

Vintage Airstream TODAY

The Official Newsletter of the Vintage Airstream Club



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

**August 2-4, 2019, Living-
ston, MT**

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Golden Caravan Road Trip
June 11th—July 18th
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Hello Wally-ites,

Is it springtime yet??? Thankfully Spring is just around the corner here in the Northeast and Airstreaming season will once again be upon us. The Unit Rally schedules for 2019 should be finalized by now and most of the Airstream parks that were buttoned up for the winter will be opening soon.

If you haven't been to a Land Yacht Harbor, which are typically exclusive to Airstreams, I suggest adding one to your travel itinerary. Airstream parks can be found all over the country – NJ, PA, VA, FL, TN, TX, MN, and WA. I'm sure I missed a State or two. The Airstream Parks offer an incredible RVing value, and I promise you will love the aesthetic regardless of which park you visit.

At the time I am writing this I've been informed by the home office that the vintage section at the 2019 International Rally at Doswell, VA has few spots left and that the rally is essentially sold out. Names are now being added to a wait list which from personal experience always delivers a last minute parking spot due to late cancellations.

The Vintage tent has been ordered for International. If you are new to the VAC, I promise you will find the Vintage tent to be a wonderful gathering spot where you will be greeted by a most welcoming bunch of folks who all suffer from the same affliction... aluminitus.

The Vintage officer corps are busy planning fun activities for all to enjoy during International. We will follow-up in the next newsletter with details on the Vintage Rendezvous in the days leading up to Doswell (Cozy Acres Family Campground - Powhatan, VA), the Vintage parade schedule and details, the Concours de Elegance schedule, Vintage Open House, Airstream flea market, and much more.

Until then...keep it between the lines.

Dave Morrison
VAC President

INSIDER NEWS

VACmidwest Region 8 Spring Rally—June 20-23, 2019, Thursday—Sunday, Viking State Park, Stanton, Iowa, for active members of the Vintage Airstream Club.

Please contact rally hosts, Kathy and Scott Allen, at KathyAllen3534@gmail.com if you plan to attend and to receive additional information as it becomes available!



You can't make your reservations until March 20 but it will be EXTREMELY important to make those reservations as soon as you can. To make an online reservation go to:

<https://www.iowadrn.gov/Places-to-go/State-Parks/ParksDetails/ParkID/610135>

We plan to gather at the north end of the campground. Please let Kathy and Scott Allen know your site number once you've made your camping reservation.

If you haven't heard, the VAC has a new webmaster. Sean Murray is now the VAC webmaster. Sean and his wife Teresa live in Illinois and belong to the Unit 38 club in Region 5. If you need to contact him you can do so by using—
webmaster@vintageairstreamclub.com



May 2-5, 2019: 11th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Special Event Rally

Texas Highland Lakes Unit (THLU) of WBCCI is sponsoring its 11th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Special Event Rally, May 2 – May 5, 2019 at Mineola Civic Center & RV Park in Mineola, TX which is some 80 miles east of Dallas, north of I-20. Full hook-ups are provided.

The Rally Cost is: \$100 (\$80 for 4 catered meals + \$20 for rally activities) Per Person with children under age 15 free; and the **Parking Cost** is \$27 per night (most of the activities are held on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.) Pre-shrunk, adult sized Rally Logo Shirts will be available for order at a cost of \$16 for sizes S-XL and \$18 for sizes 2XL & 3XL.

Rally Registration Form and information may be found at the THLU website: www.thlu.org, or click [[here](#)] or contact Jean Beebe at: tj-beebe@hotmail.com or 512/745-4201 (Cell).

Direct any specific questions about the Rally to: Grady Ferry at: pizzacat@sbcglobal.net or (713) 825-9586 (Cell).

Registration Form & Fees are Due PRIOR to April 18, 2019.



This will be the 7th Annual Fiddlers Picnic **Vintage Trailer Rally** on the grounds of the Old Mercier Ranch, just south of Livingston MT from August 2-4, 2019. The rally is in the midst of the 45th annual Fiddlers Picnic. A joyous gathering of 500 pickers and their friends on the banks of the Yellowstone River. It celebrates the 109th anniversary of the Tin Can Tourists.

The Picnic supplies the meat portion of a potluck lunch, as well as a pancake breakfast. It's dry camping but close to amenities. Participants will receive an event decal. The cost is \$25 per trailer which goes to support the Picnic.

Contact dalsmilie@aol.com with questions

Notes from VAC Membership Chair—*Rhonda Cooper*

February 3, 2019 Membership Stats:

2019 Membership Current: 384
New Members in 2019: 10
Need to Renew for 2019: 137

Website List of Current Membership:

1. Go to vintageairstreamclub.com
2. Under HOME heading find "Current Member Listing"
3. Questions contact Membership@vintageairstreamclub.com

VAC Membership Digital Directory:

2018 Membership Directory sent via email Dec. 20. 2018
VAC 2019 Directory will be sent April 1, 2019



TECH NOTES AND DISCUSSION

The following is a project recently completed by Martin Hughey. Martin and his wife Rachel live in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Martin decided to put an **elastomeric** white coat on the roof of his 1969, 27' Overlander. "This is my last project on "Alberta" for 2018. After polishing Alberta, we were aware a few leaks—the kind that drips on one's forehead in the night, if we had been sleeping."

"I am using a product named "KOOL SEAL". After I sanded the surface, I wiped it down with a damp cloth, then with wiped it again with mineral spirits followed by TSP (trisodium phosphate). The product goes on smoothly, and its consistency is like a heavy cream. I used a 6 inch (width) by 1 inch (diameter) roller, with a short nap. This product goes a long way. I will probably put on 2 additional coats." (skip now to the next day)

"I will apply the final coat of the "finish coat" today. Cautionary note: with regard to the "KOOL SEAL". The first night after the initial application we had a heavy dew, this caused some run off and lines formed down the side of the trailer. I think I will have to polish out... So my recommendation is to do this project inside or plan on masking off both sides of your unit to protect the surface. It looks like a slight etching effect. The whole project cost me about 167.00."

"I did stop by a new local ACE hardware store and found a version of the roof coating I used at a cost of \$32.00 per gallon. Their product has a 5 year and 10 warranty. That is a lot cheaper than the gallon I purchased on Amazon."



THE FORGOTTEN GOLD AIRSTREAM

This trailer came to us. We received a call from someone that knew we were interested in purchasing vintage trailers. He had stumbled on the trailer that turned out to be only a couple of hours from our home. The owner had passed away, and the family was liquidating his estate. We jumped at the chance to rescue this trailer after noting it's unique features:

The "Other Gold Airstream" as found

1. A gold anodized band completely around the trailer at about eye level
2. Factory painted gold trim on hard metal interior parts
3. Fiberglass bathtub finished in gold metal flake
4. Rare dual axles for a 24' Tradewind
5. Rare jalousie windows on both sides of the front living area
6. Rare jalousie window in the entrance door, rather than the typical door-within-a-door



BE A PART OF AIRSTREAM HISTORY

The forgotten gold Airstream will receive a complete restoration. It will be restored as it would have looked in the 1960 's. In **June/July 2019** we will travel across the country in the Airstream to the Jackson Center, Ohio Airstream factory. Sponsors will be featured in our social media efforts surrounding the build and the journey to Ohio and other destinations across the Midwest. The trailer will also be featured in the Vintage Camper Trailers magazine and others. Restoration by Paul Lacitinola (owner) with lots of help from [Avalon RV](#) and [Tim Brown](#). The following link will take you to a article writtend by Joe Peplinski, VAC Historian titled "Tracing the History of an Unusual Airstream"

<https://www.vintagecampertrailers.com/gold-airstream-history.html>

GOLDEN CARAVAN ROAD TRIP

June 11th through July 18th we will be traveling across the USA showing the Golden Caravan Airstream, signing books and seeing the Midwest. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

<https://www.pioneervillage.org/>



Hollister, California. [Rockabilly Rally](#). June 8, 2019 (10a to 2p) [Come camp with us!](#)

Salt Lake City, Utah. [Airstream of Utah](#). June 11, 2019

Minden, Nebraska. [Pioneer Village](#). June 14-16, 2019 [Make your reservations to camp with us.](#)

Kansas City, Missouri. Modern Litho Printing. June 17, 2019

Jackson Center, Ohio. [Airstream Factory](#). June 22, 2019

Elkhart, Indiana. [RV Hall of Fame and Museum](#). June 29, 2019

Volo Illinois. [Volo Museum](#). July 1, 2019

Gillette, Wyoming. [Cam-Plex Event Center](#). July 11-14, 2019 [Make your reservations to camp with us.](#)

Reno, Nevada. San Rafael Regional Park, [Hot August Nights Trailer Revival](#). August 9-10, 2019 [Come camp with us.](#)

Plymouth, California. [Trailerfest Rally](#). September 28, 2019 (10a-2p)

Fontana, California. [California RV Show](#). October 4-13, 2019





(Conclusion of tech article for wheel well repair)

I hope the previous articles have been informative and an interesting read. Tim and I are definite novices at this kind of repair. I am guessing some of you have done this type of repair and also have ideas on how we could have done things differently; or, you may have some tips of your own that could help others. If so, please send me that information; and I will include it in upcoming issues.

As the saying goes, “a picture is worth a thousand words”; and I hope that has been the case. As Paul Harvey would say “And now the rest of the story”.

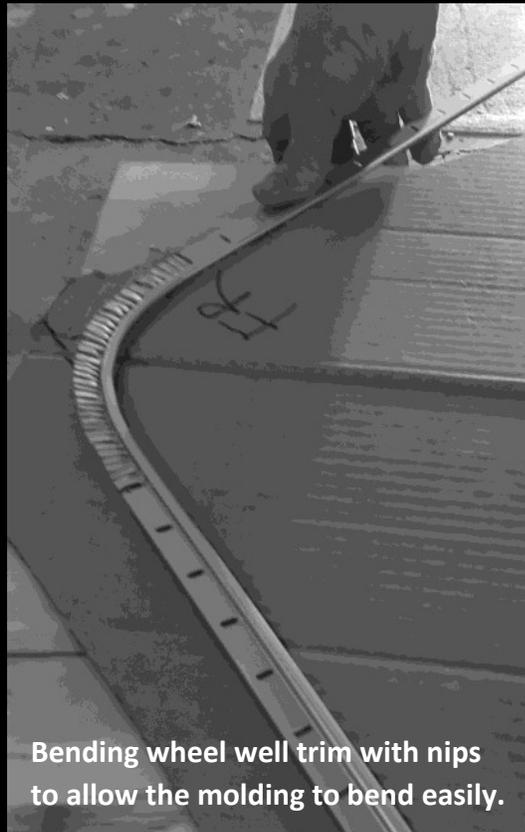
Tim’s trailer was in need of the wheel well trim which he found from Vintage Trailer Supply. He bought two sticks which worked well for this application. Before cutting the trim I had to make a card board pattern and planned to use the same pattern on the both sides. Once I finished the curb side, with a big smile and high five from Tim, we moved to the street side. When I held the card-board pattern up to that wheel well, something was wrong. My pattern was not long enough. I got out my trusty tape measure, measured the curb side wheel well and, low and behold, it was longer. As I looked closer at the aluminum on the rear of the wheel well there wasn’t much aluminum from the outrigger forward. As I looked at the side of the trailer, it was apparent that the aluminum had been replaced at one time. When that was done, the aluminum at the rear outrigger was cut in such a manner that there was not enough allowance for the wheel well trim. I am glad I had the pattern and didn’t cut the trim before checking the wheel well on the curb side. Once I knew the problem, the trim fix was not an issue.

I guess the adage of not all things are equal fits here. I learned that years ago.

(See photos on pages 7 and 8)



Damaged wheel well ready for new molding



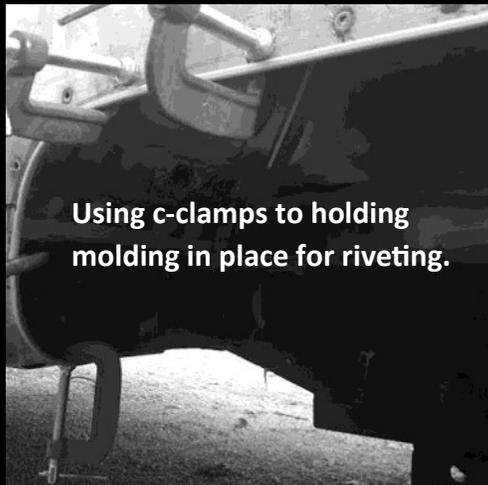
Bending wheel well trim with nips to allow the molding to bend easily.



Using cardboard for trim pattern



Using plastic mallet to help install wheel well trim

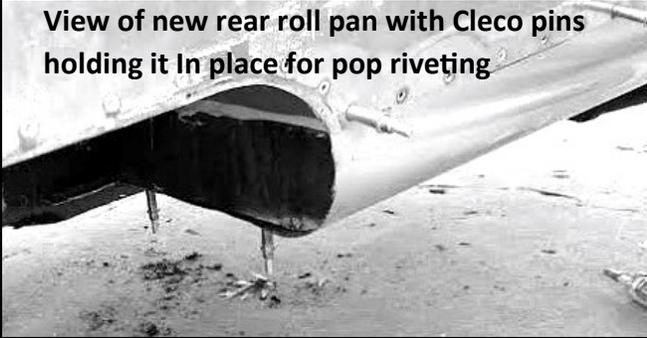


Using c-clamps to holding molding in place for riveting.



Looking up into the replacement wheel well made of galvanized steel.

View of new rear roll pan with Cleco pins holding it in place for pop riveting



View of roll pan temporarily installed with Cleco pin and mark to trim for curvature



View looking towards rear of trailer with trim and new roll pan riveted in place



Close up view of installed wheel well trim with rivets



Installed new wheel well trim curb side.



View of new aluminum roll pan looking toward the rear of trailer curb side

