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## Membership Reminders

Do not respond to reminders from Pay Pal for renewal. Teresa Taylor will send a reminder when it is time to renew. Pay Pal can be used to pay membership dues.

**If your trailer has turned Vintage or 25 years old recently, please let membership know. You should be listed as a VAC Member, not a VAC Associate.**

## Quick Links

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## 2013-2014 Officers

President, Tim Kendziorski  
1st V. P., Kimber Moore  
2nd V.P., Paul Mayeux  
3rd V.P., Iain Cameron  
Recording Secretary, Patti Reed  
Treasurer, Pamela Peak  
Past President, Chris Hildenbrand

## Region Reps

Full contact information for Region Reps can be found on the VAC website. The Board will be reviewing Region Representative positions and contacting all to discuss the future.

# The Vintage Airstream Club

## Intra-Club of WBCCI Since 1993

### July 2013 VAC Newsletter



## Message from Tim Kendziorski, VAC President

Kimber and I had a blast planning for the VAC Rendezvous and parade into International this year. For those who did not attend we circled the wagons out on the prairie at the Ingalls Homestead in De Smet, SD. Last year, when we scouted the area for the Rendezvous, we were not sure we could pull this off. We visited the site and Kimber's eyes got wide when she saw what was available for us. A wide open mostly flat field big enough for all of us. But the folks at the Homestead made it so easy to put on the gathering. They gave us whatever we wanted. And what we wanted was a good old fashioned circle of shiny Airstreams. The Ingalls Homestead is a living history museum. Our guests were treated to wagon rides, and demonstrations of the life on the prairie back in the late 1880's when Laura Ingalls Wilder lived at the location with her family.

On the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> we saddled up and headed in to Huron to stage our parade. The city gave us a permit and a police escort through town and on to the fairgrounds. At our meeting point at the Giant Pheasant statue on the Northeast end of town we all hoisted flags and got ready. To make the parade a little more interesting I set up 2 powered speakers and a generator on the roof of our truck to play some Rat Pack music as we cruised through town. I also mounted an antenna on one of my flag poles and transmitted that same music on FM radio for all the others in our parade to also play as loud as they could from their vehicles. From start to finish we all had the same music going at the same time. If you have never done it before, it's a little strange leading a parade. You don't get to see the line of Airstreams in front of you. All we saw was the lights of the police car leading the way until the final turn – it was impressive to see Airstreams as far as the eye could see. It was probably my most memorable moment of the International rally.

I want to send out a very hearty THANK YOU to Anne and Tim at the Ingalls Homestead for all of the help and to the City of Huron police department for the escort. Without their help the Rendezvous would not have been the success it was.

For the coming year we are planning on the continuation of Jim Cooper's work on a new membership database with integration into the VAC's website so that the membership coordinator has a complete picture of the members status. We are also going to be holding quarterly round table meetings with the board and any interested members via online means to discuss what we have accomplished and what we need to work on. We will also be working on what I hope will be an expansion of the VAC's activities and presence at the International rally in Gillette for 2014.

I do wish to extend thanks to Chris Hildenbrand and Jim Lane for all they have done this past year and paving the way for me to take things over. The job of president is a volunteer and occasionally thankless position. I believe that Chris has handled it with grace and style. The fact that the past year ran seamlessly for the rest of us is a testament to the work Chris has put in. I hope I can honor the work all of the past presidents have done in the limited time I have in the position.

**2013  
VAC Rallies or Events**

**August 9 - 12**  
**Region 10 VAC Rally**  
Wenatchee River Vintage Rally  
Monitor, WA  
Contact Iain Cameron  
Region 10 Representative

**October 3 - 7**  
**Texas Highland Lakes Unit**  
**Vintage Airstream "Cradle of History" Rally**  
Gonzales, Texas  
Contact Fred /Judy Hazen [jfhazen@earthlink.net](mailto:jfhazen@earthlink.net) or 512-261-0122

**October 17—20**  
**Region 12 VAC West**  
"Wally Byam's Rustler Roundup"  
Lone Pine, California

**2014  
VAC Rallies or Events**

**August 8-11, 2014**  
**Region 10 VAC Rally**  
Wenatchee River Vintage Rally  
Monitor, WA  
Contact Iain Cameron,  
VAC 3rd Vice President

**VAC Rally Reflections  
WBCCI International 2013**

Old trailers, Airstreamer friends  
New faces, exciting places  
Coming together, home again  
Paths crossing can't say when  
Shared values, good times  
Any weather, any climate  
Meeting up least once each year  
Swapping stories, sipping beer  
Standing together, withstanding resistance  
Moving forward, going the distance  
Aware always of Wally's vision  
Fun and fellowship is VAC's mission  
Preserving RV's discovering their history  
Making work fun is part of the mystery  
Polishing to restore that pristine shine  
Declaring proudly, "That RV's mine".

Carol Heckman

**2013 Upcoming Rally**

**Texas Vintage Airstream Rally  
Gonzales Texas October 3-7, 2013**

All owners of Airstreams, both vintage and newer models are invited to join **Texas Highland Lakes Unit** to celebrate the history of Airstream and the history of Texas. The town comes alive for a three-day, "Come & Take It!" event with a parade, carnival, battle reenactment and art shows. The rally will include camping for four nights, two catered dinners, and Airstream seminars and Vintage Open House. Rally coupon can be found in recent issues of the [Blue Beret](#), [www.THLU.org](http://www.THLU.org), or contact Fred and Judy Hazen at [jfhazen@earthlink.net](mailto:jfhazen@earthlink.net) or 512.261.0122.



**Wally Byam's Rustlers' Roundup at Tuttle Creek  
VAC West Region 12 Vintage Airstream Rally  
Lone Pine, California October 17-20**

This will be a rally full of meetin', eatin', tourin' and learnin'... or maybe just fishin'! Tours will include the Beverly and Jim Rogers Museum of Lone Pine Film History and the Manzanar National Historical Site. We will also explore scenic places like Whitney Portal and Mobius Arch or have information on hand for those who want to venture out on their own. Friday and Saturday are required 'cause that's when all the fun will be including spaghetti Western on Friday, Cowboy BBQ on Saturday, and lounge-in movie each night. Attendees will receive a goody bag, including special VACwest schwag! Registration, and rally information can be found at [vacwest.org](http://vacwest.org), send questions to [rally@vacwest.org](mailto:rally@vacwest.org) or call Tim Kendziorski and Kimber Moore at 775.847.0187

**VAC Highlights at 56th International Rally  
Huron, South Dakota June 27 - July 4, 2013**

**Ten** trailers participated in the Wagon Wheel Caravan from Hot Springs to DeSmet, SD.  
**Nineteen** trailers circled the wagons on the Prairie at the Ingalls Homestead in DeSmet.  
**Twenty-eight** VAC trailers with flags flying and Rat Pack music playing were escorted by City of Huron Police from the tall Pheasant to the State Fair Grounds.  
**Thirty-one** trailers parked in the Vintage section at International and Celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Vintage Airstream Club with posters displaying the VAC history; evening videos of rallies from 1984, 1997 and 2000; **eighty** members enjoyed a VAC dinner with birthday cake and ice cream, plus Happy Hour gatherings every day.  
**Hundreds** attended the VAC Annual Open House for WBCCI and Huron, SD residents.  
**Eighteen** trailers and **Ten** Engineering features were judged at International.  
**Quorum** of VAC officers were present for Board Meetings.  
**Over eighty** WBCCI members attended two presentations on the 50th Anniversary of the WBCCI Around the World Caravan by Joe Peplinski, VAC Historian. Posters featuring the World Tour were given to Caravan participants and as door prizes by Chris Hildenbrand.  
**Fourteen** new VAC membership were received by Teresa Taylor, Membership Chair.  
**Over sixty** WBCCI members attended a local wine tasting seminar, sponsored by the VAC and presented by Kimber Moore and Tim Kendziorski.  
**Third** place was the prize for the VAC Newsletter in the Black and White Category.  
**Many** VAC members presented seminars, volunteered, participated as National, Regional and Unit delegates, contributed items and funds for community donations, offered on-site maintenance assistance, encouraged new VAC memberships and created new friendships.

## VAC Charter Members 1993-2013

**James George  
Diane Bailey  
Herb Richter**



**Joe Peplinski, VAC Historian**

## 2013 VAC Concourse D' Elegance Award Winners

### **Bud Cooper Best of Show Award**

Mary Lou and William Doster  
1961 Bambi

### **Bill Scott Best Bambi Award**

Mary Lou and William Doster  
1961 Bambi

### **Two Combo Award**

Shari and Rob Davis  
1956 Safari & 1963 Suburban

### **Best Motorhome**

Linda and Pete Heylin  
1985 290 Motorhome

### **Best Engineered Feature**

Kimber Moore & Tim Kendziorski

### **Most Flags**

Teresa and Glenn Taylor

### **People's Choice Award**

Elaine and Steve Laxton

## Message from Chris, Past President

Well the last twelve months went by amazingly fast. As VAC President for 2012-13 my emphasis for my time in office was to plan the 50th Anniversary Wagon Wheel Caravan and the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for the VAC.

The Wagon Wheel Caravan had 10 trailers and 24 people. We started our caravan in Hot Springs, South Dakota. The group toured Custer State park and learned about mammoths and early Black Hills history. Dr. Larry Agenbroad, Director of the Mammoth Digs site, gave us a behind the scenes tour that was both informative and entertaining. We then moved to Hill City South Dakota and saw the Crazy Horse Monument and Mount Rushmore. We also got a chance to learn about some of the transportation history of the Black Hills, and live a little of that history by riding the 1880 Train from Hill City to Keystone. The train was a perfect way to spend a rainy afternoon. The caravan continued to Interior South Dakota with a stop at Wall Drug and Bad Lands National Park. We even got to have a little practice birthday party to celebrate Diane Bailey's 71st birthday. At Fort Pierre South Dakota we toured the Oahe Dam and Power Plant. We spent the night at the Oahe Down Stream State park and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and a walk along the Missouri River. Our final day on the caravan was to travel to DeSmet South Dakota, the VAC Rendezvous site. A big thanks goes to Tim Kendziorski and Kimber Moore for an excellent job circling the wagons at the Laura Ingles Wilder Homestead site and the leading the parade through Huron to the International Rally.

The main focus for the VAC at the 2013 International Rally was to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VAC. We had 31 vintage trailers in attendance at the Vintage parking area including three charter members. The VAC open house was well attended by both WBCCI members and locals. Immediately following the open house was the 20th anniversary celebration with over 80 people in attendance. The VAC provided hamburgers and brats with all the fixings including a beautiful birthday cake and ice cream. Thanks to everybody that helped make this party happen.

We were not able to have any of the surviving Around the World Caravan trailers in attendance as originally planned. Most of the trailers are at varying stages of restorations and were not quite ready for prime time. Joe Peplinski, VAC Historian, did present two very detailed seminars on the Around the World Caravan including stories about the trailer owners. Thanks, Joe. Sponsored by the VAC, Kimber Moore and Tim Kendziorski presented a tasting seminar featuring South Dakota Wines. The seminar was very well attended, and there was just enough wine to go around.

Along with all the partying, we were able to get some business done. The note worthy items were the election of new officers for 2013-14, a budget was set for the VAC Historian, and the VAC will contribute some money to the WBCCI Historian for archival supplies.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank some people that made this last year happen. First I would like to thank Rhonda and Jim Cooper for all the hard work on the VAC news letter and the new data base, Teresa Taylor for her tireless work converting our membership to the new data base, and last, but not least my partner Jim Lane for all his hard work and support. Thanks for a great year and safe travels.



**2013 VAC Wagon Wheel Caravan Hill City, South Dakota**

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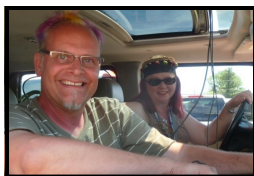
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The Vintage Airstream Club  
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Wally Byam Caravan Club International



Circle the Wagons in De Smet, Montana  
Thanks Tim and Kimber!



Great Planning for  
VAC at 56th WBCCI  
International  
Huron, SD

Thanks Chris  
and Jimmy!



### Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda Cooper

George James, VAC Charter Member and VAC Region 3 Representative, shared videos watched during the evenings at International. Being able to see many of the founders of the VAC share their enthusiasm for the club and their trailers was timely as we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of The Vintage Airstream Club. Many thanks, George!

Vintage Airstream trailers usually draw media attention and this was true for the Wagon Wheel Caravan and International. In the next few weeks, check the VAC website for links including a PBS video featuring the VAC.

Bob and Bonnie Herman have volunteered to share campgrounds found throughout the country that they consider to be "Jewels" since most were discovered, not planned. I look forward to publishing their jewels starting with the next newsletter.

The fun is not over for 2013! The Texas and California rallies, both happening in October, are still accepting registrations. Make plans to attend now and even better, invite other VAC members to join you or meet you along the road. Jim and I are registered for the Rustler's Roundup and would love to have others travel with us from Colorado or meet up along the journey.

I will continue to publish the VAC Newsletter for one more year. Keep in touch with articles, rallies, ideas, and questions.  
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