

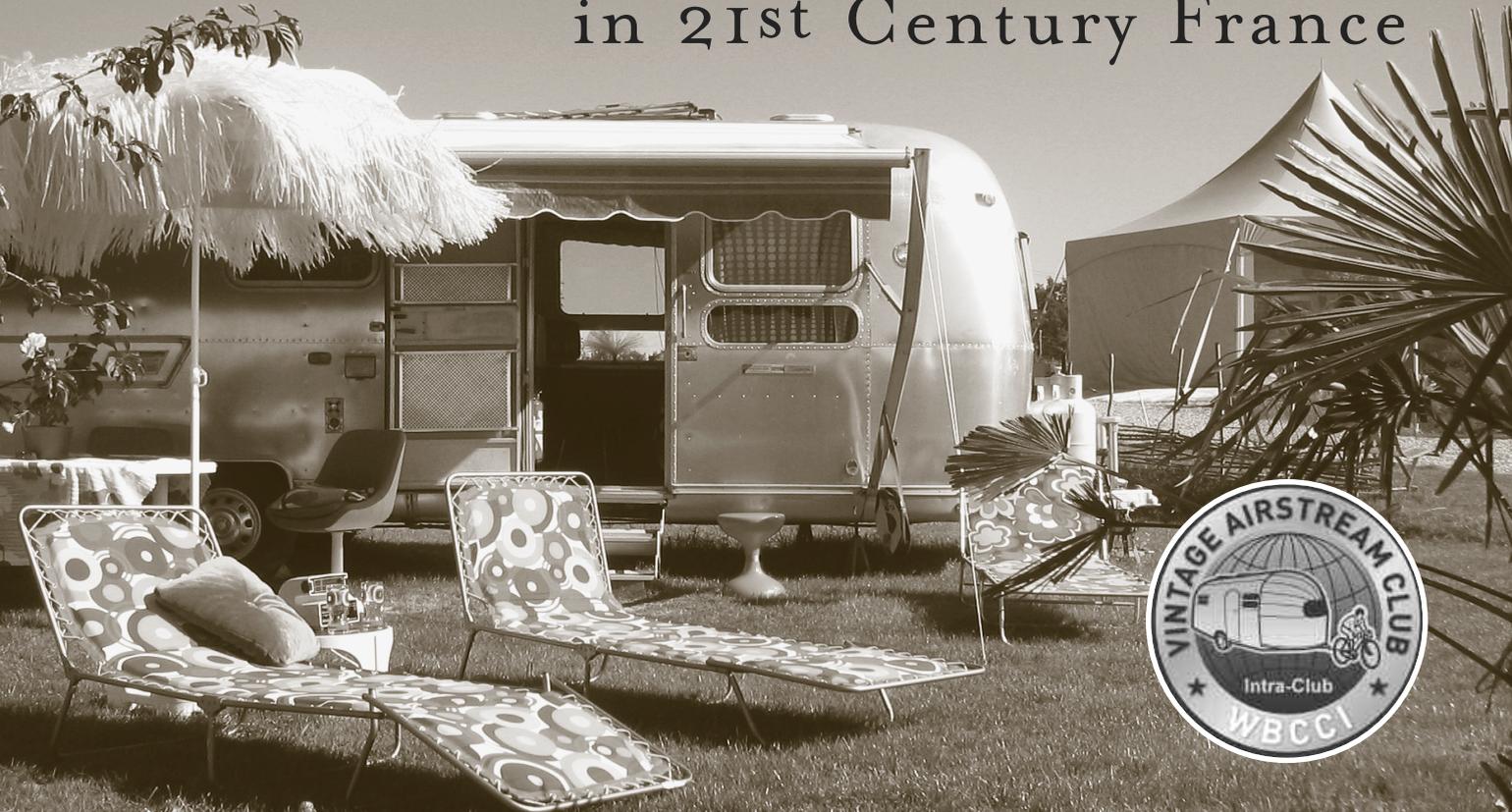
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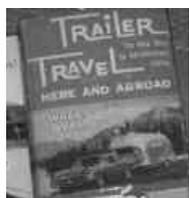
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Shari sitting in
"Maxwell," her
1964 GlobeTrotter.



A message from
VAC President
Shari Davis #1824

Happy **TRAILS** and INTERNATIONAL Dreams.

Seems hard to imagine that the International Rally is upon us again so soon...but it is! That means, this will be my last President's Message. So, I don't want to miss this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers we have that keep the VAC going...both visible and behind the scenes. The visible folks are our Board Members, Regional Representatives, Chairpersons...not to mention all the contributors to this "newsletter" publication. Thanks to all the new talent that has come forth this year...it just about stands on it's own as a fine niche magazine, much more than just a newsletter! I am excited to say, with the addition of the new logo wear (both for us AND our trailers!) we all have the opportunity to be even more visible as a body of vintage Airstream enthusiasts.

Of course, all of the behind the scenes folks are just as valuable – the rally planners, those that make the preparations, reservations, plan the workshops and activities putting in countless hours to make "it" happen. And don't forget the attendees that show up and share their experiences around a campfire. We have met some of our closest friends by working together side-by-side rally planning and hanging out around a campfire. People we would

never have had the privilege to meet had we not gone to that first rally and then the next one, etc.

There is something very comforting to me to know that I am a member of the WBCCI, which has been around for 50+ years! Yes, there is some new competition for Airstream enthusiasts' support through more informal gatherings such as Internet-based "Forum Rallies." I am not dismissing the contribution these gatherings have for those involved, but the one

thing they don't have is the history that we as VAC members embrace. I know some former VAC members have gravitated away, due to earlier tensions with the WBCCI. I truly believe if we as an active club, can focus on the core values of what has brought us together – Airstream Travel Trailers & Motorhomes and the fun that we can have traveling together with them – we will survive and thrive and draw people back in and effect change within the WBCCI...*we certainly can't make an impact if we aren't*

members. As an enthusiastic WBCCI/VAC member, it has always been my desire to help make this club survive another 10, 20, 50 years! I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be a part of the club's legacy as your President this past year!

I know Herb Spies, our President-elect. He is a wonderful ambassador of all things vintage and he loves this club as much as anybody. He and the entire board will serve us well.

This issue of the Vintage Advantage is dedicated to "all things international." The reality is, most of us don't have a lifestyle that enables us to actually participate in the style of true "international" caravans of yesteryear...especially with gas prices hovering around the \$4 mark. You know, it really doesn't matter how far your travels take you... there is something new and exciting to discover everywhere you go, even if it's just a couple of miles from home. You are bound to experience a little pleasure or meet someone you didn't know wherever you go. Just get out and go!

Hope to meet as many of you as I can around a campfire somewhere.

Shari

*"Happy trails to you,
until we meet again.*

*Happy trails to you,
keep smilin' until then.*

*Who cares about the clouds
when we're together?*

*Just sing a song and bring
the sunny weather.*

*Happy trails to you,
'till we meet again."*

— Dale Evans



AWARDS

BUD COOPER BEST OF SHOW TROPHY

named in honor of the VAC founder, Bud Cooper. This traveling trophy has a place to attach an engraved plate with the winners name and year. The Best of Show winner will also get a smaller plaque that recognizes his/her achievement.

BEST TRAILER & TOW VEHICLE

For the best vintage trailer and vintage Tow Vehicle

BILL SCOTT BEST BAMBI

Bill Scott was also instrumental in founding the VAC and had a Bambi.

BEST ENGINEERED FEATURE

For the best improvement to a vintage Airstream or Argosy

TROPHY PLAQUES

will be awarded to each Airstream achieving the required point total levels within each decade (30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s) and for the Heritage class. There are two tiers of competition: JUNIOR and SENIOR for each DECADE class. Once an Airstream wins a JUNIOR level award it will advance to the SENIOR category next year.

Point totals required to be awarded a trophy plaque are:

	JUNIOR	SENIOR
PLATINUM	1-100	93-100
GOLD	81-90	85-92
SILVER	73-80	77-84

Judging Form!

VINTAGE AIRSTREAM CLUB Concours d'Elegance - 2008 - Judging form for Trailer/MH

WBCCI #	NAME	Model	Year
SCORING: 0 Unsatisfactory; 1 Very Poor; 2 Poor; 3 Average; 4 Good; 5 Excellent			
EXTERIOR:			
1. Body Workmanship (dents, scratches, waves, grind marks, panel match, rub strips)			
2. Body Finish (polish/paint/clear coat quality, vents on roof, banana wraps)			
3. Windows/Screens (scratches, cracks, rips/tears, weatherstrips)			
4. Door (paint, polish, rust, hardware, locks, hinges, screen door, folding step)			
5. Tongue/Hitch/Jack/Tanks/Battery Box (paint/polish, tank rack, platform, pigtails)			
6. Wheels/Tires/Spare (Paint, polish, rust, matching tires, hub or centercap condition)			
7. Rear Bumper (paint, polish, dents, rust, creases, exposed frame condition)			
8. Lights & Bezels (clarity, fading, haze, cracks, rust, pits)			
9. General Overall Finish			
UNDERCARRIAGE:			
1. Bellypan: (complete, fastened, clean) & Wheel-wells (clean, paint, rust)			
2. Suspension: axles, shocks, springs, brake backing plates (clean, paint, rust)			
3. Pipes & Lines: (propane, sewer lines, fastened, cleanliness)			
INTERIOR:			
1. Beds/Chairs (neatness, condition of upholstery & bolsters)			
2. Cabinetry/overhead bins/ doors, drawers, tambours, hardware (finish, paint)			
3. Galley/ Appliances/ Sink (cleanliness, finish, paint, condition)			
4. Walls/Ceiling/Vents/Lights / Windows (paint, finish, condition)			
5. Floor / Covering (condition of wood, vinyl, tile, carpet, wear, scratches, stains)			
6. Bathtub, sink, curtain, door, vanity, mirror, toilet (condition, finish, cleanliness)			
7. General Overall Condition			
OVERVIEW:			
1. Judge's Overall Impression - 5 Points max			
2. VAC Decal Display - 1 Point			
			TOTAL

2008 VAC Concours D'elegance and Open House

The Concours D'Elegance has been a part of the VAC gathering at the WBCCI International since the beginning of the Vintage Club in 1993. The Concours is a judged event, much like a car show, open to all Airstreams or Argosys 25 years or older that are registered for the WBCCI International Rally and are being used during the rally. The Concours occurs during the VAC Open House. Participation in the open house and or the Concours is optional of course. The goal of this article is to describe what the Concours is and to encourage participation.

Several judges will visit your Airstream during the open house and judge your Airstream according to set of guidelines or a judging sheet. We will use the same judging sheet that has been used for the last 4 years. It was designed by Hunt Jones to open up the competition to more entries and to set up an objective set of criteria for judging.

The judges will not open drawers, closets or compartments etc. but will examine all that can be readily seen on the inside, outside and underside of your Airstream or Argosy. You will be asked to leave the trailer during the judging so as to allow the judges to freely communicate. The Steward will accompany the judges to each Airstream entered in the competition and you may talk to him but not to the judges unless they ask you a question. Judging for your Airstream will only take a few minutes.

Judging criteria for all Airstreams and Argosys consists of a set of 20 detailed items grouped into four categories. The four groups are: EXTERIOR, INTERIOR, UNDER-CARRIAGE and an OVERVIEW.

Look at the Judging Sheet (pictured opposite). Note the detailed items in each of these groups. Each detailed item will be assessed by the judges and assigned a score from 0 (Unsatisfactory) to 5 (Excellent). So the maximum score for a perfect Airstream would be 100 points. There's also one bonus point that can be earned by displaying the new VAC emblem somewhere in or on your Airstream.

We will have a HERITAGE CLASS this year. This class will allow 30s and 40s Airstreams to enter the Concours and will relax the requirement to use or sleep in the trailer during the rally. These Airstreams in their original form aren't up to modern usability standards (AC, hot showers etc.) This is being done to encourage the owners of 30s and 40s Airstreams to bring and show them at the Concours.

BEST ENGINEERED FEATURE will be back again this year. This award is to recognize significant engineering of improvements to your Airstream or Argosy in honor of Wally's lasting creed "Let's not make changes — let's make only improvements!" For this award, be prepared to do a "show & tell" presentation to the judges. Try to keep it to 3 minutes or less.

Several weeks after the rally, the judging sheets will be mailed to you, if you've supplied the Steward with a self-addressed and stamped envelope during the rally. This judging sheet will give you valuable information on what you should try to improve for next year.

Now let me give you a tip. If you plan on entering the Concours, take the sample judging sheet and evaluate your Airstream before you get to the rally.



Be objective. Then do what you can to improve the items on the judging sheet that you scored low. For instance, if your trailer coupler, propane tanks and jack are rusty, then paint them just before the rally. Or if your belly pan is detached in several places, get out the rivet gun and reattach it. Do what you can to get additional points. I can tell you that when I judged last year, the most points lost were in the undercarriage area, the tongue and rear bumper areas.

If you plan on entering the Concours, you must sign up on the Concours registration sheet at the VAC Tent or by seeing the steward (Herb Spies # 1861) No Later Than 5:00 p.m. the day before the Concours.

And let me conclude with a request. I need 6 judges for the Concours. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO JUDGE IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING AND DON'T WANT TO ENTER THE CONCOURS.

Judging the vintage trailers is fun and SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT MUCH TIME WITH 6 JUDGES this year. You will gain a much a deeper appreciation of the restoration work that has been made to the vintage Airstreams. Please E-mail spies@nwflorida.net if you want to volunteer. See you in Bozeman!





VINTAGE CHIC A LA FRANCAIS

At the Belrepayre Airstream and Retro Trailerpark

When you hear the word Airstream, images probably pop into your head. For example, you may think of aluminum, the great outdoors, a nice campground and of course the Pyrenees mountains.

"Wait a minute," – "Pyrenees Mountains? What does that have to do with Airstream trailers?" Well, if you are Perry and Coline Balfour, owners of Belrepayre Airstream and Retro Trailer park, it has everything to do with Airstreams and airstreaming. Belrepayre is a 17th-century restored farmhouse and a little campsite with a big difference. The campsite welcomes, exclusively, Airstream trailers, vintage trailers and campers.

Billed as the *only* Airstream and retro trailer park in Europe, Perry and Coline have assembled what must be the most one-of-a-kind Airstreaming experience in Europe and perhaps the world. Stocked with 15 vintage

Airstreams from the 50s to the 70s, they are offering a total vintage experience that Perry and Coline like to call "more trailer flash than trailer trash."

Each trailer, or "caravan" as they are called in Europe, has its own awning or a parasol, BBQ, outside table, chairs and sun bed. Inside you will find vintage TV's, vintage dinnerware and whatever else one might need to be transported back into the good old days of airstreaming. And the interior decorations can range from "original" to "redesigned." Of course, for those arriving to the park with their own rig there are additional full hook-ups. Of the visiting Airstreams Belrepayre has had stop by for camping, almost all have been vintage rigs 25-years-old or greater.

The centerpiece of the campground is the Apollo Lounge, a 34-foot Airstream converted into a bar.



Above: Belrepayre owners, Perry and Coline Balfour, pictured inside one of the many vintage Airstream and surrounded by a sampling of their vintage accoutrements.



Perry likes to keep his gatherings interesting. "Last year's meeting was great fun, I did a show: A clown cowboy family in their 50s Airstream picking up an hitchhiker on his way to Las Vegas! We believe that this Airstream community in Europe must stay fun; next year we have crazy plans."

This trailer was designed by a French architect and is perhaps the only one like it in the world. As Perry says – "It's a great meeting place in the campground. Sometimes the bar is covered with different photographs from our clients with their various passions, weather it be vintage sport cars, Airstream or adventures, the Apollo lounge has already been the home of many vintage stories". Some may find an altered Airstream a sacrilege but as Perry puts it – "I love some of these converted Airstreams, I have one myself. But my true passion is in the Airstream traveling spirit. The Airstreams in my camp can all be on the road. I keep the bearings greased."

So, how does one collect 15 vintage units and get them to France? Not easily and certainly not cheaply. It generally involves getting the trailer on a boat and shipping it to Europe. Perry says that the trailers have never been containered prior to shipping and hasn't yet had one damaged during shipping. The last trailer made its way through the Panama Canal. After 6 weeks aboard ship the humidity takes it toll as the trailers tend to smell stale and musty upon arrival – nothing a little fresh air and cleanup can't solve.

Now with so many trailers, what is the next step? Well, Perry is a vintage enthusiast and wants to start to really refurbish his brood. "If I had my own way and the time, I will rip out all that old fiber glass insulation and replace it with organic material, like cork. But in the future we shall not get bigger but better." And indeed that is happening already as they are starting to upgrade some of the trailers with organic material such as natural flooring. The goal is to work on the retro details of the trailer park and bring a lot more nature into the story.

Besides keeping his trailers in top shape, Perry has plans for keeping the Airstreaming community in Europe running strong. But that is proving to be a difficult prospect. Perry notes that there are 3 types of Airstreamers in Europe:

- ▲ The one who has an Airstream and want to be part of everything and is fun.
- ▲ The other are Airstreamers who use their trailers as mobile studios or for publicity. They own an Airstream but have no intention of being part of the Airstream community as it is ownership purely for business.
- ▲ And then you have the Airfrimeurs (frimeur means show off, our equivalent of a poser). This is an Airstreamer in Europe who thinks he is the only one to own an Airstream in Europe and goes places just to show off and would not come to a meeting as it might dilute their dream.

But I will continue to have fun with these wonderful things as Wally Byam would have liked." 🐦

Opposite: Campers have saddled-up to the Apollo Bar, located centrally in the campground — this bar is fit for NASA astronauts and is the hub of entertainment for all campers.

Below: A bird's-eye view of Belrepayre.





Located in the south of France near Mirepoix and Toulouse, the Pyrenees Mountains form the natural border between France and Spain, and completely engulf the tiny nation of Andorra. Home of the Basque, the mountains extend for about 270 miles from the Bay of Biscay to the Mediterranean Sea. The highest point is Pico de Aneto at 11,168 ft. (3,404m).

Resources:

AirstreamEurope.com

ariege.com/mirepoix/info.html

wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyrenees

Go there... do that...

Getting around France is exceedingly simple. To get to Belrepayre directly, you can fly from Paris to Carcassone Airport, 50km away, or even Toulouse Blagnac Airport, 90k away. But for the cost and romance of it all, nothing beats going by rail.

From the 2 major airports in Paris, Orly and Charles de Gaulle, shuttles are available to take you to any number of train stations where you can quickly board a train to your final destination or very close to it. The cost of rail travel is not expensive, especially when you consider the cost of a taxi or even renting a car.

The train stations have kiosks where you can purchase your tickets and all of them are programmed in a dozen languages, including english.

From Orly airport you take the "C" line train to Gare d'Austerlitz. From there you can travel directly to Pamiers or Castelaudary, a short taxi ride away from Belrepayre.

If you are coming in from Charles de Gaulle you take a shuttle from the airport to Gare Montparnasse. You will first make a few stops at Gare de Lyon and Gare du Nord. This 1 hour shuttle ride affords you an excellent view of downtown Paris. At Montparnasse you will travel to Toulouse Matabiau and from there transfer trains to your final destination of Pamiers or Castelaudary.

On your return you should plan to spend some time in Paris. No transportation in Paris? No problem, the subway system "**METRO**" is simple to navigate and inexpensive. Buy a booklet of 20 tickets and you are free to explore every corner of the city.

No trip to Paris would be complete without a stop at the Louvre. You should plan an entire day to explore the halls of this fantastic art museum. The antiquities there are among some of the most beautiful creations in the world. Be sure to wear good walking shoes. There is a direct Metro stop at the Louvre – very convenient!

Of course you should also plan to take an elevator ride up to the top of the Eiffel Tower. And you are only a few short blocks away from Cathédrale Notre Dame de Paris. If your time in Paris is short, one way to see the sites and feel like you've seen it all is to take a ride on one of the numerous river boats (bateaux) on the River Seine. You will spend just over an hour learning about Paris and it's history.

All in all, there is so much to do and see in France. If you are going to Belrepayre, tap into your adventure spirit, like Wally did, and see everything! 📷



Resources:

louvre.fr/

bateauxmouches.com/

This river boat line leaves from Pont de l'Alma, rive droite (right bank). It is our personal favorite but

there are many others to choose from – including many with dinner cruises and live entertainment.

raileurope.com

paris-live.com/

Eiffel Tower web-cam!



Above: Inside the train station Montparnasse; La Tour Eiffel (Eiffel Tower) seen from a tour boat on the Seine; Exterior façade of the Notre Dame de Paris.

Middle row: La Joconde (the French name for the Mona Lisa) at the Musée du Louvre; Glass pyramid exterior of the Louvre; The Eiffel Tower from a tour boat on the Seine.

Bottom row: The Winged Victory of Samothrace, also called the Nike of Samothrace, inside the Louvre.

**Excerpts from the WBCCI
“First-Timer Hints”**

Items needed - don't leave home without:

- 5/8" white hose for drinking water
- 5/8" free flowing “Y” hose connector

#4. What about utility services?

Note: Arrive with a full fresh water tank and empty gray and black tanks.

Disconnect your RV from your tow vehicle.

Water Hook-ups: Be sure you have a 5/8" white hose for drinking water. Also a 5/8" free flowing “Y”. Water is passed from RV to RV and “Y” that have built in shut-off valves restrict the flow of water. (Before leaving your RV to go explore, place your water hose outside and turn off all faucets in the RV. So that when water is available, your neighbors can connect up.)

Important: Do not connect your neighbor's water hose to their RV.

Electric: Be sure your batteries are in good condition as it may be one or two days before electric service is available. If you have 3-amp power, it will keep your batteries charged so you can have lights and use your gas furnace, TV, charge shavers, toothbrushes and nothing else! (NO air conditioners, coffee pots, toasters, microwaves or other electric appliances). Be sure your water heater and refrigerator are used only on gas!

Important: Do not connect electric to your neighbor's RV - a fire could result.

If signed up for 30-Amp power, the Electric Committee will run the lines behind your unit from the generator.

Have your plug ready and wait for the Electric Committee member to tell you to connect. You are responsible to plug in your own cord.

Sewer: One of the stickers you receive designates the cycle your unit will be pumped. See the article from the Sanitation Chairman in the “Blue Beret” for complete instructions. Absolutely no waste water on the ground.

There will be a tank in the Vintage section for dumping blue boys.



*100,000th Airstream next to an "earlier-model,"
1936 Clipper, outside the factory in Jackson Center.*



*Center: A recent
picture of the Excella
with Lisa, one of
the new owners, on
their first journey.*



*The crew pictured with the Excella —
proud faces!*

100,000th AIRSTREAM

NUMBER 6848

In 1982, Mr. Schauer received a call from his local Airstream dealer that an Excella II was available for purchase. Mr. Schauer was ready to downsize after having owned a 1960 Overlander, a 1969 Ambassador and a 1975 Excella, 31-foot trailer.

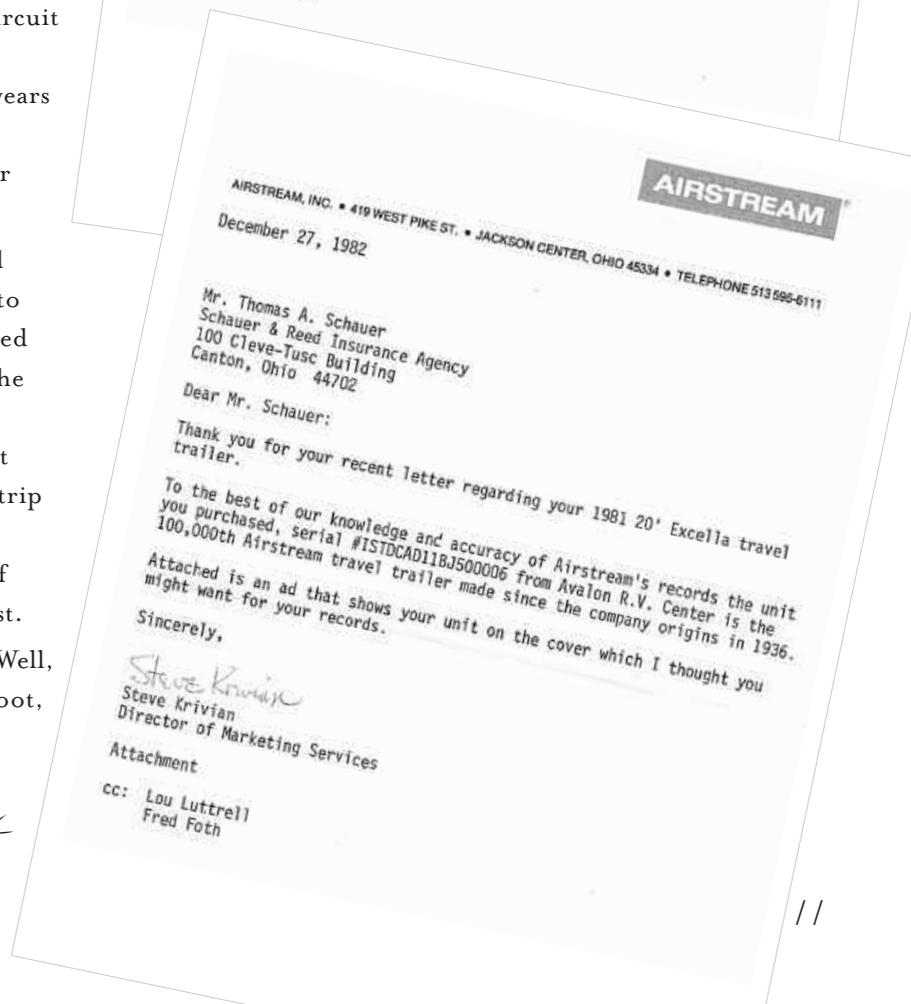
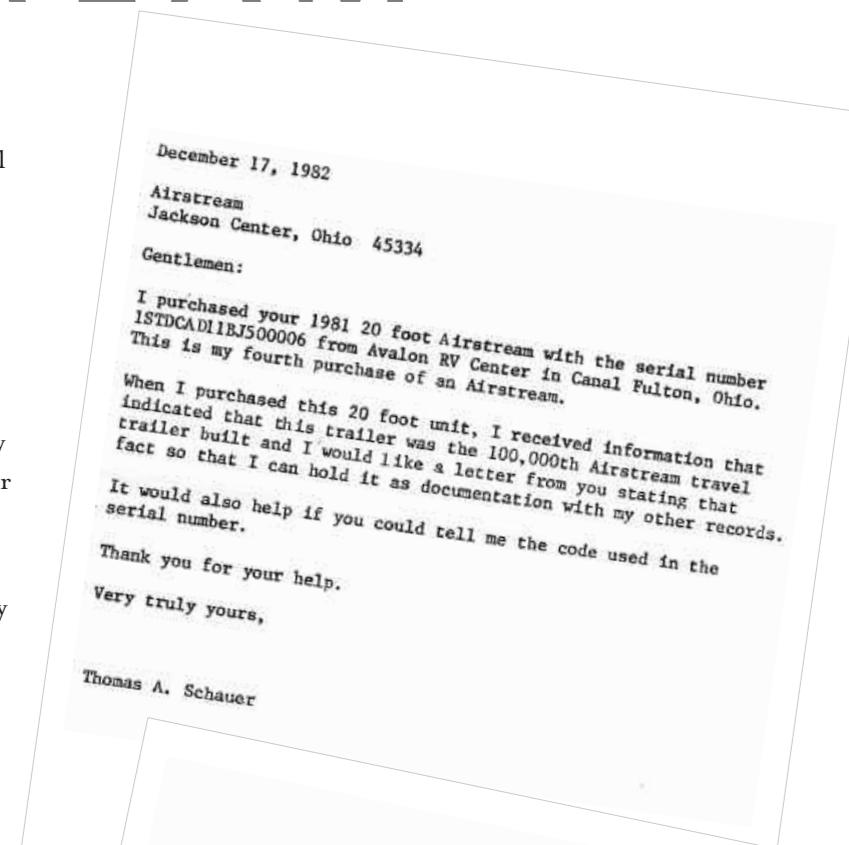
In the past, with the family Mr. Schauer camped practically every weekend from Easter through Memorial Day and again from Labor Day through Thanksgiving. This included one summer trip each year lasting 2 weeks. But with his kids grown up there was less need for a large trailer.

It was in 1982 that he was offered an opportunity to purchase a trailer that had already seen some miles. This trailer was special. It was Airstream's 100,000th trailer. It was on the RV Show circuit for the past year. Now ready for purchase Mr. Schauer bought it and enjoyed it for 8 years until he purchased a 1990 Airstream Classic 345 LE Motorhome. At that point the trailer went into heated storage.

What becomes a trailer of such historical significance? Well it was passed from father to son. In May, 2007 – David Schauer purchased the trailer from his father. And because of the near perfect storage, this trailer was ready for the road. David has already used his most historical unit to travel to Ohio twice and a trip to Tennessee. David states that each time he has traveled in it, he has enjoyed showing off this unique trailer to all who show an interest.

So what becomes of the senior Schauer? Well, he is still hitting the road in his 2000, 19-foot, B-Van at the tender age of 80 years old!

The Schauer's are keeping the tradition of the Big Red Numbers alive and well! 🌞



Yellowstone National Park

EST. 1872



Established on March 1, 1872, Yellowstone National Park was the world's first national park, set aside to preserve the vast number of geysers, hot springs and other thermal areas, as well as to protect the incredible wildlife and rugged beauty of the area. Prior to the establishment of the National Park Service, the U.S. Army protected Yellowstone between 1886 and 1918. Fort Yellowstone was established at Mammoth Hot Springs for that purpose.

The Park is located mostly in the state of Wyoming — in the northwest corner — though it also extends into Montana and Idaho. The park spans an area of 3,472 square miles (8,987 km), comprised of lakes, canyons, rivers and mountain ranges.

The park was the first of its kind, and amongst the rich natural features, it is best known for the Old Faithful Geyser.

Record-setting size continue with Yellowstone Lake, it is one of the largest high-altitude lakes in North America and is centered over the

Yellowstone Caldera, the largest supervolcano on the continent. The Yellowstone Caldera is considered an active volcano and it has erupted with tremendous force several times in the last two million years.

Impressively, *half* of the world's geothermal features are in Yellowstone. Lava flows and rocks from volcanic eruptions cover most of the land area of the region. The park is the centerpiece of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and this is the largest remaining, nearly-intact, ecosystem in the Earth's northern temperate zone.

Yellowstone has been tested and proven as a land of wonders. 20 years ago, 248 separate lightning-strike and man-made fires burnt 1.4 million acres of the park. On August 20, 1988, 150,000-acres burned in one day, being fanned by 60 m.p.h. winds.

Queen's Laundry Geyser Temp 192°F. Dimensions 90x135 feet. Depth 26 feet. A member of the Sentinel Meadows Group located on Sentinel Creek. To see it requires a short hike - 1.75 miles west of Fountain Flat Drive. In 1880, while constructing a road across Fountain Flats, P.W. Norris noticed steam rising along Sentinel Creek. The construction crew discovered the large pool with a drainage channel cool enough for bathing. They strung up their brightly colored clothing on stumps and branches and the camp cooks "dubbed it the Laundry."



Jim Peaco

Natural history,
wildlife,
geographic
wonders and awe!

Despite the damage done, Yellowstone is now showing remarkable signs of recovery.

Since administration of the park was transferred to the National Park Service, hundreds of structures have been built and are protected for their architectural and historical significance. Researcher has also been done at more than 1,000 archaeological sites throughout the area.

The weather in Yellowstone National Park can change very rapidly from sunny and warm to cold and rainy, so it's important to bring along extra layers of clothing which can be used as needed.

Typical summer daytime temperatures are often in the 70s F (25C) and occasionally in the 80s F (30C) in lower elevations. Nights are usually cool and temperatures may drop below freezing at higher elevations. Thunderstorms are common in the afternoons.



Winter temperatures often range from zero to 20° F (-20 to -5C) throughout the day. The record low temperature is -66° F (-54C). Snowfall average is 150" per year!

WHAT TO SEE IN THE WESTERN REGION OF THE PARK (MIDWAY AND LOWER GEYSER BASIN TO OLD FAITHFUL VISITOR CENTER):

Firehole Canyon Drive and Firehole Falls

National Park Mountain Where the Madison and Firehole rivers meet. As legend has it, this is where the idea came about to preserve Yellowstone as a National Park.

GEYSER BASINS, INCLUDING OLD FAITHFUL

Upper Geyser Basin

The most popular visitor area in the park, the Upper Geyser Basin is home to the largest number of geysers in the park, with over 100 located within a one square mile area.

Old Faithful Geyser

Check-in at the Visitors Center, where they maintain an Eruption Schedule!

The Facts:

- Eruptions vary from day to day and year to year
- Since March 2003, the eruption length ranges from 1.5 to 5 minutes and the average interval between eruptions is 94 minutes
- Old Faithful's height ranges from 106' to more than 180', and average is 130'
- Earthquake activity will effect eruption length, height and interval
- 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of water are expelled each eruption
- Just prior to eruption, water temperature at the vent is 204° F/(95.6° C)
- Old Faithful is a cone geyser, which erupts in a narrow jet of water

Boardwalks allow access to the most interesting areas. **DO NOT LEAVE THE TRAILS**; the ground here is thin and unstable and boiling pools of water are just under the surface.

Old Faithful The world's most famous geyser, with large eruptions occurring an average of about once every hour-and-a-half. Despite its reputation for having eruptions you can set a watch to, the timing between each eruption has actually been increasing over the past several decades.

Rangers are able to predict the geyser's eruptions to within about 10 minutes, provided the duration of the previous eruption is known.

Other geysers in Upper Geyser Basin that are well enough understood to be predictable (sort of!) are **Grand Geyser** (probably the finest predictable geyser in the park), **Castle Geyser**, **Daisy Geyser** and **Riverside Geyser**. Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Center for prediction times, which will have uncertainties of an hour or so associated with them, sometimes more.

Lower Geyser Basin

Unlike Upper Basin, most active areas here are accessible by car. **Great Fountain Geyser** is the largest geyser in this group, is easily reached by car, and is well enough



Grand Prismatic Spring A birds-eye view.

understood to be predicted, after a fashion; check at the Old Faithful visitor center, and when you get to the geyser, check the bulletin board again, as its behavior allows periodic updating of the predictions.

Midway Geyser Basin

This geyser basin is on a hill overlooking the Firehole River. The runoff from the geyser's thermal features flows into the river and leaves steaming, colorful trails in its wake.

See "YELLOWSTONE," on p. 14

Rally Site MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY MAPS

Full Campus Map of MSU is at:

<http://tbi.montana.edu/mars/pdfs/detailed-campus%20map.pdf>

Interactive four-color detail map is at:

<http://www.montana.edu/campusmap/#>

Tentative VAC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fri	27 Jun	10 AM	VAC PARADE into rally site
Sat	28 Jun	8 AM	VAC Board Mtg
Sat	28 Jun	9:45 AM	VAC Seminar #1
Sun	29 Jun	1-3 PM	VAC OPEN HOUSE & CONCOURS
Tue	1 Jul	8:30AM	VAC Seminar #2
Tue	1 Jul	9:45 AM	VAC Membership Mtg & Installation
Wed	2 Jul	8:30 AM	VAC Board Mtg #2
Wed	2 Jul	9:45 AM	VAC Concours Award Presentation
Thu	3 Jul	1 PM	VAC Seminar #3

Full Rally Schedule is at:

[http://www.wbcc.org/documents/2008 Bozeman Program.pdf](http://www.wbcc.org/documents/2008%20Bozeman%20Program.pdf)

Other Rally information is at:

http://www.wbcc.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=International_Rally

More VAC INT’I RALLY INFO

From Herb Spies

1. We will have porta-potties provided by WBCCI
2. We will be provided a wash water dump tank near our parking area as Montana is a NO WASH WATER ON THE GROUND state.
4. We will be parked near the soccer field on gravel or grass. 3 Amp and 30 Amp will be adjacent to each other.

Note: this may change as it has already once before. The quest is for a site big enough to hold us and to accommodate the open house visitor parking. Early parking in the VAC area will not be possible as the generator won't be turned on till the VAC caravan arrives on Friday, 27 Jun. Early workers who want to park in the VAC area will have to move once the parade arrives.

5. We will have tram service available to the auditorium and other rally facilities.
6. The university dining hall will be open to us for meals.
7. Since the rally is on University property, alcohol is banned at events. Alcohol around your Airstream is OK.
8. There are about 30 reservations in hand (with check) for the KOA the night before the parade, so the party is on!

Cross-Country



Jim Peaco

YELLOWSTONE, cont.

Grand Prismatic Spring Perhaps this geyser basin’s most famous feature, this is a mass of sapphire blue hot water with bands of yellow and orange around its edges. This spring is more than 300 feet across.

Excelsior Geyser once had such violent eruptions that it seems to have blown itself up. This geyser hasn’t erupted in years, but it still discharges over 4000 gallons of water per minute into the nearby Firehole River.

Lone Star Geyser Basin

This and the following are more “Do” than “See,” as they require some hiking to reach them. The route takes off from the loop road south of Upper Geyser Basin and follows an old, now-closed road for a total of about 3 miles (5 km). Bicycles can make it most of the way to Lone Star.



Resources:

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/>

Look for the “View Map” button and the “Plan Your Visit” link.

[yellowstoneassociation.org/](http://www.yellowstoneassociation.org/)

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia/yellowstonelive.htm>

Old Faithful LIVE Web cam – Be there now!

Vintage Reading Corner

There are ways to enjoy our vintage Airstream lifestyle that needn't involve owning, restoring, or showing off a vintage Airstream. One of the most accessible and least expensive ways to enjoy this great hobby is through the written word. Without a doubt more has been written about Airstreams and the Airstream lifestyle than about any other brand of RV. Everyone may have their favorite place to read, but for a moment just imagine sitting under the awning in some scenic locale, relaxing with a good book and your favorite beverage. For many of us, nothing could be more relaxing. And if the reading material happens to be about our favorite topic, all the better. For those that enjoy this way to unwind, there are many different vintage reading opportunities – there is a book or magazine for every taste. All one needs to do is ask around or surf the internet to turn up several possibilities.

The place many vintage readers might want to start is with one of the books written by Wally Byam himself. There are but two titles that fall into this category, with *Trailer Travel Here and Abroad – The New Way to Adventurous Living*, being the easier to obtain. This book combines a little Wally Byam philosophy, with some trailering know how, and quite a bit of Caravan adventure. Originally published in 1960, it was available for many years through the Wally Byam Store at Airstream Dealers, so copies are fairly easy to come by.

After that start, maybe you will want to expand your reading about the great caravans of the past. If so, you can start with the vintage caravan adventure books *Cape Town to Cairo* by Lillie B. Douglas and *Thank you Marco Polo – The Story of the First Around the World Trailer Caravan* by McGregor Smith, Jr. And after you finish these two, there are

others about Airstream caravans to Europe and Mexico and Central America that you can pursue. Relaxing your book selection criteria slightly will yield several other vintage books about the Airstream lifestyle like *Retire to Adventure* by Harrison Karr.

Or, perhaps you are more of the coffee table book type. In that case, there are the ever present *Airstream – History of the Land Yacht* by Brian Burkhart and David Hunt and *Wanderlust – Airstream at 75* by Russ Banham (editor), the second of which can even be had with a riveted aluminum cover. These books may have been published in



recent years, but they provide many great vintage photographs and history about the Airstream lifestyle. And after those two, there are other less well known choices to pursue, if you desire.

Maybe your tastes are not limited to only Airstreams. In that case there are several vintage books about non-Airstream trailer travel adventures to be found and there are multi-brand vintage trailer coffee table books, too. There are even similar books in both categories devoted strictly to motor homes. Your vintage trailer and RV book choices are almost endless.

Another class of books that will appeal to some readers are novels that feature Airstreams in their titles or plots, of which

there are several, including *Going Nowhere Fast*, a mystery by Gar Anthony Heywood. And there are also several non-fiction books that feature Airstreams in one way or another, like *My Life on Wheels* by Art Rouse. Most of these books have been written in recent years and may have more of a contemporary focus, but they are still enjoyable to read.

And if you are really afflicted with this need to read, you can go beyond books to magazines, magazine articles, brochures, and other Airstream and WBCCI

ephemera. When one starts looking for vintage magazines, there are dozens of articles to be found about Airstream caravans, rallies, and new product reviews going back to the mid 1950's and continuing to this day. Perhaps the most famous of these is the June 1957 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC article *Through Europe by Trailer Caravan* about the 1956 European Airstream Caravan. There is no definitive list in this category as new discoveries are being made all the time. Because of this, in this category perhaps more than any other, the search is half of the fun. And if you expand your interests to material published by Airstream and WBCCI, there are many other types of documents to collect including newsletters, rally books, brochures, catalogs, and much more.

Suffice it to say that this short article only begins to scratch the surface about vintage reading opportunities. I hope to make this a recurring column in the VINTAGE Advantage, delving a little deeper into each of the various vintage reading categories in future articles so that others can experience the same thrills that I do every time I get a new piece of Airstream related reading material. Sometimes, the simple pleasures are the best. 

SAVING AN AMERICAN ICON ONE RIVET AT A TIME.

First Annual Vintage Airstream Restoration Rally

Hosted by the Four Corner Unit in Albuquerque, New Mexico

What do you get when you take 50 vintage Airstream enthusiasts, mix well with knowledgeable presenters on various restoration topics, and add one great location? The First Annual Vintage Airstream Restoration Rally hosted by the WBCCI's Four Corners Unit in Albuquerque, New Mexico, held April 25-28.

The rally, a brainstrom of vintage Airstream owner and charter member of the FCU, Ken Johansen, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, began in early January, as he looked for an appropriate site and appointed a committee to assist with all aspects of putting together a rally of this size and content.

Choosing the rally site was a simple decision. Over the past few years, Johansen and his wife, Ellyn, hosted or attended rallies at the Enchanted Trails RV Park in Albuquerque. The park, owned by Vickie Ashcraft, with its early history on Route 66 as a trading post, was the perfect choice for a vintage Airstream rally. Originally located on historic Route 66, Enchanted Trails had been moved, brick by brick prior to building the new interstate in the 1960s. It now stands just a short distance off

Interstate 40 on the west end of Albuquerque. Vickie graciously opened her park and the clubhouse to the vintage aficionados providing the meeting space and a well-appointed kitchen. She immediately made all attendees feel right at home.

The topic presenters were hand picked by Johansen based on their knowledge and ability in their fields. By the end of the first day, it was obvious to all the degree of expertise the presenters possessed. In addition to the speakers, a top-notch organizing team was created to ensure a smooth running rally and included Jackie Lange, Kip Eagan, Lynda Polk, and Uwe Salvender.

By late Thursday afternoon, participants had begun to arrive from around the United States. While most enthusiasts came from New Mexico, California, Arizona, Colorado and Texas, others came from as far away as Vermont and Georgia.

In addition to those who signed up for the rally, the shiny vintage Airstreams caught the attention of a few Airstream owners passing by on Interstate 40 who made the effort to turn back to see what was happening at the park. On Friday evening, William, an Airstream devotee from Alberta, Canada, returning from Southern California with his new find,



a 60s-era Overlander, stopped by the park to share his gem and to say hello.

The rally kicked-off with a dinner on Friday where everyone had an opportunity to meet and share his or her own Airstream projects under renovation. Classroom instruction began on Saturday morning with Uwe Salwender, of Orange, California and Luke Bernander, of Fort Collins, Colorado, who provided an engaging discussion on brakes and axles, complete with rusty examples of axles and brake drums. Bernander, with a degree in Automotive Technology and experience in the design, building and modifying of trailers, along with Salwender and his company, Area 63 Productions, which refurbishes metal trailers, have many years of Airstream ownership and experience.

Next up was Kip Eagan of Arvada, Colorado who gave an in-depth presentation on riveting, sheet metal and the tools necessary to tackle the job. Eagan's extensive work with over 35 years in the aircraft industry made him the obvious choice for this topic. In the afternoon, the seminars moved outdoors where Kip, assisted by Roger Moseley, headed up a hands-on demonstration of riveting and sheet metal work. Participants were encouraged to utilize the tools provided and try their hand at riveting and sheet metal work under Kip and Roger's guidance.

Later that day, an on-site demonstration given by Levon Register of Colbert, Georgia, covered a topic near and dear to all vintage Airstream owners, how to get the perfect polish and shine to these vintage coaches! Since his retirement, this master polisher spends time refurbishing Airstreams and pursuing other hobbies.

Sunday morning, following a wonderful pancake breakfast, the classroom seminars began again with Salwender who gave insight into plumbing and tanks for Airstreams. Tank design issues were identified and the proper installation of tanks into vintage Airstreams was well covered.

Matt Worner of Sedan, New Mexico, provided an informational overview of the electrical system of an Airstream. With his extensive knowledge of electrical systems, Matt answered questions from attendees.

Also on hand was Jim Polk who gave an informal presentation on documenting and appraising of vintage Airstreams. Polk, a member of the American Society of Appraisers, noted that value trends have increased significantly over the past few years and how imperative it is to keep up with documenting the level of restoration done on an Airstream. This will assist your insurance carrier, he stated, in not only obtaining the correct amount of insurance coverage for your vintage Airstream but ensuring you are properly compensated should you suffer a loss.



Next up was Ed Frink who provided an excellent presentation on restoration of Airstream windows. Frink, who is currently in the process of restoring his own 1958 Overlander, captured the attention of all attendees with photos documenting the window restoration process. This is a time-consuming procedure that involves many man-hours in both repair and online research to find the right window.

Sunday afternoon everyone gathered around Blake Starr's 1966 Caravel for a solar demonstration. His interest in solar began in 1967 and today his home is outfitted with enough solar to power his major appliances. Everyone appreciated his expertise, especially those who prefer boon docking and solitude to "plugging in" at the RV park.

The evening provided all attendees an opportunity to gather around the barbeque and discuss the weekend's events. It was unanimously agreed that the extensive and thorough information provided in both the classroom seminars and the hands-on demonstrations, along with numerous handouts, was well received. The First Annual Vintage Airstream Restoration Rally had exceeded everyone's expectations and it was determined the rally should continue next year.

And what vintage Airstream rally would be complete without seeing Lucille Ball's 1953 performance in, "The Long, Long Trailer"? Many chuckled loudly as they could relate to the mishaps Ball experienced in the film with her trailer. Following the movie, it was lights out for most attendees. However, the midnight oil could be seen burning in Ken Johansen's 1958 Overlander as he pondered the Second Annual Vintage Airstream Restoration Rally. 🐛

Note: In addition to outstanding presenters, and Vickie Ashcraft at the Enchanted Trails RV Park, the organizing committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the people and organizations that helped to make the rally such a success. This includes: Vintage Trailer Supply, Camping World of Albuquerque, Dexter Axle, Ken Levan, and Lew Farber, Master Tech RV Service.



Excerpts from the WBCCI "First-Timer Hints"

#3. What happens when I arrive?

A map with directions to the rally site is in the spring issues of the "Blue Beret." Red and white WBCCI signs will direct you when approaching the site. If the arrow is pointing up and on the right side of the red and white sign, a right-hand turn is next. If the arrow is on the left, a left turn is approaching. Follow these signs to the Bull Pen.

Normally, parking hours are 8 AM to noon and 1 to 4 PM daily except Sunday. If you arrive before or after these hours, expect to stay in the Bull Pen. There are no hookups!

As you approach the "gate" (usually a small tent), have your pre-registration receipt in hand for the greeters to check and your cards in the windshield. If you have not pre-registered, Entry Verification will collect the necessary unpaid fees and give you a stub to take to Registration after parking.

There will be volunteers directing traffic and Entry Verification greeters will:

1. Ask for your receipt and collect unpaid fees
2. Ask if you:
 - have a dog and/or a generator
 - have a doctor's certificate for handicap parking
 - are on a Committee or are a Teen Queen Participant
 - are a Unit, Region or International Officer

After checking your registration, the greeters at Entry Verification will assign the section for you to park in and will place colored stickers on your windshield. You will then be directed to a temporary holding area. The Parkers will lead you to your designated parking site after parking RVs that arrived earlier. Please be patient.

Fill out the pink copy of your Registration Receipt form with emergency contact information before you proceed to Registration and verify that all information is current and correct. Do not separate – keep the three copies intact. Take the copies along with your site and row number to Registration.

Arriving with a caravan? You must be pre-registered to enter the rally grounds with a caravan. Once a Caravan has entered the Rally site, it no longer is a caravan. The parkers try to keep a Caravan together, but cannot guarantee that you will park with the group. Sometimes it is impossible, due to utility services each one has requested.

When you arrive at your parking site: You'll see people waving red flags at you. Just follow their directions – they will guide you magically to your exact spot.

April 30, 2008

2007-2008 Annual Report to the International Board of Trustees VAC Intra-Club

Submitted by Shari Davis (#1824) – 2007/2008 President

This year has produced a lot of new talent and involvement from VAC members. We have welcomed a new VINTAGE Advantage Editor, Membership Chairman, Technical Advisor, Quartermaster and several new Regional Representatives. These coupled with the continued generosity of the entire body of volunteers involved; make the VAC one of the thriving Intra-Clubs of the WBCCI.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2007/2008 CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- President - Shari Davis (#1824)
- 1st Vice President – Herb Spies (#1861)
- 2nd Vice President – Fred Delaney (#7271)
- 3rd Vice President – Rob Baker (#2820)
- Treasurer – Jim Cooper (#3056)
- Recording Secretary – Sidra Spies (#1861)
- Immediate Past President – Ed Emerick (#4425)

Thank you to those who have taken on the tremendous responsibility of keeping our organization up and running strong!

The VAC was well represented at the 2007 International Rally in Perry, GA. The arrival of the VAC caravan via the Vintage Parade is always a big hit – for both participants and by-stander/observers. 2007 saw over 60 trailers participate in this spectacular event! Thank you to all the Rally and Parking Coordinators and Chairpersons who helped to make this possible. And a special thank you for the added amenity of sewer hook-ups in the VAC parking area – with our small holding tanks, this was a huge accommodation and was greatly appreciated by all.

During the International Rally, the VAC actively participated by hosting several seminars for both VAC members and interested non-members alike. These included seminars on “The Physics of Towing,” “Vintage Airstreams 1932-1957,” “Vintage Airstreams 1958-1968” and a “Polishing Demonstration.” We also gathered nightly for social hour and movie nights under the stars between rain storms.

Another seemingly popular event is the “Vintage Trailer Open House”. Unfortunately, there was a scheduling conflict between this event and the “Delegate’s Seminar and Meeting” which overlapped and ran long. Many rally attendees had to choose between the two events which was a disappointment on several levels. I feel confident that with a bit more attention to schedule detail, this has been resolved in Bozeman, MT. Thank you for your accommodating our desire to participate in both.

The VAC also fulfilled a request by the Community Service Projects of the International Rally to provide assistance in re-roofing a local resident’s home. Due to the fact that we are not professional roofers and the risk of injury, the VAC donated financial assistance in lieu of physical assistance by raising \$550 for this purpose. This effort was spearheaded by VAC Member George D. James III (#5324) and was well received by the recipients.

Throughout the year, many VAC members gathered for specific VAC Rallies, Regional and Unit Rallies. It seems we are getting close to reaching our goal of at least one “vintage enthusiast rally” in every region – hopefully, these opportunities can be used as a draw for potential new members to both the VAC and the WBCCI. (See the attached Region Rep Reports for more detail on the local goings-on in each area)

Although we got off to a slow start this year with a lot of new blood and changes, we also saw the completion of a several exciting projects:

- Introduction of VAC Intra-Club Merchandise sporting our new logo. This has been a long time coming and has been very well received ~ look around the rally grounds and you’ll be sure to see those new flags proudly waving in the breeze, as well as VAC Members in their new logo attire.
- Integration of the “new look” to the VAC website.
- Produced and distributed three quality issues of the VINTAGE Advantage newsletter/magazine.

2007/2008 has not been without its challenges for the VAC, our intra-club membership numbers have slipped a bit. Part of this can be attributed to our renewal process which is being addressed. Some is due to the newly established progressive competition for Airstream enthusiasts’ time, energy and the flexibility of informal gatherings such as internet based “Forum Rallies.” And I have to believe some is due to the perceived conflict of what the WBCCI is all about. I truly believe if we as a club, can focus on the core values of what has brought us together – Airstream Travel Trailers and Motorhomes and the fun that we can have traveling together with them – we will survive and thrive. As enthusiastic WBCCI/VAC members, it is our desire to help make this club survive another 50 years!

AT THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN BOZEMAN, MT
THE VAC WILL:

- Participate in the Vintage Parade
- Provide Airstream History Seminars
- Host a Vintage Open House
- Participate in the Concours d'Elegance Showcase of Airstreams
- Provide several "hands on" restoration seminars
- Conduct our Board Meetings
- Conduct our Annual Members Business Meeting
- Gather together to share friendships – new and old
- Have Fun!

Attached please find the 2007/2008 Committee Reports for more detail of the depth of VAC involvement in the Airstream Community.

I would like to invite and encourage each of you to stop by the Vintage Area in Bozeman to see what we're all about!

Respectfully submitted ~

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VAC Committee Reports 2007-2008

VAC HISTORIAN

Submitted by Fred Coldwell (#1510) - VAC Historian

The year began on a strong positive note when Dale and Susan Schwamborn accepted an invitation to be our guests at our Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain VAC Rally held at Breckenridge, CO. during August 2007. Dale conducted an open question and answer session on Caravanning with Wally, and to the delight of everyone it lasted three hours. We all got to meet Dale and Susan and bring them into our family as honorary VAC members.

Our invitation appears to have sparked a new career for Dale as a guest speaker at WBCCI Rallies. In February 2008, he gave an informal history presentation at the Four Corner Unit's Dead Horse Rally in Cottonwood Canyon, AZ. He since has been asked to attend the Texas Regional Rally in early 2009 to give a talk there. And he and Susan will be attending the 2008 International and delighting all us VACers with another open question and answer session.

In early November 2007, I spent a week in Prescott Valley, Arizona, helping Dale sort through boxes of old Airstream materials from his mother Helen's estate. Leroy and Jeanne Waldo graciously let me park my '64 Globe Trotter at their house a few miles away, so it was All-Airstream 24/7 that wonderful week. Dale and I worked from dawn to dusk for seven days and got most the materials sorted by year. I learned much Airstream history listening to Dale reminisce as various items triggered memories and recollections. I also scanned some documents and photos, many of which will appear in future issues of The Vintage Advantage and in new Power Point VAC History Presentations.

In February 2008, I fielded some preliminary inquiries from the Oregon PBS television station in Portland about a possible History Detectives shown on an old Airstream. They called back a few weeks later stating the episode had been OK'ed and could they film much of the show in Denver at my house in two weeks? Of course! So the TV crew arrived in Denver two weeks later and also flew in Dale Schwamborn from Arizona and Toni Ruiz from

McAllen, Texas. Toni and Dale both went on the 1959-1960 Capetown to Cairo Caravan during their youth and were interviewed for the show. Locally, our esteemed VAC President, Shari Davis, and your trusty Historian also spent time before the camera doing our best to appear intelligent and insightful. Tukufu Zuberi is the host for the episode we appear in, which will air sometime this summer. Check with your local PBS station for the History Detective broadcast schedule.

Throughout the year I remained a regular columnist for the quarterly magazine *Airstream Life*, and wrote the following "Old Aluminum Adventures" columns:

- Wally Byam's 1956 European Caravan*, Fall 2007 issue,
- Ardean R. Miller III, the man who defined Airstream in pictures*, Winter 2007 issue
- The Curtis Wright Connection*, Spring 2008 issue
- It's Hip to be Square, the Square Argosy and Squarestream*, Summer 2008 issue.

This work is designed to introduce both Club members and non-WBCCI members to Airstream's fascinating history and lure them into joining or remaining in the club and VAC.

I also write captions for the "From the Archives" centerfold photos in *Airstream Life* magazine. These two-page-spread photos often show historical WBCCI events, and teach people who are new to Airstreams, about the rich history, deep heritage and high adventure of the WBCCI. During the past year these photos pictured:

- Wally's 1956 European Caravan descending into Germany (Summer 2007 issue)
- An Ardean Miller III color photo on a Florida beach (Fall 2007 issue).
- Wally and Andy Anderson on a tricycle at the Ohio factory (Spring 2008 issue).
- Two stewardesses crossing a river in Mexico, 1955. (Summer 2008 issue).

These strong adventurous and romantic images cause people to dream about what they can do with their Airstream, and these dreams often turn into action and solid plans that should benefit the WBCCI by attracting new members who are enthusiastic to do things.

Finally, I actively participate in Internet chat rooms and forums, where I identify old Airstream trailers via their serial number and answer technical questions about their features for the benefit of people new to the hobby. Besides appearing frequently on the independent www.airstreamforums.com, I also post VAC rallies and a few comments on current club happenings on the club's www.wbccci.org Web site, hoping to draw others to also use the club's web site for club business and dialogue.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Tim Kendziorski (#17330) – Membership Chairman

In September, '07 the membership list stood at just over 750 members. Renewal season was delayed as a notice did not make it into the Fall VINTAGE Advantage (VA) newsletter. As a result, it has taken longer to get the renewals in a timely fashion.

In December, in an attempt to move the renewal process along a 4-color postcard was printed and sent to the members who had not renewed up to that point. Approximately 250 were hand addresses and mailed out. The postcard was very successful on getting late coming renewals in. It is estimated that 35 percent renewal was attained with the post card.

In March, prior to the mailing of the Spring '08 VA the membership list was compared against the WBCCI directory. The members who were not listed in the directory were sent over to WBCCI Headquarters to check the membership status. The members who were not in good standing with WBCCI HQ were moved over to a subscriber status. Notification was sent to each of these individuals in the hope that they would find the VAC a great enough of a value to renew in the WBCCI. Results of that renewal request are not as great as the postcard. The general responses received from those who have elected not to renew was requests to become subscribers of the VA Newsletter only because they did not see the WBCCI and the "continued issues facing the membership worth the time or money" and "your newsletter was the only thing good about the WBCCI." In an effort to get some continued support from these members it has been suggested that they remain subscribers to the newsletter as we do value their support. Working together with the editor of the VA, we created new membership collateral based on the new VAC logo. The collateral includes the renewal postcard mentioned previously, a welcome letter to the new members of the VAC, a renewal form that can be filled out online and a recruitment letter for prospective members. With this material there is a common identity with most of the VAC materials.

In the future, and based on the numerous suggestions by the members, it is hoped that online renewals to the VAC will be set up on the VAC Web site and operational by the next renewal period.

There is great demand for a "PayPal" type of renewal system to make it easier for members to renew in not only the VAC but also the WBCCI as well.

Currently we are at approximately 680 members. I have a small pile of envelopes to process so I expect that number will go up. Especially since there were probably a dozen or so that renewed but did it too late to make it on the WBCCI's rolls. They will eventually wind up back on the membership list or stay on the subscriber's list.

For the subscribers, I am not sure how many subscribers we have but I think it is going up because so many people have expressed an interest in getting the VA without being a member of the VAC/WBCCI.

VINTAGE Advantage EDITOR

Submitted by Kimber Moore (#11281) – VA Editor

The VINTAGE Advantage (VA) Editor is a challenging job and commendations should go out to Forrest McClure for the work he put into the VA through July. All of the members should understand how difficult it is to put together meaningfully informative materials that will benefit the membership and subscribers of the publication.

It was my intention as the new VA Editor to put all I could into the VA newsletter to make it a publication worthy of the membership dues. My goal was to bring in new stories and ideas as well as a new look and feel that would model the VAC's updated logo.

Keeping in mind Wally's vision, I wanted to "Bring it to the people" and have fun with the publication. The newsletter design reflects Wally's pride and leadership. Vintage owners echo that pride today by sharing what they have done with their trailers.

My focus has been on the trailers, coaches and the people who love them but not on the turmoil that's been surrounding the club in the past few years. Also, in keeping with Wally's vision, I wanted to express a design sense that respectfully validated the cost of the membership and increased participation by the membership in the submission of stories and pictures. It has worked quite well with materials coming in for up to one to two publications ahead. With this surplus I am working on creating themes for future newsletters – The "International Issue" is an example.

The membership has responded positively to the overall look and feel of the newsletter. The most responded to item has been the "Big Red Numbers" story. This recurring section focuses on the history of the iconic emblems of membership in the WBCCI through the Glory Days. It has struck a chord with the members. They are fascinated with the history of the club, where trailers have been and "where are they now?"

Part of the success in the VA has been the choice of paper it is printed on, the ink used to print it and details like the use of fonts and typesetting to make the publication not only fun, but easy-to-read. Also, attention has been paid towards the photography and creative use of the photo's supplied in the publication.

For the future, focus will be on more creativity and story innovations. No story is too small to share. It is the Members' newsletter and their enthusiasm fuels my own.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Submitted by Herb Spies (#1861) - Concours d'Elegance Chairman

The Concours d'Elegance 2007 was held during the Vintage Open House on Saturday during the Perry, GA Rally. This year the judging team was expanded to 6 judges to try to speed up the process and it worked in that we finished in 3 hours. Our judges this year were Bob Clark, Gilliard Muse, David Lowery, Ken Faber, Jerry Hartman and Tom Reed. A big thanks goes to these guys for volunteering to judge. One of my goals to try to involve more people with the judging system we are using. It really makes you see a restored or original Airstream in a different way. We had 25 vintage trailers entered in the Concours and 16 achieved the required points to be awarded a Silver, Gold or Platinum plaque. Four of the 16 met the requirements for the prestigious Platinum Award.

The awards were presented in a ceremony inside a cool onsite fairgrounds meeting room and was followed by the VAC picnic. Our BUD COOPER BEST OF SHOW award was presented to Phillip Sowders, WBCCI # 22821, of Bowling Green, KY for his beautiful mirror bright 1967 Globetrotter. His Airstream achieved an amazing score of 100 points (out of a possible 101). As he was presented the humongous traveling trophy he was asked to take the BEST OF SHOW TRAVELING TROPHY PLEDGE "*I do solemnly swear on the Blue Beret ... that I will not abscond nor purloin it And will return it to Montana next year for presentation to 2008 winner So help me Wally!*"

VAC LIBRARIAN

Submitted by Forrest McClure (#2671)

The Vintage Airstream Club library was created to collect, preserve and consolidate vintage AIRSTREAM documents for the benefit of VAC members.

Library documents continue to be cataloged and scanned. One benefit of membership is access to the VAC library of sales brochures, owner's manuals, appliance instructions, etc. All of these items are free electronically just for the price of membership.

Until recently, there have only been a handful of inquiries, but an announcement in the Spring 2008 issue of the VINTAGE Advantage newsletter resulted in a substantial increase in requests for materials. Items are normally sent to members via E-mail attachments within one business day.

Alternatively, for just the cost of printing and mailing members can request a printed document. The cost of mailing a hundred-page owner's manual is around \$2.20 and the cost of printing, using Hewlett-Packard estimates, is conservatively about 20-cents

per page, or \$20.

To request a card catalog or to ask for specific items send an E-mail to: forrest@airstreamlife.com, or send a letter or postcard to:
Forrest McClure
VAC Librarian
13992 E. Marina Dr. #301
Aurora, CO 80014

The member's WBCCI number and VAC membership status should be included in the inquiry – only members have access.

I must mention that the library has been operating without a budget. This prevents the library from acquiring items of historical value; or purchasing equipment and supplies; or for repair and maintenance of computer equipment (such as scanner, printer, ink, etc). The VAC library requests an annual budget of \$500 for such purposes, with allocations subject to the review and approval of the VAC Treasurer.

QUARTERMASTER

Submitted by Bill Kerfoot (#5223) – Quartermaster

During the past year the VAC purchased several items to stock the quartermaster position. They are 2,500 stickers (1,250 sent to membership for existing and new members), 25 large flags and 100 small flags and a reorder of t-shirts and vests. Since August 2007, merchandise with a value of \$1,354 was sold to members.

After the flags were ordered, I posted the availability of VAC merchandise to VAC Members on several internet sites and lists. These sites are: WBCCI Web site, Vintage Airstream List, Hunter's Yahoo List and AirForums. I have requested the VAC Web master post the order blank on the VAC site, but this has not been done. Ordering information was included in the most recent VINTAGE Advantage.

In order to have a wider availability of VAC merchandise, since I am able to attend only a few rallies each year, I would like the region representatives to include the availability of VAC merchandise on the rally coupons, or include an order blank, for the various VAC rallies. This way, members could pre order VAC merchandise which would be delivered at the rallies, this will, of course, require additional work by the region reps.

VAC Financial Report to Date: May 1st, 2008

VAC Treasurer

Submitted by Jim Cooper (#3056) – Treasurer

The fiscal year is the calendar year, and quarterly reports occur in April, July, October, and January of the following year. The following is:

	Q1 Apr-07	Q2 Jul-07	Q3 Oct-07	Q4 Jan-08	2007 Total	Q1 Apr-08	Q2 To Date	YTD Total
INCOME								
Beginning Balance	\$15,716				\$15,716			
Uncategorized		\$183			\$183			
Airstream Life	\$525		\$119	\$176	\$923			
Membership	\$4,976	\$2,082	\$1,445	\$540	\$14,393	\$5,170	\$1,240	\$6,410
Merchandise			\$215	\$220	\$435	\$641	\$768	\$1,409
Vintage Advantage	\$510	\$120	\$149	\$120	\$899	\$220		\$220
Sub Total	\$21,726	\$2,385	\$1,928	\$1,056	\$32,548	\$6,031	\$2,008	\$8,039
EXPENSES								
Uncategorized					\$0			
Airstream Life	(\$996)				(\$996)	(\$547)		(\$547)
Membership	(\$202)	(\$107)		(\$164)	(\$473)	(\$20)		(\$20)
Merchandise					\$0	(\$1,224)	(\$3,711)	(\$4,936)
Vintage Advantage	(\$2,008)	(\$3,087)			(\$7,294)	(\$326)	(\$4,035)	(\$4,361)
Bank Charges	(\$35)	(\$18)	(\$5)		(\$68)	(\$31)		(\$31)
Business OP	(\$93)	(\$40)			(\$133)			
International-06	(\$415)				(\$415)			
International-07		(\$122)	(\$367)		(\$490)			
International-08								
Web Site	(\$400)	(\$600)	(\$567)	(\$400)	(\$1,967)	(\$1,056)	(\$17)	(\$1,073)
Sub Total	(\$4,149)	(\$3,974)	(\$939)	(\$564)	(\$11,835)	(\$3,204)	(\$7,763)	(\$10,967)
Total	\$17,577	(\$1,589)	\$989	\$492	\$20,713	\$2827	(\$5,755)	(\$2,928)
SUMMARY								
Beginning Balance					\$15,716	\$20,713	\$23,540	
Ending Balance					\$20,713	\$23,540	\$17,785	
Gain/Loss					\$4,997	\$2,827	(\$5,755)	(\$2,928)
LIABILITIES								
Web Site (Toby)				\$600	\$600		\$200	
Airstream Life				\$528	\$528			
ASSETS								
VAC Merchandise				\$3,370	\$3,370	\$9,388		

VAC Region Representative Reports 2007-2008

REGION 1

Wayne Moore (#15116) - Region 1 VAC Representative

The 2007 Region 1 Rally was held in Bondsville, VT. Members were provided an opportunity for vintage parking and four member trailers took advantage of the location. The oldest trailer in attendance was a 1959. Bard Fuller, acting VAC Rep, and his wife Kathy coordinated a vintage open house that was held on Saturday afternoon prior to happy hour. Each trailer was identified by model, year and owner, with signs placed in front of each trailer. Concurrent with the open house, in an adjacent pavilion, a photo show was displayed with 50 8x10s highlighting the strange, the bizarre, and the ugly Airstreams through the ages. The open house and picture gallery were well attended.

This year's Rally isn't till August and we will be doing a Canadian Maritimes Caravan with the New England Unit on the way to Region 1 Rally.

REGION 2

Submitted by Paul Waddell (#1270) – Region 2 VAC Representative

Over the past year, the WBCCI VAC Intra-club Region 2 members have started a website dedicated to its members. This website spotlights Region 2 VAC members and how they use their Vintage Airstream Trailers, Region 2 VAC event information, pictures of members with vintage tow rigs and stories from old "Caravanner" newsletters can be found. The WBCCI Region 2 VAC website can be found on the Internet at www.Region2-VAC.com

The WBCCI Region 2 VAC members will also be hosting the "East Coast VAC Rally" located in Staunton, Virginia and will be held during the month of June 2008. This 5-day event (Thursday-Monday) will offer something for every WBCCI member. Many WBCCI members (vintage and non-vintage) will be attending. Currently we expect between 40-45 Airstreams from up and down the East Coast to attend this event. To encourage membership in the WBCCI, this rally will be held as a "buddy rally" in hopes of getting non-members to join the WBCCI.

Looking forward to 2008-2009, the WBCCI Region 2 VAC members are in the planning stages of multiple Region 2 VAC events during the coming year with minimum of a fall and spring WBCCI Region 2 VAC rally being scheduled.

REGION 3

George D James III (#5324) – Region 3 VAC Representative

No Report

REGION 4

Kirk Taylor (#6057) – Region 4 VAC Representative

No Report

REGION 5

Jeff Elliott (#3132) – Region 5 VAC Representative

No Report

REGION 6

Submitted by Herb Spies (#1861) – Region 6 VAC Representative

The Vintage Airstream Club, for the second year now, participated in the Region 6 Rally at Gonzales, LA. Special vintage events during the rally included an Open House and a restoration seminar. The Vintage events were well attended.

MYSTIC SPRINGS VINTAGE RALLY - The Pensacola Unit sponsored a Vintage Rally in April 2008 at Mystic Springs Airstream Park. This rally is very successful and draws the largest attendance of any rally by the Pensacola Unit. Vintage activities included vintage movies, vintage restoration seminar, Aluminum Polishing class and Open House for vintage and Newer Airstreams with People's Choice judging. The open house for newer Airstreams is becoming quite popular in that it gives participants the chance to compare the vintage units to the newer units.

FLORIDA STATE RALLY - The Vintage Airstream Club participated in this rally in Sarasota again in 2008. About 30 Vintage units were parked in the Vintage Section. Vintage members came from throughout the USA and Canada to this rally. The traditional Open House was held on Saturday and attracted 1000s of visitors to the Vintage Area. As usual many of the visitors looking at the Airstreams were from the local Sarasota/St Pete/Tampa area. Also most of the WBCCI International Officers toured the Vintage Airstreams during the Open House. The VAC also had a pot luck dinner during the rally and met daily for our Happy Hour in the VAC area.

REGION 7

Submitted by Curtis Gunderson (#31920)

Region 7 VAC Representative

The Vintage Airstream Club of Region 7, WBCCI, was invited by the Region 5 VAC to attend their Rally in June 2007 at Poplar Grove airport near Rockford IL. Many of us attended and enjoyed the rally and the hospitality of Region 5.

In 2008, Region 7 VAC will hold its Rally at Osceola, WI on Sept 5, 6 and 7, 2008. Region 5 is invited to join our Rally, which will be held at the Osceola airport at the time of Osceola's Wings and Wheels day and their Community Fair. We anticipate a full weekend of activities, fun and fellowship.

REGION 8

Submitted by Martin and Rachel Hughey (#10212)

Region 8 VAC Representatives

Accepting the Vintage Airstream Club Representative position opened new communication pathways with many Airstream owners who share a love for finding and maintaining (many completely restoring) vintage 'Silver Twinkies,' the revered shape of the 'Cadillac' of travel trailers.

The WBCCI Kansas City Unit will have their regular VAC Open House at their K.I.S.S. rally on April 26. At the Region 8

rally in Abilene, Kansas, there will be a VAC luncheon on May 1 with the VAC Open House on May 3 between 1:30-3:00 p.m. At the Missouri State rally in Kirksville, Missouri, the VAC Open House will be on September 20. From past experience, these all are popularly attended events.

We have 24 VAC memberships so far this year which is the same as last year. There are six new members. Our goal is to encourage each WBCCI Region 8 member who owns a vintage Airstream to become a member of the VAC and other members who appreciate vintage Airstreams to join as associates.

REGION 9

Submitted by Pat McDowell (#1777) - Region 9 VAC Representative

The 2nd Texas State Vintage Airstream rally was held in Montgomery, Texas on Feb 6-10, 2008. This rally was again sponsored by Texas Highland Lakes Unit and the North Texas Unit of Region 9. A total of 78 rigs showed up of which 29 were vintage rigs. The rally was opened to all Airstream owners including non WBCCI members. Some of the benefits of this type rally include the promotion of interaction between vintage and non vintage owners, making the general public aware of Airstreams and the Airstream way of life through vintage open house, and attracting new members.

Plans are already underway for the 2009 Texas State Vintage Airstream Rally that will be held in San Antonio, Texas on Feb. 4-8 2009.

REGION 10

Steve Laxton (#3957) – Region 10 VAC Representative
No Report

REGION 11

Submitted by Chris Hildenbrand (#5812)
Region 11 VAC Representative

Region 11 VAC had one rally during the last 12 months. The Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club's (RMVAC) seventh annual Rocky Mountain Vintage Rally was a big success. The rally was held at Tiger Run RV Resort in Breckenridge, Colorado, July 27th to July 31st, 2007. We had a total of 69 Airstreams that participated and we sold-out with a waiting list by the 1st of May 2007. Fun was

had by all and the mountain views complemented the vintage aluminum very nicely.

At this time there are two Vintage Airstream events planned for Region 11 for the 2008 season. The first event planned is eighth annual Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Rally at the Chaffee County Fairground in Salida, Colorado. This year's rally is scheduled for August 7th through August 10th, 2008. As of April 22nd, 2008, we have 56 out of 70 spaces spoken for. For this year's rally, the RMVAC planning committee has decided to do a rally as Wally would have done it. RMVAC's plan is to park in wagon wheel fashion with no hookups. As in the past, RMVAC is planning a whole list of activities to entertain and educate, and are anticipating a whole lot of happy campers.

The second event will be in conjunction with the 2008 Region 11 rally October 9th through the 14th at The Ranch Budweiser Events Center in Loveland Colorado. This years Region 11 rally will have vintage parking and a public open house is planned for Saturday October 11th 2008. In coming Region 11 president Janie Lichtfuss and the rally planning committee have a verity of entertainment and seminars planned including some related the vintage trailers. Registration forms will be available starting in the May issue of the *Blue Beret* so we hope we will have a good turn out from the vintage crowd.

REGION 12

Submitted by Herb Richter (#2672) – Region 12 VAC Representative
The Region 12 Vintage Airstream Club has sponsored and is planning a number of events for WBCCI members.

May 3-7, 2007. A Rally sponsored by the Region 12 VAC was held at Bass Lake, California near Yosemite Valley. Thirty-eight WBCCI members attended the rally and over half of them are also members of the VAC. Trailers and motor homes ranging in age from a 1953 to 2007 were there.

June 12-15, 2008. A Region 12 VAC Rally will be held at South Lake Tahoe preceding the International Rally in Bozeman. A contract has been signed with the park and a deposit made by the Region Representative. We have 20+ members currently signed up to attend. A number of small caravans will leave Lake Tahoe after the rally headed for the International Rally at Bozeman. ■



VAC New LOGO wear for members is here!

The Vintage Airstream Club now has Baseball caps for \$20, Adult t-shirts starting at \$18, children's t-shirts for \$12 and Adult fleece vests starting at \$45. We also have flags: large ones (3x5) are \$60 and a pennant (2x3) is \$25. And of course, our new VAC decals are here - first one free to members - additional ones are \$2. Note: all colors are not available in all sizes. (Please contact Bill first for available colors.)

Baseball Cap - Price: \$20 (Colors available: Putty, Navy and Light Blue); Size: One size fits most

Color:	Quantity:	@ \$20
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Adult T-shirt - Prices \$18, (\$20) XXL, (\$21) XXXL (Colors: Light Gray and Light Blue); Sizes: L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Color:	Size:	Quantity:	@ \$18
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Children's T-shirt - Price \$12 (Colors available: Putty, Navy and Light Blue); Sizes: S, M, L and XL

Color:	Size:	Quantity:	@ \$12
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Fleece Vest - Price \$45, (\$47) XXL, (\$49) XXXL (Colors: Pink (women's) and Light Blue);
Sizes: L, XL, XXL (men's & women's) and XXXL (men's only)

Color:	Size:	Quantity:	@ \$45
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Large VAC Flag (3x5) - Price \$60

Quantity:	@ \$60
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Pennant VAC Flag (2x3) - Price \$25

Quantity:	@ \$25
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Sub-Total:	\$
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Shipping - Priority Mail	\$ 4.80
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VAC Official Decal - Price \$2 each including postage

Quantity:	@ \$2
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Total enclosed:	\$
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Ordered by: _____

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please use this order form and send it to:

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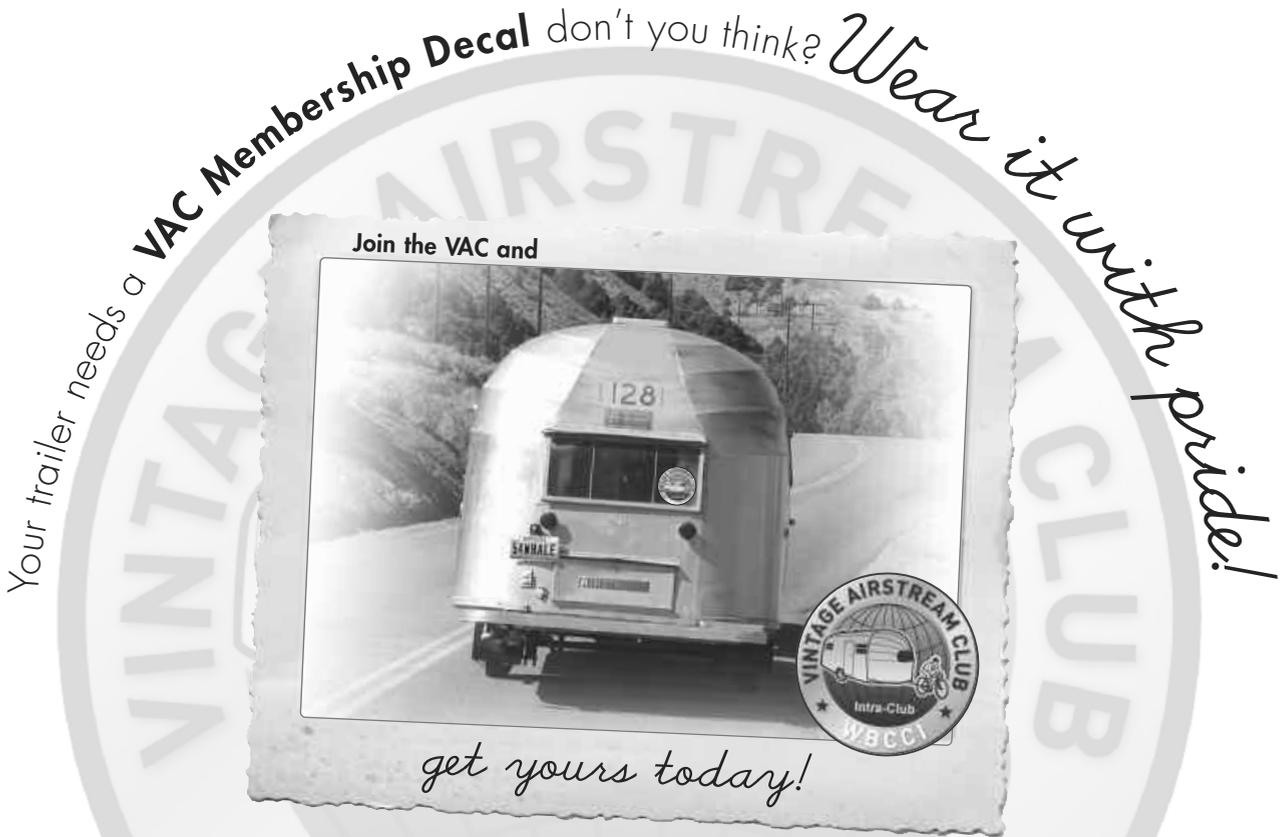
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Note: The Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) is an Intra-Club of the **Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI)**. First join the WBCCI then join the VAC.

After receiving your WBCCI Membership Numbers – the “Big Red Numbers,” please fill out this application:

Date: _____ WBCCI No.: _____ New: / Renew:

Region No.: _____ Unit No. or Name: _____ or Member at Large:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

VINTAGE TRAILER INFORMATION: _____ Year: _____ Length in feet (bumper to ball): _____

Model: _____ Serial Number: _____

Members of the VAC are members of the WBCCI that own or admire vintage Airstream trailers.

Make Checks Payable to the “Vintage Airstream Club.” Send this application along with your dues payment of \$20.00 (US) to: VAC Membership Chairman: Tim Kendziorski (Ken-joor-ski), 21640 Sazarac Rd., V C Highlands, NV 89521.

Upcoming Events and Rallies

THE 2008 ROCKY MOUNTAIN VAC RALLY WILL CIRCLE THE WAGONS THE NIGHTS OF August 7-10, 2008

in Salida, Colorado

We plan to do it the way Wally did – dry camping on an open field – no hook-ups. Expect a limit of about 70 spaces. *Salida is a picturesque town at 7,050-foot-elevation on the Arkansas River. Temperature will range from 45 to 85 degrees, and a thunder-storm could drop 1.5 inches of rain!*

We will be able to drain gray water on the ground and porta-potties will be available for our use.

Kids and pets are welcome, but there will be no specific facilities, activities, or playgrounds.

Location information is available at these two locations:

<http://www.salidachamber.org/>

<http://www.fourteenernet.com/salida/>

Bring your adventurous Wally spirit and chili to the Rocky Mountains – hope to see 'ya there.

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September 11-14, 2008

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Reservation Deadline Sept 1, 2008

Information: P&S Trailer Rally 419-638-6261

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The GOLD Issue Why gold? Well, some may figure out straight away, it's the connection with Wally and Stella's gold Airstream. Nothing exemplifies the International spirit more than this trailer — imagine the miles, sites and the excitement of discovery, of new places, cultures and experiences.

In this issue of the *Vintage Advantage* we celebrate the WBCCI International Rally. Along with Rally information and VAC year-end documents, we've taken the opportunity to present a French airstreaming establishment, travel ideas and reading materials. For all of our International members – this issue is dedicated to you, too, because you are exemplifying the "Airstream Lifestyle" so far away. We salute you!



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