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WBCCI Membership Reminders

Now is the time to renew your WBCCI membership. Deadlines are approaching soon if you want to be listed in the WBCCI Directory for 2014. Check with your local unit for details.

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Did you see Joe's recent article in the September 2013 [Blue Beret](#), *It's a Long Story?* Joe and Lorrie saved new owners of a 1966 Airstream 1500 miles by towing their new purchase to International in Huron, South Dakota.

The Vintage Airstream Club

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Message from Tim Kendziorski, VAC President

The International Rally is nine months away, give or take, and we are already working on the activities for our gathering in Gillette. We have our location set and also a spot for our tent so we can start to put together activities and schedules. If you are going to Gillette in 2014 and are interested in giving a presentation of a Vintage nature, please contact me and I will get you on our preliminary schedule. My plan for next year is to have some expanded activities in the VAC tent. For example, we will have our wine tasting event featuring local wine varieties. Due to the popularity of this event we have thought about splitting it into two sessions to accommodate more people. Additionally, we have discussed having a Cigars and Ports gathering as well. Lastly, I would love to see some technical lectures on any vintage topic. I am planning to host a lecture on the workings of a Dometic Cooling Unit and how to improve the operation of your fridge – all information based on my efforts to get my own unit working over several years. If you have never given a lecture before and would like some tips, please feel free to contact me and I will work with you on putting together your presentation. Popular topics are always riveting and of course polishing. We haven't had a lecture in this area for awhile and it would be great information to share.

I am still working on a Round Table setup to discuss club progress and keep members informed about what we are doing throughout the year. All of our officers and appointed positions are volunteers and it can be tough to manage with a full time job so I want to be sure these folks have all the help they need. A round table is a perfect place to talk about what is working, what is not, as well as express needs and concerns. As soon as I have the final infrastructure set up for the round table I will send out a special message to all VAC members letting them know how they can connect in to the gathering. It will likely be an online meeting or phone in gathering.

The last issue I have is the "12 X 14" program that Jim Cooper started. Jim has resigned from that position as the enthusiasm for 12 VAC Regional rallies has been low (translate that to practically non-existent). This is a brilliant program that needs to have continued support in my view. I plan to keep this program going as a reformulated "6 X 14" that capitalizes on the work that is already being done in several regions. It should be a collaborative effort between regions so there is not just one person doing all of the work. Two heads are better than one in areas like this and if we can establish strong VAC specific rallies in six regional areas I think we will have gone a long way to improving the vintage experience throughout the club. We already have a few regions doing strong rallies. We really only need to add a few more. We can easily expand to eight or more rallies in the coming years. So, with this message I am formally announcing that I will take Jim's place as chair of that committee and we will work at pushing his brilliant plans forward, slightly revamped.

Contact me if you have ideas for VAC presentations or need help developing a presentation. I also need to hear your questions or comments regarding the Round Table discussion and the 12 X 6 Rallies.

Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda Cooper

The November newsletter should highlight all the great VAC rallies that happened in 2013. Send your articles and pictures by November 10, 2013. I have seen rally postings on the VAC Facebook page, let's include those rallies too.

Planning a VAC, Buddy or Vintage Parking rally for 2014, please send calendar information for the January 2014 newsletter.

Thanks to the VAC officers, I have a new version of Microsoft Publisher which means I am not limited on photos and it supports a PDF format. We will still use Constant Contact to send the newsletter.

THE WENATCHEE WORLD

Bonnie and Roger Miller,, WBCCI 1137 of Ephrata, WA shared this article from the August 23, Wenatchee World newspaper with attendees of the Region 10 VAC Rally .

The Vintage Airstream Club camped at the Wenatchee River County Park earlier this month. Thirty of the camp trailers, from as far back as the 1940's, provided the public an "Open House" where folks were given the opportunity to tour these fantastic vehicles. Visitors were asked to make a donation, with proceeds going to one of our partners, the Wenatchee Valley Sports Foundation and their Kids Scholarship Fund. The money is set aside to help local needy kids afford participation in youth sports activities.

I just wanted to give a special thanks to the club, who by their willingness to display their Airstreams, raised several hundred dollars in donations. Also, kudos to park managers Mike and Marylee for running a first class operation and for their hospitality. Pretty cool when an out-of-area group takes the time and effort to help kids they don't even know!
MATT KEARNY

Region 10 VAC Rally Sponsored by Iain Cameron, VAC 3rd Vice President

Membership Database, Jim Cooper

Your membership profile and dues payment was kept on paper long ago. Eventually it was moved to a spreadsheet, and over time the spreadsheet was improved. There was no need for you to know. Recently the data was moved to a database, but now you need to know because you will see changes.

Our Membership Chair, Teresa Taylor, has been using the new database for several months. It was developed and is maintained by Jim Cooper, and will be integrated with the website by Tim Kendzioriski. It is a File Maker Pro database, which is the same software that WBCCI Headquarters is converting to. Let's look at why this was done, the changes that you will see, and what the future holds.

Objective:

- Improve the efficiency of the Membership Chair's job.
- Improve communications with members.
- Make data more reliable and secure.
- Integrate member data with the website, allowing members to update their profile.

Changes

Dues

- Memberships expires on your anniversary date.
- An acknowledgment will be sent that payment was received.
- Most members pay for a year, but you can pay for more.
- A membership reminder will be sent 30 days before your renewal date.
- A second email will be sent if your membership expired.
- A third email will be sent when membership renewal exceeds 90 days.
- If membership renewal exceeds 180 days late, your status is resigned.
- New members receive a welcome message with their profile information.

Profile

- A membership can have two people.
- Each person can have a mobile phone and email address.
- The household can have a phone (think landline).
- There can only be one address per membership, no more summer and winter
- You can contribute trailer information for up to five trailers or motorhomes, providing Make (Airstream, Argosy, or Curtis Wright), Type (trailer or Motorhome), Year, and Model.

Features

- An electronic directory in PDF format will be sent each year.
- New members receive a current directory when they join.
- Localized membership lists are easily provided to Region Representatives.
- You may receive a list of members within a given distance, as the bird flies, of a rally site. (Go ahead, think about how we do that.)
- Trailer information can be queried in any manner, like who owns 66 Globe Trotter.

But wait, there's more . . .

- Soon all emails will be sent to both people listed in a membership.
- A current edition of the Directory will be available on the website.
- Easily edit your profile on the website.
- PayPal payments will flow directly into the database.

So what is really important . . .

- Inform the Membership Chair of profile changes (email and address).
- If you are an Associate member and your trailer turns 25 years old, tell us and we will change you to a full Member.
- If your email is incorrect, you will not get notices or the VAC newsletter.
- If your address is incorrect, you will not get the Vintage Advantage magazine.

You don't need email to be a member, but . . .

- Postcard renewal notices may be mailed, but not as timely as email notices.
- The VAC newsletter will still be mailed.
- Digital information like the directory cannot be shared.

Important VAC History Tribute to Bill Scott “Best of Bambi Award”



2013 WBCCI International Huron, SD
VAC Coucource d' Elegance
Best of Show and Bill Scott Best Bambi
Mary Lou and Bob Doster



2012 WBCCI International Sedalia, MO
VAC Coucource d' Elegance
Best of Show and Bill Scott Best Bambi
Rachel and Martin Hughey

As the two articles from 2001 reveal, Bill Scott’s contribution to the WBCCI and the VAC was honored by the creation of the Best of Bambi Award.



Bill Scott 1961 Bambi
1st Cherry Blossom Rally April 2000

“It is with great sadness that I report this final bit of news. WDCU CoFounder, original 1st VP, current Trustee and Membership Director, Mr. Bill Scott, passed away while enroute to the CBR from Texas. He was also the 2000 WBCCI International Rally Concourse d’ Elegance Director for the VAC. Bill was more than a Unit member, he was an authority on vintage Airstreams with a photographic memory and quick (and sometimes tempered) wit. He also has been an inspiration to all who have restored a vintage trailer or were even remotely considering the restoration of a vintage trailer. I had the pleasure of caravanning with Bill through Wyoming after the 1999 Boise International Rally and we formed a respected and trusted bond between each other and my family. Bill was an expert on Wyoming and knew the many obscure Calvary and Indian sites found throughout the state. In the evening he was a true story teller relating these past battles as we sat around the campfires such that my children still look at Wyoming as a very special place indeed. Bill leaves behind a son, Mike Scott, in Longview, Texas, who has indicated that he plans to keep Bill's beloved Bambi and participate in future events as time permits.”

Tom Howarth, WDCU Newsletter

“I had the pleasure of meeting Bill Scott in person nearly two years ago at the Wichita Falls, Texas regional meet. He had a gleam in his eye and a grin on his face, and always accentuated the positive in his conversation and thoughts. His contagious enthusiasm for old Airstreams and the finer points (or swirls) of polishing infected me, and made me quickly realize the VAC was about having fun and enjoying life through our special bond and nefarious addiction to old aluminum trailers. Bill warmly greeted newbie me as he would an old friend, and accelerated and encouraged my determination to get a vintage Airstream up on it's wheels again and rolling freely down the highway. Bill contributed greatly to my first impression of "trailerling," which was more fun than I ever imagined. He also encourage me to become more active in the VAC and egged me on to become the Archive Historian, which I accepted because of my respect for Bill and his contributions to the VAC. I will always keep Bill's fun-filled spirit with me when traveling in my Airstream, as that was my first and strongest impression of what Airstream trailerling is all about. Bill's messages and posts on the various incarnations of the VAC mailing list, though authoritative and knowledgeable, were never dry or dull. They were a hoot. And so in a final whelp of joy, not sorrow, it seems only fitting to send Bill on his way with a hearty, howlin', Texas big YEEEEEE...HAAAAAAA! I'm sure his cloud will be lined with aluminut.” **Fred Coldwell, VAC Historian**

Shari Davis, VAC President 2007-2008, researched archival links from Tom Patterson’s VAC’s list and provided information for this article. Thanks, Shari!

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Quik Tech Tip **Jim Cooper, VAC Technical Adviser** Replacing Plastic Latches



Those of us with 1966 through 68 trailers, and maybe others have white plastic cabinet latches. They used to be available, but I didn't find them recently. I built six replacements for the forward area of the Globe Trotter and left two in the bath. Now I have a four spares for the bath cabinets.

The key to success was finding Two Inch Slide Latches at [Ace Hardware](#). Each was inlet into a wood block that fit the cutout in the cabinet doors. Inletting is necessary so the male slide matches the height of the female catch mounted on the cabinet frame.



The Initial Work was done in a single piece of 1x2 oak long enough for six slides and catches. All screw holes were drilled and counter sunk, and the layout allowed for the width of the saw cut between individual parts. The longer section was rabbited on the sides to fit the door cutouts. It's important to complete this step before cutting out the individual parts. The width of the side cuts is determined by the width of the door cutout, and the depth is designed so that the slide matches the height of the catch. This is illustrated in the picture of Latch Assemblies.

I won't take the space here to provide detailed dimensions, but if you want to give it a go, contact me at techadviser@VintageAirstreamClub.com for additional details.



The next project was replacement of the plastic latches on the overhead cabinet door. This was easily accomplished with roller spring latches.

