

Vintage Airstream TODAY

The Official Newsletter of the Vintage Airstream Club

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The VAC is looking for a new Quarter Master. This person is in charge of housing and sending out current merchandise for the VAC. If you feel qualified please contact VAC President Rachel Payne

Information about the Rendezvous and International Rally will be coming soon. Good things in the works for the Vintage Airstream Club.

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Note from VAC President Rachel Payne.

Hello, everyone. I hope everyone has enjoyed the fall weather. Some of you may have experienced winter already! I hope those of you traveling to snowbird places with your vintage trailers will have fun and safe travels to your destinations. I will be staying at home and over looking my Airstream trailer in my backyard. I'm finally lucky to have a place to call home and be able to see my trailer in my backyard. Sorry to those that have to winterize your trailers during the upcoming season. But remember the spring will come, and you will be able to go camping again.

We are working on the VAC Rendezvous for Colorado next year. The dates are June 17th to the 20th: arriving on June 17th and leaving on the 20th. Ed Valentin will have more information later. The VAC Parade is scheduled for June 20th at noon. Hope you can join us for this fun event. There will be activities for your participation at the VAC tent. So join us for coffee in the morning, yoga, movies at night, and happy hours! As things are finalized in the upcoming months, more activities will be listed in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Rachel Payne, VAC President

president@vintageairstreamclub.com

P.S. Don't forget to renew your membership!

2019 VAC Region 10 Rally submitted by Rob Nichol—VAC Rep.

Twenty-four trailers and 45 people gathered at South Beach State Park on the Oregon coast for the annual VAC Region 10 Rally in August. Before we even reached the campsites we saw a lot of aluminum since the Oregon Airstream Club had a flash rally at the same park that week. The weather was perfect and everyone found plenty to do with many hiking trails, the Newport waterfront, and great local seafood nearby. Most evenings, we gathered around the campfire and played, sang, or just listened - we were fortunate to have some outstanding musicians in our midst. We welcomed first timers Tom and Holly Black who traveled all the way from Long Beach, CA with their 1955 26' Cruiser. Glenn Taylor told stories and Brad Taylor said "Aw Shucks" when we thanked him for all he does as president of the Oregon Airstream Club.



On Saturday we hosted an open house because... who doesn't like to look at Airstreams? While we enjoyed seeing each other's airstreams,

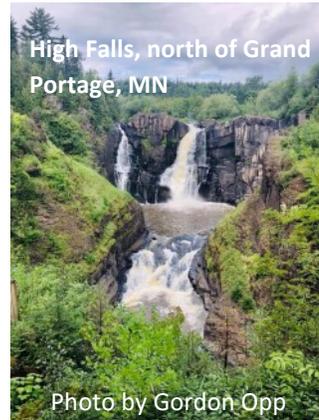


about half the visitors were other campers. Although most of us are 'vintage' in some way, our Airstreams were between 4 months and 66 years old. As usual, we had great food including a Dutch oven cooking potluck.

Next year we will likely move the rally North to make it easier for the BC and WA contingents. Stay tuned.

Rolling Rally to the North Shore led by Lee and Joyce Cantrell

The Vintage Airstream Club Midwest—WBCCI Region 8 headed for the North Shore of Minnesota on August 15, 2019. The rally hosts planned the stops along the way with rally attendees joining and leaving the rally as their vacation time dictated. Fourteen trailers met at Beeds Lake near Hampton, Iowa. We then headed for Minnesota and made an overnight stop at Treasure Island Casino near Red Wing, Minnesota. The next destination was Duluth, Minnesota, which is located on the edge of Lake Superior. We stayed at the Buffalo RV Park near Duluth for four nights. Many local attractions were explored by the Airstreamers. After Duluth we headed for the Permarallter RV Park at Two Harbors for a few days' stay and then on to our final destination of the Grand Marais Municipal Campground and Marina in Grand Marais, Minnesota. The rally concluded on August 31. The photographs submitted with this article are from various members of the rally group.



High Falls, north of Grand Portage, MN

Photo by Gordon Opp

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Scott Allen and Brian Peterson participated in a workshop at the North House Folk School, Grand Marais, MN

Photo by Brian Peterson



Photo taken just north of Duluth

Photo by Tim Timmons



Duluth Harbor North Breakwater, MN

Photo by Tim Timmons



Portland Malt Shoppe, Duluth, MN

Photo by Kathy Allen



Adventurous members of our group kayaking on Lake Superior

Photo by Joyce Cantrell

Page 4 *One stop on our way was Two Harbors, MN*

submitted by JoAnn and Brian Peterson

Day 8 began with a short drive through Duluth (or around if the scenic drive was taken) to Penmaralter Camp just south of **Two Harbors, MN**. We soon found that the small town with a population of approx. 2700 was filled with historical sites, beautiful scenery and, of course, a source for local food favorites.

Being a little over a week into our trip, the first stop in town for many was the laundromat. If this wasn't the most pressing on the agenda, others quickly found the Depot Museum, highlighting the history of trains brought to the area to serve the growing iron ore industry, and the Two Harbors Lighthouse, listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest operating lighthouse in Minnesota. The Castle Danger microbrewery established in Two Harbors provided a scenic view of the harbor from their outside, dog friendly, patio along with a tasty variety of their own brews.

To fill our stomachs, a short drive North to Betty's World Famous Pies satisfied everyone's sweet cravings. If something more savory was warranted, a short drive South to Kendell's Smoke House in Knife River provided delicious smoked Salmon and Trout.

Trips around the area brought more insight into what this section of the North Shore offered. Gooseberry Falls State Park had well maintained trails and views of majestic falls on the Gooseberry River. Continuing North on Hwy 61 brought you to the Split Rock Lighthouse and State Park. The lighthouse, built in 1910, is situated atop a 130 ft cliff on the shore of Lake Superior, providing breathtaking views. Tours of the inside of the lighthouse were also available.

Our evening happy hours and subsequent campfires provided great opportunities to share our daily adventures. We even got in a quick badminton challenge, culminated by what became a nightly ritual of roasting s'mores.

Our stay at Two Harbors came to an end after 3 days. Although we all had much more we could do in the area, we were excited to move on up the North Shore for the rest of our trip.



Edgar Speer ore ship, Two Harbors



Photo by Dennise Chevallier



Photo by Jeanine Wright

Our final stop Grand Marais. August 26-31

submitted by Paula and Tim Timmons

Grand Marais is one of the oldest place-names on the Great Lakes. The name is French for "big marsh", which is puzzling as there is no marsh here. Historians believe that French mapmakers confused "**marais**" with another, similar-sounding word found on old maps, "maré", which means "sheltered body of water".

We arrived in Grand Marais on Monday, August 26th for a five-day stay at the Grand Marais Campground and Marina on Highway 61. The picturesque campground is located on a small peninsula with a harbor on one side and Lake Superior on the other. The sailboats, houseboats, and other sea-faring vessels anchored in the harbor, as well as the sea wall and coast guard station, made for great photo opportunities. The next morning, the Opps hosted a breakfast where they served "The World's Best Donuts," including bacon donuts, to celebrate their anniversary. We went shopping at the Ben Franklin, Lake Superior Trading Post, Beaver House, art galleries, antique shops, etc. Mid-week many went to Naniboujou Lodge and Restaurant for lunch.

We visited Judge C.R. Magney State Park where we crossed the Brule River and hiked to Devil's Kettle, where the river splits around a mass of volcanic rock. We went for a drive on Gun Flint Trail through the rolling hills of Superior National Forest to the boundary waters. There are no towns along the route, but the scenery is beautiful and the side roads lead to resorts, campgrounds, canoe outfitters and boat ramps. On Thursday, a group went out together where they encountered some challenging waves and had an exhilarating time kayaking on Lake Superior. We went out to eat at restaurants such as The Angry Trout, The Hungry Hippie, the Harbor House Grille, etc., and we also had happy hour from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and campfires most nights after dinner. (Everyone got to check out Lee's new marsh mellow roaster, loon call, and a train whistle.) Friday was mostly a laid-back day, but that night we had a Rolling Rally pot luck dinner and a recitation of the rally poem titled, "The Cantrell's Rolling Rally" to say good-bye to one another, thank our rally hosts, the Cantrell's, and celebrate the wonderful time we had together. Most of us bid adieu and left for home on Saturday morning August 31st.



Naniboujou Restaurant

Photo by Paula Timmons



Volunteers Needed for important VAC support

Now taking applications for four very important positions in the Vintage Airstream support staff.

1. Quarter Master— Handles and houses all VAC merchandise, if interested please contact VAC President Rachel Payne. president@vintageairstreamclub.com
2. Membership Database Support— below is an explanation of the job description and abilities needed to fill the position. If interested please contact Jim Cooper or VAC President Rachel Payne. president@vintageairstreamclub.com
3. Mailchimp support—below is an explanation of the job description and what is needed to do the job. Contact VAC President Rachel Payne president@vintageairstreamclub.com

Membership Database Support: The VAC needs a member to support its Membership database. This is a FileMaker relational database. Jim Cooper is leaving his role as developer and supporter of the database after creating it several years ago. The database is stable and well documented. Jim will remain in his role through July of 2020, but would like to start familiarizing a new person as soon as possible, even after transferring the role,

Jim will be available to assist the new supporter. The database resides on a laptop in the possession of the membership chair, and the support person will have a copy of FileMaker Pro Advanced for their PC. If you have any familiarity with FileMaker, you can do this job and the VAC needs you.

MailChimp Support: The VAC needs a member to handle MailChimp mailings. MailChimp is used to send the newsletter and a few other emails during the year. The membership chair provides the email list and the sender provides the content. If you have used MailChimp or Constant Contact, this is an easy job. Jim can continue through July of 2020, but you can start as soon as available.

Notes from VAC Membership Chair—*Rhonda Cooper*

Renew Your VAC Membership Now for 2020

Join the 200 Airstream Owners That Have Already Renewed!

Email renewal notices were sent October 10, 2019.

Renewal options can be found on the VAC website. VintageAirstreamClub.com

Contact Rhonda Cooper for membership questions. membership@VintageAirstreamClub.com



We belong to the WBAC and VAC for the truly-fine Airstreamers and all the fun experiences traveling and participating in rallies.

**Rhonda and Jim Cooper
Loveland, CO**

1967 Globetrotter

Please Renew Today

COURTESY PARKIN' AIRSTREAM STYLE

It has been awhile since there has been a note about "Courtesy Parkin". Below is Mim Davidson's story about using courtesy parking. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Courtesy Parking is as varied as the people who offer it. If you have space to park an extra Airstream, you can probably offer Courtesy Parking.

We've been WBCCI members for 14 years, and never used Courtesy Parking. But this year we began the search for another Airstream. We found a possibility near a planned rally, but this was 320 miles from home. We certainly couldn't pull 2 trailers at the same time... Where could we safely store the new-to-us trailer until we could get it home?

Courtesy Parking to the rescue! I opened the International Directory and looked for possible hosts in the town where our rally was planned. I emailed all 3 of them. One family didn't respond; 1 family was out of town. Thankfully, one family was able to work with our special request.

We decided to buy the Sovereign. She followed us 3 hours back to our Courtesy Parking site. The host allowed us to let her sit for 2 weeks while we completed some responsibilities at home. We returned, and spent the night boon-docked in this sweet spot. We have enjoyed a summer of camping in our 1985 Sovereign!

Courtesy Parking is an amazing gift!

Fonny & Mim Davidson
#30657, Idaho Airstream Club

VAC activities at the International scheduled in Loveland, CO. June 20—27, 2020.

Rendezvous (location to be determined) dates are June 17—19. Once location is determined you should register as early as possible. I am sure it will fill up quickly. Attendees will leave on Saturday, June 20th, for the VAC Parade which is at 12:00PM. Open House is Sunday, June 21st from 1-3 pm. There is also added a time for Members only Private viewing from 3-4pm. There will also be a VAC members Swap Meet. More information on Swap meet to come.