

## March 2012 Vintage Airstream Club

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### Did You Know?

Ten years ago, VAC founder Bud Cooper developed guidelines for the Concours d'Elegance, our restoration competition held annually at WBCCI International rallies. While these have served us well in the past, the quality of coach restorations has improved considerably, and competition has become keener with significant attention to details. Many concours entrants are not aware of the judging process or the resultant goals awards, so as the VAC enters its second decade, we have revamped the Concours with two primary goals: to open up the competition for more entries and to set a clear objective method of judging.

Judging criteria for all Airstreams and Argosys consists of detailed items within four categories: Exterior, Undercarriage, Interior and Overview.

Lastly we are re-introducing the concept of Best Engineered Feature to recognize significant engineering upgrades in honor of Wally Byam and his lasting statement, "Let's not make any changes — let's make only improvements."

**Notes from Hunt Jones in 2004**

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

### Message from Jim, VAC President

The weather is warming up, fishing gear is in the truck, and Globe Trotter work lacks a few hours of being complete. The Trade Wind sits ready and waiting. We already have plans to be in Missouri, California, Texas, and Colorado. They say you get what you pay for, so I'm thinking the gasoline will be really good this year. Actually, I know the rallies will be really good regardless of the price of gas.

I just heard from Kimber. *The Vintage Advantage* has gone to press, and another issue is planned for May, and still another after International. As always, acquiring content is the challenge. If you have something to contribute, don't wait for another day.

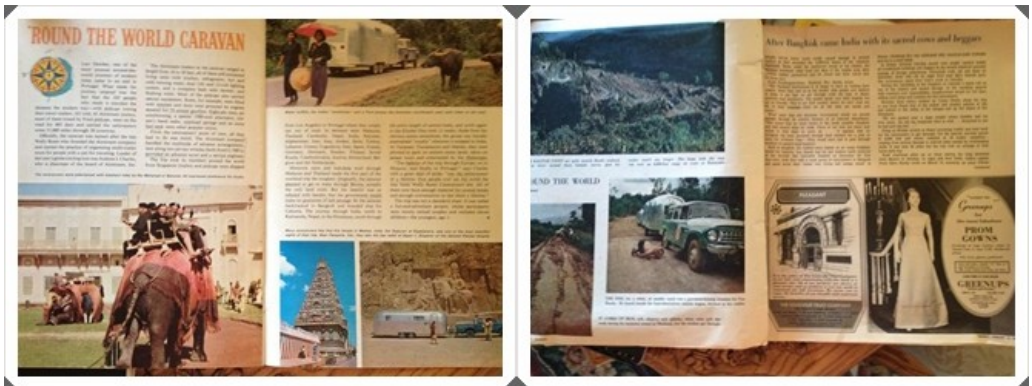
Additionally, Kimber has volunteered to fit in between her day job and the VA some club promo work. She is producing a two page handout that talks up the VAC and includes a membership form. She will also make a "door-hanger" that does the same. They will be distributed to Officers, Chairman, and Region Reps. Potential members will be impressed.

### By-Laws and Constitution, Jim

You already know that the VAC is planning a change to the club's constitution and bylaws. Within a month the proposed change will be published on the VAC website. If we can send an attached file through our newsletter mailer (Constant Contact), it will be sent to individual members.

The breadth of this effort turned into a typical vintage trailer project. You start to repair a cabinet door, and end up rebuilding the whole inside of the trailer. As a result, much to Bob Novac's credit, the operation of the VAC will be more flexible about when and where it meets. Additionally, the constitution and bylaws will be more readable, without conflicting or redundant sections. Stay tuned, I know you can't wait to read it before bed.

### Around the World Celebration, Jim



Scott Goranson, owner of the Cecil and Mary Tolle trailer that completed the Around The World caravan, sent me pictures of documents he received from Cecil and Mary's daughter. Scott has accumulated a treasure trove of history involving the caravan. At the time of the caravan I was living in Pakistan within fifty miles of their route. My dad was working on the Mangla Dam, and I was in high school. Images of the region bring back memories. I can't wait for the 50th anniversary celebration in 2013. Four of the caravan trailers will be there, and Scott will have much of the caravan history available for you to see.

### Volunteers Are Still Needed!

The VAC still needs a Membership Chair and Secretary. Job descriptions from the VAC By-Laws and a summary appeared in the January newsletter.  
**Please Consider Volunteering or Encouraging a Fellow VAC'er to Volunteer**

## Calendar

**WBCCI Region Presidents and VAC Region Representatives provided information on VAC sponsored rallies or rallies of interest to VAC members.**

April 24-28, 2012  
Region 3 Rally,  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**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**  
**Vintage Restoration Rally**  
**Albuquerque, NM**

**WBCCI 55th International VAC Pre Rally Events**  
**Starting June 22**

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

**August 8—12, 2012**  
**Region 7 VAC Rally**  
**Spicer, MN**

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

September 12-16, 2012  
Pennsylvania State Rally  
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

## Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda

In January, Candy Fisher sent a copy of an article from the October 1960 issue of The Motorcycle Enthusiast. The article titled, "the Caravanners Meet the Topper" by Rupert Leuch, president of the Wisconsin Unit, details the WBCCI International being held in Colorado Springs and the brand new Harley-Davidson Topper he took to the rally. It drew quite a crowd since it had an automatic transmission and two men riding double could maneuver on the grounds in and out of ruts or scoot along the paved roads with ease. He also described the sun shining on the polished roofs of 1100 trailers parked on the shores of Prospect Lake that could be seen from as far away as Pikes Peak. I wish we had room to publish the entire article and pictures, but I will make sure it gets sent to the VAC Historian, Joe Pepinski and also to the Vintage Advantage Editor, Kimber Moore.

Floy Winter, WBCCI #5576, has been publishing great articles about Sedalia, Missouri in *Blue Beret* since the International rally location was announced in the August 2011 issue. One of the perks associated with attending International is planning the trip, sightseeing along the way, and getting out during the rally to see the local sites. On our way to DuQuoin last year we towed the trailer around the Sedalia fairgrounds, but did not stop. After reading the articles, I am ready to get out and explore.

Last weekend at the DenCo March luncheon, *Timeless Trailers* president, Brett Hall was a guest. He arrived towing a redesigned Airstream trailer and spoke about his business. He also invited everyone to Alumafandango ([alumnafandango.com](http://alumnafandango.com)) *Timeless* is sponsoring this rally along with Rich Luhr of Airstream Life Magazine. The event will happen August 21-26 at the historic Lakeside Amusement Park in the Denver area. The third Alumapalooza ([alumapalooza.com](http://alumapalooza.com)) will be happening at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio, May 29-June 2, 2012. Neither of these events are WBCCI or VAC sponsored, but a great opportunity to gather with other Airstream owners. If attending either rally, it would be a good opportunity to recruit new members. **Ken Faber, VAC Region 4 representative ([vacregion4@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:vacregion4@vintageairstreamclub.com))** has volunteered to have VAC membership information at the Alumapalooza rally. Jim and I are already signed up for Alumafandango so we will also do some friendly recruiting too.

## 55th International Convention / Rally Sedalia, Missouri

### VAC Members Registered for International

WBCCI has provided the VAC with a list of members attending the International. We will be contacting those registered as International gets closer. To make the rally a success for the VAC, we will verify information with registered members. Are you planning to parking in the VAC area? Do you plan to meet at the bull pen and parade into the fairgrounds with the rendezvous group? If not parked in the VAC area, will you be able to participate in activities at the VAC tent? Do we have your information correct for trailer signs?

You will also receive information about the VAC schedule, parking procedures upon arrival at the gate, Open House guidelines, a link to the judging guidelines and score sheet for the Concours de' Elegance, and suggested trailer items to bring along.

If this is your first International, take a minute to read the section called *First Timers Hints* on the WBCCI website [wbcci.org](http://wbcci.org) under the International heading.

### VAC Rendezvous Before International in Sedalia

May 15 is the sign up deadline for the Vintage Airstream Club rendezvous at the Cottonwood RV Park in Columbia, Missouri starting the afternoon June 22, 2012. Starting 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 parking area.

The registration form can be found in the January newsletter or on the front page of the VAC website [vintageairstreamclub.org](http://vintageairstreamclub.org)

If you need more information, contact **Chris Hildenbrand, 1st Vice President** at [1vp@vintageairstreamclub.org](mailto:1vp@vintageairstreamclub.org) or call 303.405.1441.

## 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# @vintageairstreamclub.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, Assistant  
Region 8: Scott Allen  
Region 9: Pat McDowell  
Region 10: Iain Cameron  
Region 11: Ken Johansen  
Region 12: Jim Polk

## VAC Website

**It is time to look at the VAC website at [vintageairstreamclub.org](http://vintageairstreamclub.org)**

The front page has a tentative schedule for the VAC at International and the on-line registration for the VAC Rendezvous in Columbia, Missouri.

Under the heading "Rally Home" is a current calendar of VAC recommended rallies and great tips for Hosting A Rally.

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

We would like to extend an invitation to all Vintage Airstream aficionados to join us for the Vintage Airstream Club event of the year. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Restoration Rally has been booked for June 7-11, 2012, in historic Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This five-day rally is a combination of classroom and hands on instruction. Recommended for all levels of Airstream enthusiasts, from those thinking of polishing, or updating upholstery and window coverings, to those contemplating a complete frame-off restoration. We will have experts from across the United States with experience in many fields ready and willing to share their knowledge.

This year's line up features Uwe Salwender of Area 63 Productions, in Orange, California. Salwender, known for his outstanding Airstream restorations, will provide insight into his many projects, some which have appeared in magazines. Kip Eagan, a master aircraft skin mechanic will have you learning the nuances and various types of aluminum. Jim Polk, a certified appraiser of Airstreams, and Region 12's VAC representative, will provide information on values of restored Airstreams; and Susan Tieg will provide a workshop on customizing your Airstream's interior with new window coverings and upholstery. In addition, there will be many more informative seminars to choose from.

There is something for everyone at this rally, including a giant raffle, good food and great friends! Spaces are limited! Registrations are due by May 15, 2012.

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**Jim Polk, Region 12 VAC Representative [vacregion12@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:vacregion12@vintageairstreamclub.com)**

## Step Back Into the Good Old Days' Vintage Airstream Club and Region 7 Rally August 8-12, 2012

Come and see the world of beautiful restored antique pre-1916 automobiles in Spicer, Minnesota this August. Can you imagine that all these cars are still running and you will be part of their 'rally'? The Vintage airstream Club is joining us for this rally and will be opening their restored units for an afternoon of fun as we take a stroll back in time. So drag out your vintage clothes and join us for a walk back into the 'Good Old Days.'

**Linda Agre, Region 7 President 320.295.1117 [Agre5628@aol.com](mailto:Agre5628@aol.com)**  
**Curt Gunderson [vacregion7@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:vacregion7@vintageairstreamclub.com)**

## Region 3 Rally At Myrtle Beach April 22—29, 2012

**Region 3 President, Rick Bell** invites all Airstream owners to Ocean Lakes Campground in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, April 22-29, 2012 for the Region 3 Rally. We are going to have, as usual, an open house for the Vintage group, but this year we are taking it a step further and having an open house for any unit that would like to extend this hospitality. Members of the Vintage Airstream club are encouraged to participate. We are opening this rally to any Airstream owner as a way of extending our hospitality beyond the WBCCI group. A coupon for the rally and more information can be found in the March 2012 issue of the Blue Beret and online at the Region 3 website.

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

Iain Cameron, VAC Region 10 Representative, is sponsoring a buddy rally and all vintage enthusiasts are welcome. As Iain states, "Buddy rallies are a great way to introduce people to the club and makes rallies very dynamic and fun."

Contact **Iain Cameron** at [imcameron@shaw.ca](mailto:imcameron@shaw.ca) and a campsite will be reserved for you. No campsite deposit is required until April 1, 2012.

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### WBCCI

Wally Byam Caravan Club International

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

The Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club has gathered together annually to celebrate vintage Airstreams since 2001. We call our settlement the Rockin' Wally-B Ranch. You won't find us on the map, but it is real, it exists wherever we are. We plan to rally the way Wally did, dry camping in an open field, no hook-ups (handicap accommodations available). The rally includes workshops and demonstrations, campfire chats, entertainment, Western catered dinner, trailer open house, swap meet and time to explore the area of Gunnison. Our website [rmvac.org](http://rmvac.org) has the registration form, tentative schedule, and previous rally highlights. The rally is sponsored by a group of VAC members of the Denver Unit and Region 11.

Bring your adventurous Wally spirit to the Rocky Mountain Rally Contact [mike@realestateprofessional.com](mailto:mike@realestateprofessional.com)

### 3rd Annual Lone Star Vintage Airstream Campout April 26-29, 2012 LBJ Grasslands, Decatur TX

The 3rd annual campout sponsored by the Lone Star Vintage Airstream Club is a boondocking event. Your wagons will be circled around an 1876 Studebaker Chuckwagon on the open range at the LBJ Grasslands north of Decatur, Texas. Kent and Shannon Rollins of Red River Ranch are returning to prepare a Western dinner and provide entertainment. Kent will offer a Dutch Oven Cooking class so season up your Dutch oven, grab your potholders, apron and tongs for the fun. The rally also includes an Open House for all with Vintage trailers and opportunities to explore the area. Deadline for registration is April 12, 2010.

Contact **Paul Mayeux, VAC 3rd Vice President** for information and registration form [3vp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:3vp@vintageairstreamclub.com)



Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Rally



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