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News Items for Vintage Airstream Owners and Admirers

HOW WAS AMHERST??

PLAN ON RAPID CITY FOR 1996

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The President's Message:

Report on Amherst. Amherst was great! The weather was super! Our activities started at the pre-rally in Greenfield where our now past president, Stan Baston, organized a group of 22 Vintage trailers for the customary Vintage parade into the Amherst rally site. The parade joined a police escort including Gene Stubbs, Vern Goodwin and Norm Hewer, our International officers. We were parked in an excellent area with good visibility and greeted by a group of W.B.C.C.I. band members, playing a number of 'rousing' songs. Other activities included a regular business meeting, at which our new officers were elected. A list of our new officers and committee appointments are listed elsewhere in this issue.

We are still looking for a representative for Region 3,4,6,7 & 11. Volunteers please contact the undersigned.

A polishing demonstrating by Bud Cooper and a service seminar conducted by George James were well attended.

On Saturday afternoon July 1st, our customary open house and Concourse d' Elegance was well attended and received by over 500 people, including many local residents. The excellent attendance occurred despite some heavy rains. The spectators just kept coming, and the open house continued until 5 P.M., an hour longer than planned. Many spectators also came during the week.

Winners of the Concourse d'Elegance.

Best of Show was won by Tom and Kathryn Howarth, and Best of Show Reserve by Bard and Kathleen Fuller. Their awards were presented on stage prior to the Sunday evening program by Bud Cooper and greeted by International President, Gene Stubbs.

The remaining awards were presented at our Sunday morning breakfast attended by 65 members. Concourse results elsewhere in this issue. A big thanks to Forrest Bone, our Concourse steward.

During the rally we received approximately 20 new members, bring the total to 360 members -- and still growing!

At the conclusion of the breakfast, Norm Hewer, 1st Vice President of International, installed our new officers, and Bud Cooper presented to Norm a plaque acknowledging him as one of our helping founders and an honorary member.

Earlier in the week, Bud Cooper and Stan Baston presented to Larry Huttler, President of the Airstream Corporation, an honorary member plaque in appreciation for his assistance in boosting the club.

Next year's rally chairman will be Bud Cooper. Plan now to come to Rapid City in 1996. Best Wishes, Bob Brubaker

Vintage Club Breakfast.

Rapid City, 1996

Arrangements have been made to have the Vintage Club breakfast at the Elks Club. It is located right next to where we will park so it is real handy. Prices are reasonable. The menu includes: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage and ham, biscuits, gravy, fresh fruit bowl, juices, coffee and tea. All for \$7.50. Includes tax and tip. The time will be 7:30 A. M., Sunday, June 30, 1996. The manager was very nice to work with and feel there will be no problems. Submitted by Judy Brubaker.

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Member Input

Letter received from Martin and Virginia Wright, # 4536 after the International Rally at Amherst, MA.

"We were pleased and proud to receive a blue ribbon award for being the oldest one owner trailer, a 1955. Back then there were no dealers in our area, so we purchased it in Jackson Center, Ohio, with a 10% discount. As of now, we have logged over 400,000 miles, covering 49 states and every province of Canada. Our first International Rally was in Auburn, WA., in 1962. The week of the International Rally at Amherst was the 40th year of our shakedown trips. We're still going strong. Sincerely, Martin and Virginia Wright."

Amherst, 1995

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1953 Vintage Airstream, 18', built-in bed, good mattress, propane stove w/oven, kitchen sink, counter space and cupboards. 2 Clothes closets, storage drawers for linen, furnace, small bathroom with commode and sink, (no shower) refrigerator, carpeted. Overall in good condition but refer needs repair. Asking \$5,500. Dayton OH. Tel. 513-298-5520

FOR SALE: 1962 19' Airstream Globetrotter. \$2000. North Central Florida. Tel. 904-362-7730

FOR SALE: 1959 Airstream, Vintage 23' single axle, good body for restoration. Asking \$800. Call 419-526-5743 or write M. Roush, 1367 Roush Road, Shelby, OH 44875

FOR SALE: Need a good home 1959 Classic 18' Airstream Trailer. In excellent condition, new toilet, tires, re-carpeted with commercial quality carpet, re-varnished. No smokers, no pets, sway bar and load levelers. Still has original awnings. Has been lovingly cared for \$5,500. Tel. 503-794-1961

FOR SALE: 1963 Tradewind, 24'. Rear bath, 2 holding tanks. \$1000. Tel. 609-268-0062. *? Adj. KANSAS*

FOR SALE: 1970, 31', Rear bath, double bed. \$4,000. E. Garrett, 1736 S. Walnut St., Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

WANTED: 9" Hubcaps and 'ripple' bumper for 1962 Airstream. Tele. 419-666-1564. Doug Kalmbach (5611) 311 Riverside Dr., Rossford, OH 43460.

FOR SALE: 1977 Chrysler Newport, equipped to tow. A1 shape. \$3200 U.S. Ken Williams, #22005. Tel: 905-470-2722 (Ontario)

FOR SALE: 1958 Pacer, 18' ready to travel. Interior original, looks good and works well. Exterior dent-free. Needs curtains and polishing. \$3500 OBO. Larry Ford, Lee Vining, CA 93541. Ph. 619-647-6349.

Editor's Note:

I am in the process of turning over the Treasurer's duties and the Membership Secretary's duties to Ed Stanley. Please be as cooperative and helpful as you have been with me. I have enjoyed the work of the startup and continuation into the second year plus. I will continue to work on the November issue of the **VINTAGE ADVANTAGE** and

after that I will take a break. Thanks for the many letters, notes, suggestions, comments of all kinds, thanks, etc. that I have had fun reading. Hope to see all of you in Rapid City.

NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined the Vintage Airstream Club since May, 1995.

Paul & Kathleen Adams	06301
Irwin & Alice Boeshore	01191
Tom & Mary Blondet	05735A
John & Pamela Bouchard	Friend
Owen & Sandy Bush	05527
Donald & Betty Cavender	03518
Leroy & Agnes Compson	29979
Earl & Eleanor Costley	21071
Bill & Jimmie Cotton	23948
George & Christine Cunliffe	27874
John & Linda Dickinson	03884
Elmer (Doc) & Christine Dunn	02611
Joseph & Dorothy Duarte	Unknown
Lynette Dussault	08153
Everett & Fern Field	16432
T. Foresta & K. Armstrong	Friend
Gene & Betty Girouard	09541
Gordon & Madelyn Grady	02651
Michael Heanue	04136
Jim & Irene Holton	04798
Larry & Carol Huttle	00041
Lester & Avis Jenison	18830
Joseph & Jacqueline Johnson	Friend
Mark Kvidera	04568
Gil & Kathe Manda	Friend
Lenos & Ruth Norton	04812
Preston K. Turner	Asso. Mem.
Maynard Sellers	Asso. Mem.
Larry & Martha Simoneau	11931
Pamela Smith	Friend
Jan & Nancy Sroka	Friend
Terry & Sandie Tyler	06477A
Clyde & Ellen Wagner	08441
Kenneth & Doreen Williams	22005

This space is reserved for comments submitted by Vintage Airstream Club members. Help me out for the November edition so Tom Howarth will have something to shoot for. He is moving and I will put his new address in the next issue.

Please remember that we do not keep a list of winter addresses. Too difficult to do so. Let the USPS do it!!

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VINTAGE ADVANTAGE LIASON: Dick Mumma (Listed previously)

REGION RALLY REPS:

1	Bert Kalet	#6957	Dot
2	Stan Baston	(Listed previously)	
3			
4			
5	Judy Brubaker	#2501	
6			
7			
8	Keith Sanborn	#31545	
9	Bud Cooper	#26019	
10	Marian Beckman	#2120	
11			
12	By & Sue Campbell	#4727	

1995 INTERNATIONAL CONCOURS RESULTS

STEWARD - FORREST BONE

Best in Show Tom and Katheryn Howarth 1953 Flying Cloud
 Reserve, Best in Show- Bard and Kathleen Fuller 1965 Trade Wind
 Honorable Mention- Bert and Dot Kalet 1964 Bambi II
 Best Tow/Trailer combination - Esther and Walter Overgaard
 1947 Airstream towed by a 1949 Ford truck

Best Substitute Part - Tom Howarth - Frig/ pantry door
 HM Best Substitute Part- Stanley and Flo Baston Frame Modification
 HM Best substitute part- Leon and Sue Hadley Danenport, Table
 HM Best Substitute Part- Stanley and Flo Baston Air Circulation sys.
 Hm Best Substitute Part- Leon and Sue Hadley Drawer
 Best Contemporary Design-Tom and Kathleen Howarth
 Worst Battle Scar- Ted and Mary Abel
 Best Lemonade Stand- Daniel and Fuller Children

JUDGES

Bettie Tanner #10712
 Ruth Hughes #12859
 Robert Moss #13906

WAGON WHEEL WAYS

Past President Stanley Baston proposed at Amherst that a vintage caravan be organized to run just before the Rapid City International. This way people could arrive early as before, but could entertain themselves while waiting to enter the main event. This would be a sort of Pre-rally or pre-caravan. Stan is a sensible person and cannot be held responsible for what happened next.

Several people objected to having "just another caravan". Another said he wanted to really "feel" the badlands, someone said they'd like to gopher-hole, and another said "Yah, and I want to park in a wagon wheel".

Finally, Bud Cooper stood up and offered to lead such a caravan if it contained snake-bites, gravel roads, fording streams, hair-pin turns, and a steak-fry; all Wally Byam style. Strangely, everyone jumped to their feet shouting "Do it. Do it".

So, with a clear-cut mandate from the membership, here are the rules. Details will be set during a scouting trip in November. 1) 25 trailers absolute limit. 2) Any WBCCI member with vintage trailer welcome. 3) The route will be chosen to appeal to hardy campers in maneuverable rigs. Trailers over 27 feet, enquire. 4) Mileage will be short but challenging. 5) Duration 5 nights plus 3 more nights in our own pre-rally camp with adequate services. 6) Electricity? None for 5 nights. Water? We'll see. Dumping? Not sure. Fun? Yah, we're sure. 7) Western dress. 8) Cost? Our policy, lots of good quality stuff but not free. Affordable. 9) This will be a significant and memorable experience.

Wagon-master Coop was heard to say, "My 63 is fresh polished and spic-n-span. If you think I'm goin to go crashing through th brush n rocks, go think again. But, this aint goin to be no caravan fo green-horns and city-slickers."

For the hardy risk-takers reservations accompanied by a \$25 deposit check will now be accepted. First come first served. Or, if you like it, just write me a nice letter volunteering to help..

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Dues reminder: If there is a blue/green line on the front of your August issue of the Vintage Advantage, your dues for the year 1995/1996 are due.

Please send \$10.00 to:

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COOP

Erratum- In my article on locating trailer parts in the May 1995 issue I refer to West Dallas RV. That should have read North Dallas RV. Sorry.

Parts and Smarts- While I am a consistent booster of your Airstream dealer, sometimes I hear about competent people who do not happen to be dealers. Here are a few.

Hart Trailers, Long Prairie, MN has many vintage Airstream parts including burners for older refrigerators. They have an 800 number.

South Texas RV in Donna, TX has parts and service, was once an Airstream dealer. Ph 210-464-4403.

Same for Griffith RV Service in Oklahoma City, OK, Ph 409-495-2590. They know vintage trailers particularly well.

Also, Vern's Travel Trailer Service, Sanford, MI, 517-687-7823. Vern, an Airstreamer himself, is well known in that part of Michigan.

And here's a part many of you are looking for. Trailers from 60 through 64 have a flat round tail-light lens. These are getting brittle now, and replacements were not available. Now you can get a complete replacement, not identical you understand, but good enough to fool the average bear. See it at your Airstream dealer. Reflecto lite, No. 110-150, Chicago.

Sheet Metal Screws Sheet metal screws became popular in the early 30's. In those days wood screws were never threaded clear to the head, so they were useless when working with sheet metal. Besides, they were just soft steel and a sheet metal screw must be hardened on the surface. So, now you can tell a sheet metal screw because it is hard and threaded all the way to the head.

Vintage Airstreams always have two dozen or more on the exterior. By this time they will be rusty and ugly. I suggest you remove one screw of each size. Attach a piece of masking tape, and write thereon the quantity required. On your next trip to the hardware store, pick up enough stainless steel screws to replace all of the rusty ones. This will make a big improvement in the optical impact of your unit.

Now, listen to this caution about re-inserting a sheet metal screw. The secret is to start by turning the screw backwards. As you turn it, you will hear a click as the screw locates the old thread and drops into it. This is what you were looking for. Now insert the screw all the way home, stopping well before the stripping point.

What if you ignore this nicety? There is room around the hole to start a new thread two or more times, but the metal gets weaker with every new start, and eventually the screw simply falls out.

Another kink. Screws, after they have been in service for twenty five years, become loose in the hole so they

rattle out every 200 miles. Try putting the screw back in with epoxy glue. This will keep it from rattling out, but you will still be able to remove it when necessary.

Key Management When I get a new car or trailer one of my first official acts is to hide a spare key. In the case of a trailer I have a special fear of being camped in some remote spot and losing my keys. All of them. There I am, standing on brown grass, locked out of my car and trailer, the nearest telephone ten miles away, and the nearest locksmith 60 miles away.

I won't tell you where I hide the key and you shouldn't ask. But, hanging inside the trailer is another complete set. And now while the secret key is still in my fingers I will put it back in the hiding place.

Door Latches If you haven't oiled your door latch lately, please do so.

From the Vintage Viewpoint The President will give you a full report, but I saw Amherst as the best yet Vintage Rally. There were 53 vintage members in attendance, 26 of them on our compound. The spectrum of trailers was the broadest, the restorations the most awesome, and the people the most enthusiastic. Apparently everyone was having fun because I was told on three occasions that our people were the most friendly they had ever seen. In spite of all the fun we had a great (short) business meeting, a well run concours by National Steward Forrest Bone, a polishing demo with 350 in attendance, and we got wonderful publicity in the papers and on TV. At breakfast we heard a surprise salute to member "By George", and on a later day a room-full of people turned up just to hear him speak.

The R&R sessions, 4 o'clock most every afternoon, were popular and very well attended. We even had a treat one night brought to us by a TV crew. Now that has to be a first! Numerous guests dropped by just to meet us and to see what we were doing.

We found talented and willing persons to fill every vacant office, and even have a nominee ready for next years 2nd VP. It surely is satisfying to see such a line-up of bright people waiting their turn at bat.

We have Vintage Region Rallies coming up in Regions 8, 9 and 10, also possibly in 12. Now, who will volunteer to do 3 and 4. In every case where someone has done a region rally we have been invited back.

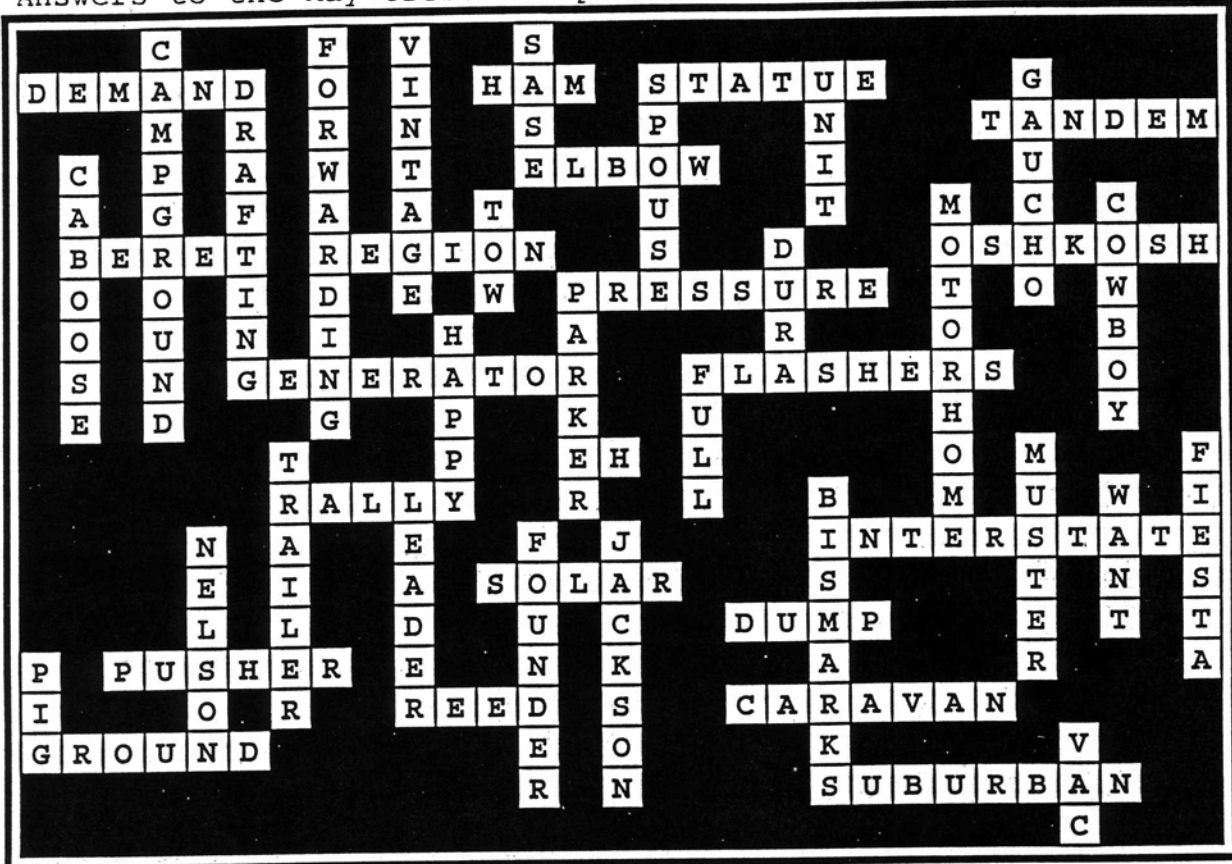
Coop has agreed to lead a short caravan of a different type before next years International at Rapid City. Look for details elsewhere. It's limited to 25 trailers.

COOP

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Answers to the May crossword puzzle



We saved the 4 burner-oven original kitchen range and the tall wall heater & chimney cover from our 1963, 19ft. Aristream when we (foolishly?) modernized it in the 70's.

We no longer have that trailer but do the applinaces, which have been stored. They were in perfect working condition when removed tho the stove top "chrome" has developed some rust.

It is time to sell them now. Anyone restoring such care to make an offer? We are near Tampa, Fl. where they would have to be picked up.

Write to us at P O Box 2526 Brandon Fl 33509-2526 if interested. We are sort of hard to reach by phone.

Joyce & Jim Lewis (#15546)