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As told by his son Richard L. Cooper, some history, a little family perspective and a whole lot of love for trailers and the club. Read more here, about the founder of the Vintage Airstream Club, Bud Cooper.



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Yes, Virginia, there is a new VAC Web site and it's here!



The Scheuermanns in Madison—
Scott, Lise, son Steven and daughter Sara

A BIG HELLO

Greetings,

I realized that many of us have never met, so let me introduce myself. I am Scott Scheuermann (pronounced like fireman). My wife Lise and I joined WBCCI and the Vintage Intra-club in 1996. Like many people, we probably would not have joined WBCCI if it were not for the Vintage Intra-club. However, in the years since joining we have made many great friendships within our local units. Eventually, I became a monitor for the VAClist.

Following that, I was the VAC membership chairman for several years as well as president of our local unit.

The first vintage event we attended was a region rally in the spring of 1997. Since we work, we did not arrive until late on Friday after the rally was well underway. Upon our arrival we found ourselves surrounded by many curious people. We were unable to unhitch before we heard such questions like, "What year is it?" and "Where did you find it?" and "Can I see inside?" Well, both we and the trailer survived. And to answer these questions, the trailer is a 1960 Overlander, and, yes, it just has one axle. The trailer was originally purchased by my grandparents. My parents would borrow it for our annual summer vacations. When grandpa gave up driving at the age of 90, he gave the trailer to my mother. Within a few years my parents decided that they wanted a larger trailer to full-time with and they gave the Airstream to me.

Since that first rally, I have gained much from my fellow VAC members. You have helped me with problems on my trailer, whether at a rally or via the email list or forum, and even an article in the VA. Your help was and still is greatly appreciated.

Now that I am president I would like to call on you again. I would like your help in improving club communications. Since we are a International club most of us will never meet each other face to face. So communication becomes very important. I am asking for help in several ways:

1. Please submit articles and pictures to the VA editor, Kimber Moore. We all love the VA and look forward to its arrival in our mailboxes. The main reason why we don't see it more often is the lack of submissions. Nearly all of us have something that we can contribute. Will you help?
2. Region Reps. Please reach out to new members. Make them feel welcome and encourage them to get involved. If you are at all able, please promote VAC events or even host a VAC rally. What better way to communicate than to bring people together for a weekend of fun, food and fellowship. It need not be grandiose. It can be as simple as, "Come join me at 'X' campground on 'Y' dates. We will have a potluck dinner and share stories around a campfire."
3. Those of you in other appointed positions, would you consider writing a short article for the VA on what you do for the club? People would like to know what resources we have available for them.
4. Members. Please support your Region Reps by attending or possibly even co-hosting a rally. If there is no VAC rally in your area contact your Region Rep to offer assistance or to suggest a location.

This is a great club, but it is only as good as its members make it. Please join me in attempting to make this club even better.

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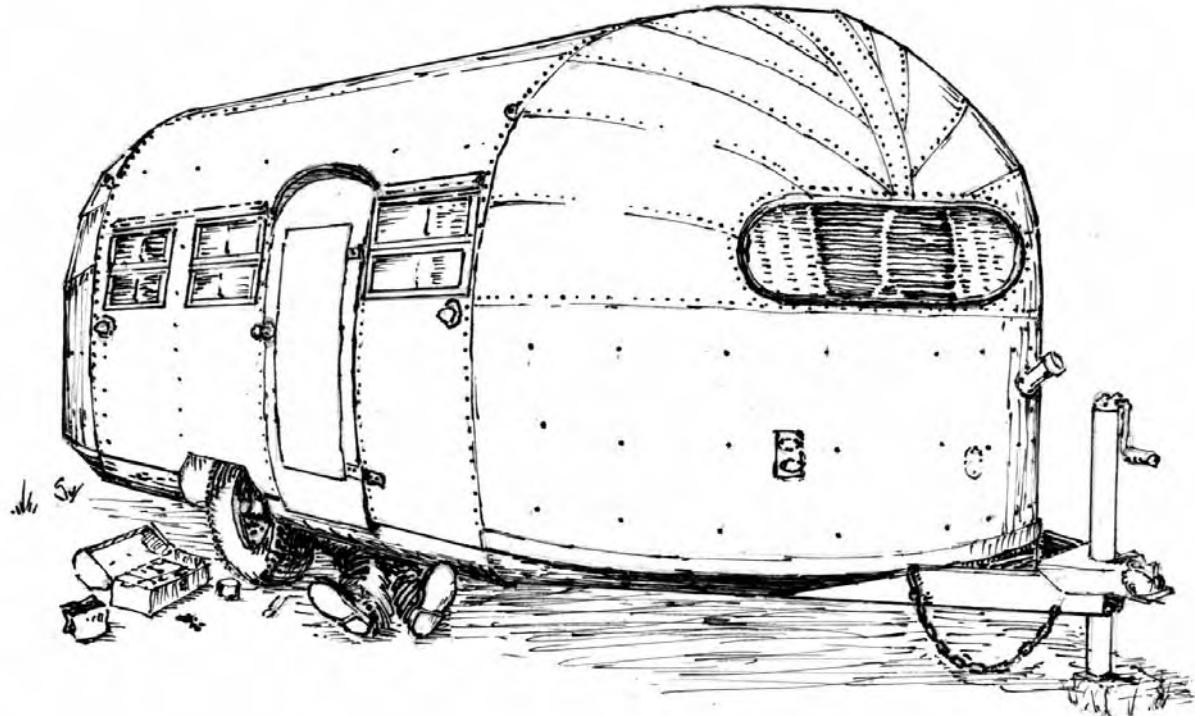


Illustration: Richard L. Cooper

Remembering an

INSTIGATOR AND SUBTLE REBEL

My parents, Bud and Bettye Cooper, bought a place in a retirement community in Texas a few miles from the Mexico boarder. It was the perfect jumping off point for exploring and photographing Central America in their Airstream. Of particular interest to my dad was visiting the archaeological sites. Many were well excavated and studied. Most were little known, unrecorded, or of little interest. Sometimes very remote but usually it seemed that villages were built on top of or among the ruins. My father realized that the things that attracted people

to live on a spot 1500 years ago, still make it a good place to live today. I have a photo of him with his Airstream in front of a pyramid in Belize where I'm quite sure there was never a vehicle before, let alone a trailer.

Not wanting his good trailer to get dented or scratched, he bought an old Airstream "junker" just for towing through Mexico. Maybe it was something in his training as a mechanical engineer at General Motors Institute or perhaps his up-bringing during the Great Depression, but he just couldn't bear to see a perfectly good trailer

in anything but perfect repair. Little by little he restored it, even polishing the outside right down to the aluminum propane tanks.

Once when returning to Michigan for the summer, they decided to hit a couple rallies on the way, including the International. All they had with them at the time was the old junker. I'm sure a few of his friends thought old Coop had fallen on hard times. To my dad's surprise, people stopped by to inspect it. They knocked on his door to look inside. The knocks kept coming, sometimes to the slight annoyance of my mother. My dad was recruited to give demonstrations on how to polish a trailer. As unusual as this sounds today, there was a time when no one went to the trouble to polish their trailers themselves and certainly not an old one.

The inspiration for the Vintage Airstream Club was accidental. Its organization was not. It became a full time job for my dad for many years.

Now with my father's passing, I've become the archaeologist digging through his possessions. He had twelve filing cabinet drawers filled with neatly filed and cross referenced folders all related to VAC. I discovered thousands of letters. In a pre e-mail era, he must have written several a day. I had no idea there could be so many facets to creating a club.

I even unearthed a whole box on the history of the trailer toilet. It is complete with notes from interviews with patent holders, photographs and illustrations. True, it is not a topic usually touched upon in university history classes but its probably a key issue in what helped to make travel trailers popular. After all, I've never heard anyone claim that their favorite thing about camping is using the outhouse.



On the rare occasions that my parents stopped long enough for the whole family to gather for a dinner, it would always be interrupted by a VAC related phone call. It became a family joke. We'd eat without him while he took the call. These small annoyances were tolerated because my dad loved the people he met.

In an era before the wide use of cell phones, there were weeks where I only had a vague idea where my parents were. People joined VAC for many reasons – a love of these finely crafted conveyances, an excuse to travel or to be surrounded by instant friends. These are all good reasons but in truth, the reason I joined was that it was the only way I could see my parents. Didn't they know that they were supposed to be retired? I guess rocking chairs and Airstreams don't mix.



Richard L. Cooper



Bud and Bettye pictured at the California Fall Rally at Bass Lake in 1999.
Tom Reed

July 1992: Idea for Vintage Airstream Club arises at the 1992 WBCCI International Rally by instigator and subtle rebel, Bud Cooper.

A President of the Airstream Company, wrote that my father was, "the foremost authority on the history and restoration of Airstreams." The VAC Web site refers to my dad as the "instigator and subtle rebel," who founded the Vintage Airstream Club. My father would be the first to say that he was only one of many, many people who put a lot of their heart into breathing life into this club. I'm sure he felt more than amply rewarded for his efforts.

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"On the rare occasions that the whole family would gather for a dinner, it would always be interrupted by a VAC-related phone call. It became a family joke. We'd eat without him while he took the call."



Your trailer, since it is a 1968 or older, is a Vintage Airstream. A number of other people who know and admire these fine trailers have gotten together to form the Vintage Airstream Club.

Bud Cooper's Last Rally



I only met Bud Cooper once. It was the State of Michigan Rally in St. Louis, Michigan in August 2006.

I had no idea Bud and Bettye would be there, but when I saw a 1940's Airstream that appeared to be hitched to a yellow Mini Cooper (it wasn't), I had to go check it out. I was thrilled to find out it belonged to VAC founders Bud & Bettye Cooper.

Bud talked about rescuing the 1948 Liner from a junk yard.

and fabricating a custom curved bumper to wrap around the rear of the trailer. Bud showed me how he had added a custom curved access door on the rear curb side corner. He told me how he worked dents out of the skin and how he added modern conveniences. He was so proud of that trailer and his enthusiasm for vintage Airstreams in general was still obvious and infectious more than a dozen years after the Vintage Airstream Club was first formed. I could clearly see how he would have been the driving force for the creation of the VAC.

As I talked with Bud I learned that that rally was likely his last. He had recently given the Liner to his son who had pulled it there for Bud and Bettye to use for the rally. There was perhaps a tinge of sadness in that thought, but I knew Bud and Bettye had enjoyed more Airstream adventures than most of us will ever experience, so there was joy, too. But mostly, Bud's enthusiasm outshone all other thoughts that weekend.

Bud and Bettye couldn't have been more cordial. Even though there was no official open house, they showed me their trailer, inside and out. Bud talked about rescuing the 1948 Liner from a junk yard near Bay City, Michigan as he showed me his picture book that detailed the restoration. I heard about building a new frame

Bud's enthusiasm was still obvious and infectious more than a dozen years after the VAC's formation.

International Rally



Joy. Pride. Everything Airstream.

FROM A SHINY PARADE TO HAPPY HOUR GATHERINGS,
MAINTENENCE TO BUSINESS, TOURS, DINNERS AND STUFF!

One of the greatest joys of attending the International is joining the VAC for the pre-rally gathering followed by the cruise into the rally grounds with the Vintage Parade. I'm always impressed with the numbers of people who wait along the parade route to see the trailers come in, one-by-one (*See parade photos starting on page 14*).

The folks in the Madison area saw dozens of trailers make their way through the peaceful countryside into downtown Madison and into the Rally grounds. Of course, you do get a few sideways looks from folks who have to wait a few extra minutes at a traffic light. I can't help but chuckle at that, and wave to them anyway.

The VAC was staged in the Bull Pen as usual, where we put up our flags, touched up the shine and made the any last minute adjustments for the trip into the Alliant Energy Center. For me, this year began with an especially proud moment. I did not have a WBCCI beret and have been looking for just the right one, online, for years—my wife, Kimber Moore, has one and has been wearing it at rallies for years. While I was setting up our flags I was gifted a pristine blue felt "Wally" beret by the VAC's own Frank Yensan. This was for me the most memorable experience of the trip. Thank you Frank!

The VAC experienced some difficulties this year with the group being split between grass parking and pavement parking. This did cause some friction among some of the members but was something that largely could not be avoided, as there just was not enough room for all of the trailers in the VAC area. Hopefully, some lessons were learned and in the following years improvements can be made in dealing with these situations.

Available to the VAC this year was a covered gazebo area, where our gatherings were held each evening. We had the customary happy hour meetings complete with polishing

and riveting demonstrations as well as a healthy dose of schmoozing with WBCCI dignitaries.

We were again graced by the presence of Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn at our evening gatherings. Dale survived the effects of the "Purple Assassin," a beverage not for the faint-of-heart, *recipe on page 12*, and he gave a brief presentation on the history of the club and his involvement with the early World Caravan. For those who have not yet met Dale, he is one of the original Caravaners. His mother, Helen Byam Schwamborn, founded the WBCCI in 1955. His stories of scouting and traveling to so many worldly places were fascinating. His name badge says it all, "First Caravanner."

Herb Spies gave an excellent polishing demonstration—what VAC gatherings would be complete without one? Paul Fancey gave a riveting demonstration of 'er, riveting, complete with Clecos.

A familiar site on the rally grounds was the "Fantastic Fan" installers. They could be seen making the rounds at many trailers. In fact, they made a second appearance at our trailer—the first being in Salem, Oregon in 2006. Vendors this year were fewer than in past years, but we were fortunate enough to have some of the regulars—embroidery, jewelry, cookware, gifts and T-shirts. Camping World took over as the main vendor and seemed to have a healthy supply of Airstream goods available for any needed repairs. All in all, an adequate showing.

Tempering the generally positive experiences at the rally were the discussions of Bud Cooper's passing. Bud was of course the founder of the Vintage Airstream Club. For those who, like me, did not have the privilege of meeting Bud, we relish in his efforts to make an Intra-club that we can all enjoy and participate in.

Like many others, we are already looking forward to an interesting year in Gillette, Wyoming in 2010.

◀ Tim Kendziorski and Frank Yensan pictured shortly after Frank gifted Tim a beautiful wool felt "Wally" beret.

◀ From left to right: Herb Spies gives a polishing demonstration; Tim Kendziorski, Michael Depraida and Bob and Kelly Wheeler and Pee Wee admire some trailer artwork; An historic name badge; Official business—VAC-style.

VAC International Rally Scrapbook 2009

Rendezvous Jefferson County Fair Park in Jefferson, Wisconsin.



Arriving at the VAC Rendezvous site.



President, Herb Spies, goes over the details of the parade and event activities.



Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn, wearing Wally Byam's famous Safari hat.



The kids had fun cooling off in the sprinklers!



Sidra Spies enjoys the fare.



Pee Wee shared some photo memories of his mother, Helen Byam Schwamborn, founder of the WBCCel.



New member, Terry Iverson, and Tim Kendzierski sync their phones...or maybe they are checking out new iPhone apps.



Chris Hildenbrand and Jim Lane working during happy hour? No!



Patti and Tom Reed making introductions.

Int'l Rally Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.



The crowd eagerly awaits the polishing demo.



Herb Spies conducts a polishing demo.



Paul Fancy and Pat McDowell at the polishing demo — now, are they laughing at me or Herb?



Fantastic Fan installed lickety-split — 24 minutes!



VAC Librarian, Forrest McClure, with wife Patrice—always smiling!



The phone thing again... this time Richard Girard, Pee Wee and Tim K.



Need something? Forget something?
You can probably find it in the vendor pavilion.



Dave Winick asks a poignant question during the polishing demo.



Always smiling,
Dallas and Pam Peak.

THE PURPLE ASSASSIN

Like a 1960s thriller, this drink harkens back to the days when a drink was a drink and there was time to drink it. Enjoy this one with Vodka or without. And, while you are sipping, ponder on the old "black and whites": *The Birds*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and don't forget those WB classics, like *Capetown to Cairo*. Hey, this might be a good idea for an entire rally theme—throw a sheet over the shiny and break out the shakers! But most of all *enjoy!*

1.5 to 3 oz. of premium Vodka, pineapple infused is best (I like SKYY), or add a splash of pineapple juice to the mixture.

3 oz. POM pomegranate juice—use nothing else! This brand is best because it has no added sugar and real fresh flavor.

Squeeze of fresh lemon juice

6-inch lemon peel for garnish

Squirt, or Diet Squirt, to top off the drink.

ON THE ROCKS—mix all ingredients pour into a Highball or Double Old Fashioned glass full of ice. Garnish with the lemon peel.

MARTINI—SHAKEN, mix all ingredients in shaker EXCEPT the Squirt, (trust me on this one). Add the Squirt to the shaker after the shake, then swirl to mix. Garnish glass with lemon peel and pour into a martini glass, directly in front of your guest, then run!

ALCOHOL-FREE, Mix either way only leave out the Vodka. You can add a little extra Squirt, pomegranate or pineapple juice to fill the void.



Int'l Rally, cont.



George D. James III gives a Region 3 update at the VAC meeting.



Paul Fancy showing Karolyn Southerland the essentials of being a "rivet master."



Close-up of the rivet demo. Paul Fancy makes it look soooo easy.



How about a custom-designed t-shirt from artist Michael J. Deprada?



Dallas Peak and Tim Kendzierski doing the phone thing...again.



Wonder where everyone gets their shirts, chairs, bags, etc., embroidered? From Allison and Wes at A&W Designs in the vendor pavilion.



Bob Herman, Blue Beret VAC editor gives an update at the VAC meeting.



Beautiful vintage details on display, courtesy of Dave Winick.



Mary and Gerry Butler of Coastal Reflections have "sparkling trailer" earrings and jewelry.



Bill (JJ) John Julio and Don Rogers at the VAC Pavilion.



Michael Deprada and Leo Garvey enjoying Purple Assassins — did I interrupt their conversation?

**Hey, you can now renew
ONLINE!**

TIME TO RENEW!

VINTAGEAIRSTREAMCLUB.COM

It has been a year in the making—now you can join or renew membership online. The process is quite simple. Go to vintageairstreamclub.com and click on the “LOGIN” link at the bottom of the menu. From there click the “Register” link on the login screen and follow the prompts.

We are using PayPal to process the dues so you will be taken to a PayPal screen to complete the payment. Save the stamp and sign up or renew online. For more information, see **“VINTAGEAIRSTREAMCLUB.COM,”** on page 28.

Don't have Internet access at your disposal? No worries, a standard write-in renewal form is still available on page 31.

Paul Thompson,
New VAC member
and first person
to sign-up on the
new Web site, live
and in-person in
Madison WI at the
International Rally.





*Waiting for the parade to begin,
Laura Steinberger, Rob Baker and
Tim Kendzierski—phones again!*



WB Traffic control!



Over the hills and through the countryside...



*Detail of Jim and Joan Randall's
22-foot, 1948 Clipper.*



65 shiny trailers go down the highway, all in a row.



*No. 503, been a lot of
places, seen a lot of things.*



"LuLu" 1961



Admiring the Yensan's "Anna."

Parade From the rendezvous into and around the rally grounds.



No. 5071, beautiful whale-tale.



WBCCl Parking Department
—our fearless guide.



John Hussar guides our way
into the VAC parking area.



Clipper light detail.



Yes, that's me—snapping photos—
as captured by Michael Deprada.



Steve Klohn and son, Amery,
waiting for the parade to begin.



Parade-goers offer
rounds of applause
and cheers.

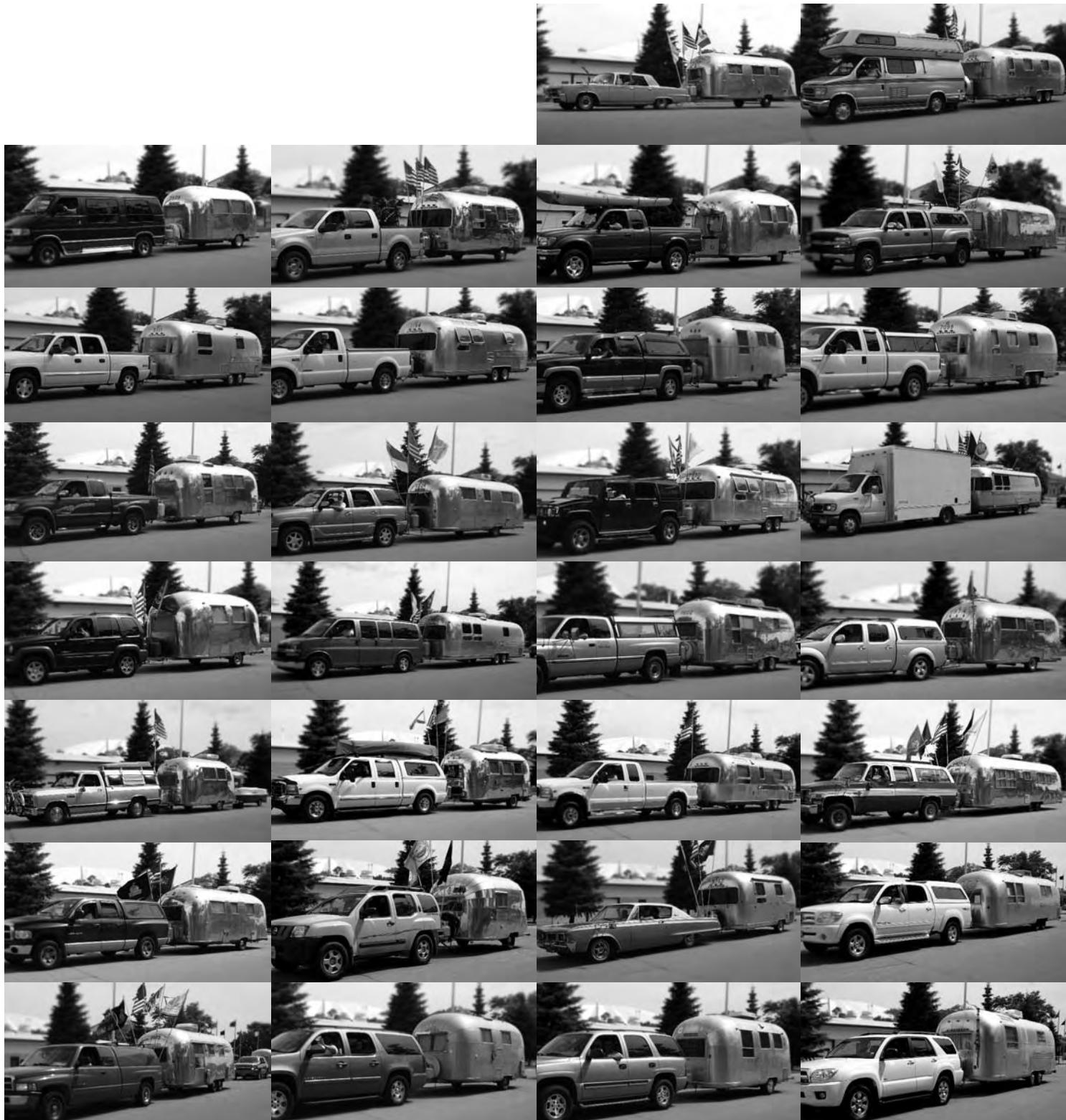


Last minute touch-ups.

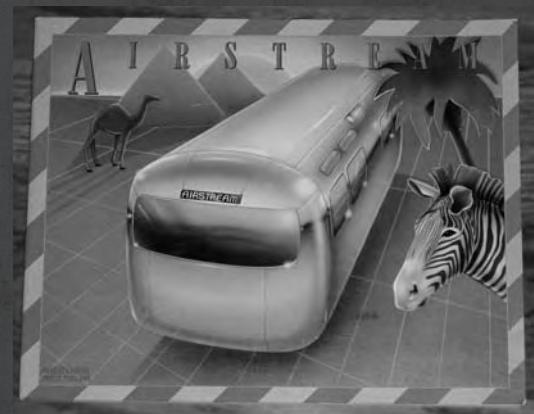


Unofficial traffic director!

Member Lauren Carlson captured these pictures of each rig as it passed by. You can view all of these images in color on the VAC's Web site in the gallery section.







Airstream Coffee Table Books

Time to shake things up a little. If you're the type that likes pictures more than words, there is a class of books made just for you: Coffee Table Books. The typical definition of a Coffee Table Book is that of an oversized book of elaborate design containing many pictures and often limited text. These books are meant to be shared with guests and they are named for the coffee tables upon which they are often displayed. Within this genre, this article will concentrate on only those coffee table books that are dedicated specifically to Airstreams. This will leave the review of coffee table books that discuss Airstreams only as part of a broader discussion of vintage travel trailers for a future article. Without further delay, let's begin our review...

The first coffee table book about Airstreams is aptly titled **Airstream** and at 25 years old it meets the VAC definition of "vintage." **Airstream** was authored by Robert Landau and James Phillipi and was published in 1984 by Gibbs M. Smith, Inc., originally retailing for \$14.95. This soft cover book fits the definition of a coffee table book perfectly although the cover is a bit disappointing because it only contains a stylized drawing of an Airstream trailer amid pyramids, palm trees, zebras, and camels. Once the book is opened, however, you will be treated to many black and white and color photos ranging from caravan action shots to Airstream advertising stills to photos of Airstream manufacturing techniques and several interwoven shots of mid-1980s Airstream owners, employees, and WBCCI club members. At 79 pages and 8" high by 10" wide, **Airstream** is not too wordy, but it adeptly covers the beginnings of Wally Byam and the Airstream Company, followed by several chapters covering the Airstream way of life including rallies and caravans. It closes with a discussion of how Airstreams are made. Throughout the book, various Airstream owners, WBCCI members, and Airstream employees provide their insights. This enjoyable book is a nice time capsule that is fairly scarce, but can occasionally be found on eBay or from on-line book sellers for prices ranging from \$25 to \$50 or more.

The next book to fit in this category, **Airstream The History of the Land Yacht** by Bryan Burkhardt and David Hunt, was published 16 years later in 2000 by Chronicle Books LLC. Its arrival corresponded to the resurgence in the popularity of new and vintage Airstreams, as illustrated by the fact that co-author Bryan Burkhardt was a VAC member. Bryan was also the VAC Vintage Advantage Newsletter Editor from late 1999 through 2005. **Airstream The History of the Land Yacht** also came out as a soft cover, but it is a little more weighty than its predecessor at 144 pages and 9.5" high by 10.75" wide. It originally retailed for \$19.95.

Its cover is adorned by a famous Airstream advertising photo showing a young lady using her reflection in a shiny Airstream to help her apply lipstick. Inside the book are even more impressive photos, with many being full page and some being two page spreads. The photo selection in **Airstream The History of the Land Yacht** is broader than its predecessor, including not only many more caravan and advertising and manufacturing photos, but also period photos from supporting industries such as aviation and railroads. Other photos cover early 1930s Airstreams and competitive trailer brands from that era. Portions of vintage Airstream sales brochures are also reproduced within its pages. Photographically, this might just be the most impressive of all of the Airstream coffee table books. The text of this book also does not disappoint. There are many Wally Byam quotations woven into the story of Wally Byam, Airstream and their adventures. The story meanders back and forth through these topics in an enjoyable way that is not bound by strict chapter definitions. Overall, **Airstream The History of the Land Yacht** is a "must have" for any Airstream lovers personal library. Thankfully, it is still easy to come by with many copies always available on eBay and from various on-line book sellers for prices occasionally as low as \$9.99.

Fast forward another 5 years and **Airstream Living** by Bruce Littlefield and Simon Brown was first published in 2005 as a hard cover book with matching dust jacket bearing a somewhat disappointing photo of the rear window of a 1970s Airstream. It retailed for \$29.95. The book was then re-issued in 2007 as a paperback with more visually interesting cover art showing a folding table and chairs set up for dinner under the awning of a 1950s Airstream. This edition retailed for \$19.95. Both versions were published by Collins Design and both contain 160 pages and are about 9" high by 10" wide. In some ways **Airstream Living** is the least exciting of the Airstream coffee tables books. It contains some of the same caravan and advertising photos of the books that preceded it, but it also contains many other original photos that are sometimes less interesting and less artistic, including more photos of non-Airstreams than one might expect. Within the 5 main sections of its text are smaller vignettes on a variety of topics ranging from "case histories" of various Airstream owners to different decorating styles and non-camping trailer applications. Several of these unfortunately involve brands other than Airstream. It closes with discussions of the practicalities of buying, owning, maintaining, and using an Airstream. **Airstream Living** is still easily found on eBay and from various on-line book sellers, often for prices well below \$15.00.

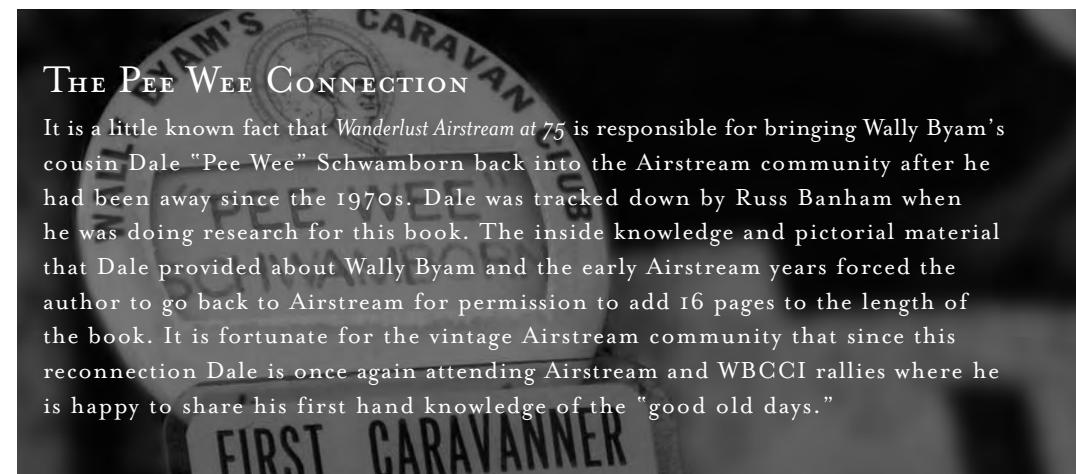
The last Airstream coffee table book, **Wanderlust Airstream at 75** by Russ Banham, also came in two versions and was actually commissioned by Airstream Inc. as part of their promotion of the 75th Anniversary of the Airstream Company in 2006. Both versions were published in June 2005 by Greenwich Publishing Group, Inc., and in reality are just the same book in different packaging. One is a simple hard cover book without a dust jacket. Its silver cover contains a small photo of the rear window of a current Airstream trailer and it originally retailed for \$39.99. The second edition encased this same book inside a felt lined, riveted aluminum case that was limited to 1,000 copies, each receiving its own engraved serial number plaque. The aluminum clad edition originally retailed for \$99.99 and it additionally contained a DVD of historic Airstream caravan videos that was not in the basic edition.

Wanderlust Airstream at 75 is the largest of the Airstream coffee tables books at 196 pages and 9.75" high by 12" wide. The book itself is filled with a large collection of photos ranging from Wally Byam and the early Airstream years to historic caravans, Airstream manufacturing and advertising shots, and many photos of current Airstream owners and employees. Airstream really opened up their archives to allow many never before seen photos to be included. The story itself, as it meanders through six chapters, provides deeper detail into all things Airstream than any of the previous coffee table books. The stories of many current Airstream owners and employees are interwoven as are the details of the then current Airstream trailer and motorhome models. Even the Basecamp Trailer and the eventually aborted attempt to revive the Classic Motorhome get mentioned. Overall, **Wanderlust Airstream at 75** is another great Airstream coffee table book and a "must have." The non-aluminum encased version is still available from Airstream for its original price of \$39.99. It is also often available on eBay and from on-line book sellers, but the price often exceeds the price of a new copy directly from Airstream. The aluminum clad version is understandably much harder to obtain.

So get out there and read! 

THE PEE WEE CONNECTION

It is a little known fact that **Wanderlust Airstream at 75** is responsible for bringing Wally Byam's cousin Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn back into the Airstream community after he had been away since the 1970s. Dale was tracked down by Russ Banham when he was doing research for this book. The inside knowledge and pictorial material that Dale provided about Wally Byam and the early Airstream years forced the author to go back to Airstream for permission to add 16 pages to the length of the book. It is fortunate for the vintage Airstream community that since this reconnection Dale is once again attending Airstream and WBCCI rallies where he is happy to share his first hand knowledge of the "good old days."



Need a delicious and easy pot luck contribution?
Give this cheez-ee potato recipe a spin.

EASY-CHEEZ-EE GRATIN

*1 bag square-cut hash brown potatoes
1 can Cream of Celery soup
1 16-oz. sour cream
2 cups mozzarella cheese, grated
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1/2 stick butter, room temperature
Garlic powder — a lot!
Garlic salt — couple dashes
Parsley flakes — 1/4 cup
Paprika — a few dashes for topping*

Okay, after reading the ingredients you can see that this isn't a low-cal recipe! Onward...

In a mixing bowl combine sour cream, butter, cream of celery soup. Add seasonings—garlic powder, garlic salt and parsley flakes. Add both cheeses, and finally the potatoes.

Prepare a 9" x 13" glass baking dish (best) or aluminum cooking pan (great for the outdoors). Spray a light coat of cooking spray and add the potato mixture. Sprinkle top with Paprika.

Bake at 350° F for 50 minutes. Dish should have a nice golden-brown crust.

Hint: If you are making this for a pot luck you can pre-bake for half the time (25 minutes). Then re-heat, covered with foil, on the Bar-B-Que or in the oven just before serving.

One dish is nice but two is always better!

Recipe courtesy of Beth Sass, Waukesha, Wisconsin.



Meet the New Historian

Something significant happened leading up to the International Rally in Madison—Fred Coldwell stepped down from the VAC Historian position he had held for ten years! A call went out for volunteers and I raised my hand and next thing I knew I was appointed as the new VAC Historian. So let me tell you a little about myself. Lorrie and I bought our first Airstream—her parents original 1966 Overlander—in late 2003. We joined WBCCI and the VAC immediately thereafter. Since then, we've gone through a series of Airstreams and currently have a 1955 22' Safari, a 1963 28' Ambassador, and a 1994 28' Excella. I like tinkering on these trailers, but my time to do so is limited because I am still gainfully employed as an electrical engineer. I love the history of Airstreams, the club, and the great caravans of the past. Even before becoming the Historian I was researching these topics and writing about them in the *Vintage Advantage*.

But before I go further, I'd like to thank Fred Coldwell for his ten years of service as the VAC Historian. Our collective knowledge of vintage Airstream trailers has greatly advanced over that time largely because of Fred. I know a lot of the credit goes to Bud Cooper for initiating the Vintage Airstream Club and starting the Airstream Attributes Survey many years ago, but Fred took this to the next level. His articles and PowerPoint presentations have made all of us a lot smarter about vintage Airstream trailers. But don't worry about Fred—you'll still see him around—he just felt that the VAC needed someone that could bring a new energy and a new direction to the Historian position. I am going to try hard to live up to those expectations. Fred's shoes will be hard to fill.



Joe and Lorrie pictured in front of their 1963, 28' Ambassador.

As I've already noted, I've previously written several articles for the *Vintage Advantage*, including a couple of articles about trailers from the Around the World Caravan and also several "Vintage Reading Corner" articles. These articles reflect my interests in Airstream and WBCCI history and especially the great caravans of the past. I've got a good start on the 1963-64 Around the World Caravan, but there's more to be researched and written, so you can expect another article on that one from me some day. I am also diving into the 1959-60 Cape Town to Cairo Caravan with the expectation to have something to share related to its 50th anniversary in the next issue of the *Vintage Advantage*. In 2010 I expect to investigate and report out on the 25th anniversary of the 1985 China Caravan as well as the 10th anniversary of the 2000 VAC Caravan to Belize which I have heard was the brainchild of none other than Bud Cooper.

So let me put out my first request for help. If you have any information or photos from the above caravans or know of any surviving participants or their family members, please pass that information along to me so that I can continue to gather and organize our knowledge about these great adventures. Thanks.

To be continued in the next issue...

Joe

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Polishing Demo 2009

Herb Spies gave a wonderful polishing demo at this year's International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin. For those who could not be there, Herb put together this list of valuable links to aid in the polishing process.

You can also go to the new Web site at vintageairstreamclub.com for more photos and video "snip-its" from the rally demo.

Vintage Trailer Supply:

vintagetrailersupply.com

Polishing Guide

[vintagetrailersupply.com/
Polishing_Advice_s/46.htm](http://vintagetrailersupply.com/Polishing_Advice_s/46.htm)

Nuvite prices

vintagetrailersupply.com/Polish_s/44.htm

Stripper

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Tools

[vintagetrailersupply.com/
Polishing_Tools_s/45.htm](http://vintagetrailersupply.com/Polishing_Tools_s/45.htm)

Perfect Polish:

perfectpolish.com

Nuvite Application Guide

perfectpolish.com/AppGuide.htm

Using the Cyclo Guide

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Compounding

[perfectpolish.com/
UsingtheCompoundingPolisher.htm](http://perfectpolish.com/UsingtheCompoundingPolisher.htm)

Cyclowraps

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[perfectpolish.com/
CycloPolisherforAluminum.htm](http://perfectpolish.com/CycloPolisherforAluminum.htm)

Cyclo Tools:

cyclotoolmakers.com

Caswell Buffing:

caswellplating.com/buffs/index.html

Photos, clockwise from left to right: Sheila Carlson stands under the Buffalo Statue; The Louis L'Amour Writer's Shack; A typical lot in the Airstream Park in Clear Lake, Minnesota; Our caravanners, left to right, Arlene and Alex Matches, Gene and Marilyn Van Idestine, Lorraine and Duane Smith, and Sheila and Lauren Carlson; Originally created for the Barnum and London Circus in the 1880s, the restored Mother Goose Pony Float covered in real gold at the Circus Museum.

Tag along



CARAVAN

Saskatchewan to Madison...Vancouver to Madison.



Our proposed Alberta Saskatchewan Unit caravan to Madison, Wisconsin for the International Rally did not materialize—sadly enough due to lack of participation by our members. But when the BC (British Columbia) Unit offered us the opportunity to join their “tag along caravan” from Vancouver to Madison, we joined right in. Duane and Lorraine Smith and my wife Sheila and I met up with BC Unit members, Alex and Arlene Matches and Gene and Marilyn Van Iderstyne, along their route in Estevan, Saskatchewan on June 15th. Arlene is president of the BC Unit for the second year and Marilyn is the editor of the Region 10 Newsletter for the last two years—and has signed on for another two years.

We left Estevan the following morning and stopped at Jamestown, North Dakota for two nights. The second day we were in Jamestown, when an eleven unit Caravan from northern California stopped at the same campground. Jamestown claims to have the world's largest buffalo statue—26 feet high—made out of concrete and steel and weighing-in at 60 tons. Jamestown is also the home of the famous western writer Louis L'Amour. We stopped at the Louis L'Amour Writers Shack at Frontier Village, where there is a complete collection of L'Amour's works, and a very knowledgeable staff of volunteers.

Next stop was the Airstream Park at Clear Lake, Minnesota. This is a beautiful park in an oak and cedar growth of trees, where we spent the next three nights.

Our last stop before Madison was Baraboo, Wisconsin. The Ringling Bros. Circus was founded in Baraboo, in 1884 by five Ringling brothers. All of us spent most of our time touring the Circus World Museum, a 64-acre complex owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The museum sits on land owned by the Ringlings, and includes eight of the ten remaining Ringling buildings on the grounds. The museum's collection is perhaps the largest in the world, including posters, photography and artifacts used by shows from all over the United States, and a smaller collection of Wild West show and carnival materials. More than 210 original wagons and vehicles were all so elaborate and beautifully restored, it was hard focus on only a few, so I photographed more than 40!

After our final night in Baraboo we took the short drive—about one hour to Madison, arriving on June 23 for our parking date.

Resources:

JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA:
tourjamestown.com/Whatsee.php
 World's Largest Buffalo
 Louis L'Amour
 Frontier Village

BARABOO, WISCONSIN:
circusworld.wisconsinhistory.org
 Circus World Museum

Reefer Madness



starts gradually, like a low-grade headache.

You try to ignore it hoping it will go away, and sometimes it does, but not this time. Maybe a beer seems just not as frosty as it had been. Next thing you know the vintage rally JELL-O® mold you've been slaving over just won't set into the shape of a '47 Wee Wind. Before you know it, the mere thought of opening the fridge door gives you night sweats. Face it friend, you've got a case of **reefer madness**. Well I'm here to tell you that there is a cure short of a costly refer replacement. Coil replacement, yes I've said it, and I have performed the exorcism myself!



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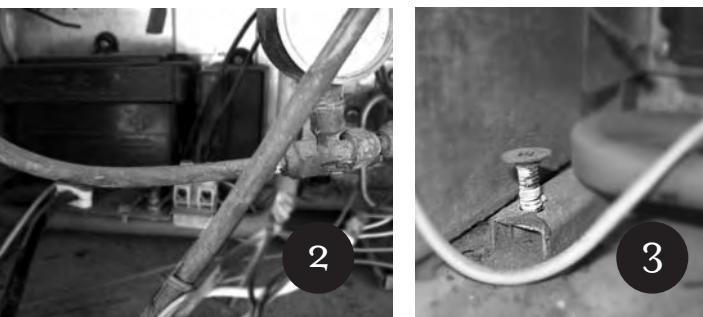
Coil replacement is simple. If you have considered replacing the box yourself, coil replacement only adds about 3 hours to the installation process. There are no special tools required no welding or solder connections to make; the cooling unit simply bolts to the back of the refrigerator box. Most people with average mechanical ability and a basic set of hand tools can change the cooling unit on their refrigerator in a few hours.

Costs 50% less than a complete replacement box. Plus it gives you an opportunity to clean up and seal the poorly designed refrigerator housing cabinet and maybe even install a cooling fan.

I started by going online and ordering a replacement coil from one of the many replacement re-builders—I chose RV Ice Box. I ordered online at rvservicebox.com. The unit arrived quickly and was well packed. The shipping box is big, and can be handled by one burly person. I'm not burly, so I recommend two people. (See picture 1)

After unpacking, I noticed a small dent on one of the coils, so I snapped a photo and sent it along with an e-mail to the contact person at RV ice box. In less than 2 hours, I had a response apologizing for the shipping damage and a new unit was sent out the next day. By the way, hold on to the shipping box as it is required to return the old coil. Return shipping is per paid; you just call FedEx for pick-up.

- 1) Let's start by turning off the gas at the tanks, and disconnecting the batteries.
- 2) Disconnect the 12-volt wires to the control board and pull the 120-Volt power cord. Procedure varies depending on model.
- 3) Disconnect the propane line. (**See picture 2**)
- 4) Remove mounting bolts. (Location varies with model). (**See picture 3**)



NEXT, ON TO THE FRONT OF THE UNIT.

Remove the refrigerator doors. Remove any trim plates and mounting screws. (**See picture 4**)

Once the refrigerator has been disconnected from its frame, and the door/doors have been removed, it's time to call a friend. A full size refrigerator is not an agile dance partner. Removing the box from inside requires two persons, I'm not burly, remember. I placed heavy mats and rugs on the floor just in front of the box. My friend Paul, pushed from the outside just enough to allow a grip of the box

from the inside, about 12".

Then Paul and I both wiggled the box out from the inside of the trailer and lowered it down to the waiting mats. We then dragged the box using the mats to the trailer door and slid it out to a waiting hand truck.



Knitted Winter Scarf



This knitted scarf is quick and easy to put together, for yourself or for that special someone. This is an advanced-beginner pattern, where knowledge of some basic skills will be helpful.

54" long x 6.5" wide

Stitches: Seed and Elongated (3 wrap). Alternating rows of 5 seed stitch and 1 elongated stitch.

2 skeins of No. 5 Bulky. I use Bernat, Alpaca, "Wheat," "Tundra," or "Indigo"—a heather-blue that goes great with a Wally beret.

Knitting needles: 10.5 U.S. (I prefer bamboo)

Row 1: Cast on 19. Knit 1 Purl 1 to end.

Row 2: K1, P1, repeat to end.

Row 3: K1, P1, repeat to end.

Rows 4 - 5: Repeat Row 3.

Row 6: Elongated stitch (wrap 3 times). Put the needle in as if you were going to knit and wrap the yarn around the right needle 3 times (instead of once). Work all stitches this way to end of row.

Row 7: K all stitches to end of row, being careful to let out all of the "wrapped" yarn from Row 6.

Row 8: K1, P1, repeat to end. (Seed stitch).

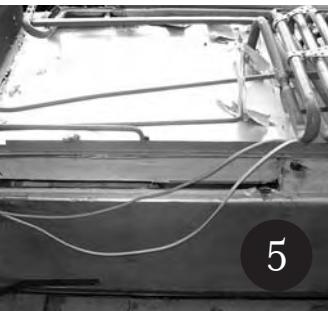
Row 9 - 13: Repeat Row 8.

Row 14 - 15: Repeat Rows 6 and 7.

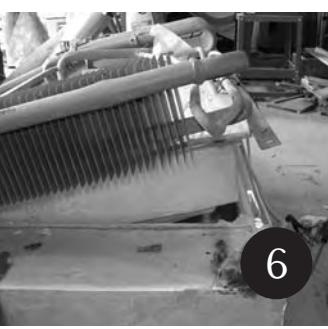
Row 16 - 20: Repeat Row 8.

Rows 21 to End: Repeat Rows 6 - 13. Bind off loosely.

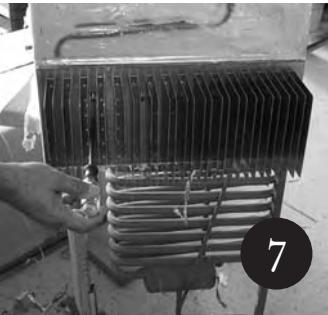
Variations between rows give this scarf a real custom look. Feel free to vary the number of rows of seed stitch in between rows of elongated stitch and also in the number of wraps in the elongated stitch rows to make your own pattern. The width can also be varied.



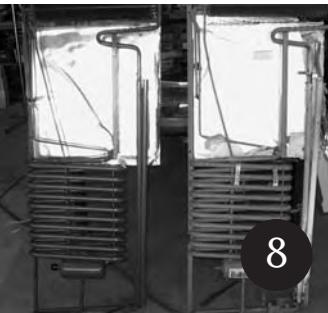
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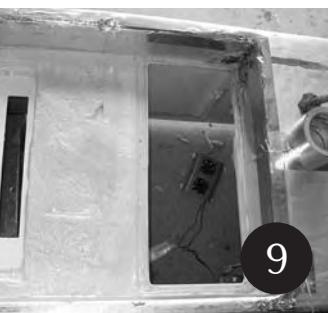
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NOW COMES THE EASY PART.

Once the box has been removed from the trailer, it is a simple remove and reverse process. The instructions which came with my replacement unit were excellent. All electronics, gas and electrical parts are salvaged from the back of the box. All that should be left attached to the back of the box are the cooling coils.

The cooling unit is removed by unscrewing a few screws and cutting around the foam insulation, then prying the unit from the box. (See pictures 5 & 6) I like to snap lots of pictures for reference.

The old unit has been removed from the box and I'm salvaging the cooling fins for installation on the new unit. (See picture 7)

New coils on left, old coils on right. (See picture 8)

After removal of the coils, this is what the back of the box looks like. (See picture 9)

First, the old cooling fins are reattached to the new cooling unit using "thermal mastic" (supplied) as is the freezer cooling plate. (See pictures 10 & 11)

Now the new cooling unit can be fitted into the back of the box. I also purchased some thin aluminum tape and sealed all the seams. (See picture 12)

Now it's simply a reverse procedure. (See picture 13)

Don't forget to remove the old damper from the flue and install it in the new flue. (See picture 14) (if applicable).

Once everything is put back together, it's wise to try the unit overnight on 12-Volt power before installing it back into the trailer. (See picture 15)

The finished coil install. (See picture 16)

It took just 24 hours to remove, test and install the new cooling unit back into the trailer.

Would I do it again, yes! Would I recommend the procedure to a friend, you bet. Models vary. This article is just enough for you to decide if cooling unit replacement is right for you. Side effects include: Rock hard ice cream, frosty beer and milk that makes it to expiration. If your ice cream remains hard for longer than 4 hours, please consult your refrigerators owners' manual.

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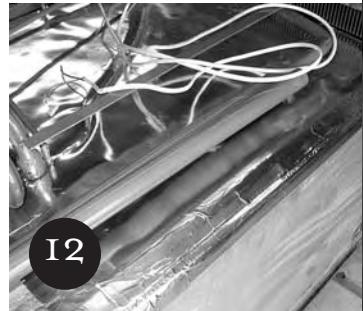
Five months later and the unit is cooling great.

Michael J. Depraida is a full time artist and has been living and working on the road since 2000 in his solar dependent 28' Classic, and 1-ton, 15', diesel box truck. CampStreamUSA.com, WBCCI #8892 and VAC associate member and contributor.

Workshop courtesy of WBCCI members Paul Mayeux and Ann Flanagan. Reefer courtesy MJD.



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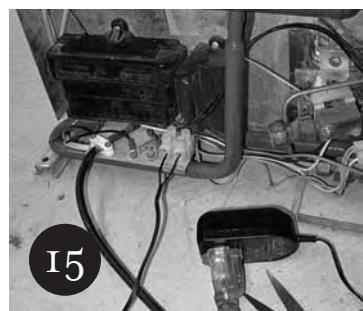
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Photos: Kimber Moore

NEED SOMETHING? HOW ABOUT A PATCH, FLAG OR T-SHIRT?

VAC LOGO-wear for members.

The Vintage Airstream Club now has Baseball caps for \$20, Adult t-shirts starting at \$18, children's t-shirts for \$12 and Adult fleece vests starting at \$45. We also have flags: large ones (3x5) are \$60 and a pennant (2x3) is \$25. And of course, our new VAC decals are here—first one free to members—additional ones are \$2. Note: all colors are not available in all sizes. (Please contact Bill first for available colors.)

Baseball Cap - Price: \$20 (Colors available: Putty, Navy and Light Blue); Size: One size fits most

Color:	Quantity:	@ \$20
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Adult T-shirt - Prices \$18, (\$20) XXL, (\$21) XXXL (Colors: Light Gray and Light Blue); Sizes: L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Color:	Size:	Quantity:	@ \$18
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Children's T-shirt - Price \$12 (Colors available: Pink, Navy and Light Blue); Sizes: S, M, L and XL

Color:	Size:	Quantity:	@ \$12
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Fleece Vest - Price \$45, (\$47) XXL, (\$49) XXXL (Colors: Pink (women's) and Light Blue);

Sizes: L, XL, XXL (men's & women's) and XXXL (men's only)

Color:	Size:	Quantity:	@ \$45
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Large VAC Flag (3x5) - Price \$70

Quantity:	@ \$70
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Pennant VAC Flag (2x3) - Price \$25

Quantity:	@ \$25
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Sub-Total:	\$
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Shipping - Priority Mail	\$ 4.95
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VAC Official Decal - Price \$2 each including postage

Quantity:	@ \$2
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VAC Official Patch - Price \$4 each including postage

Quantity:	@ \$4
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Total enclosed:	\$
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If you wish to purchase any of these items, please use this order form and send it to:

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wakerfoot@gmail.com

Make checks payable to the
Vintage Airstream Club.

Yes, it's Time to Renew ONLINE!

Go to:

vintageairstreamclub.com

Now you can become a member or renew your membership online. It has been a year in the making. The process is quite simple. Go to vintageairstreamclub.com and click on the "LOGIN" link at the bottom of the menu. From there click the "Register" link on the login screen and follow the prompts.

You will be redirected to a page to enter your profile information. Here you can list your trailer(s), choose a profile picture and enter in your mailing address. This is also the location you will go to change your mailing address throughout the year if you have a winter/summer address, or if you've moved. We are using PayPal to process the dues so you will be taken to a PayPal screen to complete the payment.

Once you have completed the registration process, we will verify your membership in WBCCI and ensure that you are placed in the appropriate group on the site—**Members** are those who have a WBCCI membership and have a vintage trailer 25-years or older, **Associate** for those who are members of the WBCCI but do not yet have a vintage rig and **Subscriber** for those who are not members of WBCCI. The group you belong to will designate what you can see and do throughout the site. *For example*, Subscribers are not able to view and purchase items from the club Online Store—that is a member benefit only.

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The site also has a Forums specifically for VAC members and subscribers to discuss rallies, events, restorations—anything, really. There is a Document Repository that registered users have access to. If you have an historical document or repair manual that you feel would be a great addition to this library please send it our way. If you do not have a scan of an item, we can do that and return it to you for safekeeping. There is a Gallery and we are happy to upload images.

Several individuals have worked hard to create a site that fully serves the members and subscribers of the VAC. However, if you feel that something is missing, why not post it on the forums and we will see what we can do to keep improving things.



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Web site Features.



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VAC Forums

vintageairstreamclub.com

VAC Region 11
Vintage Restoration Rally,
Four Corners Unit
Albuquerque, New Mexico
June 9–14, 2010

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Vintage Rally, Rocky Mountain VAC
Salida, CO

August 5–9, 2010

Registration opens February 1, 2010. Go to RMVAC.org after January 1, 2010 for more information.

Check out the new Calendar section at the
new VINTAGEAIRSTREAMCLUB.COM
If you have an event coming up, go ahead
and list it here.

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VAC Region 10
B.C. Airshow Family Vintage Rally
Abbotsford International Airport, Abbotsford, B.C.
August 12–16, 2010

THIS IS A BUDDY RALLY— WELCOME FRIENDS AND FAMILY

We are changing up the VAC Region 10 rally for next year. Again it will be co-hosted with the BC Unit.

We have reserved 25 sites in a section of the campground at the end of the runway for the 51st Abbotsford Airshow. It will be dry camping for the weekend and fresh water is available if you need to top up your tank. Portable toilets are located in the campground area.

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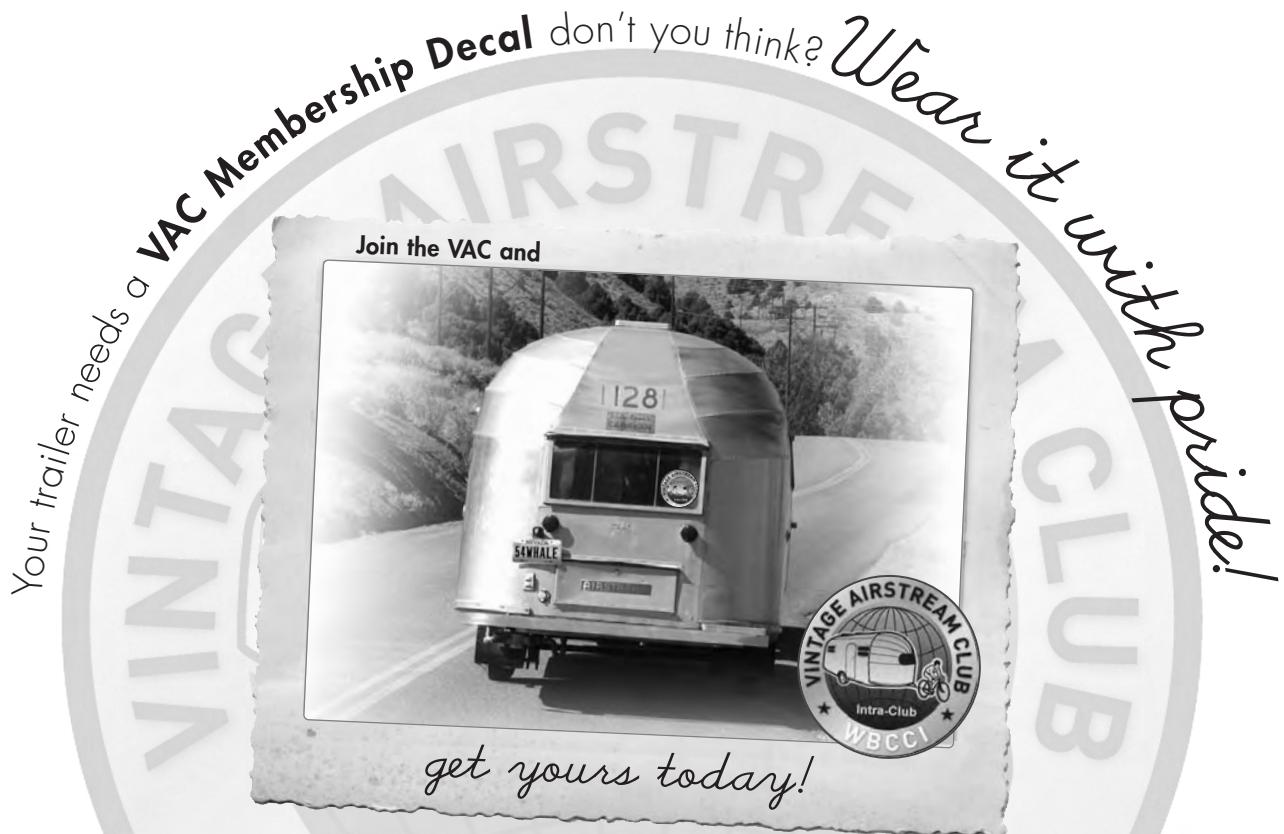
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Note: The Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) is an Intra-Club of the **Wally Byam Caravan Club International** (WBCCI). First join the WBCCI then join the VAC.

After receiving your WBCCI Membership Numbers – the “Big Red Numbers,” please fill out this application:

Date: _____ WBCCI No.: _____ New: / Renew:

Region No.: _____ Unit No. or Name: _____ or Member at Large:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

VINTAGE TRAILER INFORMATION: _____ Year: _____ Length in feet (bumper to ball): _____

Model: _____ Serial Number: _____

Members of the VAC are members of the WBCCI that own or admire Airstream trailers and motorhomes that are 25-years-old or more.

Make Checks Payable to the “Vintage Airstream Club.” Send this application along with your dues payment of \$20.00 (US) to: VAC Membership Chairman: Tim Kendziorski (Ken-joor-ski), 21640 Sazarac Rd., V C Highlands, NV 89521.



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VAC Region 2

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Ocean Lakes Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC

December 26th, 2009–January 3rd, 2010

ALL AIRSTREAM OWNERS WELCOME—WBCCI OR NOT

This event began a couple of years ago when my family went to Myrtle Beach during the week of Christmas. There is lots to do and the weather is still warm. Join the “Polar Bear” club on New Years day, take in one of the many shows in Myrtle and check out the good food places that are still open. Best of all, the campground is not crowded.

Go to region2-vac.com, and read about last year’s trip.

FYI, this is a “rally—that’s-not-a-rally-really” but more of a bunch of people just hanging out, so don’t expect coffee and doughnuts, but we may have a couple of happy hours and a “Spaghetti Dinner” on December 29th in celebration of our daughter’s 8th birthday. Come, hangout and RELAX!

You can make your own reservations at the campground:

www.oceanlakes.com

Ocean Lakes Family Campground
6001 South Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29575
Campsites: 877-510-1413, Rentals: 800-845-2229,
Main Office: 843-238-5636

If you have any questions send Paul Waddell an email
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VAC Region 9

6th Texas Vintage Airstream Rally

Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA, Montgomery, TX

February 10–14, 2010

Texas Highland Lake Unit of Region 9 will again be hosting this special rally for owners of Airstreams—all years and models. Vintage trailers will be parked together and in accordance with their age. The Rally will include daily seminars and demonstrations of interest to vintage owners and owners of newer trailers. There will be one night of first-rate entertainment from “Country Opry,” a pot luck dinner and catered meals, and a swap meet/flea market for Airstream parts and your own arts & crafts. The public will be invited to an Open House of Vintage trailers on Saturday. The theme of the rally is “Lost in the Fifties.”

On Line registration may be completed and rally fees paid via PayPal at unit website at www.THLU.org.

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