

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, Living-
ston, MT

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Golden Caravan Road Trip
June 11th—July 18th

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Vintage Airstream Club Rendezvous 2019

Rachel Payne, 1st Vice-President

Flamingo A Go-Go

VAC Rendezvous is July 17-20 in Powhatan, VA at Cozy Acres Campground. Call the campground at 804-598-2470 to make your reservations and tell them you're with the VAC. Rally fee is \$25.00 per person that includes dinner with entertainment and a flamingo lawn ornament.

There is a decorating contest for the best looking flamingo. Bring clothing depicting your decade of your trailer. (Example: I have a 1962, so I would wear hippie clothes). So dust off your poodle skirts, bell bottoms, high top shoes and polyester pants!

Potluck and social hour will be going on as well.

For more info contact: Rachel Payne at 816-274-2532 or
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The newsletter is published bi-monthly. If you want an article or announcement to appear in the July/August newsletter, we must receive the information by July 15. As a reminder, no parts or Airstreams for sale or other advertising will appear in the newsletter. We do want to hear about what is going on in the VAC in each of the regions. Tips for caring and repairing your vintage Airstreams are also welcomed. Travel tips and stories about your Airstream adventures can also be submitted. This is your newsletter so let us know of the ideas you'd like to share with other members.

INSIDER NEWS



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.

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Jackrabbit Sprinter to Fiddlers Picnic

Come along, play along (is the motto). Jack rabbit sprinter, not a caravan, you make your own reservations then join with the group heading towards fiddlers picnic, then on to Cortez CO.

Meet up sites and dates.

McCloud-Mt Shasta Ca [July 23-24](#)

Lava beds Tulelake July 25

Burns Oregon July 26

Boise ID [July 27-28](#)

Stanley Idaho July 29

North Fork Idaho July 30

Livingston Montana August 1

Livingston MT [August 2-4](#) Fiddlers picnic Rally, just north of Yellowstone

To be determined August 5-10

Yellowstone Madison campground August 10-12

Yellowstone Grant village CG August 13 14

to be determined maybe Cody? August 15-20

Cortez CO [August 21-25](#) Music Camp. Dry camping on private farm.



Contact Paul and Nanci Drag for further details: nanci33792@yahoo.com

Come tour the SPAM® Museum

Recently, I was contacted by Mary Moenning a SPAMBassador™ at the SPAM® Museum in Austin, Minnesota. I thought over Mary's question about putting an article about the SPAM Museum in the newsletter and decided to take her up on it. I know many of you at one time or another have eaten SPAM? At a campout with friends, one of them asked if he could make breakfast with SPAM, eggs and biscuits. Needless to say, I said sure. I hadn't eaten SPAM in many years. SPAM and eggs are something you should try! I hope you enjoy Mary's article as much as I did.

The SPAM® Museum is conveniently located only a few miles off of I-90 in Austin, Minnesota. Downtown Austin offers great parking for RV's and campers right next to the museum.

Minnesota is home to over 10,000 lakes with more shoreline than Florida, Hawaii, and California, combined. The state is also home to the largest shopping mall in the United States. Covering 2.7 million square feet, the Mall of America attracts people from all over the world. These attractions re-enforce that bigger is better. However, the 14,000 square foot SPAM® Museum in downtown Austin, Minnesota, proves that good things come in small packages.

The SPAM® Museum is conveniently located only a few miles off of I-90 in Austin, Minnesota. Downtown Austin offers great parking for RV's and campers right next to the museum. The new SPAM® Museum opened on April 22, 2016, and since then it has made a lasting impression on travelers, locals and SPAM® enthusiasts. The SPAM® Museum is a free interactive museum that showcases Hormel Foods history, how SPAM® is made, and SPAM® around the world just to name a few exhibits.

When you enter the museum you will be greeted by a friendly SPAMBassador™. As you tour the SPAM® Museum you will have the chance to send SPAM® recipes to yourself, play games, and explore all the brands the Hormel Foods family owns. Our SPAMBassadors™ even serve SPAM® samples. After you tour the museum you can shop to your heart's content of SPAM® attire, kitchen utensils and gadgets.

Austin has more to offer than just the SPAM® Museum. After touring the museum grab a bite to eat at one of the 16 restaurants that serve SPAM® on their menu like B&J's Bar and Grill SPAM® Sandwich, and you can even order SPAM® on your pizza at Steve's Pizza.

Enjoy a nice afternoon museum hopping, that's right we have four museums in a three block radius, or do some shopping downtown at Real Deals, Daisy Blues, or the Austin Artworks Center.

Just another little bit of proof that good things, people and places do come in small packages. SPAM® is a little can that's big on taste, rich in history and a museum to match it.

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As an WWI veteran, Jay Hormel was an important member of the American Legion in Minnesota. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Legion, we wanted to pay tribute by making a display for SPAM® Post 570.



We want everyone's feedback on our different varieties of our 15 different SPAM® flavors. We have added to the Hormel Brand Wall touch screens where you can actually review the SPAM® flavors after SPAMpling them!

In the History Section, we added a new wallpaper and design that better tells the story of the innovative mind of Jay C. Hormel. Starting with canned hams in 1927 to the beloved SPAM® in 1937.



Paying honor to the growth of popularity of SPAM® in Hawaii, American Girl released a doll named Nanea whose story revolved around before and after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. She and her family struggled with internment camps and martial law.

THE FORGOTTEN GOLD AIRSTREAM

Written by Paul Lacitinola of Vintage Camper Trailers - 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 written 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



Notes from VAC Membership Chair—*Rhonda Cooper*

Membership and Trailer Information
membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com

At this time the VAC has 399 current members, dues paid for 2019. The database has a total of 525 members – still holding out for 126 to renew for 2019.

The VAC Membership Directory was emailed in April to the 399 Current Members.

The VAC database has a record of trailers owned by members. Granted the information is not totally accurate due to a number of factors. Not everyone has shared trailers information, and members sell and buy trailers. The database can handle up to five trailers per individual, but the data I compiled only represents up to three trailers per member.

This data includes all 525 memberships - 524 Airstream and Argosy Vintage Trailers! 1930 Trailers 1 Owner

1940 Trailers 15 Owners

1950 Trailers 66 Owners

1960 Trailers 188 Owners

1970 Trailers 122 Owners

1980 Trailers 59 Owners

1990 – 1994 73 Owners

Not yet vintage: 82 Owners



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The following article is what Airstreaming is about, traveling to many destinations . Tedd and Ila Johnson have done so with their 1970 Overlander. A map (what a great idea) of their destinations is documented with this article. The map and photos of their trailer are on the next page.



WE LOVE OUR VINTAGE AIRSTREAM !! Written by Tedd Johnson

My wife and I bought our 1970, 27' Vintage Airstream Overlander in 2004. We have continually made updates to maintain its "Vintage" status by refreshing the original interior walls and cabinetry, new draperies; and refinishing the original bathroom walls/sink. We have the original double pull-out Gaucho bed across the front, the original drop- folding table that is mounted on the wall, and two original Airstream folding chairs to complete the dinner table setting. Fifty years is nothing for the early model Airstreams if they are maintained properly.

Over the years, we have converted all appliances to electric start (no pilot lights) with new refrigerator, furnace, water heater and four burner stove, plus adding a microwave. We have LED exterior lights; and two new axles with suspension, drums, brakes etc. The original TV antenna is still on the roof -- just for looks.

Our trailer won the "Gold Award" in Vintage Airstream Trailer Competition at the last WBCCI International Rally we attended in 2015 in Farmington, New Mexico.

WE LOVE OUR VINTAGE AIRSTREAM !! We have pulled it over 65,500 miles throughout Canada (11 of the 13 provinces/Territories including Newfoundland) and the US (including Alaska) and most of the lower "48". When we sit in it in the evening after our home made dinner, we can't resist looking around and saying to each other: *"Isn't this perfect???"*

Tedd and Ila Johnson WBCCI #5094, Minneapolis, MN

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Highlighted trips and routes taken

TRAVEL DISTANCE & DESTINATION - 1979-2014 Anheuser-Busch trailer

DATE	DISTANCE	DESTINATION
2004	540 MI	Sioux Falls, SD - Pucholik trailer Clear Lake, MN - Alderman Park
2004/2005	4,488	Florida - Al & Darl / Texas - Gray & Kelly
2005	4,740	Glacier - MI & Canada
	7,108	Newfoundland Canada, Ohio trailer @ P&S
	1,300	Helena OH - Polaris trailer Pick Up
2006	3,890	Raleigh, NC - Working Somerville, MA - Billy Howe, NC Helena, OH - Repair trailer left side
2007	660	Poplar Grove, WI - Village trailers
2008	0	2101 Como - Ardmore Construction
2009	3,479	Florida Keys - Carl & Terry / Florida Panhandle - Al & Darl
	2,280	Circle Lake Superior - Durbin, Thurston Bldg. Boyls Sta. Wabash, IN, White Pine, MI
2010	1,790	Alaska and The Alcan Highway
	1,840	Helena OH - Backup Roof and Wheel Well
2011	3,780	P&S - New Arles, Churchills Downs, Grand Old Dairy, Elk, Berends, Michigan, New Orleans, Margaret, and Sarah
2012	2,000	Trasker Caswell Helford Falk & Willson, ND
2012	4,550	Alexis Beach - Hoopes trailer
	1,324	P&S trailer & Gettysburg / Holly Forge / High 50
2013	3,760	Waukegan Peninsula / Elk Mesa
	480	INCC International - Farmington, NH
2014	1,201	Peace Garden - Elk Mesa (MICHIGAN/ONT)

43,515 MILES TOTAL



Living room/table set for meal



TV/DVD area



Wine Rack



Update kitchen area



New style refrigerator



Original bathroom desing with updates