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Vintage Airstream Club

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**Newsletter Reminders
E-mail Addresses**

The goal for 2012-2013 is six bi-monthly newsletters starting with July 2012.

As discussed at International by officers, the VAC can only support one e-mail address and one mailing address.

Now that means —spouses, partners, significant others, it is your responsibility to make sure you forward the VAC newsletter and other email reminders or information.

It is critical to keep us informed if you change your email or post office address.

Thanks for your help!

**2012 International
VAC Pictures**

Check out the picture collages of 2012 VAC at International at:
<http://vintageairstreamclub.com/Library/Public/View-category.html>

Message from Chris, VAC President

As incoming President of the Vintage Airstream Club, I feel the most important item of business at this time is to thank a number of people for their service to our club. The first and foremost is Jim and Rhonda Cooper. Jim and Rhonda, as outgoing VAC President and First Mate, have worn a number of hats throughout the last several years including VAC Treasurer, News Letter Editor, DenCo Membership Chair Person, just to name a few. After having successfully completed their year as VAC president and First Mate, they both have stepped up and volunteered to take on a number of important jobs both now and in the future. I admire the Copper's grace and style in combination with a positive "can do" attitude even through some of life's more challenging times. I thank them for everything they have done for both the WBCCI and the VAC; their contributions have made the WBCCI and the VAC better clubs.

Other people I would like to thank are Teresa Taylor as incoming Membership Chairperson, Lee Cantrell as outgoing Membership Chairperson and his wife, Joyce Cantrell as Assistant Membership Recruiting. Also, Rachel Hughey as New Membership Fulfillment for taking on one of our club's biggest jobs. The Cantrell's and Hughey's have spent many thankless hours making the business end of our club look easy. Two other people I think need a round of thanks are Tim Kendziorski and Kimber Moore for all the time they spend with the VAC web site and now the WBCCI web site, as well as the Vintage Advantage and the many other endeavors they do for our club. Because of Jim and Rhonda, Teresa, Lee and Joyce, Rachel, and Tim and Kimber's efforts and the efforts of many of our unnamed members we have a great club.

Finally, I would like to thank Robert Stansbury, Region 12, First VP for arranging the VAC caravan stop and providing a great lunch. Special thanks to Rich and Pam Green for sharing their beautifully restored mansion in California ,Missouri. This event was the highlight of the caravan to Sedalia Missouri.

Message from Jim, VAC Past President

Well here we are in July, and I'm Past President. You will find a long message from me in a future Vintage Advantage. If there is one thing that I am most proud of during my tenure as president, it's starting this newsletter. Second is starting the 12x14 goal, third the Constitution changes, and finally the membership directory.

Every time one of you emailed Rhonda or me with a complement about the Newsletter or Directory, it felt like one of those gold stars by our names in grade school. Thank you so much.

In the future, I will be Chairing the 12x14 team, assisting with the membership database and Directory, and serving as Technical Adviser. By the way, Rhonda remains Newsletter Editor. We will also be looking for you at VAC rallies.

I want to thank a special person, Rhonda Cooper, Newsletter Editor and wife, she has kept me organized, and proof read all my writing and presentations. During the past two Internationals she made the personal contact with VAC members that made them part of the rally family.

Chris has thanked others that helped along the way, but I do need to thank Paul Fancy for his years managing the Concours. He is really good at it. He made what could seem intimidating, both fun and inclusive.

I have been appointed Technical Adviser. It's a role that will allow me to research, write, and participate in the technical arena, which I most enjoy. It's a role that will add value to your VAC membership. I don't have all the answers, but I will try and find them. I will try to present technical knowledge in a format that you can access. And, I will be asking you for advise, not just what knob adjusts the "throw out commentator" and such, but what you want the Tech Adviser to do.

Calendar

VAC Region Representatives and VAC members need to keep the calendar current. Please send information for rallies of interest to VAC members.

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
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

Pamela Peak's Happy Hour "Crack" Recipe

6 Cups Chex Cereal (I use two kinds, Rice and Corn, 3 cups each)
3 Cups Bugles
3 Cups Pretzels
16 Oz White Chocolate or Candy Coating Vanilla (Brand Name)

Mix together dry ingredients in a large bowl. Melt the chocolate, be careful, it scorches easily.
Pour over dry ingredients. Stir well until all pieces are coated. Stir again every hour for the first 2 or 3 hours, to avoid a big chunk,. ENJOY!

Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda

I have to be honest, planning for International and keeping up with all the obligations was quite a challenge. Overall, I feel really good about the rally and the VAC involvement. The hours Jim put into the By-Laws and Constitutional changes, IBT report, Directory, and meeting planning was commendable. When he spends days on the computer instead of fishing or tying flies, it shows his very strong personal commitment to the VAC. We wanted people to gather often so we planned three meals and all were well attended despite the 100+ temperatures. The VAC sponsored seminars are always well received and VAC members also added some new ideas with seminars on food and wine; making pet food; membership; living in small spaces; plus money and retirement planning.

One of the challenges at International is making contact with all VAC members, especially those not parked in the VAC area. Helen and Bob Halasey, WBCCI #3540 were not parked with us, but their trailer did make an impact at International as shown in the picture. Helen and Bob were great about stopping by the VAC tent and getting signed up for events.

Looking back at our Airstream travels since April, three stops stand out for me. The most recent was the Vintage Airstream Rendezvous in Columbia, Missouri and the tour of the Eitzen Mansion in California all arranged by Chris Hildebrand and Jimmy Lane. The other two were not planned rallies, but time spent with friends, parked in their yard before rallies. Thanks to Patti and Tom for the wonderful hospitality in California and Lee and Joyce Cantrell for a few restful days in Kansas before International.



Helen and Bob's 1963 Bambi nestled in with the motorhomes at International.



VAC trailers parked in California, MO at the curb of the Eitzen Mansion.



Dr. Holman's 1935 trailer being judged at International.

In Memoriam, Dr. Norman w. Holman Jr. M.D.

The officers and members of the Vintage Airstream club express their sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Holman. He died peacefully on July 6, 2012, while on vacation in Sedalia, MO with his 1935 Vintage Airstream trailer. He was well known in the Airstream community and won numerous VAC awards, especially for his technical creativity. A link to the Norman Holman Obituary and guest book can be found at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pensacolanewsjournal/obituary.aspx?n=norman-w-holman&pid=158606095#fbLoggedOut>

VAC Highlights of 2012 International Sedalia, Missouri

Twelve VAC Trailers traveled from Columbia to California, MO, touring the Historic Eitzen Mansion before the Annual VAC Parade into the Sedalia Fairgrounds.

Over Forty VAC members attended the 2012 International in Sedalia, MO.

Twenty-six trailers parked in the VAC area at International.

A Quorum of Officers Were Present for Board Meetings.

Thirty-one trailers were represented at the VAC Annual Member Meeting.

During International VAC Members were observed serving as International Officers, Region Officers, Unit Delegates, working at registration tables, playing in the WBCCI band, driving tractors for fairground transportation, presenting classes and seminars, admiring other Vintage trailers, offering maintenance assistance or advice, helping with VAC dinners and Happy Hours, purchasing VAC merchandise, and creating new friendships.

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;

Region 8: Scott Allen

Region 9: Pat McDowell

Region 10: Iain Cameron

Region 11: Ken Johansen

Region 12: Jim Polk

Alaska Caravan Blogs Happening Now!

Thirty-eight trailers are traveling now on the WBCCI Alaskan Caravan. Follow their adventures on the following sites:

Patti Reed
homerstravels12.blogspot.com

Randy Godfrey
@silvercabin

Jim and Debbie
Dreamstreamr.wordpress.com
Airstream Life Magazine

Vintage Airstream Club 2012-2013 Officers and Appointed Positions

Officers

Past President	Jim Cooper
President	Chris Hildenbrand
1 st Vice President	Tim Kendziorski
2 nd Vice President	Paul Mayeux
3 rd Vice President	Kimber Moore
Recording Secretary	Patti Reed
Treasurer	Pamela Peak

Appointed Positions

Parliamentarian	Bob Novak
Technical Advisor:	Jim Cooper
Concours D'Elegance	Kimber Moore
Vintage Advantage Editor	Rhonda Cooper
Newsletter Editor	Tim Kendziorski
Webmaster	Bob Watawa
Librarian	Joe Peplinski
Historian	Bob Herman
Blue Beret Editor	Teresa Taylor
Membership	Joyce Cantrell
Assistant Membership Recruiting	Rachel Hughey
New Member Fulfillment	Bill Kerfoot
Quartermaster	

Business at International, Jim

The chairmen of WBCCI committees and Intra-clubs report to the IBT at each International. I presented our report as a summary of the VAC's recent accomplishments, our short term goals, and our concerns. It was received without question, and you can read it at: <http://vintageairstreamclub.com/Library/Public/View-category.html>. In past years the president was grilled at these report sessions. Our relationship with the WBCCI leadership has come a long way. The club is recognized and appreciated as a positive contributor to the WBCCI. Changes to the VAC Constitution were passed by the members at the annual Membership Meeting. We now have the flexibility to conduct the Membership Meeting at a time and place of our choosing in the months of June, July, or August. Electronic voting is acceptable, and members can submit changes to the Constitution. The Constitution and Bylaws are available at: <http://vintageairstreamclub.com/Library/Constitution-Bylaws/View-category.html>. Next year's meeting will be at International, and there are no active plans to change that in the future. If the club pursues online meeting attendance and voting, a process will have to be developed and documented in the Bylaws. The point is, we now have flexibility in addressing the VAC's future.

12 X 14 VAC Goal - VAC Rally In Each Region

A VAC rally in each of 12 regions by 2014—that's the goal, and we are about half way there now. The 12x14 team is: Jim Cooper, Past President; Paul Mayeux, 2nd VP; Kimber Moore, 3rd VP; Tom Reed, Past President; Bob Novak, Region 2; Iain Cameron, Region 10; and Ken Johanson, Region 11. Our first step is to define a VAC rally, second is to propose funding for VAC rallies, and third is to make it happen. If you remember the survey over a year ago, members said they wanted to know what's going on, and they wanted more going on in their area. 12x14 is one effort to get more going on. When it comes time, people will have to step up to help rallies occur. In the mean time, the Team will do everything it can to set the stage and get things moving. Can you imagine, a VAC rally in every region?

Thanks for VAC Volunteers at International

Throughout the International, VAC members helped in various ways. First, Alice Reid served as VAC secretary for three meetings. She volunteered right away at the beginning of the rally and served the board well, replacing Patti Reed as she travels Alaska. Second, George James always comes prepared to handle the grilling without being asked. He did the hot dogs and took on the challenge of grilling chicken for over 60 people. Thanks again to everyone that helped with VAC gatherings.

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Quick Tech Idea, Jim Cooper Awning Bar Clamp, Designed by Lee Cantrell

Listen up if you have a Zip Dee awning. We live in fear of the awning opening up at 60 MPH after we forgot to lock it down. I know, you've never forgotten, but I saw someone who did. Many of us wrap a length of Velcro tape around the bars as an extra safety measure.

Lee made an aluminum clamp that would prevent the bars from opening, and thus the awning from swinging out from the trailer. He used ½ inch wide by 1/8 inch thick aluminum from the hardware store. The parts were bent using a vise and hammer. The piece with the screw is threaded so that the screw can't be lost.

If you are clever, you might figure how to lengthen one hole, notch the other, and use a longer screw; then, it would all stay together when removed -- no lost parts.

