

NEWS LETTER
THE VINTAGE AIRSTREAM CLUB

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At last, here is your first news-letter. I have a lot to tell, so I must keep everything short and sweet.

QUESTIONNAIRE Enclosed is a questionnaire. It's long, but important. You who are not attending the International will get cheated out of all business sessions, and you won't have a chance (this time) to vote on officers nor issues. So, use the form as a chance to vote for what you think is right for this club. Besides, the officers don't know you, and the profile we get will be helpful.

MEMBERSHIP As of this date 56 members with 18 signed up for the caravan. Charter membership will close June 30. Now that we have our own Blue Beret column, and thanks to generous coverage by some of my friends, we get 2 to 4 fresh applicants each week. By July I expect 75 members and 25 on caravan. Four members were recruited from the outside world, important, but only a start. I think there are more than 500 potential members outside WBCCI, and I plan to land every one of them with your help. More later.

PUBLICITY A press release I concocted landed us a splendid article in the Bismarck newspaper. Why don't you send one to your local newspaper? Write for my release. Don't be shocked if there is national press coverage of our arrival in Bismarck. You might be on national TV.

THE MAIL This vintage business brings you into contact with the nicest people. I tracked down Cliff and Mary Abel living in their 57 here in the Texas. Darned if they didn't take Bettye and I out to lunch last week. And, I get the nicest letters thanking me for starting the club. Makes me feel humble. I thought a 57 was old; Earl McDonald has a 51. Stan and Flo Baston have a 57 with 184,238 miles on it that has served four generations, and what a glowing letter they wrote. I think maybe that's what vintage is about. Thanks!

Paul Gallagher, who owns a 1936 Winchester DeLux, has started The Historic Caravan Club in U.K. There are two such clubs he says, so we aren't the first in the world. He offered to send me a copy of their magazine. (Magazine? Wow!) Their credo, Rescue, Restore, and Rally.

VOLUNTEER It's been fun starting the club, but I spend about two full days a week at it. I can't possibly carry this full load next year. And what do you think about getting out 600 news-letters next year. The questionnaire gives you opportunities to volunteer; nothing will happen unless you do. The clubs records are in good shape, both on disk and paper. Need a treasurer, right now please. Need a computer source of mailing labels, too. Officers, sure.

DUES Unit treasurers have advised me that it takes about \$7 to handle mailings, so this is the figure I chose. They are due in July of 1993, send them to me any time.

CARAVAN 139 625 Five members have elected to pick up our caravan at the Eastern outskirts of Bismarck. Write for instructions if you are interested. The others will meet me at West Fargo as

originally planned.

Bettye and I will choose deparkers, caboose, and other helpers at a drivers meeting 4 PM the 24th. To make something picture-worthy about our arrival, I am asking each owner to provide a small American flag (say 24") which can be temporarily attached to the jack-stand of his trailer. Have flag and all necessary attaching materials. We will stop 10 miles before Bismarck and attach these flags. They must be of a size and structure that will withstand 15 miles of punishment. Please have rigs gassed, food and water and ready to pull out by 8:00 AM the 25th. (Could not find a volunteer for driving over camp chairs. You'll have to do that yourself.) I plan a potty stop, a 1 hr lunch break, a hesitation for flags and joiners, then into the rally.

BUY-SELL I have received a number of letters offering vintage trailers for sale, and a few names of those wishing to buy. I will give current listings in condensed form. Phone for details. Feed me pricing info so I can share with others.

Wants a Bambi- Phil Smith #554

Wants vintage, small and reasonable- Robert Rosenbusch, 4783 Quarton Rd, Birmingham, MI.

For sale- 1953- 18ft., Vera Timmons, 3198 Locust Camp Rd. Dayton O. 45419

~~1964 Sovereign, 1 owner, Pearl Main, 909-927-5229~~

1969 26ft \$4700 asking, Mark Weisbrod 405-521-0807

1953 17ft good, recently sold <\$2300

Duplicate this form, tape it to any vintage Airstream you see, anywhere, any time. Keep some in your car.



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Your trailer, since it is a 1968 or older, is a Vintage Airstream. A number of us who know and admire these fine trailers have banded together to form The Vintage Airstream Club. This way we can meet together periodically, swap stories, help each other, and do all the fun things people do when they share a common interest. A surprising number of people feel the same way I do about old Airstreams; the club is national and is growing rapidly. By joining the Vintage Club, you get your numbers, and are automatically a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, so you get the benefits of this fine organization as well. You would have access to swap-and-sell, membership directory with 13,500 members, technical library of books and videos, caravans, competitions, seminars, advice, free parking, and literally hundreds of rallies each year. Our main event, of course, is the International Rally, where 3000 Airstreams meet every July 4th. Vintage members park together and show their trailers off.

We believe that older is better. Vintage Airstreamer's get pride, prestige and privileges. For more information write:

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