

Vintage Airstream TODAY

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Special invite: 7th Annual Fiddlers Picnic Vintage Trailer Rally, VAC buddy rally with Tin Can Tourists

August 2-4, 2019, Livingston, MT

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You know the saying "no news is good news", in this case it is bad news.

We need information for articles for upcoming newsletters.

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Holidays are just around the corner and, of course, you'll need some gifts for those special people. It seems that I only think of VAC items during VAC Rallies. Christine Kirk our Quartermaster sent the following ideas. Go to the VAC web site <https://vintageairstreamclub.com/shop/> to order.

Show off your love of Vintage Airstreams. The small flags are 2x3 for use on posts and poles. The larger 3x5 flags are used for flag poles especially at rallies.



This versatile tote is good for shopping or carrying stuff back and forth to the shower. Nice canvas with a fun navy bandana trim and rope handles.

Show your support of the VAC even in cooler weather with these awesome blue men's vests. Sizes L to XXXL



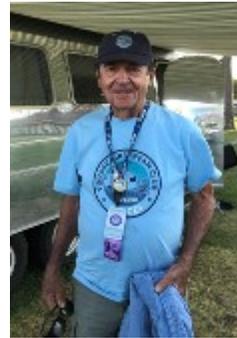
Magnetic Logo for Tow Vehicle



Decorate everything from windows to water bottles with these fun stickers

GIFT IDEAS

These folding, collapsible coolers are wonderful for carrying to a picnic, keeping snacks and drinks cold in your tow vehicle during your road trip or even bringing to happy hour during rallies. With a handy pocket in front for your wine opener.



Show your Airstream pride with this hundred percent cotton T-shirt. Men's sizes medium to XXXL. Various colors Navy, light blue, gray.

Show your Airstream pride with one of these great women's cut v-neck and shorter sleeves. Chose white, Navy or gray. Sizes M to XXL



Represent your Airstream pride and keep warm with these amazing fleece >> vests which are a lady's cut. In Gray. Sizes M to XXL

INSIDER NEWS

Joyce and I have been fortunate enough during our travels with the Airstream to have met the nicest people and, of course, Airstream owners included. When camping with the Vintage Club at the Rendevouse in Michigan last year we met one of those people. That person was Charlie Michels #1208 from the DelMar Unit with his beautiful Globetrotter. As we were walking our Irish Terrier (Keela) around, viewing the trailers in attendance at the Rendezvous we noticed, Charlie sitting outside enjoying the evening. Needless to say we had to interrupt his solitude to find out more about his trailer and him. This past summer Charlie sent me photos and a very nice story of his travels since the Escanaba Rally. We hope you enjoy his story and photos as much as we have.

I began my Northern Exposure Adventure in mid-July, 2017, heading for Michigan's Upper Peninsula (the UP), but no, I did not pull the Globetrotter with my bicycle this time!

I stopped in western PA the initial night, mid-Michigan the second, then up across the Mackinaw Bridge and into the UP, heading for Summer Breeze Campground. There a couple dozen WBCCI Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) members gathered for several days prior to rolling en masse into Escanaba for the WBCCI International Rally. The Rally was fun and relaxing with VACers and associated activities, including the Sunday Vintage Airstream Open House, which



Birds eye view at 2017 International Rally, Escanaba, MI.

augmented the International day and evening programs. They had us Vintage Airstreamers parked in the far reaches of the Fairgrounds, so connecting with fellow

Delmarvians was problematic, not to mention most were busy doing volunteer work there!



Charlies Globetrotter at the International Rally, Escanaba 2017



Lake Superior near Marquette, MI

From Escanaba I traveled north to the shores of Lake Superior to spend a great week in and around Marquette with brother David and family, camping at Gitchee Gummee RV

Park, which is enough for another article altogether! East toward Sault Ste. Marie, stopping at the Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, then across the International Bridge and into Canada, Passport in hand! Up along the eastern side of Lake Superior, stopping at Lake Superior Provincial Park, scoring a

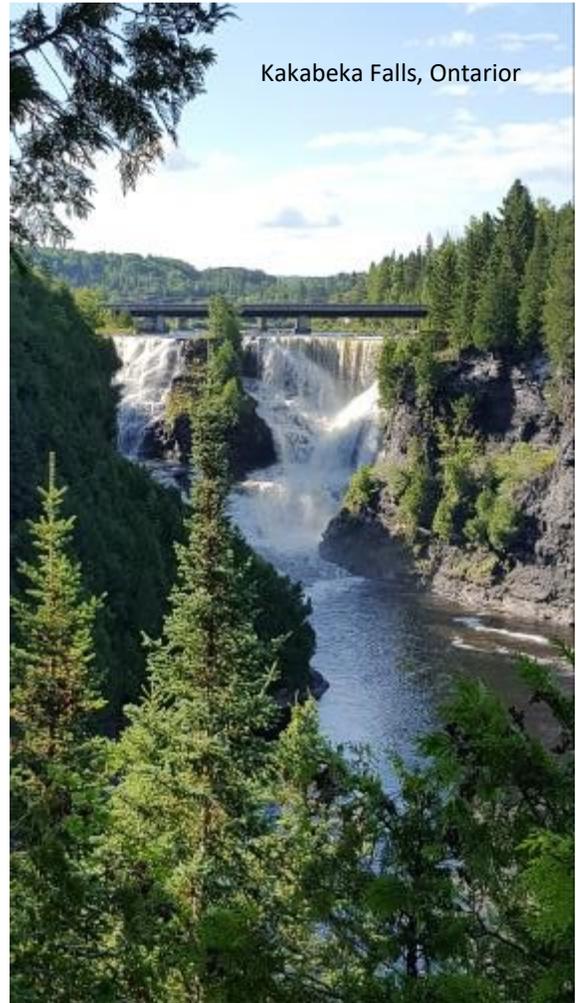


150th Canada's Independence celebratory Adirondack chairs Prince Albert Hotel

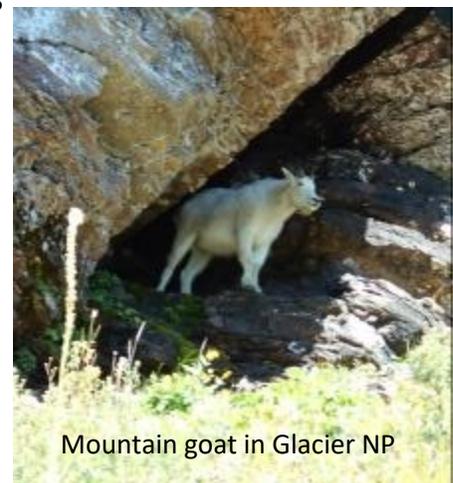
2 day campsite on, unbeknown-to-me, the official unofficial 3 day weekend in Canada:

lucked out for sure! *(I purposefully did not make campground reservations that would 'lock me in' for certain places at certain times.)* Going west along the Lake was

beautiful, but if the sign says, "Last gas for 150 KM", believe it! I jumped on and off the TransCanada Highway and Rt.2, stopping one or two nights at various Provincial Parks along the way, working my way to Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park: adjacent to Glacier National Park located in NW Montana. And yes, lower Canada across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and eastern Alberta is indeed quite flat! I scored 6 nights at Crandell Mountain Campground in the Park *(getting to campgrounds by 3:00 or so seemed to be critical in getting a site without a reservation)*, and WOW, mountains and gorgeous lakes: Lower, Middle and Upper, with Upper being the biggest and actually crossing the Border south into Glacier NP! Plenty of hikes to overlooks,



Kakabeka Falls, Ontario



Mountain goat in Glacier NP

to hidden lakes with a shot at fly fishing, waterfalls, a gentle cruise on the Upper Lake on a classic vintage wooden boat, buying bear spray and relaxing.

From Waterton Lakes NP I traveled down to Glacier NP East, but even though I arrived at Many Glacier Campground by 8:15 in the morning, I was # 12 in line with only 5 sites guaranteed for first-come-first-

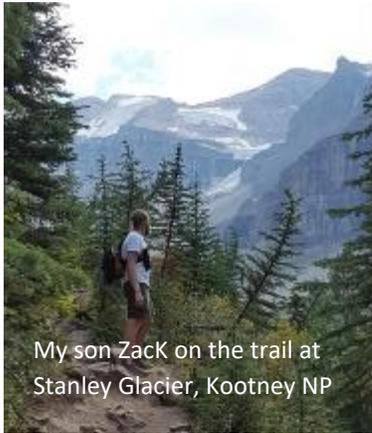
served..... Nope. Drove back out to the highway and found a fancy (*for me*) KOA for 5 nights at the edge of the St Mary entrance to Glacier..... perfect! I enjoyed viewing the 89% solar Eclipse there, whilst doing laundry, and relaxing amongst the other campers and RVs, my Globetrotter being the peanut amongst those baked potatoes! I took daily trips up the Going to the Sun Road to Logan Pass (*get there by 9:00 a.m. if y'all want a parking spot!*), with more hikes and soaking it all in. On a few days views became a bit obscured due to wild land forest fire smoke, but typically the smoke was more intense later in the day. As an example, one early morning I hiked from Logan Pass about 1 ½ miles to the Hidden Lake Overlook for a breathtaking view. From there I hiked down to the Lake another 1 ½ miles and relaxed there a bit with hydration and a granola bar. (*maybe 5% of folks at the Overlook hike an additional 1 ½ miles down to the Lake!*) By the time I hiked back up to the Overlook, Hidden Lake was now hidden due to the smoke! After about a week camping on the east side, including a hike to Iceberg Lake, I traveled south and around to the Apgar west Glacier NP entrance and scored a great campsite north of



Lake McDonald at Avalanche Creek: a nice quiet campground amongst giant Cedars and Douglas Firs. Multiple hikes emanating adjacent to the campground included Avalanche Lake campground and Trail of Cedars, not to mention navigating the *Going to the Sun* several more times.

Leaving Glacier, I headed north along the Cowboy Trail in Canada toward Calgary, Alberta where I picked up my son Zack flying in for 10 days in the Canadian Rockies. We camped from Banff to Jasper, then SW to Vancouver where Zack caught flights back to DC. We started by grabbing a campsite in Banff NP's Tunnel Mountain campground, just outside of the very busy, as in touristy, Banff. Hikes there included people-plenty Jackson Canyon and up to Stanley Glacier amongst

just a handful of hikers, just inside of Kootenay NP. Wonderful vistas and perfect weather! We continued north, trying to stop adjacent to Lake Louise one morning with no space available, thus continuing to Jasper NP along the Ice Field Parkway, stopping for the night at Waterfowl Lakes primitive campground. There we hiked 2+ miles, seeing 4 hikers total, to Cephren Lake, where Zack and I had the spectacular lake literally all to ourselves: our own Lake Louise vista without crowds! Beautiful!



My son Zack on the trail at Stanley Glacier, Kootney NP

Woke up the next morning to 34 degrees, and off to the Athabasca Glacier, along the outflowing river and to Athabasca Falls, ending up shy of Jasper at Wapiti



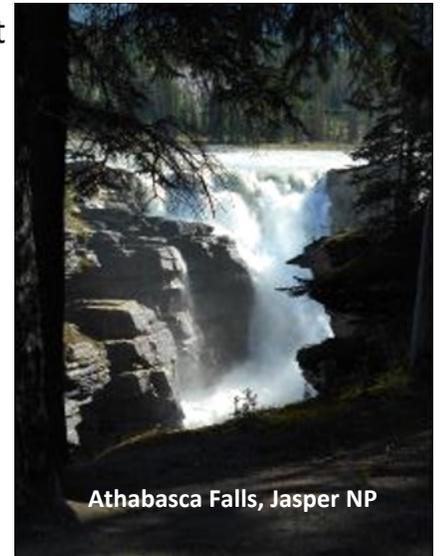
HIGHLAND TRAIL, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Campground. A great hike nearby was Valley of the Five Lakes with, who would have guessed, 5 gorgeous lakes!

Down toward Vancouver, traveling for the first time through significant smoke the first day, and rain the second day before reaching Vancouver. After a day of touring, I dropped Zack off at the Airport after an awesome week with him and made my way back to the States.



Scooting through Seattle and down around and back west to the Pacific Ocean in the Olympic Peninsula was a great 2 day drive, stopping the first night at Land Yacht Harbor. After finding the coast, I found a sweet campsite just outside of Olympic NP's Hoh River in the State of Washington's Minnie



Athabasca Falls, Jasper NP

Peterson 9 site campground amongst monstrous Sitka Spruce. Wonderful trails I traversed amongst the NW rain forests and a day excursion further NW to Cape Flattery, Washington's and the continental USA's most western point: spectacular!



RUBY BEACH, OLYMPIC NP



Leaving the Olympic Peninsula, I traveled down the Pacific Coast Highway camping through Oregon to California and then finding a site in the singularly joint Redwood National Park/California Redwood State Park's Mill Creek Campground within 2nd and 3rd growth Redwoods. First growth Redwoods how-

ever, have indeed been on my Bucket List and they did not disappoint.

The Lady Bird Johnson Trail was wonderful, but my Finale' was hiking a rather gentle 2 ½ miles one way through these towering redwoods on the Boy Scout Tree Trail. These huge quiet gentle giants of over a millennium of age could tell some stories! My family has a 3 generation legacy of Eagle Scouts and reaching and communing with the Boy Scout Tree was indeed a highlight of my trip!



Eventually I found my way to Crater Lake NP back up into Oregon where I was surprised by snow and freezing temps at 6,000': not on my Bucket List!

I made it through a night of rain turning to sleet, and escaped to lower elevations and warmer 40* temps, and continued on a rather convoluted, but beautiful set of roads toward Boise, ID. I had planned on doing additional fly fishing, and stopping at the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Badlands, etc., but with snow and teen temps expected in those locations, I began to beat it home ahead of that weather. Taking my time without marathon driving days along I80, where in Montana the speed limit matches the Interstate: 80 mph, I worked my way home to the Black Swamp by the end of September! Quite an Adventure it was!



VAC Membership is 506 members STRONG!

My goal for 500 members in 2018 was met on October 29. Goal met by “New” and “Absent for Awhile” Memberships

Let's finish the year STRONGER!

Currently 239 need to renew for 2019.

Membership is only \$20 per year.

Membership Renewal Information on the website: VintageAirstreamClub.com

Questions about membership: membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com

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Thanks to VAC Midwest Region 8 Hospitality

The VAC Midwest Region 8 Rally in Beatrice, Nebraska was hosted by Amy and Ryan Knowles in their hometown of Beatrice, Nebraska. Jim and I parked next to Ryan and Amy at the 2016 International in Escanaba and it was only an eight hour fall trip from Colorado, so we signed up! The rally was so much fun - a great combination of planned activities around the community and time to get to know other VAC members.



We met Scott and Kathy Allen, VAC Region 8 Representatives and great VAC enthusiasts. Anytime Kathy and Scott attend or sponsor a rally, I am guaranteed to receive renewal or new memberships.

Robert and Elaine Wagner of Saint Lewis, Missouri joined the VAC at the rally, after a short membership absence. Their trailer proudly displayed WBCCI # 15938 and SIX Red Stars. It is great to have active WBCCI members back in the VAC.

Member Story

As I process the renewals for 2019, I discover missing information or data errors. I want to thank all members that have responded to my email request for additional

information or noticed errors in data and brought those to my attention. Recently, I had communication from John Dill, WBCCI 14144 and I wanted to share his story.

“My Airstream is a 1966 Caravel, remodeled and completely beautiful. I also had a 1996, 34 foot Classic that I recently gave to my daughter. The Caravel I've had for ten or more years. So I am down to one Airstream and I'll keep my beautiful Caravel as long as I am able. I love it and I also have loved and enjoyed the Vintage Airstream Club since 1973. Lot of thanks for the work and your efforts in the WBCCI and VAC.”





Recently I was introduced to a group of Airstream owners from the Kansas City area that are remodeling their vintage trailers. Some have done a complete frame off restoration with new frames, etc. They meet twice a year in a parking lot near the Roasterie in Kansas City. I was invited to attend the last get together by Tim Timmons from Lawrence, Kansas. A couple of the restorers have started posts on the Airstream Forums. One of them is "**Dale and Terry get a '66 Tradewind**", <http://www.airforums.com/forums/f116/dale-and-terry-get-a-66-tradewind-135579.html> and the other is titled "**Atomic's 1968 Tradewind Twin Renovation**" the link is <http://www.airforums.com/forums/f116/dale-and-terry-get-a-66-tradewind-135579.html>. Interesting point for the 68 restoration is that it is the first Airstream that Joyce and I owned. During the get together, we looked at each of the five trailers in attendance and discussed many topics. One of the topics pertained to replacing the original wheel wells. There were some good ideas presented. A sad side note was that Tim had blown out a tire on their last outing. This topic many of you have had to deal with so you can definitely appreciate Tim's distress. The tire was only three years old; and he was planning to replace his tires once he returned home from the trip. One good thing about the blow out was the side of the trailer was not damaged. The inner and outer wheel wells were destroyed. The roll pan behind the wheel well will need to be replaced, and the front roll pan can be fixed. The restoration of Tim's wheel well begins in this issue of the newsletter and will continue in upcoming issues. I am assisting Tim with the replacement of the metal wheel well. Tim did fiberglass the cabin wheel well cover and plans to reuse it. Following are a few photos of the damage to the wheel well and trailer. Tim's trailer has a single axle so when the tire blew the wheel was ruined before he could get stopped.



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