrozark.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Fall Rally, Cedar Oaks RV Park, 1550 83rd St NW, Grove, OK 918-786-4303, Rick & Marsha Keith 918-314-1041, email: rmkeith8070@sbcbglobal.net

Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club - <http://kansascityunit.wbcci.net>

Aug 3 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Olive Garden, 105 N Blue Jay Dr, Liberty, MO, Larry & Linda Poage 816-589-6321, email: lpoage@kc.rr.com
Sep 7 Luncheon 11:30 AM, Blue Moose, 525 Wakarusa Dr, Lawrence, KS, Tim & Paula Timmons 785-691-7112, email: ttbikes@aol.com
Sep 26-29 Fall Installation Rally, Cottonwoods RV Park, 5170 N Oakland Gravel Rd, Columbia, MO, Debra Doll 913-219-4317, email: dpdoll01@att.net

Nebraska Airstream Club - <http://nebraskaunit.wbcci.net>

2nd Mon each month except 2nd Saturday in Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct: Luncheon 11:30 AM, Parker's Smokehouse, 16880 Hwy. 6, Ashland, NE, corner of Hwy 6 & 63, James Wright 402-419-1112, email: james@justwrightsharpening.com

Aug 8-11 Joint Buddy Rally w/North Iowa & Iowa units, Lewis & Clark SP, Onawa, IA, Ryan Knowles 402-806-0208, email: golopogos@gmail.com
Sep 27-29 Installation Rally, Stanton Lake CG, Falls City, NE, Ryan Knowles 402-806-0208, email: golopogos@gmail.com

North Iowa Airstream Club - northiowa.airstreamclub.net

Aug 8-11 Tri Unit Buddy Rally w/Iowa & Nebraska units, Lewis & Clark SP, 21914 Park Loop, Onawa, IA, Scott & Jodi Jensen 515-979-0694, email: scottjensen45@aol.com
Sep 5-8 Rally, Freeborn County FG, 1031 Bridge Ave, Albert Lea, MN, Dave & Pat Shaw 515-368-4379, email: theshaws1@gmail.com

REGION 7 Activities

Region 7 Website: <http://region7.wbcci.net>

Aug 7-14 Around the World with Folklorama, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Minnesota Airstream Club - minnesota.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Fall Installation Rally, Hoodoo Point CG, 5788 Hoodoo Point Rd, Tower, MN, call 218-753-6868 for site reservation, Kay Olsson 763-786-4217, email: cwolsson@comcast.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - northdakota.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Installation Rally, Mobridge, SD, Marie Jensen 605-228-4536, email: djensen57401@yahoo.com

Wisconsin Unit - wisc-up.airstreamclub.net

Sep 27-29 Octoberfest Campout, High Cliff SP, N7630 State Park Rd, Sherwood, WI, John & Terri Cooper 920-475-1501, email: jcooper@new.rr.com

REGION 8 Activities

Region 8 Website: region8.airstreamclub.net

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club - greaterstlouis.airstreamclub.net

Aug 22-25 End of the National Road Rally, Timber Trails CG, Mulberry Grove, IL, Kathy & Kevin Welsh 636-230-0247, email: kswelsh8017@gmail.com
Sep 19-22 History Meets Business Rally, Arrow Rock State Historical Park, Arrow Rock, MO, Jane & Hugh Bartlett 573-578-0435, email: elqinmi@gmail.com

Iowa Airstream Club - iowa.airstreamclub.net

Aug 8-11 Tri-Unit Buddy Rally w/North Iowa & Nebraska units, Pottawattamie County Fair CG, 307 W Lincoln St, Avoca, IA, Tom Herron 515-988-4950, email: herrons13007@gmail.com
Sep 12-15 Fun on the River Rally, Illiniwek CG, Hampton, IL, Deb & Doug Ford 309-781-4057, email: rdford5055@gmail.com

REGION 9 Activities

Region 9 Website: region9.airstreamclub.net

Oct 24-27 Texas Country Air Rally, Brownwood, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit

Aug 23-25 Rally, Bonham SP 903-583-5022, 1363 State Park 24, Bonham, TX, Isaac Holmes 214-592-3109

Greater Houston Airstream Club - greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net

Aug 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Rally, Oakwood RV Resort, 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX, Jerry Goodwin 281-787-6687, email: jlg79@comcast.net

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - <http://hotc.wbcci.net>

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North Texas Unit - northtexas.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Rally, Lawton/Fort Sill, OK, Marty Whitehill 940-391-3400, email: whitemar53@gmail.com

Oklahoma Airstream Club - oklahoma.airstreamclub.net

Texas Alamo Unit - texasalamo.airstreamclub.net

Sep 26-29 Fall, Fall is in the Air/Installation Rally, Longhorn Ranch RV Resort, Niederwald, TX, Cathy Willis 210-744-4555, email: capwillis@yahoo.com

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - www.texasairstreamharbor.com

Sep 12-15 Airstream Caravan Experiences Rally, TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX, Nancy Fitzgerald 281-739-5701, email: nefitzge6@gmail.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - <http://thlu.org>

Sep 12-15 Come & Take It Rally!, Goliad SP, 108 Park Rd 6, Goliad, TX, Peter Sajovich 512-293-1871, email: peter@homesofaustin.com

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Texas Hill Country Unit - texashillcountry.airstreamclub.net

Sep 19-22 Business Meeting Rally, Off the Vine RV Park, 301 Magnolia St, Hico, TX, Zephyr Marek 512-446-3866, email: faye_marek@yahoo.com

Texas Plains Airstream Club - texasplains.airstreamclub.net

Aug 21-25 Santa Fe Buddy Rally, Santa Fe Skies RV Park, 14 Brown Castle Ranch Rd, Santa Fe, NM, Johnny & Susan Poff 806-790-3848, email: susanpoff@suddenlink.net / Joan & Larry Luman 806-786-3477 / Rally Coordinator Kevin 505-473-5946

REGION 10 Activities

Region 10 Website: region10.airstreamclub.net

Sep 9-15 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Oct 15-20 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Ketchum, ID

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club - albertasaskatchewancanada.airstreamclub.net

British Columbia Airstream Club - www.airstreambc.com

Sep 6-8 Installation Rally, Claybanks RV Park, Merritt, BC, A. Showrai 604-598-1194

Idaho Airstream Club - idaho.airstreamclub.net

2nd Sat every month: Breakfast 9 AM, Golden Corral, 8460 W Emerald St, Boise, ID, Marilyn Usselman 208-322-8155, email: usselmanm@hotmail.com

Aug 15-18 Officer Installation & Bus. Mtg Rally, Three Island Crossing SP, Bill Sargent 208-230-2033, email: frontrowbilly@gmail.com
Sep 10-26 Oregon Coast Caravan, Darrell Ostyn 208-880-2042, email: celebrityhomes@cableone.net

Montana Airstream Club - montana.airstreamclub.net

Oregon Airstream Club - oregon.airstreamclub.net

Aug 8-11 Paint the Town Rally, The Camp RV Resort, Bend, OR, Brad & Susan Taylor 503-871-7860, email: merc52man@comcast.net
Aug 9-11 Rolling Along the River Rally, N 1st St, Harrisburg, OR, Jay & Cindy Muir 541-760-7431, email: jayleemuir2@gmail.com
Aug 15-18 Casey's Rally by the River, 46443 Westfir Rd, Westfir, OR, Mike & Linda Able 971-222-7339, email: klmab521@gmail.com

Washington Airstream Club - washington.airstreamclub.net

Aug 2-4 Salmon Rally, WLYH, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia, WA, Mark Johnson 360-890-1165, email: markjohnsonis@comcast.com
Aug 16-18 Trailer Bash Rally, Silver Lake Cove, Richard Stolarik, Diane Carpenter 253-212-1223, email: dcarpenter15@yahoo.com
Sep 6-8 Installation Rally, WLYH, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Olympia, WA, Darlene Leslie 360-459-8749, email: gar-dar@hotmail.com

REGION 11 Activities

Region 11 Website: Region11.airstreamclub.net

Sep 26-30 Region 11 Rally, Albuquerque, NM
Oct 4-8 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - arizona.airstreamclub.net

Colorado Airstream Club - colorado.airstreamclub.net

Aug 8-11 La Veta Rally, Circle the Wagons RV Park, 126 W 2nd St, La Veta, CO, Dayna Olivas 720-879-1516, email: daynaolivas@gmail.com
Sep 5-9 Carter Lake Rally, Carter Lake, Berthoud, CO, Susan Campbell 970-449-3059, email: susan@nighthawknest.com
Sep 12-15 Santa Fe Rally, Santa Fe Skies RV Park, 14 Browncastle Ranch, Santa Fe, NM, Jeff Van Bogaert 970-402-9502, email: jvanb@earthlink.net

Four Corners Unit - <http://fourcornersunit.com/>

Sep 19-22 Chilly Chama Whistle-Stop Rally, Little Creel RV Park, Chama, NM, Dan Rossback, email: dgrossbach@comcast.net
Aug 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Silver City Chile Run Rally, Rose Valley RV Ranch rosevalleyrv.com, 2040 Memory Ln, Silver City, NM, off US 180, 2 mi. E of downtown Silver City, Christine Kirk, email: christinekirk60@gmail.com

New Mexico Unit - newmexico.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-17 Great New Mexico Chile-Chili Fest, Leasburg Dam SP, NM, David & Sue Weddle, email: dbweddle@msn.com
Sep 12-15 Rally, Deer Springs RV, Mayhill, NM, Lora & Bob Crumrine 575-308-1030, email: crumrine4rv@gmail.com

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - utahwasatch.airstreamclub.net

Sep 12-15 Flaming Gorge Rally, Pine Forest RV Park at Flaming Gorge, 1100 E Flaming Gorge Resort, Dutch John, UT, Hunt & Megan Williams 435-901-0001, email: rhwmw@msn.com

Wyoming Unit - <http://wyoming.wbcci.net>

REGION 12 Activities

Region 12 Website: region12.airstreamclub.net

Oct 9-13 Region 12 Rally, Bakersfield, CA
Dec 28-Jan 1, 2020 Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Unit - www.centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net

Sep 12-15 Rally, Boulder Creek RV Resort, 2550 S.U.S. Hwy 395, Lone Pine, CA, Dave Temple 661-330-7901, email: dave-temple@gmail.com

El Camino Real Airstream Club - elcaminoreal.airstreamclub.net

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - greaterbayarea.airstreamclub.net

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

Aug 15-19 Morro Bay Rally, Morro Bay SP, 60 State Park Rd, Morro Bay, CA, Pamela Pall 805-235-2809, email: events.glaac@gmail.com
Sep 12-16 Bayfair Rally, Mission Bay, 1404 Vacation Rd, San Diego, CA, Abe Hernandez 760-802-3238, email: rvms2u@yahoo.com

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - laketahoe.airstreamclub.net

Aug 16-19 Rally, Webber Lake CG, Sierraville, CA, Bob Stansbury 775-297-3866, email: burytone@yahoo.com
Sep 27-29 Rally, Genoa Candy Dance, Minden, NV, Bob Stansbury 775-297-3866, email: burytone@yahoo.com

Las Vegas Airstream Club - lasvegas.airstreamclub.net

Northern California Airstream Club - northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net

Aug 6-11 Rally, Olema CG, Olema, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com
Sep 3-8 Rally, Clio River's Edge, Clio, CA, Pat Lazzereschi 209-712-5884, email: plazzereschi@gmail.com

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Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - sacramentovalley.airstreamclub.net

San Diego California Unit - www.airstreamsandiego.com

Sierra Nevada Unit - <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu>

South Coast California Airstream Club - southcoastca.airstreamclub.net

Sep 6-8 Rally, San Diego Metro KOA, 111 N 2nd Ave, Chula Vista, CA, Mark Miller
714-222-9037, email: markmlr880@gmail.com

EUROPE *Activities*

WBCCI Europe Website: -

<http://europe.wbcci.net>



Aug 1-5

Ettie's Field Rally, Ettie's Field, Sibson Road, Ratcliffe Culey, Atherstone, England, Linds Such 44 7817543972, email: linds@ettiesfield.com

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Start: Bethany Beach, DE Stop: Jekyll Island, GA

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Richness of Mexico 1/7-3/17

Start: Nogales, AZ Stop: Nogales, AZ

This caravan highlights the Copper Canyon tour, three days in Mexico City and 3 days in Oaxaca followed by coastal beaches.

Three Mexican Gems 2/7-4/7

Start: Nogales, AZ Stop: Nogales, AZ

Enjoy a unique Mexican experience like no other. We have selected three Mexican gems that simply must not be missed: A 4-day trip by rail up the Copper Canyon, 3 days in Mexico City and a stay in Mazatlán in time to see a carnival.

Georgia Plantations and More Caravan 3/8-3/24

Start: Madison GA Stop: Tallahassee, FL

This short caravan takes place in Southwest Georgia visiting four different types of plantations, attending 'Swamp Gravy' a folk-life play, visiting some unusual museums and enjoying fine Southern food.

Cajun Country 3/10-3/25

Start: Breau Bridge, LA Stop: Lafayette, LA

On the Cajun Caravan you will experience Cajun culture and hospitality at its roots. Enjoy dining on jambalaya, crawfish pie, gumbo and all the other dishes that make Cajun cuisine popular.

Springtime in Kentucky 4/22-5/16

Start: Bowling Green, KY Stop: Renfro Valley, KY

Join us as we show you the beautiful state of Kentucky. During Kentucky Derby week feel the excitement of the "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" and ladies be sure to bring your derby hat.

Golden State 4/30-5/16

Start: Chula Vista, CA Stop: Petaluma, CA

Tour favorite California destinations from San Diego to San Francisco including Yosemite and Lake Tahoe.

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Springtime in the Rockies

5/21-6/16

Start: Estes Park, CO

Stop: Gardiner, MT

Come share in the adventures of traveling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from Rocky Mountain National Park to the many splendors of Yellowstone National Park.

Taste of the Blue Ridge

5/19-6/12

Start: Bryson City, NC

Stop: Greenwood, VA

Bring your camera, binoculars, fishing gear, hiking poles and – most importantly – sense of adventure and come vacation with us in the Blue Ridge Mountains!

Canadian Rocky Mountains

6/19-7/7

Start: Drumheller, Alberta

Stop: Cochrane, Alberta

Travel through the four contiguous National Rocky Mountain parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. Attend the world-renowned Calgary Stampede where we will see the “greatest outdoor show on earth.”

Nor by Nor’East

7/7-8/17

Start: Ashaway, RI

Stop: Cornwall, PEI

The caravan begins in Rhode Island, visits Mystic Seaport and Boston then travels through Canadian maritime provinces before ending in Prince Edward Island.

North to Alaska

Approx. 7/12-9/12

Start: Dawson Creek, BC

Stop: St. George, BC

We will travel the Alaska Highway and will experience the majestic scenery of British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alyeska “The Great Land”.

It’s a New York (State) State of Mind

8/10-9/4

Start: Grand Island, NY

Stop: Croton on Hudson, NY

This is a caravan for the independent traveler – there will be many planned activities but also ample free time to explore your individual interests as we travel through the “Empire State.”

SouthWest Adventure

8/18-10/6

Start: Albuquerque, NM

Stop: Albuquerque, NM

We will visit the four corners region of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona exploring sites other tourists may not see ending with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Watch It Made in America

9/8-10/12

Start: Jackson Center, OH

Stop: Milwaukee, WI

Discover how some well-known products are manufactured starting at the Airstream factory.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East

9/12-9/27

Start: Manistique, MI

Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops including a day on Mackinaw Island and lunch at the Grand Hotel.

Highway 61 Revisited

9/12-10/12

Start: Duluth, MN

Stop: New Orleans, LA

Inspired by Bob Dylan’s album “Highway 61 Revisited”, we travel to southern places known for their musical heritage.

Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond

mid Sept-mid Oct

Start: Bowling Green, KY

Stop: Frankfort, KY

Experience the wonders of bourbon and the beauty of central Kentucky. You will leave with a more refined bourbon palate, ready for more tasting opportunities.

Sho-Me the Ozarks

9/2-10/25

Start: Mountain View, AR

Stop: Van Buren, MO

The region of America known as “The Ozarks” is a cultural and geographically distinct area centered in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sights, events, and food not to be missed.

Gone to Texas

est 9/24-10/27

Start: Amarillo, TX

Stop: Kerrville, TX

The letters GTT were familiar in the United States during the early 1800’s. They meant “Gone To Texas”. Come with us and see why it was the place to be.

Southeast Coast Caravan

10/6-11/7

Start: Bethany Beach, DE

Stop: Jekyll Island, GA

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National Caravan Application

(Please print clearly)

Date of Application: _____ Caravan # _____ Caravan Name _____

WBCCI# _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Pets _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Summer Address: _____

Winter Address (if applicable): _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ Email _____

Type of Airstream: Trailer Motorhome Interstate/B-Van Length of Rig: _____

Ham # (if applicable): _____ Handicapped: Y / N

Amount Enclosed: (US\$) _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: (Caravan Leader's Name) WBCCI Caravan (Caravan Name)
Example: Roy Rogers WBCCI Caravan Travels with Trigger

Mail to the Caravan Leader

REGION 6 RALLY
Where music is made!
North Alabama State Fair
65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
October 10 - 14, 2019

WBCCI # _____ Unit # _____

Name _____

Spouse/Partner/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Parking Site	_____ Nights	@ \$25	=	\$ _____
Airstream w/2 adults		@ \$85	=	\$ _____
Airstream w/1 adult		@ \$50	=	\$ _____
Guest(s)	_____	@ \$35	=	\$ _____

Total Rally Fee \$ _____

Registration deadline is Sept. 11. Early parking begins Monday, Oct. 7. Check-in is Thursday, Oct. 10. Make parking reservations through John Rylee (see address below). Parking sites have full hook-ups. Rally fee includes 1 breakfast and 2 nights of dinner & entertainment. Handicap parking required: Yes _____ No _____

Swampette Tours

Private, half-day tours include bus transportation, driver tips & entrance fees to all three venues - Fame Studio, 3614 Jackson Highway Studio and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Cost is approximately \$50 per person, payable at the rally. *For planning purposes, please indicate the number of persons interested. # people _____*

Make check payable to: Region 6 WBCCI
 Mail form & check to: John Rylee, WBCCI Region 6
 485 Winding Wood Rd, Wetumpka, AL 36093
 Full refunds up to Sept. 11, 2019

STORYTELLING SPECIAL EVENTS RALLY
Camping at Appalachian Fairgrounds
Gray, Tennessee
for the National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 2 - 6, 2019

Names _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____
 WBCCI # _____ Unit _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____
 Handicapped _____ Amount enclosed _____
 Emergency Ph. _____
 Please circle type: MH TR Slideouts Length _____

Fee: \$140 for 5 nights parking w/full hookups for first 30 trailers. Early parking begins Sunday, Sep. 29 at \$28 per night, so come visit the area. **Each person is responsible for obtaining their own tickets to the Storytelling Festival. Directions will be emailed when you register. Call Harry if you do not receive a confirmation email. (Refund minus \$5 cancellation fee.)** For further info contact Harry Herrmann at 865-966-2222 or email: harry22222@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Harry Herrmann
 Mail to: Harry Herrmann
 12275 Warrior Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922

SUN VALLEY JAZZ & MUSIC
FESTIVAL RALLY
River Run Ski Lodge Parking Area, Ketchum, Idaho
October 15 - 20, 2019

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____

No host final dinner Oct. 20 at 5 PM? - # Attending _____

Arrival Date _____ WBCCI # _____

Rally Fees:		Amount
Festival Admission	(\$165/person) x _____	= \$ _____
Parking Fee	\$40 for the week	= \$ _____
Sales Tax (add if <u>not</u> volunteering)	10% of above	= \$ _____
Region 10 Rally Fee	\$10/person x _____	= \$ _____
Sub-Total		\$ _____
Credits for Volunteer Service (12 hrs per person)		
Volunteering	- \$165/person x _____	= (\$ _____)
Parking	\$40	= (\$ _____)
Total Credits		= (\$ _____)

Total Rally Fees (Sub-Total - Credits) \$ _____

Fees include access to bathroom/showers at River Run Chalet and shuttle service to all venues from dry camping lot.

Cancellation Fee Before Oct 5 = \$25; after Oct 5 – at discretion of Host

Make checks payable to: Region 10, WBCCI
 Mail check & coupon to: Tom Usselman #2270
 4821 N Mountain View Dr., Boise, ID 83704

Further info contact – airstream267@gmail.com or 780-964-5444

REGION 11 RALLY
Route 66 RV Resort
14500 Central Ave SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 26 - 30, 2019

Last Name _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit _____
 First Name _____ Spouse/Children _____
 Tri/MH _____ Length _____ Slide: _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Handicap Parking? Y or N _____

Rally Fee \$40 pp (children \$10) # of people _____ Total \$ _____
 (If staying off site, pay rally fee only)

Nightly Rate \$35 # of nights _____ Total \$ _____
 (circle nights) Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Amount Enclosed: TOTAL \$ _____

The Route 66 RV Resort is NEW! All sites are 30/50 amp on concrete pads and have full hook-ups with picnic tables and fire rings. Amenities include: free Wi-Fi, two dog parks, free shuttle service to the Casino, propane available, pickle ball court, volleyball, horseshoes and a resort style pool! The Clubhouse has showers, laundry, exercise room and game tables, free access to the indoor pool and hot tub at the Casino Hotel. We will have full use of the open air rally barn with picnic tables, gas grills, sinks and restrooms. Pets allowed, no fee.

Rally activities include a welcome dinner buffet on Thursday, a Saturday night catered dinner and a pancake breakfast on Sunday, all on site. Also planned, a private Black Jack seminar at the Casino, a potluck breakfast on Friday and an **optional** guided tour (\$5.50 pp) of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center with a museum, native arts shop and Pueblo Harvest Cafe for lunch. Also in the planning is a tour of the Hispanic Cultural Center. If you are planning on attending the Balloon Fiesta, start your fun with us!

Questions to Region 11 President, Patti Reed,
 email: pvreed1@mac.com (add note if needed)

Do not call Route 66 for rally reservations.
 (Call them for additional nights before or after rally.)

Make Checks Payable to: Region 11 WBCCI
 Mail to: Patricia Reed, 4235 Crystal Dr, Broomfield, CO 80023

Rhode Island to the West Coast

Bonnie Hogan & Greg Desnoyers, #3450

It was an incredible trip from Rhode Island to the west coast to attend the International Rally in Salem, OR. We made this into a two-trailer caravan with Augie & Lorraine Reinhardt. A trip of a lifetime with wonderful Airstream lifelong friends. This was a 10 week, 11,000 mile trip.



On the Columbia Icefield Parkway in front of the Athabasca Glacier.
We had left Jasper National Park and were headed to Banff



Entering Yellowstone National Park on June 1,
2018, snowing and 25 degrees



Augie & Lorraine Reinhart and Bonnie Hogan & Greg Desnoyers



Camping in Sioux Falls, SD, with flag from Camping World
flying over our trailer



Trailers parked on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean in
Olympic National Park, Washington.



Sitka Spruce tree in the
Olympic National Park,
Washington

If you have pictures depicting WBCCI caravans and rallies, please share them with us. These pictures may be used for promotional material, the Membership Directory, "Blue Beret" cover, or published in "Club Scenes". Pictures should be of club events. When choosing a photo, consider the potential member and what would entice him/her to join the club. Please include a description of the picture, member names, specific club events, dates, etc. and send to blueberet@airstreamclub.org or WBCCI, PO Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. NOTE: Original photos or .jpg file formats are preferred.



Boondocking in a friend's apple orchard and vineyard in North Carolina - submitted by Maria Harris, #19562



Happy Hour, Arizona Club Rally at Catalina State Park, near Tucson, AZ - submitted by Chuck Cabalka, #6464



2018 Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravanners after initiation as honorary Calgarians - submitted by Deane Collinson, #1077



Snow in Tucson, AZ! - submitted by Pat Brantley, #15403



Nestled among the ancient hemlock, breathing the fresh mountain air of the Alleghenies, listening...bullfrogs, wind rustling the trees, robins calling a mate...we are home - Penn Wood Airstream Park, Limestone, PA - submitted by Charles Don Noderer, #2078



Annual business meeting/rally at Coronado historic site in Bernalillo, NM, 700-year old kiva in background - submitted by Marshall Hall, #12121

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