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Last issue of the newsletter by this editor... Tom, are you out there?

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APPRECIATION

To: **Duane Hedahl**

Dear Duane;

It is with many thanks and great appreciation that we acknowledge your services and dedication as treasurer, membership chairman and Vintage Advantage Editor over the past two years - -- our start up and infant years of organization. Your ingenuity in developing our financial process, membership procedures and the development and publication of the Vintage Advantage is sincerely recognized herewith by our officers and our 260 membership.

The enclosed plaque, we hope, will ever remind you of our gratitude.

Sincerely,

Signed/ Bob Brubaker
 President
 Vintage Airstream Club

John Wright

A letter from John Wright received August 5, 1995.

*Dear Duane; Unfortunately, I lost my darling wife Charlene to breast cancer July 24, 1995. Dealing with her illness is the reason you have not heard from me for awhile. I intend to stay active "Airstreaming". I paid my dues today for 1995/1996, registered for "Coops" Vintage Caravan and the 1996 Alaskan Caravan. I intend to go to Florida for the winter and attend the Florida Rally and the WBCCI International in Rapid City on the way to the Alaskan Caravan. There is a good possibility my son or grandson will accompany me on all or part of the Rapid City WBCCI / Alaska Caravan adventure. We joined WBCCI in 1963 and were charter members of the Vintage Airstream Club. Hope to see you and your wife "Down the Road". Sincerely,
 Signed/ John H. Wright*

Comments from Canada

Dear Duane;

I am enclosing \$10.00 fee for the Club. I have not been able to attend at Brandon or Amherst so I was pleased to get the report.

I have new teeth, two cataract implants and a few other things that keep me home. I expect we will go to Florida in November.

I noticed that Leroy and Agnes Compson, 29979, are members. They were neighbors for several years. They are good workers and neighbors.

I think the extra caravan is good. Leona and I have been through Mexico twice and once down to the Panama Canal. You don't need much to have fun.

"By George" invited us to join his caravan around the Chesapeake. I even found some "roots", the Travis family on my mother's side were very early Virginia settlers.

George really knew what he was doing and I think he was tops. Rapid City area is tops for fun and looking.

I was the 10th member in "Coops" first draft and the only Canadian. We had a great time at North Dakota.

Some of our Caravanner friends we met there have passed away. I am 81.

*I trust all goes well.
Yours Truly,*

Signed/ John Dancey

GROUP PICTURE

Have you seen the group picture taken in Amherst? Bob Anguish, as usual, did a fantastic job of taking the annual picture showing 68 of our members present. Bob reports 57 in 1993 and 52 in 1994. Bob says there is more space available in the picture. He is reserving for a larger group in 1996 at Rapid City! For a copy of the picture, send \$7.40 to Bob Anguish, 8216 Van Buren Drive, Pittsburgh, PA. 15237. (Ed. Note: Group picture on page ?? or pg ??) See picture for details.

Florida State Rally

"For those attending the "Florida State Rally" February 21-25, there will be early parking on Feb. 20, meeting in front of fairgrounds no later than 10:00 a.m. Go in together and park! See you there to enjoy fellowship, meals and info". Donna Barrow, #2924.

New Manuals Librarian

"It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of a new Manuals Librarian. In the future, send all requests for Vintage manuals to: Mr Noland Vogt, 447 Maple Way, Woodside, CA 94062. He is assuming all of the duties formerly performed by Pat Ewing who was forced to take a rest for reasons of health. Pat did an exemplary job and we all hope he is quickly restored to health so we can see him at events soon." Coop.

RESTORATION INFORMATION PLEASE

BY **TOM KENNEDY**

As one who is interested in, and getting more deeply involved with, the restoration of a vintage Airstream, it has occurred to me, (on numerous occasions), that I am lacking at least three things required to complete this job inexpensively, and all by myself. Those three critical elements are; information, equipment and expertise.

A major motivation for my recently joining the Vintage Airstream Club was the hope that I could, at least, start to overcome that first obstacle; lack of information. That has, incidentally, already proven to be the case, but more on that subject a little later.

I joined W.B.C.C.I. and the V.A.C. unit in August of this year and was immediately impressed with the volume and scope of information concerning the restoration process, that is apparently available, and freely exchanged, at the various rallies each year. It also occurred to me that; the majority of the rally activity and information exchanging, occurs during the summer months, and in places that all of us who would like to, simply can't get to.

All of this deductive reasoning finally led me to the conclusion that; a regular Q & A / information exchange article in the Advantage, just might be helpful to those of us who weren't able to make the last rally or, whose trailers are frozen in their tracks in some Northern storage lot, when a question arises in mid December.

After a brief opportunity, to try this idea out, not to mention a whole lot of assistance from folks like Duane Hedahl and Bud Cooper, it would appear that they feel the same about the potential value of such an article as well. Given the understanding that I hold no claim to being an expert in the field of vintage Airstream restoration, but am quite willing to edit and coordinate such information for this article, let us take the next couple of steps with this idea, and see where it leads us.

The format I would like to suggest is quite simple. Anyone out there reading this article, who has gone, or is going, through the restoration process, please send me a description of any special or unique problems you had, and were able to resolve, during that process. Please be sure to include the specifics as to procedures or resources you finally used to resolve the problem.

Likewise, anybody currently involved with, or contemplating, a restoration who has come up with a question on how to resolve some specific problem; send your questions to the address below. We will attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions in the following issue of the Advantage. As time permits, I will also try to get back to you individually on questions, if I can obtain an answer between issues.

As an initial offering of information, I would like to make available the following:

WINDOW CRANK REPLACEMENT

My wife, Chris, and I have a 24' 1959 Land Yacht, that we are still using regularly, and are trying to complete a restoration on as well. We have owned the trailer for about 3 years now, but it had belonged to my father-in-law, who had purchased it in 1963. We had been sharing the use and storage costs for this trailer for almost 25 years.

Over the past 12 to 15 years, we had lost use of four of the original cranks, as gears began to strip in them. Several others are now showing signs of giving up. Window crank replacements looked like they were going to be a problem to find, because, it appears that Airstream dropped the Hehr windows at the end of the 58 model year, and went to a different brand & design, only for the '59 production year. As I understand it, they went back to the Hehr windows in 1960, and stayed with them 'till sometime in the early to mid- 60's.

Our search for replacements only started, in earnest, after joining the V.A.C this year. We had success, almost immediately, after getting the first two back issues of the Advantage, along with our initial membership information.

Thanks to Ron at South Jersey Airstream, in Franklinville N.J., I was put in contact with Window Components Mfg.. Inc. in Miami FL. where, within a couple of weeks, I was able to obtain replacement cranks for the '59 windows, at approximately \$ 20.00 per unit, including shipping & handling.

From my communications relating to the topic of window cranks, I know that the Window Components people can replace these units for the 1956 and 1959 models which, according to my information, means that they

could provide replacements for just about any model ranging from the early to mid 50's up to the early 60's. If in need of this service, you should contact: Window Components Mfg.. Inc. 3443 N/W 107 th. St. Miami, FL. 33167. (305) 688-2521 or (800) 382-9541

The procedure for obtaining these units is; ship one of the cranks you want replaced to the Research Department, at the address above. In our case a very helpful young lady named Betty, from Customer Services, contacted us within a week to advise that they had a match for our unit, and to explain their shipping and payment procedures. We had the new units within approximately 10 days of ordering; The units they provided for our 1959 are very close in appearance to the originals, and work beautifully.

INFORMATION NEEDED

As part of our restoration project, we are planning to add air conditioning to our trailer. I know that some re-wiring will have to be done, and would appreciate any information on that topic, as well as any ideas anyone may have regarding the best make and model of unit to use in such a "retro fit" application. We would like to keep the trailer as close to original as possible, however, have gotten to that point in life where some of the creature comforts outweigh the aesthetics of a completely original trailer.

I hope this information is helpful to some of you and please remember; the success, or failure, of this column depends entirely upon your willingness to share, with the rest of us, the information you have obtained or learned "the hard way" during your restoration experiences. I hope to hear from a whole bunch of you in the near future. Please send inquiries and/or information to me at

the address below.

Tom Kennedy
527 Jeffrey Ave.
Royal Oak, MI. 48073
Phone: (810) 435-2814
E mail: TKX 045@AOL.com

"Oh Dear!!, Deer, a Dear!!"

"Traveling Colorado Highway 13 near 9 Mile Pass and Meeker heading back to Arizona, Sat. Aug. 26th, I heard a thump and looking in my drivers side mirrors I saw a deer doing a cart wheel into the corner of our 1963 16' Bambi after bouncing off the truck between the real wheel well and the tail light.

Need I say more? Oasis RV Center of Tucson is looking for exterior skin panels.

We need, facing the trailer, of a seven segment front the left number one panel radiating from the window, the opposite hand right panel from the window and the one above it. The front panel from the floor up is available.

Would appreciate any and all leads or suggestions. Call collect at 602-984-7953 evenings if possible. Thank You.

Kenneth & Ardelle Howe, # 9791
11313 E. Boise #27
Apache Jct. AZ 85220"

(Ed. Note: I'm not quite sure which panel that is but I copied the letter best I could. Probably the dear/deer knows. Good luck on fixing things up) **Added, new letter 2 days later.** "I just received word that they had found panels for our unit in Calif."

That part of the article to you is mute (moot)[ed.]. If you want to use the balance for a news item that is fine with us. I forgot to mention we did have Deer Alert units on the bumper. Thank You. Kenneth Howe 9791"

WANTED: "BAMBI" script for the outside of our 1961 Airstream. Also, front and rear "AIRSTREAM" name plates. Tele. 219-322-5364. Roger and Linda Bulla, 728 Cottonwood Dr., Dyer, Indiana 46311

FOR SALE: Vintage Airstream. 1955 33', No 5989. Interior & exterior in great shape. All original except for furniture. Call Karen. Kitty Hawk, NC 919-261-8511. Asking \$4500.

FOR SALE: 1967 22' Safari Twin. Rear Bath. All appliances in excellent condition. 2 closets, 3 bunk beds pull out to make double. Wt. 3420 #, Hitch Wt. 398#. \$4,000. Christopher P. Fearon, 16857 Prospect Ave. Thousand Island Park, NY 13692 Tel. 315-482-2013.

WANTED: 40's-50's model Airstream, Approx. 20'. Skin air - water tight and interior in good to excellent cond. Call 1-800-505-4540 [punch in your telephone number and press # key] or (208) 263-8235 or write Tom Salisbury, 8616 Sunnyside Road, Sandpoint, ID 83864.

FOR SALE: 1966 Airstream International: 26', twin bed design, air conditioning, side awning, low miles, excellent condition. \$ 3,500. Contact Cal Warner, Waterford Michigan, (810) 698-9091

FOR SALE: 1968 Airstream International 30'. New carpet, mattresses & upholstery. Model # NT-30A. New battery, thermostat, converter & furnace. Rear bath, twin beds, also sway bars. \$6800. Call Robert or Lois Strupp, 612-929-5439. Parked at Shady River Camp, Lot # 51 Big Lake MN.

FOR SALE: 1967 24' Vintage Airstream. A fully equipped old-timer with all modern equipment. Bright and shiny. Awnings all

around. Ready to travel and have fun.! \$5700 O.B.O. 813-863-3939

FOR SALE: 1949 Airstream, 18' Great Shape, sound floor, 95% original. Serious offers call: (307)-455-3477

E-Mail Addresses

I asked for and received several E-Mail addresses of members of the V.A.C. Several of the addresses were sent to me by members who had searched various On-Line services. I'm sure there are many more out there so some of us will continue "searching and surfing" Thanks to all for the following. Send them an E-Mail note and see what happens. Perhaps we should consider a "Home Page" on the Internet??? Ed.

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All Aboard, Last Call !!

A few members have yet to pay their 95-96 Annual \$10.00 dues. If there is a red dot on the address label of this newsletter, your dues are overdue. This is the final call for the 95-96 dues. Anyone delinquent in January '96 will not be receiving the February '96 Newsletter. Mail dues to Ed Stanley, Treas., 18940 Marine View Dr. SW, Seattle WA 98166

TREASURER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I wish to express my appreciation, joy and thanks for the many notes, letters and pictures members have sent me since I have taken over Membership and Treasurer's job this year. I received an element of contact that I had not expected.

Acknowledgement No. 2

Ed Stanley has taken over the jobs of Treasurer and Membership Secretary. The transition went well except that I am still receiving membership applications and dues payments, checks for want-ads etc. I'm sure that will eventually stop as soon as I am no longer connected with the Vintage Advantage. All in all it has been a great experience. Holding down the three jobs has kept me at the computer for many hours and I have enjoyed all of it.

As I am completing my final additional duty as Vintage Advantage Newsletter Editor, I too have to say thanks and many thanks for the many letters, cards, clippings and believe-it-or-not stories. Most of the stories have been printed in the previous issues. I hope to keep in touch with many of you via E-Mail. I also hope to see many of you at rallies in the future. Take care and be good to yourself. Duane Hedahl, Ed.

REGION 9 RALLY

This year Harlingen, TX will be the site of the Region 9 rally in March 1996. R. L. Cooper will, as usual, host the Vintage activities. He plans a concours, social hours and this year for the first time, a demonstration of dent removal. Diane McElligott has offered her trailer as a work piece. The details of dates and marshaling point have not yet been decided. If interested, write Coop for these details.

DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED:

So far this year, two demonstrations are scheduled: Rapid City International - **Polishing** by R. L. Cooper. Region 9, Harlingen, TX - **Dent Removal, Door Straightening:** by R. L. Cooper. If you could give a demonstration, write President, Bob Brubaker.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Think Rapid City in 1996! The WBCCI officers and rally committee have terrific plans in the making for a super rally in Rapid City. I promise you, you'll not regret attending -- make your reservations prior to January 1 for a real bargain.

It is my distinct privilege to announce to our members a first for our club. Past President, Bud Cooper, recently accepted WBCCI President Vern Goodwin's invitation to serve as International Rally Committee Chairman responsible for Vintage Club activities in Rapid City. This is in addition to serving as our own Vintage Club Rally Chairman as I announced in the last issue of the Vintage Advantage. We are most pleased with President Goodwin's action in this matter and extend our congratulations to Bud, we know we are in good hands.

We are making progress in acquiring regional representatives for our vintage activities. Thus far we have the following:

Region 1	Don Perry
Region 2	Stanley Baston
Region 3	Bert Kalet
Region 4	vacant
Region 5	Judy Brubaker
Region 6	vacant
Region 7	Roger Hallingstad
Region 8	Keith & Hazel Sanburn
Region 9	Bud Cooper
Region 10	Marion Beckman
Region 11	Kathy Hunt
Region 12	By & Sue Campbell

Florida State Rally Representative is Donna Barrow.

We appreciate the efforts of these members for promoting our club activities within the regions. We desperately need their services as not everyone can attend the International Rally. If you would like to serve as a Region Representative, please contact me.

In the last issue we included a list of 1995-96 Vintage Club officers and appointees. I have three apologies to make concerning that list.

1. Immediate Past President Stanley Baston was omitted from the list! Sorry Stan! As such, Stan is a member of our Board of Directors and knows much concerning our club.
2. Our newly elected 3rd VP is John Palmer, #6664, not John Walker as reported. Our sincere apologies!
3. Bert Kalet is our Region 3 representative with George James III as an alternate as opposed to Region 1 Rep. (Will you do both Bert?)

Pat Ewing, our librarian regrets the need to give up these duties. He has done an excellent job in keeping our members updated with information and other historical information. We all regret losing Pat's services and at the same time wish to thank Noland Vogt for taking over these duties.

A new service to our members - a question and answer section in future VA issues. Tom Kennedy's idea and he has volunteered to handle these services. Thanks Tom, we hope to keep you busy.

Last but not least, I feel compelled to remind all our members of "Wagon Wheel Ways". Bud and Bettye Cooper have completed their

scouting for one of the most promising and exciting caravan experiences ever offered, I guarantee! Unfortunately, it is limited to only 25 Vintage trailers going to Rapid City and over half filled already. You may have missed a rare opportunity offered any Caravanner. Best Wishes and see you in Rapid City.
Signed/ Bob Brubaker

A group photograph, taken at the Amherst Rally, is printed in this N/L. Due to space limitations, it has been reduced slightly and cropped. The original photo reproduction is available on order as noted elsewhere in this issue.

VINTAGE DECAL

A Vintage Decal, suitable to be placed on windows in your trailer or tow vehicle has been designed and will be available after the first of the year. Method of distribution and price have not been settled. Stay tuned for developments. A reduced black and white image is reproduced here:



The decal will be approximately 4" in diameter and colorful.

WAGON WHEEL CARAVAN TAKES SHAPE By Coop

Only 15 openings left-
The chairman and officers are pleased to present a unique caravanning opportunity. Taking place June 17 through June 23, this caravan will combine rustic parking spots with challenging towing in one of Americas most scenic areas, the Black Hills. Starting with a pristine grassy bluff overlooking the Badlands, and finishing with a wagon wheel in Custer State Park you will have significant and memorable experiences. Imagine watching a whole pig cook on a spit outside your door, seasoned as only a professional ranch cook can, and fixed with all the trimmings. Or, how about a ranch style beef dinner followed by a program of western style music? Or, a baked cod dinner followed by a shocking encounter that you will tell your grandchildren about. In 6 days 6 dinners are kitty treats.

What are the pig tails? They are not something you eat, but a magnificent road with hairpin turns over which you will take your trailer. (Take a tranquilizer before you start out).

Wagon master Coop says, "Don't gripe if your neighbor happens to have a better parking spot than you have. They ain't all alike, and they ain't level. Take some extra blocking material and carry your tow strap. And there ain't water nor juice on any of em." But don't worry, we'll take care of these matters just like Wally's people did. There are two spectacular views of Mt..

Rushmore Memorial and you will see them both; one, framed by a tunnel as you emerge, and the other when the lights are turned on at night.

The purpose of the caravan, as proposed by Past President Stanley Baston, was to provide a fun place to spend some time while waiting for everyone to gather for the rally. It is a sort of combined caravan and pre-rally. This is appropriate since there are to be no other pre-rallies this International. When discussed at Amherst, many people thought that a vintage caravan should be different from just an ordinary caravan and should offer a taste of what things might have been like when Wally Byam first started leading them. That is why there was no effort to find places with trailer facilities. With special attention to food and with short mileage, this should make a care-free adventure for the ladies.

This caravan is open to any WBCCI member with a vintage trailer.

The kitty fee is \$151.00. (Adult guest, +\$59, Single, -\$55, child under 12, +\$29.) Reserve your place with a \$25 deposit (checks to R. L. Cooper, please) with the balance due May 15, 1996. You will receive a detailed packet well before departure time.

The marshaling point for the caravan is 6.5 miles South of Wall, SD, on highway 240, on June 17, 1996. The terminus is the Elks club parking lot in Rapid City, on June 23. Everyone who plans to attend the rally, but not the caravan, and park with the vintage group should join us at the Elks in the time window

between June 23 and noon of June 25. Note that there will be no hook-ups at the Elks but you can get water and dump the morning of June 25. Fee only \$5 per night.

Sorry, due to limitations on parking, the caravan can handle only 25 trailers.

DR. KALET PULLS AIRSTREAM WITH BICYCLE-----

They said it couldn't be done. Back in 1947, M. Letourneur, a famous French bicycle racer pulled an Airstream as an advertising stunt. It actually happened, and many said it could never be done again. It was so spectacular that it caught the public fancy and was used on the nameplate of every Airstream till about 1965. But in July of 1995, Vintage member Dr. Bert Kalet, of Winston Salem NC, did it again. Under similar, but not identical circumstances he pulled a standard Airstream trailer for a city block at Amherst, MA. A veteran bicyclist, Bert did it just for fun, and fun it was for the hundreds of onlookers. He confided afterward that he wouldn't recommend it for the average housewife. See picture on neighboring page.

DEMONSTRATIONS

SCHEDULED FOR 1996

Region 9 Rally, Harlingen, TX. March. **Dent removal.**

International Rally, Rapid City, SD. **Trailer polishing**

SATELLITE

NAVIGATION

Those of you who love to explore in out-of-the-way places may welcome this new type of high-tech device which records your progress away from, and back to a starting point. No matter how lost you

might be you will know what direction and how far to your starting point. GPS units receive transmissions from global positioning satellites put in place by the Department of Defense. Accuracy varies but is often about 1/4 block. Readout can be in latitude and longitude optionally. Hand held units run upward from \$200. Look for them from sporting and boating suppliers. Be the first in your unit to have one. They should be especially handy in remote places like Oaxaca and Washington DC.

TECHNICAL TIP from Coop.

How do you manage your brown water when you are parked for a week or so with a full hookup? I have heard opinions and disaster stories, but now comes a firm recommendation from KOA. Save up at least half a tank before pulling the valve, and at the same time let your gray water go (if you are lucky enough to have a gray water tank). The strategy here is that the underground lines in most parks are almost flat, therefore it requires a considerable rush of fluid to keep these lines clean and working.

Suppose you leave your valve open all the time. Occasionally you will plug up the park's line causing acute embarrassment. Or, you may simply plug your own lines (depressing and painful). I'm not making a plug for KOA but, well, you know what I mean.

COMING TO RAPID CITY INTERNATIONAL?

This information is intended for those who are coming but will not be joining the vintage caravan. (What a mistake!) Many of you will be traveling

with a unit caravan, but would like to park with The Vintage Club. I should caution you that this may require some effort on your part. The only sure solution is for you to break away from your caravan early and join the vintage group at the Elks club parking lot, 3333 East 39th Street, Rapid City, SD. We will enter the rally in parade formation at 12:30 o'clock June 25. By the club caravan rules breaking away requires only the leaders approval. (See article on Wagon Wheel caravan.)

We had a number of disappointed persons last year who tried to enter the rally parking area and then divert to the vintage area. In most cases this failed to work for two reasons: 1) the parker you talk to does not have the authority to let you do that, and 2), there may not be any vacant spaces in or around the vintage parking area.

The parking operation is a vast machine which was set in motion long before there was a vintage club. The chairman has been most cooperative, but there is a limit to how far he can bend without creating chaos. The repercussions extend much farther than just parking (safety, traffic flow and water lines). President Brubaker and the rest of the officers are seeking an alternate solution.

WHEEL REPLACEMENT
Cecil Ardrey reports success in replacing the split rim wheels on his 64. He used the wheels from a Nissan heavy duty 4-wheel drive.

A NOTE- Mrs. Frank Schroeder, age 92, PO Box 95, Dorris CA 96023 would love to receive a letter from any of her old caravanning friends.

SECOND DRAFT OF ARTICLE FOR VINTAGE ADVANTAGE ON DOING WITHOUT
120 V. A.C.

CAMPING WITHOUT CITY POWER

Wally Byam had a dream, and it was "to place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home". And it seems to be that today "all the comforts" must include electricity to burn!

Those of us raised in the "frugal generation" will resist 'till our dieing day spending the do-ra-mi for unlimited electricy just to burn. So what might we do about it?

One solution might be to carry a generator along with a can of gasoline, spare parts, tools, and the manual to refer to when the darn thing won't start. You do that. But don't park near me!

Another solution to the problem is best covered by my quoting a good friend's "Tinker Tip" in the NY-SL Unit's Chatterbox - after his stay at the International Rally in Amherst. Here 'tis.

"Ten days on two batteries is a bit much to ask. First, have fresh batteries that have a great reserve. Second, back your tow rig close to the trailer and hook the electrical. Your charged-up tow battery will feed the trailer batteries. Put your seat belt thru the steering wheel to remind you that you are connected. I place leveling boards behind the wheels of my tow vehicle. When I back up to the boards, I am close enough."

Be careful with this "solution". It has happened that you don't have enough starting power next morning for your ever faithful tow car.

This man also recommends that you buy NEW BATTERIES evey twelve months.

Other tips? Florescent lights, turn out lites not being used, early to bed, LP Gas light, candles? Your choice.

Now nobody, but nobody is more frugal than I'm. I have one deep cycle battery, no Univolt on board, do not hook up to the tow car at night. Our battery is usually fully charged by evening, often so by early in the afternoon. I find that about every SIX YEARS I need to replace my battery.

No we don't watch TV, but we carry a small black & white set for times when we think we need to watch something. We have removed the furnace that came with our 1968 Overlander. Our non-vented catalytic heater does very well, AND we do use 12 V. electric "blankets" (under the sheets) so that we never get into a damp, cold bed. (They use much less power than a furnace.) A small inverter gives us 120 V AC for the computer/printer and other such needs.

So where does the electricity come from? You must have guessed by now - one single solar panel. It's charging before we get out

of bed in the AM. It charges when it is overcast and even in the rain. It does the job for us. Incidentally, our son has the same set-up in his trailer with a used panel, and his wife is addicted to TV. They did not run out of power during the Amherst Rally.

A solar system is a one time investment. It's silent. It doesn't wear out - ever. You need one panel per battery, one regulator and some wire. An entire kit costs around \$500, unless you buy a used panel - which is just as good. And we have found that Neal and Barbara Kirkby (RV Solar) 14415 N. 73rd. St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260 are the finest folks to work with. Write them and ask to be put on their newsletter mailing list. And get a non-vented catalytic heater while you are at it and enjoy!

.....and by George, that's that!

New members since the August Newsletter.
Welcome to all the following new members.

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>WBCCI #</u>		
Mr Malcolm Bailey	04557 A	Maj. Ed & Elizabeth Reeves	Friend
Richard & Barbara Benson	06631	Thomas A. Salisbury	Friend
Frederick Bloom	13234	Robert & Naomi Scherer	14297
Peter & Irene Bowler	05730	Marvin & Teresa Schwab	20825
David & Carol Budge	Friend	Kevin Seago	06536
Stephen & Catherine Chop	00624	Duane & Lorraine Smith	05354
Millard & Norma Cloyd	09919	F H & Linda Stevenson	Friend
Allan Demorest	14910 A	Susan Stokes	Friend
Owen & Bobby Dickerson	00116	Earl & Gaihel Strout	Friend
Bruce & Louanne Duckworth	Applied	Don & Dot Synnestvedt	05073
John Fierce	13866	Vernon & Margery Thiele	08885
Carl Gronning & Pat Brosterhous	11965	Richard & Elizabeth Toy	05253
Harold & Elizabeth Hull	15703	Ranger & Dolores Travis	15479
Tom & Chris Kennedy	04810	John & Shelby Van Venrooy	Friend
Donald & Janice Kern	05857	Noland & Barbara Vogt	00447
Edward & Fran Konop	12735	Major von Braun	05923
Michael Long and Debra Walker	03341	John & Margaret Wells	Friend
Barbara Lynch	04382	H.R. & Janet Whiteman	14591
Randall & Mary Anne Myers	11966	Leonard & Mary Winslow	02719
Erik & Nora Palstra	06862		
Russ & Virginia Pelletier	Friend		



THE VINTAGE AIRSTREAM CLUB
OF
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club in accordance with the parliamentary authority adopted in all cases where applicable and not in conflict with the Club's Constitution and Bylaws; decide all question of order; sign all official documents adopted by the Club; shall enforce due observance of the Constitution and Bylaws and appoint one member to audit the financial records at the beginning of his term of office.

Section 2: The 1st Vice president shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the a President and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 3: The 2nd Vice president shall, in the absence of the 1st Vice President, assume the duties of the 1st Vice President and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 4: The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of official meetings of the Club and Board of Directors in a permanent book or binder in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors and shall maintain in file the Constitution and Bylaws of TVC/WBCCI.

Section 5: The treasurer shall provide the newsletter editor with a current list of all members with their address revised semi-annually; prepare a membership list for the TVC/WBCCI directory; receive applications for membership; attend to all correspondence and at the end of the term of office, turn over Club records to the incoming Treasurer.

Section 6: The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out; prepare and give to various officers the names and address of all members in good standing, and shall make a financial report at each Board and annual meeting, and once per year will turn over all financial records to the audit committee.

ARTICLE II - VACANCIES

Section 1: In the case of a vacancy in the office of President or Vice President the next officer in line shall assume the responsibility of the office until the next annual meeting.

Section 2: In case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board shall appoint a member to serve out the unfinished term office except that of immediate Past President.

Section 3: In the case of a vacancy in the other offices, the Board shall appoint a successor until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Section 1: The Newsletter Editor shall publish and cause to be mailed the Club newsletter in a format approved by the Board of Directors; prepared a monthly news column for the Blue Beret, and handle public relations for TVC.

Section 2: The Rally Advisor shall serve as a resource person and produce and maintain a set of guidelines to be available to those members planning a national or regional rally. These guidelines shall cover the following areas: Insurance, Physical Arrangements, Finances, Program, Judges, and Steward Awards, etc.

Section 3: The Concourse Steward maintains a set of guidelines and rules for judges; maintains a set of rules for owners. He maintains a list of approved judges, locates, trains and hosts judges. He makes awards, presents certificates, and mediates disagreements. He changes and sets rules as dictated by changing times, changing values and expectations. He answers in these matters only to the Board of Directors.

Section 4: The Librarian keeps all books, papers, videos and other materials which circulate among members. He keeps them in good repair, replacing and duplicate as necessary. He keeps records of materials as they are lent and returned. He collects fees as authorized by the Board, purchases materials as necessary.

Section 5: The Nominating Committee shall publish a proposed slate of officers in the TVC column in the April issue of the Blue Beret and/or TVC newsletter and present the names of the candidates at the annual business meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor providing they have previously consented.

ARTICLE IV - DISSOLUTION

Section 1: In the event of dissolution of this intra-club, the members shall, through the President, assign all assets to the International Club in accordance with the meaning of Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. None of the funds shall enure to the benefit of any member of this intra-club and all International Club property shall be returned to International Club Headquarters.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by two thirds (2/3) vote provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to all Board members in writing ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 2: Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption.

These bylaws were adopted July 1993 at Bismarck, ND and were amended July 1994 at Brandon, MB.

THE VINTAGE AIRSTREAM CLUB
OF
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1: The name of this Club is The Vintage Airstream Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, hereafter referred to as TVC/WBCCI.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The objectives of the this non-profit intra-club shall be to provide a forum for the display, judging and enjoyment of vintage Airstream trailers; to provide means for members to help each other by exchange of knowledge and experience in the maintenance and restoration of vintage trailers; to assist members in the modification of vintage trailers to meet family objectives; to provide a buy and sell market place for vintage trailers; and to promote fellowship and enjoyment through rallying, camping, newsletter and various social programs.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is open to all members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International who own a vintage Airstream trailer. A vintage trailer is one which is 25 or more years old.

Section 2: Associate Members - Other members of WBCCI who do not qualify by owning a vintage trailer, but for mutually beneficial reasons wish to belong may become associate members. Associate members pay dues and can vote.

Section 3: Honorary Members - Honorary membership can be bestowed upon TVC benefactors provided they are members of WBCCI. This is a non-dues-paying and non-voting membership.

Section 4: To become a member of the TVC/WBCCI one must submit name, address, WBCCI number and the dues for the current year to the treasurer.

Section 5: Voting privileges shall be limited to one vote per trailer.

Section 6: Membership shall be terminated in TVC/WBCCI automatically when membership in the WBCCI is in the arrears or is ended.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of TVC/WBCCI shall be the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Technical Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected at each annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and shall take office immediately following their election.

Section 3: The officers of the club shall perform their duties as provided in the bylaws.

Section 4: Officers may be removed from office by three fourths (3/4) ballot vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1: The annual meeting of TVC shall be held during the last week of June or the first week of July during the WCBBI International Rally.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Board meetings shall be held on the rally site both prior to and following the annual meeting.

Section 4: Ten percent of the members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS

Section 1: The officers of the Club and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall govern the affairs of the TVC/WBCCI and establish all policies, supervise the finances and perform such other duties as are normal to the conduct of business.

Section 3: The President of the Club shall be the Chairman of the Board and may vote only to break a tie.

Section 4: Vacancies of Officers and Directors shall be filled as outlined in the bylaws.

Section 5: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Newsletter/Blue Beret Editor, Rally Advisor, Concourse Steward and Librarian shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Committees and appointees with other duties may be appointed by the President as the Club or Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary. These committees may be for By-laws, Meetings and Dinners, Social Functions, Club Equipment, or such others as needed.

Section 3: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate Past President, as Chairman, and two additional members appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. This is done at first Board meeting following the election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII - DUES

Section 1: Annual dues shall be set by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting. Dues are payable upon joining the Club and during the month of July of each year. Those whose dues are not paid by August 31 shall be dropped automatically from the roster of members.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of all Club and Board meetings.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This constitution may be amended upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors followed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at the annual meeting provided the amendment was presented to the membership at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. Publication in a Club newsletter or column in the Blue Beret at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting shall meet the notification requirements.

Section 2: Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption.

This constitution was adopted July 1993 at Bismarck, ND and was amended July 1994 at Brandon, MB.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

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Date- September 1, 1995
 Subject - Wagon Wheel Way Caravan
 To - All club officers and appointees.
 All who have offered to help.
 From - Bud Cooper, Caravan Leader

Yesterday everything was just talk, now it is reality. Bettye and I have scouted the Rapid City area and have laid out a challenging route with some work, some fun, and some nice surprises. Now we need to put together a staff and get positive commitments from those who plan to come so that we can arrive at a firm budget and make deposits on some parking spots. I already have 7 reservations; we could fill the remaining 18 openings quickly. So, I am asking each of you to volunteer for a job (or two) and immediately send me a check for \$25. *OK TO RE-EXCEPT WITHIN 2 WKS PLEASE.*

The total cost per trailer and two people will be \$151.00. Balance due May 15, 1996. If contingency monies are not used, there will be a small refund.

Here is what you get:	Note-	adult guest	+\$59
8 nights of camping.		single	-\$55
6 evening meals for two.		child under 12	+\$29

 STAFF OPENINGS TO BE FILLED

Circle your preference.

- (1) Leader assistant
- (2 or 3) Parkers to arrive first, lay out each new camp, and direct parking. Lay out wagon wheel.
- (1 or 2) Caboose/Deparker Leave camp last.
- P.A. 12 volt System (Furnish, carry.)
- C.B. & Ham Radio
- Music, Program and Recreation
- Skit, Game, or Funny Story
- (2) Sanitation, Clean-up, Garbage, dumping
- (2) Food expedite and deliver.
- Sheriff
- Postmaster
- Treasurer
- First Aid
- Master of Ceremonies
- Photography
- Lost & Found
- Bulletin Board
- Camp fires, Wood
- Sheriff

 We'll be coming. Here is my check for \$25.

Guests _____ Child ___ Single _____

Name _____

Address _____

Comments _____

Wagon Wheel Ways
CALENDAR

Date revised - Sept 1, 95
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Sunday June 16	National Grasslands. Site is by radio towers, 6.5 miles South of Wall on Highway 240. Exit 110 from I-90. Parkers and other staff will arrive and mark off camp, set up signs and make other preparations.	4:00 Social hour, staff meeting, combined 6:00 Potluck, Ice cream in Wall
Monday June 17	Assemble at Wall, SD National Grasslands Parkers on duty all day. People arriving all day. See Pig Dig.	3:00 Set up tables 4:00 Drivers meeting 6:00 Dinner, Spaghetti, salad brought in. 7:00 Ranger talk.
Tuesday June 18	Tour of Bad Lands. Pack lunch for drive through park with National Park Interpreter.	4:00 Drivers meeting. 6:00 Buffet provided.
Wednesday June 19	Tour Bad Lands on own. Wounded Knee. Pine Bluff Wall Drug. Chimney Butte, etc. Fossil, agate collecting. See Indians on reservation.	4:00 Drivers meeting. 7:00 Roast pig dinner complete. meet your host, Wes Stervak. Music and singing following.
Thursday June 20	Drive to Lake Sheridan. Dump opportunity, water. Sight-seeing opportunities after parking. Mt. Rushmore Museum, Borglum Historical Center, etc. Good shopping at Hill City, consider early depart.	4:00 Car pool to Hill City for dinner. 4:30 Cash bar open at "Chute Rooster". 5:00 Dinner 6:30 Leave by shuttle cars for center of Hill City.
Friday June 21	Free till 4:00 for sight-seeing. Such as Mt. Rushmore, Mammoth Site, Needles Highway, Pig-Tail Highway with outstanding photo-ops Mt. Rushmore, Wild life loop, Wind cave, Jewel Cave, Hot Springs, etc.	6:45 Car pool to Circle-B Ranch for dinner. 7:30 (sharp) dinner followed by entertainment.
Saturday June 22	Drive Spokane Creek Resort. Park in wagon-wheel. Dump, water, laundry. Activities as shown above.	4:00 Drivers meeting. 5:00 Chicken, coleslaw. desert. Eat in circle. Bring supplemental dishes from trailer. 8:00 Car pool to Rushmore lighting ceremony.
Sunday June 23	Elks Lodge front lawn. Free day. Good time to visit Deadwood, Lead, etc. or other spots you may have missed. The geology museum at University, R. C. has great fossils, paleontology.	Since this is now the Pre-rally, no more kitty treat dinners. Eat as you please. Lots of food stores and restaurants in near-by Rapid City. We are welcome to eat as guests in the Elk's restaurant. Reasonable.
Monday June 24	Last minute arrivals should come today. Tomorrow, late morning, we parade into rally.	Watch for unscheduled events like cake, parties, singing, and nonsense. Likely will start around 6:00.
Tuesday June 25	Morning, last chance to dump and take on water before rally. Dump location not sure, but can always use KOA, Route 44, one mile West of Elks. \$2.00. 12:15 - de-parkers will start lining trailers up in parade formation. Set your flags now. 12:45 - Head for rally and parade into grounds.	

Send this application along with your dues payment of \$10 to Mr. Edward Stanley, Membership Chairman, 18940 Marine View Drive SW, Seattle, WA 98166. Note: If you are not now a member of WBCCI we will be happy to assist you with the application. The benefits are too numerous to mention here. Caution: Joining this club could change your life.

Please check one: Member (Own Vintage Airstream & belong to WBCCI) Associate Member (Do not own a Vintage Airstream but belong to WBCCI) Friend of the Club (Do not own a Vintage Airstream & do not belong to WBCCI)

Winter Address & Phone # (Newsletter will only be sent to Mailing Address)

Occupation now or before retiring

Hobbies, Interests, His & Hers

Trailer Year Length Model Ser.#

Phone WBCCI # Unit Number & Name

Mailing Address

Last Name First Name (His) (Hers)

Please Print Date

The Vintage Airstream Club, An Intra Club of WBCCI
Membership Application

The Vintage Airstream Club
Duane C. Hedahl
2225 9th Ave. South
Great Falls, MT 59405

