



VAC 2015 RALLY CALENDAR

November 13-14
Hunting Island Hiatus
Beaufort, SC
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Rvthereyet (on Air Forums)

December 30—Jan 3
4CU New Year's Rally
Vintage Parking
Picacho, AZ
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February 12-15
4CU Mardi Gras Rally
Vintage Parking
Cornville, AZ
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The VINTAGE Airstream Club

An Intra-Club of WBCCI Since 1993

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Message from VAC President, Iain Cameron



In this newsletter, there are more articles of interest to vintage airstreamers, including the history of Airstream trailers and trailer restorations. We hope to continue to develop the newsletter with more regular articles that can also serve as a reference for you in the future.

* Joe Peplinski, VAC Historian, begins a historical series on the Beatrice years of Airstream. Over the next few newsletters, Joe will continue each part of the series with in-depth details of this generation of Airstreams.

* Susie and Don Jensen, VAC members from North Cascades Unit in Washington, write about the contemporary restoration of their 1965 Overlander 26 ft. We celebrated their trailer's 50th birthday this year at the VAC Region 10 rally in Wenatchee, Washington.

* Steve Bittner continues to provide us with an update on his restoration of the Doster's Wee Wind. This is a unique project that has involved rebuilding the frame and structure, making and fitting new segments for front and rear end caps, and fitting the trailer with modern conveniences.

The beautiful fall colours are all around us on our travels and late season camping. For many of us, the trailer is settling in for winter hibernation. For others who live on the coast or southern climates, year round camping can be enjoyed. Yet, we all start thinking of plans for next year.

Please let us know of next year's plans for vintage gatherings and rallies in your area. Folks start to plan cross-country trips very early, and often like to drop in at rallies along their way. Reg would like to include all events in the newsletter, so please email her at newsletter@vintageairstreamclub.com or herkypig@hotmail.com.

Next year, we will be on the east coast for the first time in many years at the 2016 International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The International Rally runs June 28 to July 5, 2016, and we will let you know more about the VAC activities at this rally in the next newsletter. Steve Laxton, VAC 1st VP, is handling the VAC rendezvous ahead of the International Rally. Steve is planning on visiting historical sites in the area for this pre-rally caravan and gathering.

Safe travels, take care

...Iain

Membership



Our Membership Chair is out of town in Arkansas and the VAC computer is living in Colorado so he has no access to the membership records for this Newsletter.

Editor's Note



Hope everyone is enjoying getting out this Fall. It's wonderful camping weather in most parts!

Meet Joe! We have our very own VAC Historian and he is raring and ready to tell us some history! He recently retired (yay, Joe!) and has the time to share with us. He also accepted the appointment as the Chairman of the WBCCI Historical Committee last summer, writing for the Blue Beret.

This first article on the "Beatrice Years" is one in a series that he will be sharing with us. He asks us, "If anyone has potential topic ideas for historical articles, please send them my way. With two publications to write for, I need get a list of potential topics lined up so I can research and write."

Please submit them to:

historian@vintageairstreamclub.com

We are starting to get into our slow months, so I really do appreciate it when you write up those fewer rallies that are on the calendar, either before, after or both. The folks really love pictures, so keep them coming. If you are just out on a trip with family and friends, we enjoy seeing those, too, with a comment/caption on where they were taken.

Reg

The Beatrice Years ~ Part I

Submitted by Joe Peplinski

The "Beatrice Years" is a term that is sometimes used to describe Airstreams of the 1970s. Love 'em or hate 'em, Airstreams in this era were built under the "watchful" eye of Beatrice Foods Corporation. Some suggest that Beatrice's eye was focused solely on cost cutting and the bottom line leading to inferior quality. Whether this impression is true or not, 1970s Airstreams have their issues just like Airstreams of other eras and the move from wood to plastic in the interiors was not universally appreciated. But some Airstreamers love the Beatrice years because they are light, plentiful, and great trailers for personal customization.

There is no exact definition of the Beatrice years. The facts are that Beatrice purchased Airstream in December 1967 and sold Airstream to Thor Industries on August 29, 1980. Using these dates, I choose to define 1969-1981 as the Beatrice years, because 1968 Airstreams were already in production when Beatrice bought Airstream, and the 1981 models were already in production when Thor bought Airstream.

This definition makes it convenient to suggest that the body shape change that occurred in 1969 was the work of Beatrice, but it is not currently known if Beatrice directly influenced Airstream design at all. The 1969 body shape change was likely already in development when Beatrice bought Airstream. Beatrice may have influenced the creation of the lower priced Argosy trailers and motor homes during the 1970s, but that is a topic for another article. This series will concentrate on Airstream branded travel trailers from the Beatrice years.

One common complaint about Airstreams from the Beatrice years is that their frames were not strong enough, especially after the gray (wash) water tanks were added in the mid 1970s. This change has been blamed for the rear separation and rear frame sag problems that are often found on 1970s Airstreams. It is possible that these issues are more prevalent on Beatrice era Airstreams, but Airstreams from the 1950s and 1960s often exhibit these same conditions, suggesting that the bad rap the Beatrice years get may be somewhat overstated and the causes go beyond the addition of gray water tanks.

One interesting trend that is observed during the Beatrice years is that longer trailers became much more plentiful than shorter models. Shorter Airstreams from the Beatrice years are harder to find and eventually some of the shorter models were discontinued altogether. Perhaps part of the reason for this shift is that cars became more powerful and trucks became more comfortable in the 1970s, making it easier to pull larger trailers.

If you are interested in Airstreams from the Beatrice era, you will have lots of choices because production volumes were high, especially in the early to middle 1970s. As found, many Beatrice era Airstreams suffer from years of neglect, but good ones can be found with a little effort and they are typically priced less than similar condition Airstreams from earlier or later eras. They are also lighter than Airstreams from the 1980s and beyond making them easy to tow with a variety of vehicles.

With that background in mind, let's start to delve into the technical details of Beatrice era Airstreams. At a high level, for the majority of the Beatrice years, most model names carried over, but the listed length of each model was one foot longer than their 1968 counterparts:

18' Caravel	27' Overlander
21' Globetrotter	29' Ambassador
23' Safari	31' Sovereign
25' Trade Wind	

- Trailer widths increased about 2 inches to 7'8" at floor level. The width gains at the beltline and higher were slightly more due to a shell contour change. Front and rear exterior end caps continued to each be made from 5 stretch formed aluminum panels, but the front and rear contours changed. Most notably, the Airstream rear end profile changed to taper back inward from the beltline to the floor, whereas in prior years the rear end continued to slope outward all the way to the floor line. Overall, the 1968 and prior design might be described as looking more streamlined, but the new 1969 and after design looked more modern and it increased interior space.

- All Airstreams 21' and shorter had single axles standard and all Airstreams 25' and longer had tandem axles. A single axle was standard on the 23' Safari, but tandems were optional. Except for limited exceptions in 1969, all windows and all compartment doors got new extruded aluminum frames with gently rounded corners that increased strength. Both opening and fixed pane windows changed, including the optional, but very common, overhead "vista view" windows. Fixed pane "wing windows" were added to either side of the front opening window to increase outward vision and to allow more natural light into the living area at the front of the trailer. All windows used automotive safety glass.

- The shell and window details varied only slightly during the Beatrice years. Most of the changes made during the Beatrice years involved compartment doors, interior layout, interior materials, and the systems contained within the skin. During the 1970s a couple of new models and trim levels appeared and some models were discontinued. Part 2 of this series will begin to delve into these details and the subtle year by year changes that occurred during the Beatrice years.

The Beatrice Years ~ Part I

Submitted by Joe Peplinski



1968 (Pre-Beatrice)



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Contemporary Restoration of a 1965 Overlander

Submitted by Susie Jensen (#1883)

It all started at a fundraising auction and my husband, Don, came up to me and said I've seen something I want to bid on. I went over to view some photos and a brief write up on a 1965 Airstream that was going to be part of the live auction. I was shocked and my response was "Why would you want to live out of a tin house." Apparently he had always thought they were a great design. Sight unseen, it became ours as he became the winning bidder. About four months later, when the snow had melted, I was able to look at her and my first comment was, "If you want me to travel in this, it is going to have to be cleaned up." And that was the beginning of our introduction to the world of Wally Byam, the great regional clubs, caravans, rallies and International rallies.

It took us about six months to have the inside stripped and remodeled. We started the layout with my 6'2" husband lying down, marked off the length of the bed, and then decided I should get down on the floor as well so we knew what width we could actually sleep together on! The mattress was custom made and is about 3" short of a double. That meant you no longer had this long alley down the living space. Ours took a jog and that visually broke up the living areas but still retained the openness. This became one of the defining features of our remodel.

The layout of the bathroom remained the same although we replaced everything and added a contemporary sink. We hired an interior decorator that had experience with yachts and she came up with the idea of creating a shoji screen that we could pull to close off the bedroom and bathroom.

We ended up moving electrical and kept the water the same. I went with a deep sink that is really great when you are on the road traveling and happen to spend a night dry camping. I opted for a large refrigerator as I love to cook and it had an ice maker. For the kitchen counter, we used a new product that looks like granite but is actually a quartz product known as Silestone, available at Home Depot. The decorator suggested that we carry it over onto the counter across from the bed which added to my work space. We blocked off the refrigerator with a book case for a TV, books and dry goods, and that created a living room look.

I was not fond of a built in seating and table area filling in the living space so we went with a love seat sofa and had it cut in half with new legs put on. It looks like a sofa but separates for a more comfortable seating while we eat or watch TV. On both sides we have end tables that can act as stools if we need extra seating. My sister has a yacht and she is the one who solved our eating area with a hydraulic lift in a table that acts as a coffee table when it is down or lifts up and unfolds out to a dining table.

We worked with a retired cabinet maker that fitted living spaces for folks with horse trailers. He thought the curved walls made for a fun challenge and truly made the design into a piece of art. He covered the walls with vinyl used for car upholstery and we selected ash for the wood cabinets to keep it as open and airy in feeling as possible. Cutout squares instead of knobs for handles was an idea I had seen in a mail order catalogue.

The Native American theme happened by chance when I went to Jim Nelsen's gallery in Ellensburg and bought several

pieces of art. They were Native American interpretations in bold colors and I had the closet sliding door cut to become the frame for the largest piece. As we traveled throughout the Southwest and Northwest, we added to the artwork with Kachina dolls, wooden masks, pottery, woven materials and basketry.

After gutting the Airstream and redoing the inside to become a very contemporary art gallery, it has an element of surprise as the outside is still the original. We are the fourth owners and I think the only ones who have traveled with it. Twice we have traveled across the United States and have driven several times back and forth from Washington to California.

I couldn't have been more wrong in my initial assumptions about living in a "tin can" and every time I pass another Airstream on the road, I wish we were in ours and off on another adventure. It's not just the fact that we are now glamping; it is the chance to see this great nation and meet so many new friends who are also on the road. Wally Byam's spirit is contagious and a whole new world has opened up to us. Our 26' Overlander is celebrating her 50th year this year and it is a tribute to the company that she remains in such good condition and handles so well. The only thing we added was new torsion axles, moon hubcaps and an awning. We did have to reseal all the windows and had new screens made. Now that the bug has bitten us, the next question is do we have her polished to a brilliant shine and let her sparkle in her old age.



Cornelia Rising ~ continued from September/October issue

Submitted by Steve Bittner

Cornelia had a slow summer and early fall here in heat-blasting Arizona. With summer travel coming to an end to getting away, we began to fight the elements as early fall rains hindered progress. How I wish I had a barn!

End cap installation ended up being just about as laborious as fabrication. We chose to start at the top, replacing the center end cap and working down on each side. This process allowed us to at least lean on old body segments as higher ones were replaced, thereby preventing damage to new panels. The proper placement of segments was a lot of trial and error. To prevent damage, segments were taped off about two inches back from the overlapping edge. Panels were then clecoed at one end and slid up or down to achieve the proper arc. Clecos were placed initially about every four inches so the two panels would hold shape. At this point when panels were fully clecoed, we would disassemble the unit, remove the tape (it did prevent a lot of scratches), reassemble the unit with clecos again and add to the tailing edge of the panel. The reason we had to tape twice is the first time the tape prevents scratches. The second time the tape acts as a place for excess sealant to squeeze out onto and allows for easier clear up after riveting. As I stated, the process is laborious. By the end of the project we figured about eight hours to properly place, cleco, tape, retape and fully prep for riveting, then another six hours to drill, rivet and clean two panels. Lots of work!

Until next time, safe travels!

Steve

Piecing at Picacho

If you are a quilter or could be a helper, please check out the New Year's Rally below. A very exciting charity event will be taking place again this year all done by rally-goers!

To learn what this is all about in detail, see this write-up by Bonnie Bobman, Four Corners Unit member and leader and brains behind this group. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY to participate in one of these! Anyone can help.

Last year's inaugural PIECING at PICACHO was so well received, that this year will be the 2nd annual...P@P! We set a high bar at completing 14 quilt tops to be made for QUILTS for KIDS! This rally will be another true labor of 4CU love.

One big change: This year we will have quilt kits already prepared and ready for stitching! No cutting this year, just piecing and glue basting for those that don't sew!! If you didn't learn this no-sew technique last year, we will have mini lessons again. Everyone can help!

If you would like to bring a few quilt kits you have prepared before the rally, we will be using the easy instructions from the charity website. The ALTERNATE SQUARES is the easiest. I have prepared kits from my fabric stash as well as from donated fabrics. Remember, if you are preparing a kit or if you would like to complete a quilt/quilt top before the rally, QUILT for KIDS has a few quilt instructions on their website ---- www.quiltsforkids.org . I have copied the instructions below as well.

Please remember that these wonderful quilts will be brightening up a child's or family's stay in the hospital. BRIGHT fun COLORS are BEST!!! If you would like to donate fabric, we need backing fabric for completing the quilts. Fun designs - polka dots, stripes, unisex is great! 100% cotton, please. One yard of 42/44" fabric will be enough to back one quilt. We do not need batting this year as our financial donations last year allowed me to buy the batting at cost in bulk. Thank you all so much!!!!

PLEASE ALSO VISIT THE QUILTS FOR KIDS website ---- www.quiltsforkids.org to read more about this fabulous charity!

Supplies to bring:

- Sewing machine
- Basic sewing kit
- Extension cord/power strip
- SUNSHINE and WARM TEMPERATURES!!!!

I'll be bringing one or two machines. I have power strips and extension cords but could always more! You may like a pillow to sit on at the ramada tables.

I can hear the whirring of the machines and the joy singing in our hearts as we have a great time....

GO 4CU!!

Piecing at Picacho ~ continued from previous page

INSTRUCTIONS for Alternate Squares Pattern

from Quilts for Kids website patterns link: [Alternate Squares Pattern](#)

Cutting Instructions:

Fabric A: Cut 3 - 6 ½" strips by width of fabric (wof). Sub-cut into (15) 6 ½" squares

Cut 4 - 3 ½" strips by wof for outer borders

Fabric B: Cut 3 - 6 ½" strips by wof. Sub-cut into (15) 6 ½" squares

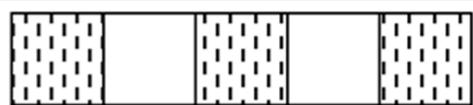
Fabric C: Cut 4 - 1 ½" strips by wof for inner borders

Assembling the Quilt: Remember - a ¼" seam allowance is used for all seams.
Do not use mono-filament thread to piece or quilt the quilt

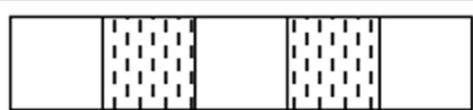
Quilts for Kids Alternate Squares

1. Sew rows together as shown in the diagrams below:

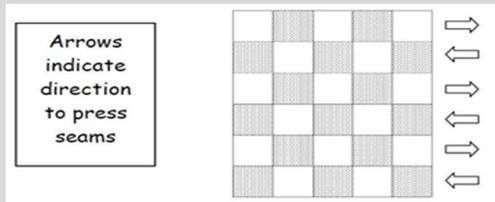
Make 3 rows with 3 print blocks and 2 coordinating blocks



Make 3 rows with 2 print blocks and 3 coordinating blocks



2. Sew the rows together as shown below:

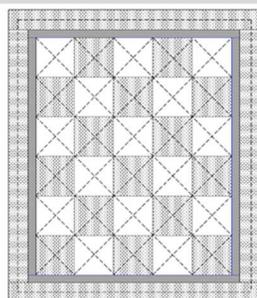


3. Add the side inner borders first. Then add the top and bottom inner borders.

4. Add your outer borders in the same manner as the inner borders, first adding the side borders and then adding the top and bottom borders. Your quilt top should look like the diagram below.

5. Layering the quilt - Use only 1/8 - 1/4 inch LOW LOFT batting. Baste the quilt layers together (either with safety pins or a needle and thread) then MACHINE quilt. Or, you may choose to pillowcase/birth the quilt before quilting. This quilt will be loved and washed a lot so make sure that there's lots of quilting to hold up to daily hospital washings (Recommended quilting shown below). Unless you pillowcased/birthed the quilt, bind the quilt as you normally would using either a traditional binding or fold the backing to the front of the quilt. To use backing as a binding, cut the batting even with the top of the quilt and the backing an inch larger. Double fold backing to front of the quilt and topstitch.

REMOVE ALL PINS! No hand tied quilts.



Suggested Straight Line Quilting

We recommend quilting in the ditch horizontally and vertically between all blocks and also diagonally as shown by the dashed lines in the diagram. Don't forget to quilt around the inner border and add some quilting to the outer border.

If desired, you may choose to do an all-over meander or design.

Blips & Blurbs ~ from the Editor



After working so hard putting on the Pagosa Springs rally, Guiseppe and Maureen Margiotta got away on Labor Day to the Williams Creek Reservoir outside Pagosa. A well-deserved rest, guys!



Theresa Taylor came across this in the Wally museum in Baker City, Oregon:

Here is something I found at the Baker Heritage Museum, Baker City, OR. Dale Schwamborn donated many items of Wally Byam's, Airstream, and his mother Helen Byam Scwamborn to the Museum. They have a small room dedicated to Wally Byam, Airstream, and The Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

Teresa

GEAR FOR WELL EQUIPPED TRAILERS

1. TOW ROPE - The best kind is 1" nylon, although many people find 3/4" perfectly satisfactory. I believe in being on the safe side. Get at least 35 feet.
2. CHAIN - Those who prefer chain should buy at least two lengths of standard chain 1/4" x 15' long.
3. LUG WRENCH - The 4 socket "cross" type with which you can exert real leverage on the nut.
4. HYDRAULIC JACKS - Two types, one for the axle and one for the bumper.
5. SPARE TIRES - One for the car and one for the trailer.
6. SPARE TUBE - One to fit each size of tire.
7. TIRE PUMP - Free air isn't always available.
8. FIRE EXTINGUISHER - Better to be safe than sorry.
9. TIRE GAUGE - A money saver.
10. PLASTIC BUCKETS - The handiest things you can carry. Get the nesting kind with handles.
11. WATER CAN - A milk can or a clean Army jeep can to carry an emergency supply of water.
12. WHEEL CHOCKS - Vitall.
13. GASOLINE CAN - For long stretches where refueling might be difficult.
14. HIGH PRESSURE HOSE - Two or three 25' lengths and a "T" connector.
15. LIGHT CORD - A 50' cord is not too much.
16. FLASHLIGHT - A rugged one, preferably waterproof.
17. COLEMAN LANTERN - Don't laugh. It's still a handy piece of equipment.
18. SHOVEL - For digging gopher holes, digging out of mire, etc. Small G.I. type is good enough.
19. FUNNEL - For pouring water into the trailer water tank. Water doesn't always come out of hoses.
20. FOLDING CHAIR - Get one for each member of the party.
21. JUNK PILE - You've got one at home, and your trailer is your home on the road. It's a basket, box or old duff bag that contains everything.
22. TOOLS - The usual assortment-screwdriver kit, pipe wrench, socket wrench kit, hammer, saw, pliers, chisel, ax, etc.
23. CLEANING EQUIPMENT - The same stuff you have around the house-a broom, mop, dustpan, mop bucket, and synthetic sponges to clean the trailer windows.
24. FIRST AID KIT - The usual with gauze, bandages, mosquito repellent, iodine, etc. It goes without saying you should have a good one.
25. SINKER HOSE - As long as you can carry.
26. SINK HOSE - The biggest you can get that standard fittings will fit.
27. BALL HITCH ON FRONT OF CAR - When you have to back your trailer into a tight spot it is much easier to do it from the front than from the back.

"All this seems like a lot, but actually, it's not. You will probably add to this list after you start trailering. Some of the items, of course, you may rarely use, but when you need them you will need them badly. There are times when a good tool is worth its weight in gold, so why quibble over a few dollars."

Taken from "Trailer Travel Here And Abroad" by Wally Byam, 1960

Catching Up, Rallies Past...

VACmidwest Autumn Rally held on September 24-27, 2015 in Council Grove Lake, KS

Submitted by Kathy Allen

The first ever VACmidwest autumn rally was such fun! The 37 adults and 5 children attended in 17 trailers. Our Airstream friends Kirk and Denise - while awaiting their trailer restoration - were camping nearby and stopped in to talk. Mike and Paula Bedinger convinced their Lincoln NE friends - long time Airstream owners - to join us for the weekend. We were as relaxed or as busy as we wanted, as hosts Lee & Joyce Cantrell offered so many options that we could have stayed a couple of weeks! The guided tour of the very historic sites took us all over Council Grove which was the jumping off town for people leaving the East on the Santa Fe Trail. Nearby Cottonwood Falls entertained us with a jam session of talented musicians. The beautiful sunsets over the lake offered great photo opportunities of Tim & Paula Timmons' trailer. The shelter house's picnic tables were filled with crafters building their Airstream wind chime. Inspired by the perfect 70 degree sunny skies, Scott Jensen and Scott Allen went out on the lake in Lee's kayak, and Tracy Mason and Amy Knowles took the daughters out on the paddle boat. Saturday morning we talked about Airstream restoration/maintenance until Tom Herron and Ryan Knowles dug out their huge selection of rivets to work on Clay Wetzel's door. And we all learned something about dent removal. After a number of tries and switching to the smaller suction cup on the pneumatic tool, the dent pulling demonstration was successful with about 95% of the basketball sized dent removed from the stretch-formed end cap panels. Good job - Martin Hughey, David McCall, Terry Mercer, Ryan Knowles, and Lee Cantrell! Following was a informal open house. The nearby Tallgrass Prarie National Preserve and the Chase County Plein Air Art Festival were wonderful opportunities. Our dinner on Saturday night was catered by Lee & Joyce's son, asking only to eat with us! Sunday morning, we finished the weekend with a famous Ted Holmen breakfast of biscuits and gravy. Most of us stayed and visited, taking a few more hours to talk Airstreams. A great weekend!



Catching Up, Rallies Past...

Pendleton Round Up National Rally held on September 14-20, 2015 in Pendleton, OR

Submitted by Teresa & Glenn Taylor

Fifty Airstreams gathered to celebrate the 50 years the Oregon Unit has hosted the Pendleton Round Up National Rally. It was more an international rally with Wally Byam members and Vintage Airstream Club members from all corners of the United States and Canada coming to Pendleton.

The rally week was busy, with activities every day. We started with a catered dinner and entertainment by a cowboy poet thanks to the sponsorship of Airstream NW, our northwest dealer. Tuesday we started with breakfast with the Pendleton Round-up Court and Happy Canyon Court. These are amazing young women that promote the Rodeo and the Happy Canyon Pageant. After breakfast many of our members made good use of the rest of the day to check out the Pendleton Woolen Mills, or took the back stage Rodeo grounds tour.

Wednesday is Rodeo Day for everyone and we had a great day. The weather was perfect and there was lots of action and excitement. After rodeo, it was back to camp for happy hour, and we had an impromptu jam session thanks to our talented Airstream musicians.

Thursday our weekend members showed up and we hit the 50 Airstream mark thanks to Lisa and Bob from Michigan who called on the Friday before the rally to see if we had room! We always welcome more to Pendleton and it was great to make our "50 for the 50th" goal. Thursday is also Happy Canyon Pageant night, I would encourage anyone who hasn't attended this Historic Pageant to join us next year for the 100th Anniversary. It is the history of the Native Americans in the area and early Pendleton. Entertainment on Friday night was Janet from airforums along with friends Michele and Mary. airforums sponsored them as congratulations on the 50 years of the Pendleton Round-up Rally.

VAC members attending, Co-hosts VAC 1st VP Steve and Elaine Laxton, International 1st VP Richard and Jan Girard, Jim and Rhonda Cooper, Shirley Bollinger and John Lopez, Mary Levezow, Rob and Sheri Davis, Margo Johnson and John Stoner, Kimber Moore, Betty and Tony Weldon, Bob and Susan Martin, Tom Akam, Bob and Janice Swan, Michael and Linda Archer, Dana and Andrew Montgomery. Thank you VAC members, you made this 50th Anniversary Rally very special for Glenn and I.



Rallies, Future...



Hunting Island Hiatus

November 13-14, 2015

Hunting Island State Park, Beaufort, SC

The Felters are holding their 3rd annual vintage camper rally at Hunting Island State Park (huntingisland.com). Come out and enjoy the beach, good friends, great food and awesome music. All campers, new or vintage, are welcome. Get the opportunity to look inside many different makes and model campers, and let everyone enjoy what you've been working hard on all year. This event is Friday & Saturday, but most folks get there a day early. Please make reservations on reserveamerica.com, and then post your name and site number so we can keep a running list of who is attending. We look forward to making memories with you all once again!!

**Julie & David Felver
rvthereyet (on Air Forums)**



Rallies, Future...



9th Annual New Year's Rally

December 30, 2015—January 3, 2016

Quail Group Area, Picacho Peak State Park, AZ

Join us for the 9th Annual New Year's Rally in Sunny Southern Arizona and enjoy the beautiful Sonoran Desert setting with warm days and cool nights by the group camp fire.

We have reserved the Quail Group Area at Picacho Peak State Park in Picacho Arizona. The State Park has hiking trails, Geocaching, and rock climbing areas. The park is situated about 30 minutes north of Tucson and approximately 1-hour South of the Phoenix Area. (See nearby attractions)

We will be in the Quail Group area and this will be dry camping. Quiet Generators are permitted from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The group area has portable toilets and fresh water available. Additionally the ramadas where we have our potlucks, and other activities have electrical power.

There are showers, and restrooms nearby as well as dump station within the park.

We are still putting together the Rally Agenda, but it will likely be very fluid. Be prepared for a couple of potlucks and happy hours. Other items you will want to bring will be warm outerwear, fire wood, and recreational items such as bicycles.

Camping fee is \$15/night for the group area, paid at the ranger station upon arrival.

Rally fee is \$30 (*non-refundable for cancellations after December 15, 2015*). Please make check payable to Louis Hall and send to: 2421 E. Windsong Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85048.

We ask each rig to bring some firewood and champagne if you would like to have that for the NYE Bon Fire.

[RSVP Sign Up Sheet](#)

[Attendee List](#)

Rally Organizer's Profile: <http://www.airforums.com/forums/memb...all-22673.html>



Rallies, Future...



4CU Mardis Gras Rally

February 12-15, 2016

Lo Lo Mai Springs Outdoor Resort, Cornville, AZ

Those Flamboyant Flamingos Flock to Mardi Gras at **Lo Lo Mai Springs Outdoor Resort**.

Friday, February 12th:

Dinner: Bring a heartier snack/appetizer to share and we'll call it dinner. Leaded or unleaded Hot Cocoa, Hot Spiced Cider and Hot Buttered Rum at the Campfire.

Saturday, February 13th:

Dinner: Jambalaya (provided), bring a side or dessert. Hot drinks at the Campfire.

Sunday, February 14th:

Breakfast: Smoked Ham and Blueberry Pancakes (provided).

Dinner: Leftover potluck, easy! Hot drinks at the Campfire.

What to do to start partying: 1). Call Lo Lo Mai directly to make Reservations, (928) 634-4700. Website: lolomai.com. They are giving us the same deal as past years: \$37 per night, full-hookups \$32 per night, electric and water if staying 3 or more nights, \$37 if not (free dump station on site). No charge for kids and dogs for us/make sure you say you are with the Airstream group.

If you are with the Vintage Airstream Club, ask to park with the vintage trailers. 2). Sign up on the airforums.com Rally Site. 3.) Send the Registration (see airforums.com for info) and a check for \$5 per adult. Contact: herkypig@hotmail.com Please note: There is a limit of 30-35 spaces available.

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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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2015—2016

VAC Officers

President, Iain Cameron

1st VP, Steve Laxton

2nd VP, Victor Blood

3rd VP, vacant

Recording Secretary, Mary Doster

Treasurer, Shirley Bollinger

Past President, Kimber Moore

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Regional Representatives

Region 1, Gary Campbell

Region 2, vacant

Region 3, George D James III

Region 4, Ken Faber

Region 5, Dwight Dixon

Region 6, Herb Spies

Region 7, vacant

Region 8, Scott Allen

Region 9, Lance McEwan

Region 10, Rob & Diane Nicol

Region 11, Chris Hildenbrand

Region 12, Melissa Yee