

# Vintage Airstream TODAY

The Official Newsletter of the Vintage Airstream Club



May 16-20, 2018  
Region 3  
VAC Southeast Rally  
International RV Park  
Daytona, FL  
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## VAC Caravan, Baker City to Salem



**Number U47 VAC**

**June 13 -21, 2018**

*25th Anniversary of the WBCCI Vintage Airstream Club*

June 13-21, 2018  
VAC Caravan  
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June 17-29,  
2018  
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Bend, Oregon  
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June 20-22, 2018  
Parade June 23  
VAC Rendezvous  
Powerland Herit-  
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The Caravan will encourage strumming & picking along the way. It begins in Baker City Oregon & ends at the VAC Rendezvous 2 days before the Vintage Parade on Sat, 23 June.

Starting in NE Oregon for 2 days at Mt View RV Park in Baker City, (Wally Byam's birth place) visiting Wally's Museum & the Oregon Trail Museum. We travel through fields & canyons of wheat & ranch land to the Fossil Beds NM, on to the Wilson Guest Ranch for a BBQ & cowboy music staying the night. Next, down to the Columbia to Hood River, camping at the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum. Going south from there by way of Timberline Lodge on Mt Hood, to Bend for 2 days at the J-Bar-J Ranch for the Bend Classic VAC Music Rally, which will be open to VAC & all WBCCI camping & local non camping toe tappers & pickers. Starting the second segment in Bend with an open house & BBQ at Flytcamp, we drive to Crescent Lake Hoodoo USFS Group Campground that brings us to the Free Emigrant Road leading to Eugene. Going North again into the Cascade Range through Westfir, we stay at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the McKenzie River before our last days drive into Salem to meet up with the VAC Rendezvous at Heritage Power Land in Brooks Oregon. The Caravan is in 2 segments: Baker City to Bend (June 13-17), Bend to Salem (June 18-22). Both segments together have priority. Maximum number of rigs on the Caravan is 15. Sign up is in order of a \$200.00 deposit, refundable before 1 March & applied to the Caravan kitty of \$470.00 per rig, due 1 April. Kitty Fee is \$270.00 for camping & \$200.00 for 3 camp meals & 3 catered meals.

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## Vintage Airstream Club Rendezvous Powerland Heritage Park, Brooks, Oregon

Chuck and Toni Miltenberger like to show their 1936 Airstream Silver Cloud with their 1937 Chrysler Airflow together.

If you have a vintage Airstream, Argosy, Byam Holiday or Curtis Wright, please join us at Powerland Heritage Park ([antiquepowerland.com](http://antiquepowerland.com)) June 20-23, 2018. We will be dry camped behind the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum on Powerlands grounds. Follow the signs or look for shiny aluminum

While it is dry camping, there are two bathhouses on the property with showers and toilets as well as porta potties. Cost is \$25 per night plus an initial \$15 entry to the park with unlimited egress and ingress during the Rendezvous. There is a dump station at the Pilot station just down the road so pump before you come! There will be a commemorative VAC Rendezvous sticker and window placard.



The Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association Swap Meet is held on the grounds at the same time. So with 14 museums on the property, a working trolley, miniature trains and more, it is an action packed location. Entry to the museums is included in your one-time \$15 fee.

VAC will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary and the Summer Solstice so expect to have fun. This is the endpoint for the VAC Caravan and the staging point for the police escorted VAC parade into the WBCCI International Rally 8 miles away on June 23. The Bend Classic will end in time for attendees to make it the 115 miles to the grounds.

Expect to see the earliest (masonite sided!) Airstream, the 1936 Silver Cloud. It is the oldest factory produced Airstream and was on the road and camping before Doc Holman's 1935 Torpedo (built from plans). Expect to see the oldest known Curtis Wright and one or more "Around the World Caravan" trailers. A gathering of 50 year old 1968 Airstreams is being planned, so bring yours. And attend whether or not you are able to attend the WBCCI International Rally!



## INSIDER NEWS

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

There is a BBQ hosted by Flytecamp and the \$25 per night rally fee proceeds to charity: contact Dal Smilie at [dalsmilie@aol.com](mailto: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





## Just a little camping humor

Driving home from a week-end camping trip, the husband turned to his wife and asked,

Husband: "Hon, are you letting your hair grow out?"

Wife: "What do you mean letting my hair grow out?" "Do you mean letting it grow out long?"

Husband: "No, I mean, have you quit coloring your hair?"

Wife: "No, why?"

Husband: "Well, you seem to have a lot of gray hair."

Wife: "I do?".

Husband: "Yes." "Your hair is pretty much completely gray."

Wife: "Oh!" "That's not gray hair."

Husband: "What is it then?"

Wife: "It's deodorant."

Husband: "What...???"

Wife: "Well, I was fixing my hair this morning, standing in the back of the trailer, and I sprayed my hair with deodorant instead of hairspray, and the deodorant is white, and that's why my hair looks gray."

Husband: "You sprayed your hair with deodorant?"

Wife: "Yes, and I tried dabbing at it with a damp washcloth, but it wouldn't come out."

Husband: "So, you sprayed your hair with deodorant, and you couldn't get it out?"

Wife: "Right, so I decided to go ahead and fix my hair, but I accidentally picked up the deodorant can again, instead of the hairspray, and I sprayed my hair with deodorant again."

Husband: "You're kidding?"

Wife: "No." "That's what happened, and that's why my hair looks gray."

Husband: "And you just left it that way?"

Wife: "Well, what was I supposed to do?" "I haven't taken a shower in three days, and my hair smells like campfire smoke, so I decided to wait and take a shower and wash my hair when we get home."

Husband: "And it didn't bother you that you had all those white spots in your hair when we went to breakfast this morning?"

Wife: "Well actually, I forgot all about it."

Husband: "You did?"

Wife: "Yes, I did."

Husband: "Well, I guess it's official." "I'm married to a doddering old lady."

Wife: "And you're just now figuring that out?"

## Note from VAC Membership Chair—Rhonda Cooper

### **Vintage Airstream Club Membership Report January 16, 2018**

Starting 2018 with 466 members is great.  
Transitioning from individual renewal dates to the WBCCI calendar was a challenge and took two years, but now that is history.

**The VAC database can sort membership data by many categories, so let's look!**

#### **Total Membership**

**Current** / Paid for 2018 : 344  
**Late** / Paid for 2017 / Need to Renew for 2018: 122  
Current / **Joined** in 2017: 80

#### **Expired Memberships**

No Dues Paid Since 2016 / Removed from Data January 5, 2018 : 150

#### **Membership by Regions**

Region 1: Current 11 / Late 7  
Region 2: Current 28 / Late 13  
Region 3: Current 37 / Late 13  
Region 4: Current 18 / Late 8  
Region 5: Current 19 / Late 2  
Region 6: Current 15 / Late 7  
Region 7: Current 18 / Late 7  
Region 8: Current 26 / Late 5  
Region 9: Current 26 / Late 8  
Region 10: Current 38 / Late 13  
Region 11: Current 60 / Late 23  
Region 12: Current 35 / Late 14  
Members At Large: Current 13 / Late 2

Membership reminders for 2018 renewals will be emailed again in February.  
If you have questions about your membership, please contact Rhonda Cooper, Membership Chair.  
**[membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com](mailto:membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com)**



During our trip last summer, my wife Joyce and I decided to do WBCCI "Courtesy Parking". Our first stop on our way home was the Smith's in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. We started looking for more stops on the way home. We had some good possibilities in Maine but our time frame didn't allow us to do so.

We decided to do a stop over in New York State at the Lamothe's near Saratoga Falls, New York. Some years ago Gary and Carol LaMothe bought a trailer in Denver and were on their way back to New York. We received a call from them asking if we still had courtesy parking and if they could take advantage of it. We were very glad they did, since we made good friends and enjoyed meeting them. When they left, they said if we were in their area to stop by and use their courtesy parking which we finally did after 5 years.

Gary has a beautiful 1700's era house that is restored. We stayed for 2 nights and hope to go back.



We were sitting on his front porch and we heard a train whistle approaching the crossing near his home. It was an excursion train that we were lucky enough to see on its way up the track and back.



That night we went out for dinner at Winslow Restaurant and had a fantastic meal. One of the meals on the menu is named after Gary. If you like turkey dinners, we were told that Winslows makes many turkeys daily for their turkey dinner which Joyce had. We definitely didn't go away hungry. For another meal Gary fixed us a

fantastic meal of spaghetti which we really appreciated.

While there, we drove to the Adirondack Moun-

tains and saw some very beautiful sites. We wished we could have spent more time in the area. Being retired has its advantages, but we did have a time frame when we needed to be home. Thanks to Gary for his warm hospitality. It was so relaxing to be staying in such a beautiful spot!



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### VAC Region Rallies

*For 2018, the Region 10 VAC rally will be moving to a new location on the Oregon Coast. We have reserved 24 sites at Fort Stevens State Park at the mouth of the Columbia River near Astoria. Dates are August 16-19 (Thursday thru Sunday). There are many things to do at the park including hiking and biking trails, WW2 gun batteries, and a museum. Nearby sites include Fort Clatsop where the Lewis and Clark party spent a rainy winter, and the coastal towns of Seaside and Astoria. All sites have electricity and water and there are dump stations in the park. Meal plans and details to follow. Cost will be in the neighborhood of \$110.*

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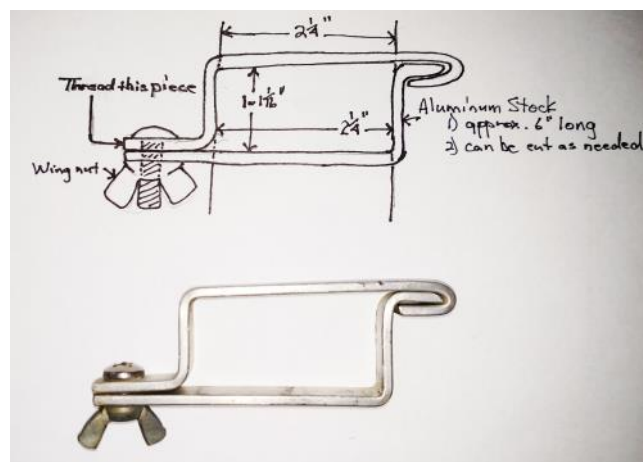
John Guthrie #4930 is rebuilding a 1955 Safari Park model and is looking for any documentation pertaining to his model and year. If you have any pertinent information, please contact him at [jguthrie293@gmail.com](mailto:jguthrie293@gmail.com)

The following tech tip was gleaned from a past Newsletter July 2012. The initial idea came from talking with an Airstream owner that had an awning fly back over his trailer heading down the highway and my own experience of having the back end of my awning screw down mechanism loosen during a trip. Jim Cooper added a design change at the end of the tech tip. I still use the bracket/clamp today.

Listen up if you have a Zip Dee awning. We live in fear of the awning opening up at 60 MPH after we forgot to lock it down. I know, you've never forgotten, but I saw someone who did. Many of us wrap a length of Velcro tape around the bars as an extra safety measure.

Lee Cantrell made an aluminum clamp that would prevent the bars from opening, and thus the awning from swinging out from the trailer. He used ½ inch wide by 1/8 inch thick aluminum from the hardware store. The parts were bent using a vise and hammer. The piece with the screw is threaded so that the screw can't be lost.

If you are clever, you might figure how to lengthen one hole, notch the other, and use a longer screw; then, it would all stay together when removed -- no lost parts



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,.