Vintage Airstream Club Newsletter

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Wally Byam Caravan Club International

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Calendar

April 26-29
Lone Star Vintage Airstream Club 3rd Annual Campout
LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX

May 30-June 3, 2012
Region 2 Rally
Frankford, NY

June 6-11, 2012 5th Annual Vintage Restoration Rally
Region 11
Albuquerque, NM

WBCCI 55th International
VAC Pre Rally Events
Starting June 22

July 26-30, 2012
Region 11
11th Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club Rally
Gunnison, Colorado

August 8-12, 2012
Region 7 VAC Rally
Spicer, MN

August 9-12
Region 1 Rally
Thornton, NH

August 9-13, 2012
Region 10 VAC Rally
Monitor, WA

September 12-16, 2012
Pennsylvania State Rally

"***Don't give me any reasons why it can't be done.***"
Wally Byam

Message from Jim, VAC President

The rally season is upon us. We hook up next week, and will have attended three out-of -state rallies by July. It's been a busy off season as you can see below, and there are still irons in the fire. I had to say that - we helped brand calves last week. Did Kimber do a good job on the Vintage Advantage, or what? With more content contributions and editorial help it could be a serious publication. As with the Vintage Advantage, the VAC has great potential. Vintage trailers are more poplar than ever, and the VAC provides a community of people that really enhance the ownership and enjoyment of an old Airstream.

What's New!

- All past issues of this newsletter are available on the website in pdf format. See http://vintageairstreamclub.com/Library/VAC-Online-Newsletter/View-category.html
- The VAC Bylaws have been modified and are available on the site at http://vintageairstreamclub.com/VAC-Library/Constitution-Bylaws/View-category.html The Board (club officers) voted to approve the changes, which include placing position descriptions into Policy. This makes the Bylaws easier to read. An Article covering Chairpersons (appointed positions) has been added, as has a Section saying that the VAC will keep its assets if the WBCCI becomes inactive. Members have two means of changing the Bylaws; send a proposed change to the Parliamentarian who will present at the next Membership Meeting, or ask a Board member to sponsor a change at the next Board Meeting.
- Proposed changes to the VAC Constitution will be posted on the website very soon, and the membership will vote on these changes at the Sedalia International.
- "12x14", The goal to have a VAC rally occur in each region by 2014 now has a full team. They are Jim Cooper, Paul Mayuex, Tom Reed, Bob Novak (Region 2), Iain Cameron (Region 10), and Ken Johansen (Region 11). The team will begin by defining a VAC rally and getting approval for financial support from the VAC. You will be kept informed.

Vintage region 1 Rally, August 9-12, 2012

Gary Campbell, VAC Region Representative

This is an invitation to all Airstreamers to attend the Region One Rally being held at Goose Hollow Campground, Thornton, NH, August 9-12. This will be a true international rally with many Airstreamers attending from Nova Scotia, PEI, Quebec and Ottawa Canada.

This campground has 200 full hook-up sites and we want to fill everyone. There will be overflow electric and water sites and boondocking if desired. I am shooting for at least 50 vintage units to represent on one of the best ways to camp... with a Vintage Airstream. I bet we can get even more to attend. Vintage Parking will be available.

Centre Hall, PA

Sept 22-30, 2012
50th Annual Swiss Festival
National Rally
Sugarcreek, OH

October 5-9, 2012
Balloon Fiesta Rally
Albuquerque, NM

October 17-22, 2012
Region 12 Rally
Bakersfield, CA

Did You Know?

The July 1, 1994 Vintage Airstream Club Board Meeting held at Brandon, Manitoba. Stan Baston, president thanked all members for their active participation in the International Rally.

One of the actions at the meeting was to accept Larry Tuttle and Dave Reed as Honorary Members of the Vintage Club.

Bob Brubaker, 1st VP offered to contact regional presidents and discuss getting more vintage participation at regional rallies.

The meeting also included discussion and suggestions for next years parade into the rally parking area.
Suggestions made:

1. *Vintage car lead the parade*
2. *Band members to play on a vintage float bed truck*
3. *Use of flags and pennants*
4. *Encourage club members to come with Vintage caravan*
5. *Electric hook-ups for vintage units*
6. *Oldest trailer there to be parked with green grass carpeting. The carpeting could then be cut into pieces and sold at cost at the end of the rally.*

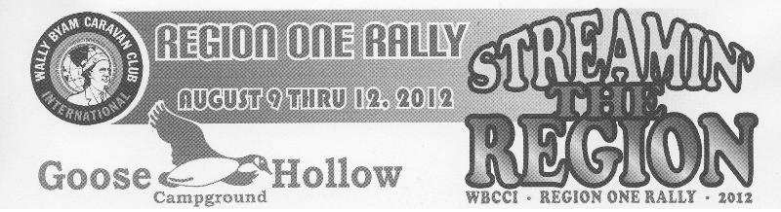
Articles Needed

Renovation, Rally or Historical Event Stories are need for the Vintage Advantage magazine.

Send ideas or articles to Kimber Moore, Vintage Advantage Editor.

Even better, this will be an "OPEN" rally which means WBCCI membership is not required. I want all vintage owners to bring that special Airstream friend that has not gotten around to attending a rally or joined the WBCCI to date. Maybe you have helped them find that diamond in the rough trailer or even shared a few rivets with them on a weekend. Now is the time to bring them to a rally.

August in the White Mountains of New England is the place with cool mountains and many daily on-site activities, demonstrations, seminars and games for children and adults. Some of the activities include a Regional food contest, Pink Flamingo Dinner Ball, and Open Mic Night. These and many more fun events are planned for a Four Day WBCCI party for ALL! Gary Campbell vacregion1@vintageairesteamclub.com or get the registration form www.region1.wbcci.org



Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda

I recall the first time I saw Linda and Jack Laughlin with their yellow truck and 1956 Bubble at the Rocky Mountain Vintage Rally in Colorado Springs. Since then we have been fortunate to see them almost once a year and hear about their adventures. Linda and Jack are affiliate members of the DenCo unit and attended the unit rally in Fairplay, Colorado. Jim and I had just returned from International and knew we wanted to encourage VAC members to submit articles for the Vintage Advantage magazine. It only took a little nudge for them to agree to submit an article - Linda said she would find the pictures, but Jack would need to do the writing. Last week I opened the recent issue and I was so impressed. The article reads like Jack is talking, Linda's pictures are wonderful and Kimber is a master at creating the visual appeal. Every Vintage owner has a story, please consider sharing.

I received an e-mail recently from Gary Campbell, VAC Region 1 Representative. I had missed getting his rally in the past newsletters. I promised him front page for April. The best way to make sure your information gets in the newsletter is to e-mail me at newsletter@vintageairestreamclub.com and also contact Bob Herman at rb8556@mac.com for publication in the VAC section of the Blue Beret.

Have you heard about Making Tracks to Sedalia? Last year four torches traveled to DuQuoin and the journey was posted on WBCCI Facebook page. This year four replica railroad lanterns will make their tracks to the International in Sedalia. If you would like to be a WBCCI lantern carrier or would like more information, contact Richard Girard, 3 7513 or lantern2sedalia@gmail.com.

Only one of our 1967 trailers is polished, but it does not have red numbers. Now that we have WBCCI #1967, we are motivated to get the red numbers on the Globe Trotter. I started to touch up the polish on the end caps and Jim is working on damage from furnace fumes on the street side. Before International we need to get the old numbers off the Tradewind so it can proudly display 1967 too.

55th International Rally Sedalia, MO

VAC Rendezvous Before International in Sedalia- Deadline May 15th

This is the last reminder to register for the Vintage Airstream Club rendezvous at the Cottonwood RV Park in Columbia , Missouri starting the afternoon June 22, 2012. Early on June 23rd, we will caravan to California, Missouri for a tour of the Eitzen Historic Mansion and a brunch provided by Region 12. Immediately following the brunch and tour, we will continue our caravan to Sedalia and parade to the VAC

Region Reps

Region Representatives should be your first contact for VAC information in your area.

Full contact information including addresses and phone numbers can be found on the VAC website or in the most recent Vintage Advantage magazine.

E-mail your representative:

Vacregion# @vintageairatreamclub.com

(insert region number in place of #)

Region 1: Gary Campbell
Region 2: Bob Novak
Region 3: George D. James
Region 4: Ken Faber
Region 5: Dwight Dixon
Region 6: Herb Spies
Region 7: Curt Gunderson; Dick Parins, Reg. 7 Assistant
Region 8: Scott Allen
Region 9: Pat McDowell
Region 10: Iain Cameron
Region 11: Ken Johanson
Region 12: Jim Polk

parking area.
The registration form can be found in the January newsletter or on the front page of the VAC website vintageairstreamclub.com
If you need more information, contact **Chris Hildenbrand, 1st Vice President** at 1vp@vintageairstreamclub.com or call 303.405.1441.

Information Needed for VAC'ers Attending International

VAC members that receive the newsletter through e-mail addresses will be receiving the form at the beginning of May. Please return the e-mail promptly.

We will be using the information to verify parade participants, vintage parking, participants for VAC sponsored events (breakfasts, grill night, etc.), size of tent needed for gathering, and trailer signs for Vintage area and Open House.

Questions About International?

Let us know what information you need to know before International. Email at newsletter@vintageairestreamclub.com

Position Filled, Jim

New Membership Chairman

Lee Cantrell will leave his role as Membership Chairman this June. He has made a few suggestions of possible replacements and we have found one -- Teresa Taylor. Her husband, Glenn, the computer person, will assist. Teresa and Glenn live in Seaside, Oregon and have an 81 Excella.

Teresa has talked to Lee and is confident that she and Glenn can manage the job and she is very interested in contributing to the marketing and membership recruitment of the VAC.

When I first asked her to consider the position, she asked why her. Lee responded with, "I was going back through my memory of people that seemed to have the energy and excitement for the VAC. You and your husband were two that I had thought about." I believe that sums it up -- energy and excitement for the VAC.

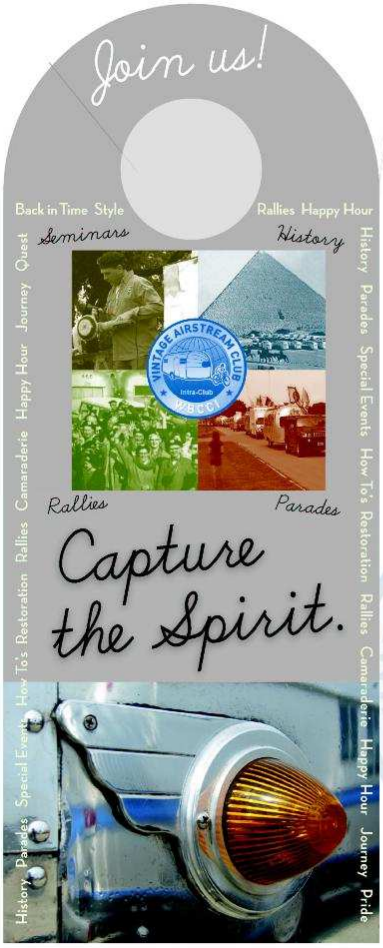
VAC Secretary

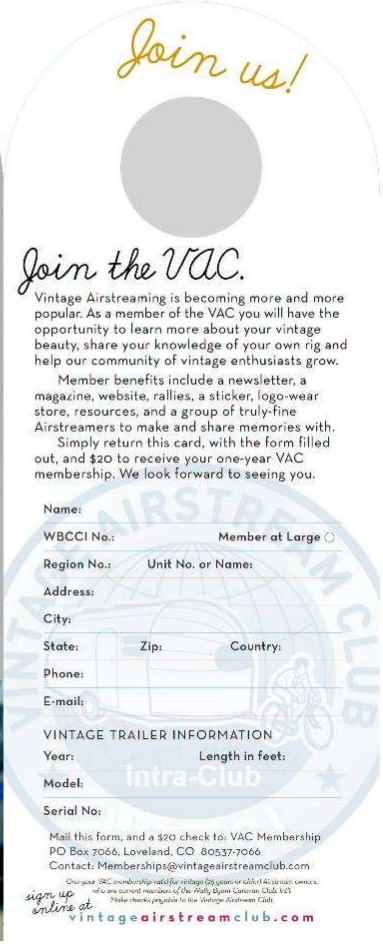
I am also pleased to announce that Patti Reed will continue in the position as VAC Secretary. Patti and Tom will not be in attendance at Sedalia, an Airstream trip to Alaska will keep them away this year, but Patti will resume her duties in 2013.

If you would like to volunteer to take the minutes for the Board and General meeting of the VAC at Sedalia, please let me know.

Membership Promotion created by Kimber Moore

Promotional materials, a door hangar and one page flier have been created by Kimber. These will initially be distributed to VAC officers, chairpersons, and region representatives. It is something that can be put in the hands of potential members.





VAC Rallies Featured in March 2011 Newsletter

5th Annual Restoration Rally
Region 11 VAC
Hands On and Classroom Instruction
Albuquerque, New Mexico
June 7-11, 2012

11th Rocky Mountain Vintage
Airstream Club Rally
Rockin' Wally-B Ranch
Region 11 VAC
Gunnison, Colorado
July 26-29, 2012

Step Back to the Good Old Days' Vintage Airstream Club and
Region 7 Rally
Spicer, Minnesota
August 8-12

Wenatchee River Vintage Campout VAC Region 10
Monitor, Washington
August 9-13, 2012

VAC Facebook

David K Boyd posted this picture of his '75 Argosy 24 nestled in Vintage Row at the 2012 Region 9 Rally in Mineola, TX

We need your feedback and suggestions, not just about the Newsletter, but about the Vintage Airstream Club in general. Your suggestions, questions, and comments will be forwarded to the proper club officer. Send to the Editor

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