

The VAC Newsletter will be published monthly in 2012 until July.

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## Message from Jim, VAC President

The VAC hasn't gone completely underground for the past two month. Serious planning has started for the upcoming International at Sedalia, MO, work has begun to change the VAC constitution, and for the first time the VAC has submitted a report to the Winter IBT meeting.

Richard Girard, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Region 11, encouraged me to submit a report to the Winter IBT. I did, and he later sent this message, "Your report went very well. The club is serious about the importance of the VAC and your report was very timely. The club is going to come out with some ads that feature vintage trailers. Most of the work on that was done by Tim and Kimber." You can read our report here: <http://vintageairstreamclub.com/>. It's on the Front page and briefly highlights what the VAC has done in the past year, has planned in the future, and our concerns. I mentioned the motor home issue as a concern.

Tim, our webmaster, and Kimber, our Vintage Advantage editor, have been helping to build a new website for the WBCCI. I am always impressed with how many VAC members make a personal contribution to the WBCCI. They show up on committees, as Unit officers, Region officers, and WBCCI officers. Many members have said, myself included, that they joined the WBCCI so that they could be VAC members. But, many are also more than passive participants. They rise to the occasion and do their part – thank you all.

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## Quick Links

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## VAC Rendezvous Before International in Sedalia Chris Hildenbrand, 1st Vice President

### Vintage Airstream Club Plans for 2012 International Rally in Sedalia , Missouri .

The Vintage Airstream Club will be rendezvousing at the Cottonwood RV Park in Columbia , Missouri starting the afternoon June 22, 2012. To make life easier for all weary from traveling, we will provide a picnic dinner.

Starting early on June 23rd, we will caravan to California, Missouri for a tour of the Eitzen Historic Mansion and a brunch provided by Region 12. Built in 1898 by Charles A. Eitzen, this home has 19 rooms and nine fireplaces. The home still has the original slate roof, a carriage house and stable, with a room for the coachman. The home remained in the Eitzen family until 1952. Since then, it has seen many uses and is now again a private residence. Through all of the home's changes, remarkably, the original fireplaces, woodwork and beautiful main staircase with its ornate woodwork remained intact.

Immediately following the brunch and tour, we will continue our caravan to Sedalia , Missouri where we will enter the bull pen. We are scheduled to arrive at the bull pen sometime around 2:30 pm at which time we will erect our flags, parade through the fairgrounds and then be parked in the Vintage parking area. For those folks not participating in the caravan, but want to join us in the parade, you must be in the bull pen no later then 2:30 pm where you will bring up the rear of our caravan. The Vintage Airstream Club Open House and Concours d'Elegance are scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday June 24.

A limited amount of spaces are available for the rendezvous and caravan so make your reservations early. Use the form at the end of the newsletter or register and pay with Pay Pal on the front page of the VAC website [vintageairstreamclub.com](http://vintageairstreamclub.com) . Registration is due no later than May 15, 2012 and money will be refunded if cancellation is received by June 1, 2012. The total cost for one nights stay and a picnic dinner is \$33.00 per trailer.

You must also register separately for the International Rally. Registration forms for the International Rally can be found at [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org) or in the Blue Beret.

**Check out the picture of the Eitzen Mansion on the last page of the newsletter.  
Register using the printed form or register and pay on line,  
at front page of [vintageairstreamclub.org](http://vintageairstreamclub.org).**

## Did You Know?

In June 2001, Sanderson W. "Walt" Sandy reported that it had been a swell year for the VAC for Region 2. He also commented, "I've noticed in the Blue Beret and other newsletters that more and more rallies are having Vintage parking, this is a good idea."

In 1996, Larry Huttler and Airstream were thanked by the officers for supporting the VAC and contributing \$300 for Concours prizes.

In 1996 Ed Stanley and Clyde Wagner creatively put together a recruitment package including a letter of invitation, designed to encourage the Friends of the Vintage Club to become members of the VAC.

## Calendar

**WBCCI Region Presidents and VAC Region Representatives provided information on VAC sponsored rallies or rallies of interest to VAC members.**

February 14 - 19, 2012  
39th Florida State Rally  
Sarasota, FL

March 26-31, 2012  
Region 9, 43rd Annual Rally  
Mineola, TX

April 24-28, 2012  
Region 3 Rally,  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

May 30—June 3, 2012  
Region 2 Rally  
Frankford, NY

June 6-11, 2012  
Vintage Restoration Rally  
Albuquerque, NM

WBCCI 55th International  
VAC Pre Rally Events  
Starting June 22

July 26-30, 2012  
Rocky Mountain Vintage  
Airstream Club  
Gunnison, Colorado

August 8—12, 2012  
Region 7 VAC Rally  
Spicer, MN

August 9-13, 2012  
Region 10 VAC Rally  
Monitor, WA

September 12-16, 2012  
Pennsylvania State Rally  
Centre Hall, PA

Sept 22-30, 2012  
50th Annual Swiss Festival  
National Rally  
Sugarcreek, OH

October 5-9, 2012  
Balloon Fiesta Rally  
Albuquerque, NM

October 17-22, 2012  
Region 12 Rally

## Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda

We usually celebrate the New Year in Rocky Mountain National Park dry camping with Airstream friends. We missed it this year because we loaned our '67 Tradewind to our daughter and son-in-law so they could have a kitchen while remodeling their house. At about the same time we decided to rebuild the galley side of the '67 Globetrotter so it was out of commission too. Besides missing the fun, this project has required learning new skills and tools. We got experience with fiberglass, rebuilding the refrigerator scoop and added Cleco clamps to our toolbox. Work on either trailer is always a slippery slope as parts get removed that were not in the initial plan, but as the calendar fills up with trailer trips, there is a lot of motivation to finish.

Last year Jim and I attended our 4th WBCCI International. There is a lot of tradition connection with the VAC at International including Vintage parking, parade, open house, seminars and happy hours. The VAC area always has people gathering from sunrise to long past sunset sharing stories, discussing trailer features, and helping each other with repairs. As we plan for International, I need your help. Do you have an efficient way to introduce VAC'ers to each other at the first Happy Hour? Please send me your ideas.

Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club is gearing up for a Colorado rally July 26– 30, 2012 in Gunnison, Colorado. After ten years of successful rallies and a year off, the committee is excited about continuing a very popular VAC event. Check the website [rmvac.org](http://rmvac.org) in February for more details and register starting March 1.

Most VAC members receive this newsletter through an e-mail service called Constant Contact, but the original is created in Microsoft Publisher, then printed and mailed by a local family business to forty-five VAC members without e-mail accounts. Quick Print in Loveland, Colorado has been great partner and it reminds me to look to the family owned business first for anything Airstream.

## 55th International Convention / Rally Sedalia, Missouri

### Have you signed up for International and requested Vintage Parking?

Registration information is available in the Blue Beret.

### Do you have an idea for a VAC Seminar at International?

Now is the time to suggest ideas or begin to work on your presentation. Seminars can be technical or historical and will appear in the schedule for all WBCCI members, not just VAC attendees.

VAC sponsored seminars last year included Physics of Towing ; Airstreams in the 70's; Argosy the First Generation 1972-79; Everything You Need to Know About Towing, Understanding and Maintaining Propane Appliances; Rebuilding A Classic Motor home; and Riveting and Metal Work.

Jim will be contacting last years presenters to check on their availability for 2012. Let us know if you have an idea for Sedalia.

## Treasurer's Report, Pam Peak

The VAC ended calendar 2011 with \$25,037. The annual income was \$14,436, and expenses were \$12,839.

85% of income came from dues, and the balance from merchandise sales.

Expenses broke down as:

- 45% Vintage Advantage publication
- 20% Merchandise purchase
- 13% International, 2011
- 22% Various other

## Region Reps

Region Representatives should be your first contact for VAC information in your area.

Full contact information including addresses and phone numbers can be found on the VAC website or in the most recent Vintage Advantage magazine.

E-mail your representative:

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(insert region number in place of #)

Region 1: Gary Campbell  
Region 2: Bob Novak  
Region 3: George D. James  
Region 4: Ken Faber  
Region 5: Dwight Dixon  
Region 6: Herb Spies  
Region 7: Curt Gunderson;  
Dick Parins, Assistant  
Region 8: Scott Allen  
Region 9: Pat McDowell  
Region 10: Iain Cameron  
Region 11: Ken Johansen  
Region 12: Jim Polk

## VAC Website

**It is time to look at the VAC website at [vintageairstreamclub.org](http://vintageairstreamclub.org)**

The front page has a tentative schedule for the VAC at International and the on-line registration for the VAC Rendezvous in Columbia, Missouri.

Under the heading "Rally Home" is a current calendar of VAC recommended rallies and great tips for Hosting A Rally.

## Getting to Know Your Region Representatives Dwight Dixon, Region 5

We first got into Airstreaming when we bought our 1963 26ft Overlander in 1986. For a number of years, we camped with it mostly with our kids, without being club members. In 1994, I was planning to semi-retire from my job in the plastics industry and bought a 1977 31 ft Sovereign from an ad in the Blue Beret. We became members of the Northern Illinois Unit and I served as president in 1999. My wife, Carol, was President of the Unit in 2010. I maintain the northern Illinois Website, northernillinois.wbcci.net. We became VAC members fairly early and attended 11 Internationals over the years and frequently parked with the VAC members. We took our Overlander to the International in Gillette, two years ago. Dallas Peak said there was a need for a VAC representative for Region 5 and so I volunteered. Currently there are about 30 VAC members in Region 5.

In the fall of 2010, we purchased a 1989 34 ft Excella and currently pull it with a 2001 Chevy 3500 Crewcab Dually. We still use the 63 Overlander for vintage events and local outings. The 34 was intended to be taken to Travelers Rest in Florida as our snowbird home, but we ended up, additionally purchasing a double wide in Dunedin that had been in my family for 35 years.

We live in Johnsbury, Illinois, about 50 miles north of Chicago and winter in Dunedin, Florida. Our 18 years membership has allowed us to travel with our Airstream and attend many Internationals. Region and local unit rallies. We have enjoyed meeting many interesting people and location sites while traveling through the states in our Airstream trailers.

## Getting to Know the New VAC Librarian, Bob Wotowa

Bob Wotowa is a semi-retired stagehand living in St. Louis, Missouri. He is the proud owner of a 1962 Airstream Ambassador bunkhouse that has the distinction of being one of the six known survivors of the '63-'64 Around The World Caravan. Although slowed by neighborhood restrictions, Bob hopes to have the trailer roadworthy enough to meet everyone in Sedalia, Mo. this coming summer.

## Volunteers Needed — Secretary and Membership Chair

Lee Cantrell, Membership Chair, is leaving his position at the end of July after several years. His two assistants are staying in their positions: Joyce Cantrell is the Coordinator of New Member Recruitment and Rachael Hughey is the New Member Fulfillment Person. Lee has written a very precise description of his job and is more than willing to help with the transition.

### The Essential Job Functions according to the VAC By-Laws

Receive all applications for Intra-club Membership; verify potential VAC members WBCCI standing.

Notify members of expiration of dues; issue receipts for dues paid upon request.

Provide a list of members to the Board of Directors; provide membership report for Presidents Annual Report

Submit membership dues and reports to the treasurer.

Before retirement from position deliver all membership rosters, membership forms, introduction letters and any other membership materials promptly to the incoming Member Chairperson.

Be willing to serve for a minimum of 2 full years.

Patti Reed, Recording Secretary for the VAC, will not be attending the upcoming International, and graciously accepted the job last year after no one volunteered for the position.

### The Essential Job Functions According to the VAC By-Laws

Shall record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Intra-club and Executive board.

Shall distribute copies of the minutes to the members of the Executive Board not more than 15 days following each meeting.

Shall record attendance of the officers and trustees, any committee chairs and guests.

Be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for a minimum of 1 full year.

## Message from Jim, Continued

In future newsletters leading up to International you will read about proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Changes were approved last year at Du Quoin, but the membership was not informed beforehand, so the changes could not take effect. There are wording corrections that need to be made, but the real change is to allow flexibility. We wish to be able to have business meeting at times and locations other than International, and we want to prepare for online meetings and voting in the future. Stay tuned.

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**The Vintage Airstream Club**  
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**Registration for VAC Event**

Rendezvous In Columbia, Missouri  
June 22, 2012

Tour Historic Mansion  
Brunch by Region 12  
June 23, 2012

VAC Parade into Sedalia Fairgrounds  
Afternoon of June 23, 2012

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_  
E Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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