The VINTAGE Airstream Club

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MAY/JUNE 2015

VAC 2015 RALLY CALENDAR

May 22-25
Northwest Streamers Rally
Area 33 Campground
Troutlake, WA
http://www.airforums.com/forums/f288/area-33-2015-a-131987.html
Contact: Janet Humphry and Gary White
(write-up May/June Newsletter)

June 12-14
Blackwater Missouri Rally
(formerly Urban Rally)
Blackwater, MO
Contact:
cljccantrell@gmail.com or KathyAllen3534@gmail.com

June 13-18
JackRabbits Tour
Moab, UT to Mesa Verde, CO
Contact:
Tim Kendziorski
http://jackrabbitstour.com

June 19-22
2015 VAC National Gathering & Rendezvous
"A vintage rally for all VAC members"
Durango, CO
Contact:
Iain Cameron
imcameron@shaw.ca or by phone (250) 862-2670 CAN

June 26-28
Lake Pemaquid Rally
Damariscotta, ME
http://www.airforums.com/forums/newthread.php?do=newthread&f=289

June 26-29
ARRL Field Day at Penn Wood Airstream Park
Limestone, PA
Contact:
Alex Kensington
WX1WX@yahoo.com

July 9-12
Mayberry Rally
Piedmont, NC
Contact:
Richard Paschall
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July 17-20
Plunge in Pagosa
Pagosa Springs, CO
Contact:
Guiseppe and Maureen Margiotta
gnmostream@yahoo.com

Message from VAC President, Kimber Moore

Welcome to Spring!

I hope everyone is gearing up for the summer season. There are many scheduled VAC and WBCCI events to choose from, and if you can't make one of those, I hope you can get out and enjoy your vintage Airstream(s)!

The idea of a VAC Unit in each region is growing. I'm pleased to announce the inception of the Vintage Airstream Club Midwest VAC/ WBCCI Region 8. Lee & Joyce Cantrell #4241 and Scott & Kathy Allen #3534 have put their ideas together, made the plans, and will be holding their first VAC Region 8 rally in Blackwater, MO, and will camp at Arrow Creek State Park along the Missouri River. As Lee fills me in, "we already have 10 participants signed up which is the number we were going for. Our maximum number allowed will be 15. We have a variety of trailers so far. What I find interesting is we have 2 34-foot trailers, 2 31-foot trailers, and the rest are shorter. Chef Tracy, who is running the hotel and restaurant, is working up a quote for an Italian dinner and anti-pasta for our happy hour." On Thursday June 11th, they will be starting the rally at the Arrow Rock State Park (Historic Site) located 12 miles north of Blackwater on highway 41. Make your own reservations now if you would like to join them. mostateparks.com/campgrounds/arrow-rock-state-historic-site

If you would like to start a VAC unit in your region or put together a VAC rally, you can begin by planning a rally and letting us know. We will do all we can to help you along the way. There are so many fun ideas out there, from touring historic places, to National Parks, to dining and foodie finds, to crafting, antiquing, and pot-lucking, etc. If you like to do something I'll bet there's a few VAC folks who like to do it too, and you can all do it together, while enjoying your vintage rigs! How much fun is that?

Speaking of touring…if you would like to join us for the Jack Rabbit Sprinter Tour of the Southwest leading to the VAC Rendezvous outside Durango, CO, please begin making your reservations now. We will be meeting on June 12th in Moab, UT at the OK Corral RV Park. There is a sign up at jackrabbitstour.com Stops and sites along the way include, but are not limited to, (take a deep breath) Arches National Monument, Canyonlands National Park, a tour of the Canyonlands By Night, Goblin Valley State Park, the San Rafael Swell geologic formation, Monument Valley, Four Corners Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Ship Rock, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Aztec Ruins National Monument to name a few!

The VAC Rendezvous at Vallicito Resort, outside of Durango, CO is shaping up nicely. Please go the vintageairstreamclub.com/2015-rendezvous for the sign up and all the info.

To start our spring season off, Tim and I spent a few days in Death Valley National Park and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Needless to say, it was a welcome getaway.

If you've had some fun adventures please think about sending some photos and captions to Reg, our Newsletter editor. This will let everyone know of the great places out there that have been found out by you—the Vintage crew.

Happy Vintage Airstreaming to all of you, and we hope to see each and every one of you and yours at one of our fun and adventurous VAC events this summer.

Kimber

2015 VAC RALLY CALENDAR -continued-

July 31-August 2
41st Old Time Fiddlers' Picnic
Livingston, MT
fiddlerspicnic.blogspot.com
Contact:
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August 7-9
Bend Classic Vintage Trailer Rally
Bend, OR
Contact:
Dal Smilie
dalsmilie@aol.com

August 7-10
Wenatchee River Vintage Rally
Monitor, WA
Contact:
Iain Cameron
imcameron@shaw.ca or by phone (250) 862-2670 CAN

September 14-20
50th Annual Pendleton Round -Up Rally
Pendleton, OR
Contact:
Teresa Taylor at (503) 440-1121 or ttdesign@ymail.com or Janet Howell at (604) 996-0953 or janet_howell@telus.net

October 22-25
Texas Country Air Rally "Urban Downtown Camping Event"
Quanah, TX
Contact:
Bill Price
wa5nbp@sbcglobal.net

Membership

Hi Everyone,

This month I'm going to highlight the Airstreams/Argosys we have in the Club. As we all know this group has a bad case of Aluminitis. The VAC has 469 members in good standing. We have a total of 596 Airstreams/Argosys. 406 of us have only 1 Airstream/Argosy and the rest of us have more, lots more. We only record up to 5 Airstreams/ Argosys per household and we have 7 members in that club, 17 members with 4 Airstreams/Argosys, 42 members have 3 Airstreams/Argosys and 124 members have 2 Airstreams/Argosys. Within our 469 members we also have 48 Associate members which are Vintage at heart but do not have a Vintage Airstream/Argosy. Next Newsletter, I will give you the breakdown on the most popular years and models. Send me your best guess; how many, the model and year in the subject line to vintageairstreamclub@gmail.com and I'll post the winners.

Just a reminder that the Pay Pal site is still a work in progress so send in your membership dues Vintage style by USPS to Vintage Airstream Club, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334.

Teresa Taylor

Editor's Note

Last issue, I mentioned that I am on this mission to contact every rally host that posts on Air Forums, promoting our Club and seeing if VAC parking is possible at their campsite. The percentage of rallies that can accommodate us as a group is low. Mostly what I was hearing was that, if we can organize ourselves first as a group so that our reservations are together ahead of time, then it was do-able.

My thoughts were, if the hosts were open to it, I could announce a rally as a DIY'er, referring you to Air Forums to start a thread/list of other VAC'ers interested in a particular rally. From there, a group could be formed to make reservations together as a VAC group. This might really expand the number of rallies that we could participate in as a Club. What are your thoughts? Please let me know at newsletter@vintageairstreamclub.com.

Reg

Help Raise Up America's Next Generation of Scientists and Engineers!

Submitted by Kimber Moore

Donate your vintage Airstream!

The Challenger Learning Center of Northern Nevada, a non-profit 501(c)(3), is working on a charitable education project with the National Automobile Museum. The special project is a joint series of educational workshops, space camps and an exhibit called "SPACEMOBILES."

The theme is the exploration of how NASA has used vehicles—including Airstream vans and trailers—in the cause of space exploration. Specifically, NASA used an Airstream "Astrovan" to transport astronauts to the launch pad and used an Airstream trailer as a Mobile Quarantine Facility when Apollo astronauts returned from the Moon.

The Challenger Learning Center is looking for an individual who would be willing to donate one of three things:

- An Airstream "B" van or motorhome which the Center could use to take workshops out to students and transport students on field trips to the space Center for programs.
- A functioning Airstream trailer that students or teachers from around the country could use as a dormitory when they come to participate in science workshops and astronaut training at the Center in Reno-Sparks, NV.
- The salvage-able back-end of an Airstream trailer for an exhibit about NASA's Mobile Quarantine Facility. (Recall the famous photo of President Nixon speaking to the Apollo astronauts through the rear window of an Airstream? One of the Center's volunteers was the individual, whose signature was required for the astronauts to get out of quarantine!)

The donation could be a potential tax deduction or a legacy from a family member who is no longer able to use it. More information about the Challenger Learning Center of Northern Nevada can be found at nevadachallenger.org and challengerlearningcenter.org. Please contact Jenny McFarlane at jennymcfarlane@sbcglobal.net or 775-530-1633 if you can help! Thank you for helping America's young people "reach for the stars!"

Cornelia Rising ~ continued from Jan/Feb 2015 issue

By Steve Bittner

This is the story of Cornelia, a very early (more on that later) Airstream Wee Wind, that is slowly being brought back to life in Camp Verde, AZ. When Cornelia arrived here on a flatbed car hauler, I wondered what I had gotten myself into. We had gotten the trailer settled into the yard and I decided the best course of action would be a long, full analysis of the project and then a consultation with the owners, Bob and Mary Doster.

Cornelia needed virtually everything you could think of: axle replacement, frame straightening, subfloor, new bellypan...the list seemed to go on forever. But, I figured, what an opportunity. Who gets to build an Airstream from scratch? So, off the body went and then the fun started. I knew I was in trouble quickly after going over the frame with a straight edge and square. Although a new frame had been fabricated and new torsion axle installed, both items needed help. The frame was both twisted and out of square, which required quite a few hours by a skilled welder to correct. Also, we discovered the new torsion axle that was installed was both way too stiff (3500# axle) and out of alignment. It was decided that the axle would be replaced at a later date so work could continue at a better pace.

The frame was painted with POR-15 and a new ¾" marine plywood floor was installed. Next, the body was resettled onto the frame. But, more fun was to come. Several structural ribs needed repair and replacement. This project could be like building an Airstream without the factory.

To be continued…

Upholstery ~ continued from March/April 2015 issue "Sofa Frame Rebuild"

By Joyce Cantrell

In the last Newsletter, Lee explained how he reconfigured the sleeper sofa in our 1984 Excella to make it more comfortable. My contribution to the project was to reupholster the sofa. Let me begin by stating emphatically that I am a complete and utter novice when it comes to upholstering furniture. Lee and I are game to give anything a try, and what we don't know, we research, or we make it up as we go. So, after some trepidation on my part, I was ready to tackle the project.

Original Upholstery on Lee and Joyce's Deluxe Sofa in their 1984 Airstream Excella

The original seat cushions were sewn together with strips of fabric between the seat cushions which allowed them to be attached with hog nose rings to the metal frame underneath the cushions to all sides. In addition to making the sofa bed more comfortable for sitting, we wanted to make sure that the cushions could be removed and rotated so we could even out the wear on the cushions. I also wanted to put zippers in the seat cushions so we could reorient the cushions every year to help extend the life of the foam in the cushions.

With the above goals in mind, we started by removing the original fabric from the seat cushions making sure to mark each piece's location and function. Photos can also help. The original foam cushions were still in good shape but we decided to wrap each of them with 2" cushion foam. We disassembled the cushion covers that we removed to make a pattern out of muslin for each seat cushion. I sewed the muslin together and covered the cushion. I should mention that we did not want buttons or piping on the cushions as were on the original sofa.

The fabric we chose for the seat cushions was a blended fabric and tended to fray so I finished the edges with a zigzag stitch. I used an upholstery needle and upholstery thread in my sewing machines. I also used a walking foot on my machine to make it easier to sew over all the layers of heavy fabric. There were four pieces used in assembling the cushion covers: top and bottom rectangular pieces and two strips of fabric that would join the top and bottom together. I wanted to make sure that I could easily remove the cushion foam so I decided to insert a zipper in each cushion cover. The heavy-duty zipper was installed in the strip that would be in the back of the cushion and then this strip was joined to the remaining strip. The zipper length was the width of the cushion plus about eight inches. The strips were then pinned with right sides together to the top rectangle with the zipper running across the back and down each side about four inches. The four corners took a bit of finagling but I had practiced on the muslin covers. The bottom rectangle was then attached with the zipper partially open. (If you close the zipper, it will be difficult to get it open so you can turn the cover right side out). Next, we fitted the cushion into the cover and added poly-fill if we though the cushion needed more puffiness.

Our sofa can be converted into a bed by grasping "the top of the backrest and pulling it toward the aisle of the trailer. The backrest will be raised and pivot out over the seat becoming the front section of the bed," quoted from the Airstream Manual.

Photo from 1984 Airstream Trailer Owner's Manual, page P-4

As a result, Lee and I decided to imitate the original design for the back cushions. The cushions for the backrest were individual cushions but were attached together with a four-inch finished piece of fabric between the end cushions and the middle cushion making the backrest a set of three cushions joined together. There was also a piece of fabric sewn onto each cushion section on the top and on the bottom that wrapped around the metal frame, and Lee stapled them to the plywood that was on the backrest frame. I just used the original cover as my pattern and was able to sew everything together and it actually fit!

Back rest partially pivoted. Coordinating fabric was glued on to back to cover the staples.

The two armrests should have been the easy part but the covers were constructed in a way that was not intuitive to my brain! There were only three sections of fabric but making sure you put the right pieces together in the proper order was critical. Trial and error by reconstructing the original pieces I had taken apart to use as a pattern finally led to success!

If you like problem solving and don't need everything to be absolutely perfect, then reupholstering the sleeper sofa in your Airstream can be a challenging and rewarding project. Keep in mind, that pillows on the sofa can cover up any minor flaws!

Reupholstered sleeper sofa in Lee and Joyce Cantrell's 1984 Airstream Excella

Blips & Blurbs

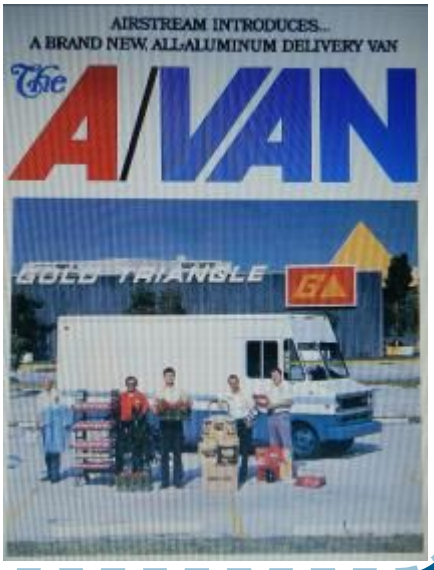
Teresa Taylor is looking for help at International in the Information Booth to greet folks and "tell them where to go". It's a fun job. 2 hour shifts. There will be a meeting/Happy Hour to acquaint you with the Farmington area.

Speaking of International, did you know that Dal and Jane Smilie won the Concours d' Elegance trophy at the Gilette International for Best Outfit last year?

Speaking of Dal, he came across this Airstream oddity, and forwarded me this interesting piece of Airstream history. He writes, "I suppose everyone else knows about this little bit of Airstream history but I did not. I think Airstream made about 540 of these. I suppose VAC and WBCCI would allow these if made into a camper. Or tow vehicle." He forwarded his thoughts to the Airstream Factory and received this back:

"Dal,
We were the only builder of the A-Van at that time. It was basically marketed as a delivery truck. We used Ford and Chevy chassis for the build. I do not have a lot of information on these, unfortunately. I know they started in 1967 and ended in the 70's sometime. I have a picture from the original brochure in 1967 that I will attach to this email. "

Rick March
Airstream Factory
Jackson Center, Ohio



Catching Up, Rallies Past...

RESTORATION EVENT held at Ed and Eileen Pauley's on March 28, 2015 in Jessup, Iowa
Submitted by Kathy Allen, Region 8 VAC

For a one day event, we had 22 people attend, driving in from as far as Minnesota (2-1/2 hours), Missouri (4-3/4 hours), and South Dakota (4-1/2 hours). Pretty good sign of Midwest interest in meeting up with other vintage Airstreamers, I think.

We ate Ed's famous blueberry pancakes with John & Carol's homemade maple syrup...mmm!
We talked about sealants and tools to clean off sealants. Buck riveting was demonstrated by Ed, assisted by Steve. A tall ladder allowed access to the roof panels, and Ed showed his highly-researched solar system, including AGM batteries, inverter, converter and charger.

A potluck of snacks was enjoyed all day.

Eileen gave tours of their three Airstreams built in 1951, 1959, and 1994.

A highlight was raising and rotating the frame, floor, and belly pan on the rotisserie.

Supplied by hosts Ed & Eileen, the afternoon meal of moist grilled chicken, baked potatoes, Iowa sweet corn, and spinach salad was delicious.

Rallies, Future...

Northwest Streamers Rally
Troutlake, WA

May 22-25, 2015

Area 33 Campground — more farm/less park
Hollenbeck Park located near Troutlake, WA
33 Mt Adams Rd.

Hosts: Janet Humphry and Gary White
airforums.com/forums/f288/area-33-2015-a-131987.html

This rally is almost ALL Vintage Parking. It is in an old orchard and parking has to be according to size of unit.

No phone, no shower, no Starbucks - what more could you want?
This place is not in any phone book and the directions are kinda like a treasure hunt. The owner works at a day job and does not advertise. Some portion of this land is a working farm. This rural spot has a group camping area with group fire ring, great views, a babbling brook, two lovely porto-lets, no electricity and a potable water spigot. If you want to shower you can drive a couple of miles down the road to the county park or swim in the creek (elk will be watching…)

Camping is in a grassy, but not level, field with some sparse trees - no sand, gravel or asphalt slabs anywhere! Plan to boondock and arrive with full water tanks and empty dump tanks. You can also fill your tanks as you arrive but BEFORE parking.

Parking takes some planning and may be somewhat challenging. Almost all sites require backing but there is always help if you need it and an audience if you don't ☺. Almost everyone will need to unhitch and park tow vehicles away from trailers. Camping fees are yet to be determined but will be approximately $17 per night (cash and check only). This fee extends to each tent pitched as well.

Please see rally discussion thread above for potluck plans and to ask questions on Air Forums.

Directions: From Hwy 141 North bound - Mt Adams Hwy

- **Bear right** at Chevron Station (road splits) in town and go about 1/4 mile across creek. Fair warning - town is hard to recognize - a small market or two - that's all. This intersection is near the County campground.
- **Left at 4-way intersection** - look for sign to Hollenbeck Park (hopefully out for the season), go about 300 yards down driveway.
- **Right at Green Gates** - go down somewhat bumpy road - sometimes gravel. This is an **old runway** (see hanger on left) -at the end of the runway, cross irrigation ditch.
- **Camping to the left** - we get the area with the fire pit and picnic table. Please be careful about avoiding water spigots.

Just go ahead and park. One of the owners will come by on a small motorbike to collect. They do not take plastic! Checks OK. We will have a couple of potlucks, lots of jamming and of course, Sunday morning breakfast.

Dumping: There is no dump station here but the County park, does have a dump station.

Garbage: Must be packed out or taken to county collection station several miles away.

Connectivity: Last year we had decent ATT cell service.

Rain: Be prepared - bring a book.

Cancellations: If you cannot make it please let me know - there may be a waiting list to attend.

Rallies, Future...

JackRabbits Tour — June 13-18, 2015

Moab, UT to Mesa Verde, CO

We are leading a guided tour of the Desert Southwest which will lead us into the VAC Rendezvous gathering in Durango, CO. Whether you are attending the Rendezvous and International or not, you are welcome to join us for a week of fun and exploration. For this tour we provide all the information you need – you make all of your own arrangements to participate. For more information please go to jackrabbitstour.com.

June 13-14 - Moab
The Sprinter Tour begins with a 2 night stay in Moab, UT – Home of 2 national parks located just minutes from town. Our stay will be at the OK RV Park – 1-435-259-1400. Price is $42.68 per night – BUT WAIT! – With a Passport America discount, the price is **$21.48 per night!**

Things to do:
—Arches National Park
—Canyonlands National Park
—Canyonlands by Night Dinner and Cruise (Sunday night – optional). We will be arranging a discount for our group so please let us know if you want to go along.
—The Town of Moab is just minutes away with restaurants, shops and tons of things to see and do.

June 15-16 – Monument Valley
The Sprinter Tour's 2nd stop is in Monument Valley – Home of sandstone masterpieces that tower at heights of 400 to 1,000 feet. Our stay will be at Goulding's Campground – 1-435-727-3231. Price range is $22 for dry camping sites to $48 for full hookups per night. The campground has hot showers and an indoor pool.

Things to do:
—Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park
—Self-guided Scenic Tour
—Canyon de Chelly National Monument (95 miles distance)
—Local hikes around the campground

June 17 – Four Corners Monument Side Trip
On the road between Monument Valley and Cortez, CO our group will pass the Navajo Nation's Four Corners Monument. This is the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. We would love to get a group photo at this location. Cost to enter the Monument is $5 per person, **CASH ONLY**. Navajo vendors sell handmade jewelry, crafts and traditional Navajo foods so you may want to have some extra cash on hand. Picnic tables and self-contained restrooms are available.

June 17-18 – Mesa Verde
The Sprinter Tour concludes with a 2 night stay in Cortez, CO – Home of Mesa Verde National Park, preserving the homes and ways of the ancestral Pueblo people. Our stay will be at the Cortez / Mesa Verde KOA – 1-435-259-1400. Price is $44 per night.

Things to do:
—Mesa Verde National Park
—Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

Note: Some cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde can only be visited by going on a ranger-guided tour. This includes CLIFF PALACE, BALCONY HOUSE AND LONG HOUSE. Tickets must be purchased in person, and can be purchased up to two days in advance at the Mesa Verde Visitors Center. Price: $4.00 per person. For tour descriptions and schedules, go to the Guided Tours and Operating Hours & Seasons webpages. Our suggestion is to get your tickets on Wednesday, June 17th when we arrive in the area and then use the rest of the day to explore Canyons of the Ancients. This will allow a full day to explore Mesa Verde.

Rallies, Future...

ARRL Field Day at Penn Wood Airstream Park June 26-29, 2015
Limestone, PA

Host: Alex Kensington
Air Forums Rallies

Penn Wood Airstream Park, a Non-Profit all volunteer operated campground offers a new first year attraction for Ham Radio Operators, www.pennwood.org

A special ARRL Field Day site has been designated in our Western Meadow of several level acres with ample electric for camping! This huge lot is ready for your most ambitious Field Day set ups! This site will be listed with the ARRL Field day locator pending their review.

Penn Wood Airstream Park is located at 999 Kindle Road, Limestone, PA 16234

NOTE: This is not in the usual Penn Wood Campground!
Check in at Penn Wood and you will be directed to the Event Site. Don't just park and unhook!
Event: Maidenhead Grid Location: FN01HD90mp
The field is open to just group together as Vintage when you arrive.

The Call Sign of W3P has been designated to this event. A Class A Battery station will be able to be built. Solar panels and batteries will be on hand. Tent tables and chairs provided.

CAMPING: $25/night. Come early or stay later, pay as you arrive.
NO RESERVATIONS will be taken or are needed. There is PLENTY of room!
Rally Fee: $10 in addition to camping fee of $25/night.
Cash only please.

Pure water available brought to your trailer by the tank full; dump stations on site. 30 Amp electric available per trailer, but BRING a 30 AMP extension cord, you'll need it and will be sorry if you don't! Air conditioners okay, if you bring a heavy 30 AMP extension cord.

No ground campfires, but grills and Dutch ovens okay. Coffee service provided.

All meals are pitch-ins/potlucks or on you own, no pre-organized meals. We'll make it up as we go.

Evening group bonfires provided weather permitting.

Donations will be collected to help defray the tent rental.

This event is under development and needs help from folks who have participated in ARRL Field Day exercises before! Please come and help!

Write: Alex (WX1WX@yahoo.com) if you can help out.

Event QTH: Maidenhead Grid Location: FN01HD90mp
Talk In Frequency to be announced.
pennwood.org

Rallies, Future...

Mayberry Rally — July 9-12, 2015

Mayberry Campground — Piedmont, NC

The Mayberry Campground is near Mt. Airy, NC. near the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Mt. Airy is, of course, associated with, "The Andy Griffith Show" which was based on the fictional town of Mayberry, patterned after Andy's birthplace of Mt. Airy.

Wineries are nearby and some good restaurants. We usually have a "welcome" dinner at the campground on Thursday night, then have tours arranged for Friday and Saturday. We're arranging a Ghost Tour for Friday night in Mt. Airy.

The temperatures are usually warm in July, so air conditioning is really nice but not required to enjoy the area. The campground has good hookups and is convenient to I-74 and I-77.

If VAC folks are going to come, they need to let me know ASAP so that I can be sure we have set aside sufficient sites to park together. Right now, we have blocked 15 sites but may need to make that more. The vintage group can certainly be sited together.

Any info folks can give me will help.
Safe travels,
Richard Paschall
Piedmont NC Unit 161
919-404-1869
email: afo6@att.net

Bend Classic Vintage Trailer Rally — August 7-9, 2015

J Bar J Ranch — Bend, OR

First of all, attend the wonderful Region 10 VAC rally at Monitor, Washington, but if you can't, you are sure invited to the VAC/Airstream friendly Bend Classic.

The Bend Classic Vintage Trailer Rally will be held at the J Bar J Ranch just east of Bend, OR. Camping will be on a grassy field with the Cascade Front in full view. There is some water and 110 electric but this is a ranch and not a trailer park.

This is the same weekend as the HUGE car show in Bend. Bend is packed with places to go and things to do.

Proceeds will benefit the programs of the Ranch. It is a Tin Can Tourist rally, please come and enjoy.

Attendees will get a permanent event name tag, window placard and an event open/closed sign.

Contact Dal Smilie (dalsmilie@aol.com) with questions.

Rally Updates...

VAC Rendezvous Information — June 19-22, 2015

Vallecito Resort — Durango, CO

vallecitoresort.com

This is a vintage rally for **all VAC members**, even if you are not going onto the Farmington International Rally. It's being held over the weekend to allow working people and young families to attend. We understand that many cannot go onto the Farmington International Rally due to its expense and time commitment. With more emphasis on a national vintage gathering at the VAC Rendezvous, it's a good opportunity for all VAC members to come together over the weekend at a low cost rally.

Vallecito Resort has either full hookup sites at $32.28 plus tax per night or dry camping at $23 plus tax per night.

Rally Registration:
If you are interested in attending the VAC Rendezvous, contact Iain Cameron, 1st VP, at imcameron@shaw.ca or phone 250-862-2670. Please provide the following information:

1. Type of campsite - full hookups or dry camping
2. Day you plan on arriving and departing

Note that all campsites have been set aside for the VAC. **All campground reservations must be made through the rally host, Iain Cameron**. Please contact Iain and he will set aside a campsite for the dates you wish. Iain will confirm your registration and let you know your campsite. Once this is done, you can then phone the campground and pay for your first night's campsite fee. No campsite fee is required at this time. The first night's campsite fee is required by Monday June 1st, 2015.

Rally fee will be **$20** per adult. Kids are free. Rally fee will be collected upon arrival at the campground in June.

There will be plenty of free time to visit with others and see the local area. We will get together each morning for a technical or restoration seminar, and leave much of the day open for you to relax or tour the local area. We'll get gather later in the day to share food at a meal, and around a campfire in the evening.

Rendezvous Schedule:
Thursday June 18 - early arrivals, no rally events planned for this day

Friday June 19 - arrivals and check-in to the campground

5:00 pm - Welcome meet and greet happy hour, bring an appetizer to share
7:00 pm - Woodfire pizza night, made on site by staff at Vallecito Resort

Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21 - each day will have a similar schedule
9:00 am - Technical or Restoration Seminar
Day open to visit the area on your own or with friends
6:00 pm - Potluck supper with BBQ meat (protein) provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share

Monday June 22
Break camp, wish everyone well, and safe travels!
Those going onto the Farmington International Rally will head out and rendezvous near the rally site.
**10:00 am is the time for the VAC to assemble and enter into the Farmington International rally site. This directly follows the VAC Rendezvous at Durango. Iain Cameron will be organizing the parade group with those attending the VAC Rendezvous and going onto the Farmington international rally. We will be assembling close to the Farmington rally site.
****If you are not attending the VAC Rendezvous, but would still like to parade into the international rally with us, please contact Iain Cameron, VAC 1st VP, at imcameron@shaw.ca

Rally Updates...

Region 8 Vintage Airstream Blackwater Rally — June 11-14, 2015

(formerly Urban Rally in last issue)
Blackwater, MO

HOSTS: Lee and Joyce Cantrell / Scott and Kathy Allen

June 11, Thursday: 6:30 pm. We'll rendezvous at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site located 12 miles north of Blackwater on Highway 41. We'll have a hot dog roast around 6:30 so bring a side dish and your Airstream stories to share. Camping fee for this campground will be at your own expense, and you will need to make your own reservation.

June 12, Friday: 8:30 am: We'll caravan together to Blackwater, MO leaving Arrow Rock to start setting up at our location in Blackwater. At Blackwater, we will be dry camping so make sure all tanks are empty except for your freshwater tank. There is a water hydrant available to replenish your freshwater. There is limited electricity for anyone who has special health needs. There is no camping fee in Blackwater.

For those who cannot make the rendezvous at Arrow Rock, meet us at Blackwater. We will need to know your approximate arrival time as we will be leaving at 1:00 PM to meet our reservation time for our first scheduled event.

1:00pm: Leave for tour of Warm Springs Ranch where the Budweiser Clydesdale horses are bred and raised. Our tour time begins at 2 pm and the cost is $10 per person which is not included in the rally fee.

6:00pm: There will be a tentative Happy Hour at the Iron Horse Hotel and Restaurant terrace area. A cash bar will be available. The cost of the appetizers will be included in the rally fee. Dinner on your own.

June 13, Saturday: Breakfast and lunch on your own. The Country Creek Bar & Grill in Blackwater is open at 7:30 am for breakfast. The rest of the morning is free for taking in the local sights and for preparing your Airstreams for the afternoon.

2:00pm to 4:00pm: Open House, Visitors are always curious about our Airstreams. One of the purposes of the Rally is to help draw visitors to Blackwater, so no matter where you are in the restoration of your Airstream, please open your door and welcome visitors in to see what you've accomplished or hope to accomplish.

6:00 pm: There will be a tentative catered meal at the Iron Horse Hotel & Restaurant. Cost of meal will be announced once plans have been finalized and the number of attendees has been determined.

June 14, Sunday: Say farewell and head out to your next destination.

The first 10 registrants' names will be put into a drawing for a very special door prize. Please contact Lee and Joyce Cantrell by email at cljccantrell@gmail.com or call Lee at 785 564-0190 or contact Scott and Kathy Allen by email at kathyallen3534@gmail.com for more information and to receive registration materials and other details. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Registration deadline is May 1, 2015.

Rally Updates...

Region 8 Vintage Airstream Blackwater Rally June 11-14, 2015

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Region 8 Vintage Airstream Rally of the WBCCI VAC (Vintage Airstream Club) *June 12, 13 and 14, 2015, Blackwater, MO. *On Thursday June 11th, we will be starting the rally at the Arrow Rock State Park 12 miles north of Blackwater. **You will need to make your own reservations early at 877-422-6766**. On Friday we will caravan together to Blackwater at 8:30am and set up. For those not camping at Arrow Rock meet us at Blackwater -we will need to know your approximate arrival time as we will leave Blackwater at 1:00 PM to meet our reservation for our first scheduled event. Dry camping on the asphalt parking lot at Blackwater. Arrive with empty black and gray tanks and a full freshwater tank. There is a water hydrant available to replenish your freshwater. There is limited electricity for anyone with special needs.

The first 10 registrants' name will be put into a drawing for a very special door prize. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Registration deadline is May 1, 2015. First Come Basis Rally

Midwest Vintage Airstream WBCCI VAC Rally June 12-14 –
THIS DOES NOT RESERVE a June 11th spot at Arrow Rock State Park.

Last Name_____ First Name_____
Others Staying in the Same Rig_____
Address_____ City_____
State/ Province _____ Code_____
Cell Phone (s)_____
Email_____
Airstream Model_____ Length_____ Year Built_____ WBCCI #, if a member_____

**Will you meet us at Arrow Rock State Park?_____
If yes, YOU need to reserve your own spot ASAP. Done?_____
Circle Nights Parked: Thursday Friday Saturday -Parking at Arrow Rock State Park is your own cost. Make your own reservation.
No cost parking in Blackwater for June 12-14 only.
Rally Fees to be determined. Details on meals and activities to follow.
Rally Hosts: Lee & Joyce Cantrell cljccantrell@gmail.com or 785-564-0190 // Scott & Kathy Allen kathyallen3534@gmail.com

Rally Updates...

Fiddlers' Picnic Rally **July 31-August 2, 2015**
Livingston, MT

This rally is piggybacked on the Fidders' Rally itself so we will be participating in their events, not holding our own, except we would like to do a Friday evening Happy Hour at our trailer, bring an appetizer. Other vintage trailers (and non-vintage) will be there but there will be a parking area for the Vintage Airstream Club and the Tin Can Tourists. For more info, check out the fiddlerspicnic.blogspot.com or see the write-up in the Jan/Feb newsletter. This will be dry camping in a field. No charge for the camping but a $25 fee per trailer for the Fiddlers' group expenses. There will be a potluck Saturday afternoon at about 1:00 pm. Meat will be provided. A Sunday pancake breakfast, about 9:00 am, is also included. Contact for this event is: Steve and Reg Bittner, herkypig@hotmail.com Bring your instrument and/or your voice!

Please return the Rally sign-up sheet:

Fiddlers Picnic Registration

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

WBCCI#: _____ Region #: _____

Model: _____ Year: _____

Please submit a check for $25 to **Dave or Candy Payne** and mail to:

Steve and Reg Bittner

93 S. Soldier Dr.

Camp Verde, AZ 86322

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Closing Notes...

Please submit, as small as it might seem, blurbs, blips, stories, photographs, adventures, experiences, and lessons learned; someone out there is very interested in it!

Rally on!

Reg

(with LOTS of help from daughter, Gretel)

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