

Vintage Airstream TODAY

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2017 VAC Pre-International Rally "Rendezvous" in Iron Mountain, MI by Victor Blood VAC President 2017

The 2017 Pre-International Rendezvous Rally was held July 17 to July 19 at the Summer Breeze Campground and RV Park in Iron Mountain, Michigan. This was about 1 hour West of Escanaba. 31 vintage Airstream trailers and 59 VAC members from across the country gathered for fun and fellowship. The park featured very large wooded sites, a swimming pool, canvas pavilion and was located out of town in the country. The new owners had only owned this park for 4 months and went out of their way to accommodate our rally as did the local Chamber of Commerce.



The rally was unstructured except for happy hour and evening meals so participants could go to the many attractions in the area. Among those were the Cornish Pump and Mining Museum, Big John's Iron Mine, fishing, boating, hiking, river rafting, kayaking, canoeing, bird watching, golf and a great show by the nationally ranked "Ski-ters" water skiing team.

Evening meals were excellent and included a potluck on Monday, a charity fundraiser Tuesday served by the local Kiwanis Club and "Pasties" on Wednesday served by the local Pastie Kitchen Restaurant. A "Pastie" is a 16 oz. meat, potatoes and veggie filled dough crust that the local miners took to work for lunch.



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There was at least 50 feet of grass between my Trailer and the next, so, we easily set up seating in a big circle under the trees for meetings and meals. Tuesdays meal was at the pavilion because of a brief rain, but, that quit just in time to serve the meal.

The conclusion of the rally saw almost all participants travel to Escanaba where they joined other Airstreamers for the VAC parade thru town and into the International Rally.



Special invite to Airstreamers on their way to the 61st International Rally, especially pickers, singers and toe tappers.

The Vintage Airstream Club invites, not only VAC members, but all other WBCCI members to stop by the Bend Classic Rally June 17-20, only 107 miles from Salem

This rally specially invites all pickers and singers of acoustic roots music. We welcome anything that sounds good around a (propane) campfire. Toe tappers are invited

Also.

BBQ hosted by Flytecamp, \$25 per night rally proceeds to charity: contact Dal Smilie at dalsmilie@aol.com. J Bar J Boy's Ranch, 62895 Hamby Rd, Bend OR. Mostly dry camping, only 3 miles from the center of Bend

Hmmmmmm! What is this all about? More in an upcoming "Special edition" newsletter



URGENT MESSAGE — — — Are you getting together with your VAC friends?

Region 8 VACmidwest members are actively getting together, camping, and laughing.

I was asked by the new, volunteer VAC newsletter editor Lee Cantrell to write a how-to article about starting a VAC rally. Starting is so simple. I want to share what the VACmidwest started doing.

My husband Scott and I joined the VAC at the Airstream International Rally while having a great time hanging out with the fun, knowledgeable VAC group. The historical presentations! Complete restorations! I especially enjoyed seeing the in-progress vintage Airstreams, as we planned our own dream Airstream. Yearly at our local Region 8 rally, and for only one hour, the VAC toured each others' vintage Airstreams.

****Returning home, I wanted more vintage time with our local group. ****

Talking about VAC camping was all we did...sadly year after year...and this with my family's personal philosophy of "do what we can, when we can"!

Finally a fellow VAC member pushed - said he wanted to camp! Even if only the two of us got together, it would be our first rally! He chose a location, I planned two meals, and sent invitations/notices/news articles/calendar posts to our Region 8 VAC members.

It was that simple.

Together we co-hosted the first ever VACmidwest rally. Host it and they will come - VAC members came from seven states - and new members joined!! The following year we decided one rally per year was not enough! So every spring and autumn we camp together.

Friends volunteered and have hosted seven rallies in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Each with an easy-peasy simple plan. We've piloted a keel boat, camped right downtown, stayed up late at roaring campfires, watched world class theater, clung to shade tents during cats-and-dogs rain, wandered in a huge tall grass prairie, discovered historic downtowns, viewed architect Frank Lloyd Wright's work, explored state parks, shared our restoration/renovation projects, kayaked, biked, and camped on a farm! We laughed. Nothing too fancy, too hard, nor over-scheduled. And we've eaten, eaten, eaten. Ask any of us about train whistles!

I'm looking forward to our next VAC rally, are you?

Where can we join you in your region's VAC rally in 2018?

If your Region wasn't active in 2017 - just build a rally...they will come. It's that simple.

SYDTR!



Kite flying at Region 8 Fall VACmidwest Rally 2017

Note from VAC Membership Chair—Rhonda Cooper

VAC Membership Report ~ November 2017

Rhonda Cooper, VAC Membership Chair
membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com

This is my second year as Membership Chair of the Vintage Airstream Club and the first year for the VAC to follow the same renewal calendar as the WBCCI. My husband, Jim developed and maintains the VAC Database, so it is a team effort.

542 Total Members

Expired Members, no payment since 2016, will be dropped from the database in January 2018.

260 VAC members have renewed and are current for 2018

71 New Members Joined the VAC in 2017

If you have not renewed for 2018, renew now! Dues remain \$20 per year, and the easiest way to renew or join is on-line at VintageAirstreamClub.com using Pay Pal. A form that can be printed is also available on the website if paying by check. Mail your check and any changes in your data to **VAC c/o WBCCI P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, Ohio 45334.**

Every renewal is acknowledged by an email from the VAC database. Each new member will also receive a VAC window decal and a welcome letter. If you were missed last year, please let me know!

Membership renewal reminders were sent by Mail Chimp in October, and one more notice will be sent in December. If you have not received a renewal notice, a 'thanks' for renewing email, or the October 2017 VAC newsletter, please read the following information and help us make the communication with members via email flawless.

Each VAC membership can have a common or primary email, and each person may have their own. Here is an example:

Smith, Bob and Sue	BobSueS@email.com
Bob Smith	BobS@email.com
Sue Smith	SueS@email.com

The VAC makes every effort to assure that members receive email communications, including dues reminders and this newsletter. In the example, all three emails are different, and each will be sent an email communication.

The VAC uses *Mail Chimp*, email service, when sending renewal notices or the VAC newsletter. At the end of an email, Mail Chimp provides the option to "unsubscribe." What does that mean? If Sue unsubscribes, the VAC is informed, and Sue's email is deleted from the database. She will never again receive a VAC email. It doesn't change Bob's or their common email. Should Bob and Sue not want to receive any email from the VAC, they have to unsubscribe all three emails. If this was not your intent when you clicked unsubscribe, contact membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com.

This seems complicated, but keep in mind that there are several reasons an email may not reach you. It may be in spam, your in-box may be full, your email address may have changed, or been entered incorrectly. The VAC wants to reach you; and if you are not hearing from us, please send an email to membership@vintageairstreamclub.com

One last note – as members of the VAC, you are our best recruiters!
Encourage fellow WBCCI members with vintage trailers or any member of the WBCCI to join the Vintage Airstream Club, largest Intra-Club of the WBCCI.

Where is Waldo i.e. Courtesy parking?

So where is Parrsboro? It's in Nova Scotia near the Bay of Fundy. My wife Joyce and I stayed at Kathy and Joel Smiths #11811 courtesy parking this past summer. We were welcomed with open arms, a glad handshake and a hug. They have room for two trailers with electrical hook ups. You can contact them at 902 254-2773 We can also welcome them as VAC Associate members. We hand delivered their application to Jackson Center on our way home. Welcome to the VAC, Joel and Kathy.



Items we will be needing for upcoming newsletters: tech items, maintenance items, courtesy parking where you have stayed, Regional VAC future rallies, articles on 2017 VAC Rallies that you attended with photos,

The following topic pops up quite often on the Airstream Forums, facebook sites for Airstreams and sitting around the campfire.

2018 VAC Region Rallies

We need your rallies to be listed here free of charge. Please send me date, location, and other information needed to advertise your rally.

HELP!

We need your
Rally dates and
Activities.

After all the work and expense of restoring my Airstream, why do I need an appraisal?

By the time your vintage coach is completed you have invested hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in your remodel. If you are involved in an accident, do you really want your insurance agent to look up the Blue Book value of a 1954 Flying Cloud, 1964 Safari or Globetrotter to determine the value?

A certified appraisal, accepted by insurance companies, the IRS and financial institutions, is what you need to thoroughly complete your restoration.

It is best to secure an appraisal of your coach before an incident occurs.

Why an appraisal?

- To obtain a professional opinion of the present fair market value.
- To obtain a professional opinion of the value of an Airstream to be renovated or modified.
- To obtain a condition inspection by an independent third party.
- An expert opinion of the value of an Airstream is useful as a prudent safeguard against excessive Tax Assessments, Capital Gains and other taxes.
- Appraisals are used to verify damage claims resulting from fire, hail, wind-storms, accidents and other disasters.
- An appraisal may provide the basis for decision-making in the commitment of funds for acquisition.
- Assist a prospective purchaser in obtaining financing or insurance.
- Assist the financial institution by substantiating the nature and value of the Airstream as it relates to collateral.
- Assist the financial institution by supporting the Loan Portfolio for examination by the Loan Committee and/or Bank Examiner.
- Distinguishes seller's Airstream from others that may be listed for sale. May help reduce the time required to sell an Airstream.

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Insurance applications require your signature and will include terms and conditions that may allow, at time of claim, re-evaluation of the value of your Airstream. They also require that you agree to settle any disputes through arbitration and not through litigation until all these conditions have been met.

When your Airstream is insured under a stated value or specialty Airstream policy, its value is noted as supplied by you or a professional appraiser. This value will be the limit of the insurance company's obligation.

More often than not, the first time a professional will look at the given value of your Airstream is when you submit a claim. Your given value will be carefully evaluated. Hopefully your value will have been established by a professional appraisal. Don't wait till this point to establish the value of your Airstream.

An appraisal completed by a competent professional will be your best asset. Fair Market Value is legally determined by approved methods found in state insurance codes or uniform arbitration laws.

Many owners, when making a claim, resort to clipping ads from newspapers, RV Trader, or online services such as Air Forums, then adding up receipts. Unfortunately you are wasting your time. To dispute the insurance company you will need to retain an appraiser. The after-the-fact appraisal will be much more difficult and costly.

Appraisals by a certified appraiser will reflect the Fair Market Value as of the date of inspection, based in part, upon comparable Airstreams of similar condition and authenticity, which are available in the open market. It has much greater value to have completed the appraisal prior to a claim filed with an insurance company.

A certified appraisal will be completed in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, which are widely accepted as the industry standards accepted by the insurance industry, financial community and in arbitration.

A certified appraisal will give a good idea of what you can reasonably expect to receive in the event of a claim. The appraisal will document insurers pre-claim knowledge of substantiated value.

How do I find an accredited appraiser?

Be cautious and work only with a fully certified appraiser who is recognized and whose work is accepted by financial institutions, the IRS and insurance companies. Recommended appraisers are certified by the American Society of Appraisers, or ASA, and can be found at: www.Appraisers.org

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Need for future newsletters—If you have completed a update to your trailer or have a tech note please send them to me. Inquiring minds want to know! Your help continuing the newsletter is appreciated by all of our members.

Region 8 VAC Rally, Clinton Lake, Kansas

Twenty-eight people attended the VAC Midwest Airstream rally that was held June 23-25 at Clinton State Park in Lawrence, Kansas hosted by Lee and Joyce Cantrell and Tim and Paula Timmons. Chinese lanterns hung from the trees, and meals included a Friday night hot dog roast, a Saturday night dinner at the 23rd Street Brewery, and a Sunday breakfast from Munchers donuts. Fourteen trailers participated in an open house on Saturday afternoon, and during their free time, attendees participated in various activities such as shopping in downtown Lawrence, a driving tour of the new construction on the Kansas University campus, visits to KU's Spencer Art and Natural History Museums, and lots of relaxing, socializing, and talking about vintage airstreams.



TECH NOTES AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

Trailer separation has been a topic about vintage trailers for a number of years. Jim Cooper from the DENCO unit did a presentation some years ago at a RMVAC rally. We think this is a topic that needs to be presented several times since new members would be interested as well.

While traveling to the Swiss Festival in Sugarcreek, Ohio from Arizona in our 1969 Overlander, we noticed a slope in the floor starting at the bathroom door. Separation was also starting to develop between the floor and the bottom of the bathroom sink. Outside I noted that the subfloor was appearing between the side of the trailer and the bumper. I called Airstream in Jackson Center, and they told me that a cross member had probably broken allowing the subfloor to sink. I also called Oasis RV in Tucson, AZ, a former dealer, but still a great vintage repair site, and they said we probably had frame separation.

We will travel back to Arizona, keeping as much weight as possible in front of the problem area. We have arrangements for our insurance adjuster to be present when the pre-repair inspection and appraisal is done. If this problem is caused by trauma, then our insurance will be useful. This is not rear end rot that is frequently reported, but we do tow a 1969 Overlander with a rear bathroom and blackwater tank.

We have traveled from the tip of Baja, Mexico to the most northern point of Newfoundland over the past three years. We also stay off interstate highways as much as possible, and we have encountered some bumps along the way.

I will report what is found when Oasis removes the belly pan and what our insurance company does to assist in the repair.



Robert and Mary Lou Doster #3794