



# The VINTAGE Airstream Club

An Intra-Club of WBCCI Since 1993

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2015

## VAC 2015 RALLY CALENDAR

**September 4-7**  
Kampers Near Knoebels  
Bloomsburg, PA  
Contact:  
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(write-up last newsletter)

**September 14-20**  
50th Annual Pendleton  
Round-Up Rally  
Pendleton, OR  
Contact:  
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Janet Howell at (604) 996-0953 or  
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(write-up Jan/Feb newsletter)

**September 24-27**  
VAC Midwest Rally  
Lake, KS  
Contact:  
Kathy Allen  
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**September 25-27**  
Gram Parson Guitar Pull & Tribute Festival  
Waycross, GA  
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Lucius and Danielle  
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(write-up last issue)

**October 1-4**  
5th Annual Airbiscuit Anniversary Rally and Chili Cook-off  
Berea, OH  
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[argosybiscuit@gmail.com](mailto:argosybiscuit@gmail.com)  
(write-up in Mar/Apr newsletter)

**October 1-4**  
Urban Air Rally  
East Rapids, MI  
Contact:  
Kirk MacKellar & Chad Carlson  
[chad@woodlandtravelcenter.net](mailto:chad@woodlandtravelcenter.net)  
(write-up this issue)

**October 22-25**  
Alumilina  
Cleveland, SC  
Contact:  
John Leake  
[john@leakesantiques.com](mailto:john@leakesantiques.com)  
(write-up last issue)

## Message from VAC President, Iain Cameron



This fall we've got a couple of VAC rallies for you to enjoy and get together with friends:

•Region 8: VACmidwest Autumn Rally – September 24 to 27 at Council Grove Lake, Kansas. Contact Kathy Allen at [kathyalen3534@gmail.com](mailto:kathyalen3534@gmail.com)

•Region 12: VACwest Rally – October 29 to November 1 at 49er RV Ranch, Columbia California. To register, contact Shirley Bollinger at [moondogranch@me.com](mailto:moondogranch@me.com) or phone 209-304-3815

Details of both rallies are posted on our new VAC website. Check out [www.vintageairstreamclub.com](http://www.vintageairstreamclub.com) for upcoming rallies, the current newsletter, downloadable VAC membership form to join or renew, and a lot of resources including up-to-date contact information for your club officers and volunteers, all the past VAC newsletters and Vintage Advantage magazines, technical library, and a downloadable form to order VAC swag!

Please welcome a few new volunteers and officers who will be helping all of us. Chris Hildenbrand #5289 is our new membership chair. Chris is a past VAC president and current Region 11 representative. Chris and Jim Lane just restored an around the world (ATW) caravan trailer, and brought this 1962 Overlander 26' to the Farmington International Rally. Many thanks to Teresa Taylor for all her efforts over the last few years in recruiting new members and handling the membership position. Teresa has been really dedicated to making it easy for you to join and renew the VAC, and resolving any membership concerns.

Scott Goranson #8671 has taken on the librarian position, and will be looking after the VAC archive of historical documents. Scott and Megan Goranson have restored a 1963 Safari 22' ATW caravan trailer.

Rob and Diane Nicol #1816, from Corvallis Oregon, are the new Region 10 VAC representatives. Rob and Diane are already looking into possible sites for a vintage rally and planning next year's gathering in the northwest.

Joining the VAC board as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president is Victor Blood #7291, from Euless Texas. Victor and his wife AJ travel in a 1977 Argosy 28' and have attended the last couple of international rallies. Victor is really interested in getting all other Argosy owners in the VAC together, whether online or at gatherings and rallies. Steve Laxton #3957 moves up to VAC 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, and continuing on the board are Shirley Bollinger #3547 treasurer and Mary Doster #3794 secretary.

I appreciate all the efforts of Kimber Moore, our president last year. Kimber has been very active in the VAC for a number of years creating and publishing the Vintage Advantage, and hosting popular rally events including the food and wine pairing as well as the BBQ dinner at the past few international rallies. I wish Kimber and Tim Kendziorski much enjoyment in their travels and time to relax at rallies now!

Safe travels, take care

...Iain

## 2015 VAC RALLY

### CALENDAR

-continued-

October 22-25  
Texas Country Air  
Rally  
"Urban Downtown  
Camping Event"  
Quanah, TX  
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Bill Price  
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(write-up in Jan/Feb  
newsletter)

October 23-24  
Falluminum  
Hawasssee, GA  
Contact:  
Alan David  
(write-up last issue)

October 29-  
November 1  
VAC West Rally  
Columbia, CA  
Contact:  
Shirley Bollinger &  
John Lopez  
[moondogranch@me.com](mailto:moondogranch@me.com)  
(write-up this issue)

# Membership



The VAC has, as of 8/19/2015, 329 regular members, 46 associate members, and 8 VAC subscriptions with a total of 383 members.

Chris Hildenbrand

## Editor's Note



Hope you all had a great summer on the road, no matter if it was a few weekends here and there or the full summer out. Being from Arizona, we try to go northward for most of the summer, however, the weather was just as hot there as at home (except for parts of Colorado).

I've been really intrigued with this idea of urban camping and there are rallies in this issue featuring it, also some great pictures.

Have a wonderful autumn and keep those tires rolling!

Reg



## Cornelia Rising ~ continued from July/August issue

Submitted by Steve Bittner

This time we will pick up Cornelia's story with probably the most difficult part of her renovation, complete end cap replacement. From past photos, you can tell that the bodywork on Cornelia was pretty well battered. Although the owners, Bob and Mary Doster, would have preferred to keep some of the original body panels, it just was not practical. All four corners of the end caps were extremely different and the seam lines did not match at the centers, so we picked one corner that looked the best and used these six pieces as templates for all four corners.

Making the end cap panels turned out to be quite a laborious process. For each individual panel it first needed to be flattened, then the shape was transferred on to a piece of half inch MDF board. Next, this template was placed on a piece of .032 aluminum and the shape was traced out with a felt tip pen. The aluminum was then rough-cut to shape with electric snips, then clamped to the MDF template for final trimming with a variable speed laminate trim router and a flush trim bottom bearing bit, talk about shrapnel flying!!! This process just coated myself and the shop in fine metal particles. After cleaning up the mess, (those particles can scratch the heck out of that nice shiny aluminum), it was time to deburr all edges of the panel in preparation for the bead rolling process. After much research and some trial and error, we finally came up with the proper tooling to match the original bead on the bottom edge of each panel. Rolling is a two man process with one guy turning the hand crank of the bead roller while a second person feeds the metal through the rollers. The process is repeated twice on each panel to achieve the proper bead. On the edge opposite the bead, a small crease is rolled onto the piece which helps the piece curve and also leaves a space for seam sealant. Finally, holes for rivets were laid out one inch on center on the beaded edge and pre-drilled with a 1/8" bit. So, consider this process taking place 26 times without screwing anything up and you still have all those buck rivets to run (about 55 per panel). Next time, we will go through the installation process of the panels and mounting of window trim.

Until next time, safe travels.

Steve





# 'Michelangelo of Airstreams:' Local artist paints mural inside custom trailer to promote national parks history

By Matt Naber—Powell Tribune Managing Editor August 20, 2015



Powell artist Janet Bedford is turning a 1948 Airstream trailer into a work of art for former Grand Teton National Park Ranger Doug Leen as he prepares to tour the country giving presentations on the history of national parks and a series of vintage posters promoting the parks.

Camping is an art, they say, and Powell artist Janet Bedford is transforming a camper trailer into a literal work of art.

Bedford is painting the concave interior walls of a vintage 1948 Airstream trailer into a colorful canvas depicting scenes from national parks across the country.

That is a fitting paint job for a trailer intended for a national tour by the camper's owner, former Grand Teton National Park Ranger Doug Leen, that will promote national parks and their rich history.

At 19 feet long, it's just big enough to accommodate a bed, kitchen, shower, toilet and table without having to step outside to reconfigure furniture.

"They are beautifully engineered, but on the inside they are plain and feebly built," Leen said. "The frame was good, but the whole trailer is an axle-up restoration."

The trailer originally didn't have a bathroom or shower, but it does now — along with an air conditioner, flat-screen TV, stereo and new furniture.

The furniture was built by Lester Santos of Santos Furniture in Cody, an old friend of Leen's. Santos recommended Bedford for the interior painting, Leen said.

Leen provided Santos with the specifics on how to use every square inch of the trailer's interior so that it now has a shower and restroom and modern amenities such as a stereo, anti-theft system and flat TV while maintaining the "old character of the Airstream," Santos said. "We wanted to keep the look and feel of it."

Bedford's paintings reminded Santos of the vintage posters Leen was working with, Santos said.

"I had to repaint the interior anyway, and thought I'd do a diorama and blend the furniture in with the art design," Leen said. "And, really do it up right — I liken this to the chapel of Airstreams, and Janet is the Michelangelo of Airstreams."

Comparing Bedford to Michelangelo seems appropriate, since her painting goes up and around the trailer's ceiling.

"It has all been a challenge," Bedford said. "The hardest part was painting an eagle in the sky; controlling my hand like that was really hard. I wanted it small, like it was way up in the sky — I kept at it, touched it up a bit."

Leen's trailer was brought to Bedford at the end of April, and she's been working on it since then, she said.

The amount of time Bedford spends painting the trailer's interior depends on weather, typically in stints of a few hours on up to six hours.

"When it is hot out, that thing is like an oven," Bedford said. "I'll go back out when it is past the hottest part of the day, but then the light gets to be tough."

Bedford's work was cut out for her, as the inside of the trailer wasn't exactly a blank canvas; she is painting around the custom-made furniture.

"I've been working very carefully — things like the curtain rods are riveted, and they are sharp," Bedford said. "Just being careful — lots of blue tape. Even working under the sink gives me a stiff neck."

The trailer features a sunrise scene at the front end near the chandelier and a Native American design near the sink.

To the right of the door, there's a scene of Monument Valley across from a view of Grand Teton — providing an impossible view of some of the country's most picturesque locations all at once.

The bedroom in the back is a night scene of the Grand Canyon with a stormy sky and a cowboy campfire

with the Airstream trailer nearby. But something was missing.

"I put in the Sleeping Giant Mountain that looks like a person snoring and I kept thinking, 'It isn't right to not have Yellowstone,'" Bedford said as she explained her collaboration with Leen. "I envisioned, since it was the bedroom, doing Old Faithful in the moonlight, and he came back with, 'How about Old Faithful in the moonlight?' We were definitely on the same page."

Bedford's been painting, sculpting and doing artwork of all varieties since childhood, but this is her first time painting a trailer. Her works can be found on display in the area, including the panther statue in Powell High School, so she's no stranger to a challenge.

"The difference is dealing with the curves — it curves in more than one direction at a time, and dealing with the rivets, I have to make them not show too much," Bedford said.

Painting on concave walls makes perspective tricky as well. When viewed straight ahead everything looks in line, but as the vantage point shifts to the side, the curved surface becomes more noticeable.

"You have to choose which spot is going to be the best, most frequented," Bedford said. "Anything vertical is only vertical in one spot, but move to the side and it all goes askew."

It is anticipated that the trailer will be at the Western Design Conference in Jackson Hole on Sept. 9-13 and then at "By Western Hands," formerly known as Cody High Style, Sept. 23-27, Leen said.

## RANGER OF THE LOST ART

Leen will use the trailer as he tours the country, discussing national parks' history.

Leen, currently of Alaska, is returning to his campfire roots after 32 years as a dentist, inspired by an unexpected find that led to more national park discoveries.

Back when he was still a park ranger in the Grand Tetons, he found an old Jenny Lake poster from the 1930s that was in a burn pile.

That poster turned out to be one of

only 14 designs the Work Projects Administration made following the Great Depression under The New Deal.

The poster series promoted everything from safety tips to encouraging visits to America's national parks.

"They were just meant to educate and motivate people," Leen said.

But World War II struck, and the national park poster series stopped before all the parks could get the same artistic treatment.

Over the years, posters were thrown away, repurposed and lost. Memory of them faded like the posters themselves.

The WPA hired artists and screened millions of posters for everything from reminding people to wear hard hats to brushing their teeth. The park poster series originally had 2 million copies, and only 2,000 are known to exist today, Leen said.

"So, 99.9 percent of the public poster art has been lost forever," Leen said.

Decades after WWII, Leen found a set of black and white photos of the poster series in the archives at Harper's Ferry National Park and restored the entire set. When he finished, the National Park Service asked him to make posters in the same style as the original 14, Leen said.

Now Leen is taking the posters on the road for the National Park Centennial with campfire and auditorium talks about the Work Projects Administration and its impact.

"I am going to be the Johnny Appleseed of the WPA," Leen said.

Of course, he will be hitting the road in style, with his sleeping quarters being a literal work of art on wheels.

Doug Leen's schedule of presentations on the history of national parks:

—SEPT. 10: Snow King Sports and Events Center in Jackson.

—SEPT. 23: "By Western Hands" in Cody.

—DEC. 29: Rose Bowl at the Pasadena Conference Center in Pasadena, California.

For more information and to check out the latest schedule of talks, go to [rangerdoug.com](http://rangerdoug.com) or [facebook.com/rangerdougcenterprises](https://facebook.com/rangerdougcenterprises).





# Blips & Blurbs ~ from the Editor



**In our travels this summer, we found a vintage Airstream that was home to a unique radio station. It is KNCE in Taos, behind the Mesa Brewing Co. and owned by the owners of that brewery. The locals take turns manning the airwaves. Very DIY, very small town-y.**



*After the Rendezvous to International in Durango, we found our way to Delores, CO. We stayed at the Delores River Campground. There just happened to be a cute little Airstream Globetrotter coffee stand there:*





# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

**Blackwater, MO Rally held on June 11-14, 2015 in Blackwater, MO**

**Submitted by Carol Heckman**

All Airstreamers know about blackwater, right? The term has new meaning for those of us that traveled to the Vintage Rally in Blackwater MO this past weekend. We learned that destination is a quaint village nestled in the rolling hills of rural MO with a history dating back to 1887. We gathered in Arrow Rock State Historic Site Campground on Thursday to give everyone an opportunity to fill water tanks and clear out holding tanks in preparation of our "Urban Camping" experience in Blackwater. We moved to the Blackwater site Friday morning a mere 6 mile jaunt. Scott Allen used his geometry/CAD skills to arrange the 12 Airstreams in the municipal parking lot that was our rally site. We were free to explore the local antique shops, museum, hotel and tavern. Friday evening we enjoyed an Appetizer Buffet on the terrace of the Iron Horse Hotel and Restaurant sampling the cooking skills of Chef Tracy. A few of us deserted the rally to attend a production of Les Miserables presented at the Lyceum Theatre in Arrow Rock that evening and enjoyed a delightful performance and ambiance. The Saturday afternoon Open House welcomed many visitors interested in looking through the Airstreams and visiting with us about the trailers and our travels. Saturday evening we enjoyed an exceptional Italian meal at the Iron Horse Restaurant and the surprise performance by Chef Tracy demonstrating his operatic background. After a biscuits and gravy breakfast served by Ted and Norena Holmen we said our goodbyes and headed home.

While the weather wasn't perfect, the rain we received did seem to respect our activities and didn't cause any problems. Our proximity to the railroad tracks disturbed some of the lighter sleepers. We had our eleven year old grandson, Logan, with us. He enjoyed the rally and was full of stories when we returned him to his parents! He really thought being dunked was fun, Kathy and Scott J! Our thanks to Lee and Joyce Cantrell, Kathy and Scott Allen for planning another terrific Vintage Rally.



Photos by Kathy Allen



# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

**Pagosa Springs Rally held on June 16-20, 2015 in Pagosa Springs, CO**

**Submitted by Reg Bittner**

What a treat this rally always is! Hosted by Giuseppe and Maureen Margiotta, of the Four Corners Unit, they just put SO much into it! They are locals who know everyone, everyone knows them and they know everything about their area and beyond. The Pagosa Springs merchants were so generous to them in happily donating merchandise for door prizes at the gathering. And what prizes they were...the biggest was a battery powered Skill Saw that Louis Hall took home.

The Vintage crowd was in full force with a large area set aside for us to park in.

Friday night, they provided spuds and everyone brought toppings from sour cream to chili to pulled pork plus a vast array of sides and desserts.

Saturday there was a most fun event called a "Cruise-a-Thong". It was a triathlon for "the average Joe" which included biking, walking with flip-flops on and finally, tubing down the river. The winner was the one with the "average" time. The participants were dressed in outrageous costumes all the while. What a hoot! There was live music and best of all, this was right across from where we were all parked, which was an ideal spot. We were smack in the middle of town in a City Park, within walking distance of shops and restaurants AND the hot springs!!!

Saturday evening we joined together for a Mexican-themed potluck. There was just so much of everything! Afterwards, Bocci ball was played on the beautiful green lawn and the dogs enjoyed their very own social hour.

Sunday morning Giuseppe and Maureen put on a big breakfast of ham and pancakes. They really outdid themselves! OH, wrong, that was the Root Beer Floats in the afternoon THEN a catered dinner that evening.

The Margiotta's pull out all the stops for their rally!!! Not to be missed next time you see it on the Rally Calendar.





# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

**VAC Rendezvous held on June 18-21, 2015 in Durango, CO**

**Submitted by Mary Doster**

The VAC Rendezvous was a huge success with 42 units in attendance. We met in Vallecito RV Resort where we had great accommodations. Iain Cameron did a wonderful job in planning this with the resort staff. The next evening we indulged in sinfully good marinated meats arranged by Ian and last meal was a great evening of burgers done on the grill. Of course, none of this would have worked if it had not been for the great dishes prepared by the participants to accompany the protein.

There were restoration seminars each morning and everyone had the afternoon to enjoy the area. The surrounding lakes were a special treat and Durango was not far away. We had an open house and invited the full timers living and working in the park to see the beautiful Airstreams.

On Monday we all made our way to the bullpen at McGee Park in Farmington and lined up for our traditional VAC parade. Of the 42 rigs present at the Rendezvous 21 of us made our way around the park and into our parking spots around the big white tent.



# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

**VAC International Rally held on June 26-July 4, 2015 in Farmington, NM**

**Submitted by Mary Doster**

*There will be a hot time in the old town tonight* would be an appropriate theme for the International Rally this year. It was hot, but we also experienced beautiful mornings and evenings. Morning coffee was served in the VAC tent each day and many early risers were there to partake. The Happy Hours were everyday and well attended. Each person attending enjoyed this special time and enjoyed meeting old friends and greeting new friends. There were 80 VAC members in attendance this year.

In addition to the Happy Hours and the early coffee, we were treated to some other special events. Kimber Moore and Tim Kendzierski again did their now famous Pairings Event and it was well attended. All who were there to share in this event were pleasantly surprised at Kimber's skill at preparing such gourmet food in her trailer and then pairing it with the appropriate wine. Muchas, muchas, gracias to both Kimber and Tim.

Another event that was thoroughly enjoyed was the VAC barbeque. Over 160 people were served chicken tenders and pork loin marinated by Kimber and then grilled by volunteer helpers using Kimber's sauces. Each person attending brought a dish to share. During the dinner we were entertained with music by the Memphis P-Tails. After dinner they again played for us and asked our own Johnnie Be Good to play with them. A good time was had by all.

The VAC also hosted one of the few still living Navajo Code Talkers, Peter McDonald. His talk was historic, informative and entertaining. For all who might have missed this presentation you can go to the WBCCI website and listen to the full audio. The VAC tent was standing room only.

Several of our members had presentations during the morning sessions and most everyone attended some event at the convention center. We had participants in most events and even some winners. Diane Bailey and Arabella won best of show in the obedience class during the dog show. Bob Doster received 2 blue ribbons for his photos. Chris Hildenbrand and Jim Lane stole the show with their Around the World Trailer.



Parade into International from Rendezvous, Patti Reed



Memphis P-tails playing the Blues at a VAC Members only BBQ



Wine and food pairings led by Kimber in the tent.



Navajo Code Talker Peter MacDonald and Johnnie Lopez





# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

Jack Rabbit Tour held during July 2015

Photos submitted by Shirley Bollinger



# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

**Fiddler's Picnic Rally held on July 31-Aug 2, 2015 in Livingston, MT**

**Submitted by Reg Bittner**

The Fiddlers' Picnic Rally was packed with music for a really fun time. Dave and Candy Payne graciously hosted it on their ranch...they like to say, "for 500 of our closest friends".

We started off with a Hearty-Appetizers/Call-it-Supper Happy Hour at our trailer followed by an evening of music nearby. The next day, music could be heard bright and early. At 1pm. the Potluck Picnic was held with meat provided. You can imagine the feed that was with all those folks! More music all day and into the night. Sunday morning, the Payne's hosted a pancake breakfast and everything was packed up for another year.

Keep early August open for next year!





# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

**Bend Classic Vintage Travel Trailer Rally held on Aug 7-9, 2015 in Bend, OR**

**Submitted by Dal Smilie**

62 trailers showed up at Bend's J Bar J Youth Ranch for this first time event. Three Curtis Wright/Silverstreak Clippers and a scad of vintage Airstreams. The weather cooperated with a clear sky and a great "dark" sky at night with the Perseid meteor shower entertaining overhead. The Western skyline was in full view with Mount Jefferson, Three-Fingered Jack, Broken Top, the Three Sisters, Mount Bachelor and Bend's Pilot Butte adding drama.

There was a bluegrass jam going on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. "Trailer 31" played folk/blues/bluegrass inspired music Saturday night. The 500 car Flashback Cruz car show took over downtown Bend.

With 140 restaurants, 25 microbreweries, floating the river, Wilco playing in town and much more there was no lack of things to do. Inquisitive Bend residents came out in force Saturday for the Open House. Mobs of them. They kept coming even on Sunday morning as attendees pulled out and waived good-bye.

The film crew for GAC's Flippin' RVs TV show filmed throughout, featuring Bend's Flytecamp and their wonderful vintage trailers. Two other local restoration businesses and two from out of state attended.

Bend and the Eastern side of the Cascades can clearly support a successful rally. Plan for this event again August 11-15, 2016.





# Catching Up, Rallies Past...

VAC Wenatchee River Vintage Rally held on Aug 7-9, 2015 in Wenatchee, WA

Submitted by Iain Cameron

The following pictures were taken at this rally. One of the highlights was when Roger Miller did a polishing seminar for everyone. It was well attended, a lot of questions and discussion for over an hour and a half.







# Rallies, Future...



**First Ever Autumn Rally for VAC Midwest      September 24-27, 2015**

**The Region 8 Vintage Airstream Rally of the WBCCI**

**Group Site Loop S-1, Richey Cove, Council Grove Lake, KS**

The Group Site at Council Grove Lake, Kansas has been reserved from Thursday, September 24 thru Sunday, September 27. The group site will hold 8 trailers so the first 8 trailers to register by phone with Lee Cantrell at 785 564-0190 and submit their camping fee of \$37.50 for three nights to Lee Cantrell, P. O. Box 25, Olsburg, KS 66520 will be in the group site at Richey Cove with the covered shelter house. Electricity is provided but water is not included, although, there is a single water hydrant on site.

All attendees will need to register by phone with Lee Cantrell. Once the group site has been filled, attendees will need to make their own reservations at [www.recreation.gov/camping/richey-cove](http://www.recreation.gov/camping/richey-cove). Sites at Richey Cove, in close proximity, to the Group Site are 034 thru 043. These sites have both water and electric hookups and are \$20 per night. This is a Corps of Engineers campground.

The maximum number of trailers allowed is 20.

If the group site is not filled by September 14, the rally will be cancelled.

Join us!

Lee & Joyce Cantrell #4241

Kathy & Scott Allen # 3534



# Rallies, Future...



## Urban Air Rally

October 1-4, 2015

### East Rapids, MI

Host: Kirk MacKellar & Chad Carlson, [chad@woodlandtravelcenter.net](mailto:chad@woodlandtravelcenter.net)

(Editor's Note: Will have a staging area for us to get together for Vintage Parking. Please tell them ahead you are Vintage).

#### What:

WakeUpDowntown.com, (click the Facebook button for lots of content and photos).

Urban Air • Wake Up Downtown™ is a Michigan Non-Profit organization which produces fund-raising events on the streets of small cities. We use the Airstreams to highlight Main Street America.

All activities are free and the public is encouraged to attend.

#### Events this year will include:

- Nightly entertainment including Josh Rogan Concert
- Seminars
- Heritage Festival
- Museum Tours
- 5K Race
- Strut Your Mutt Pooch Parade™
- Bagpipe Serenade (surprise for the Canadians)
- Discounts on Dining, etc.
- Bimp Your Blimp™ Trailer Decorating Contest (voting with items for the Food Bank)
- Pub/Paddle
- Rarely Home Companion™ Dinner Theatre with host Harrison Weillor
- Children's Coloring Contest
- Live Theatre presentation of "The Adventures of Tin Hut"
- Nightly Campfires
- Shuttle Service and historical tour

#### Where:

On the downtown streets of the Island City of Eaton Rapids. The historic downtown lies in the middle of Michigan's longest river, the Grand River.

#### Why:

This unique event creates an incredible amount of goodwill between the campers themselves, the campers and the public, and the campers and the businesses. Lasting relationships form overnight. It often is referred to as "The Urban Air Love Affair."

#### How:

Through the bountiful cooperation of the host city's departments, Chamber of Commerce, merchants and our team of volunteers.

(Side note: A documentary filmmaker will be with us this year shooting for the an upcoming movie due out next year).

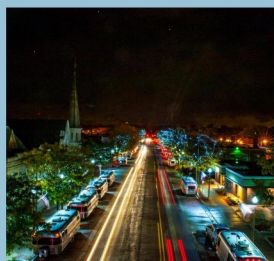
You can grab photos from the Facebook page. Nick Martines shoots for us. Below are a couple of his.

Kirk MacKellar

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Here is a video TV shot of us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5cH8tAdLlw&feature=youtu.be>







# Rallies, Future...



**VAC West Rally**

**October 29-November 1, 2015**

**Columbia, CA**

**Host: Shirley Bollinger & John Lopez #3547**

All WBCCI/VAC Members Welcome!

RV Reservations: call Dawn at 49er RV, 209-532-4978, 16 spaces available, 1 night deposit required, \$40 per night (discounted rate), [www.49errvpark.com](http://www.49errvpark.com). All attendees must register with Shirley Bollinger 209-304-3815 or [moondogranch@me.com](mailto:moondogranch@me.com). Rally fee of \$10 per person payable upon arrival.

The 49er RV Ranch is located in the foothills of the Gold Country between Yosemite, Lake Tahoe & Sacramento. Come camp in the oldest campground in the Gold Country, since 1852, when the camping was for the overflow of covered wagons searching for gold. Enjoy the history of the gold mining towns, pan for gold, visit Columbia State Historic Park or Calaveras Big Trees State Park, wine tasting, campfires with music every night, & Western movies. Wear your best western attire and bring your musical instruments.

Happy Hours and a grill your own/potluck on Saturday night. The park provides a complimentary hot dog night on Friday.

For reservations, contact Dawn, 49er RV Ranch, at 209-532-4978. All sites are with full hookup and are \$40 per night, including tax. The campground is holding 19 campsites for us until September 15. Everyone must call to make their own reservations and pay one night's deposit.

# Vintage Airstream Club Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of the Vintage Airstream Club



**September/October 2015**

The Vintage Airstream Club

is an Intra-club of the

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Wally Byam Caravan Club International

## 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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