

# Vintage Airstream TODAY

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## VAC officers for 2019

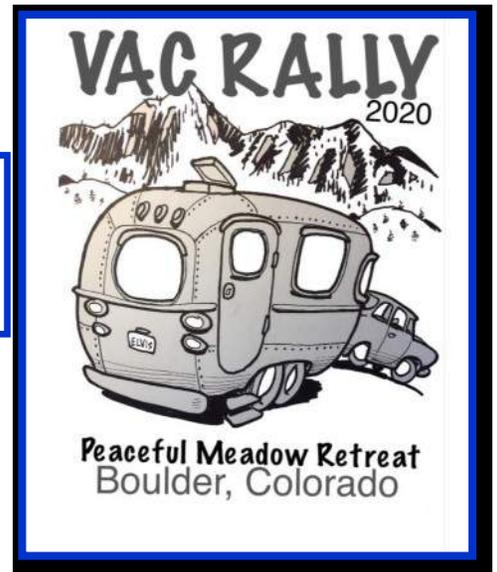
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Items needed for upcoming newsletters: tech ideas, maintenance procedures, courtesy parking. Regional VAC future rallies, articles on 2020 VAC Rallies that you attended with photos.

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Sorry for the late newsletter. I was waiting for the final decision for the location of the VAC Rendezvous 2020. The coupon to register will be in the next VAC Newsletter issue.

## VAC 2020 Rendezvous Peaceful Meadow Retreat Boulder, Colorado



Make plans to join us as we Rendezvous June 17–20, 2020, at Peaceful Meadow Retreat located in Boulder, Colorado prior to the 2020 International Rally.

We are pleased to announce Peaceful Meadow Retreat is able to accommodate 60 rigs. It will be a dry camping event with limited access to bathrooms and showers. Black and gray water tanks should be emptied and freshwater tanks full when you arrive. We are planning two nights of entertainment, one catered meal, a flea market and an open house.

There will be ample time to explore the surroundings (Boulder) and enjoy time with VAC friends. A coupon will be available in our next newsletter with details and cost. We look forward to greeting you all at the VAC 2020 Rendezvous.

Ed Valentin, 1st VP

## CURRENT VAC REGION REPRESENTATIVES

Region Representatives are your best source of VAC information in your region. The VAC does have positions open for Regions 3, 7, and 12. Being a Region Representative is a good way to be involved. Contact the Vintage Airstream Club 3rd Vice President if interested. [3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com)

**Region 1:** ME-NH-VT-MA-RI-CT-NB-NS-NF-PEI-PQ

**Gary Campbell (#3363)**

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**Region 2:** NY-NJ-PA-MD-DE-DC-ON

**Ed Valentin (#22531)**

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**Region 3:** VA-NC-SC-GA-FL (exp. CT zone portion)

**Unassigned**— If interested contact Lynn Talsma [3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com)

**Region 4:** MI-OH-WV

**Ken Faber (#3113)**

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**Region 6:** TN-AL-MS-AR-LA-FL (CT zone portion)

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**Region 7:** WI-MN-ND-SD-MB

**Unassigned**— If interested contact Lynn Talsma [3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com)

**Region 8:** IA-MO-NE-KS

**Scott Allen (#3534)**

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**Region 9:** OK-TX (except MT zone)

**Victor Blood (#7291)**

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**Region 10:** MT-ID-WA-OR-BC-AB-SK-YK

**Rob and Diane Nicol (#1816)**

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**Region 11:** WY-CO-UT-AZ-NM-TX (portion in MT)

**Bob Doster (#3794)**

**Region 12:** CA-NV

**Unassigned**— If interested contact [3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:3rdvp@vintageairstreamclub.com)



## Volunteers Needed for important VAC support

Please consider signing up for one of the following very important positions that support the club.

1. **Quarter Master:** Job description is on page 4. The Quartermaster handles and houses all VAC merchandise, if interested contact Ed Valentin [1vp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:1vp@vintageairstreamclub.com) or Rachel Payne [president@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:president@vintageairstreamclub.com)
2. **VAC Treasurer:** Job description is on page 5. Contact Rachel Payne [president@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:president@vintageairstreamclub.com)
3. **Mailchimp support:** On page 6 is an explanation of the job description and what is needed to do the job. Contact Jim Cooper [jchome@frii.com](mailto:jchome@frii.com) or Rachel Payne [president@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:president@vintageairstreamclub.com)
4. **Region Representatives:** Vacancies are listed on page 2. Qualifications for being a Region Representative are on Page 7. Contact LynnTalsma [3vp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:3vp@vintageairstreamclub.com) or Rachel Payne [president@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:president@vintageairstreamclub.com)

### VAC Membership Report

February 2020

Rhonda Cooper, VAC Membership Chair

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The Vintage Airstream Club, largest Intra-Club of the WBAC, has 477 members. In 2019 the VAC welcomed 65 new members. Below is the membership summary by WBAC Regions.

Region 0: 20

Region 5: 18

Region 9: 36

Region 1: 13

Region 6: 23

Region 10: 62

Region 2: 41

Region 7: 25

Region 11: 71

Region 3: 56

Region 8: 46

Region 12: 49

Region 4: 17

The VAC Digital Directory was sent via Mail Chimp on January 21, 2020. Contact membership if your information is not correct or you didn't receive the Directory . Please check your email, as well as junk folders, if you did not receive the directory.

This month, email notices will be sent to the VAC members that still need to renew for 2020. Remember the VAC keeps expired members in the database for one year.

Jim and I live in Loveland, Colorado, the site for the 2020 International. Looking forward to connecting with friends and meeting many new VAC members.

**Page 4**    **Qualifications for the position of Quartermaster are as follows:**

The VAC Quartermaster reports to the VAC 1st Vice President and the VAC Board.

**Position Qualifications:**

Knowledge of the mission of the VAC, organizational skills and ability to track inventory of VAC Merchandise.

**Recommended Experience:**

Is dues paying member of the WBCCI and VAC and has been involved in Vintage activities at the Unit or Region level. The Quartermaster should have attended at least one International Rally.

**Essential Job Functions:**

Shall obtain VAC logo merchandise from Airstream authorized vendors as authorized by the Board of Directors. Maintain custody of the resale inventory of VAC Intra Club items as authorized by the Board of Directors. Coordinate merchandise availability with Regional Reps for sale at Regional Rallies. Coordinate merchandise availability for sale at International Rallies. ☐ Sell VAC logo items to VAC members only. Issue receipts for merchandise purchased. Maintain a current inventory list of items in stock.

Submit an accounting of sales and inventory to the Board of Directors at the end of each quarter. Submit collected sales to the Treasurer for deposit. Provide an Annual Quartermaster Report for inclusion in the President's Annual Report.

**Before retirement from the position:** deliver all inventory and contact information promptly to the incoming Quartermaster. Be willing to serve a minimum of 2 full years.

**Rally Dates: June 20-27, 2020.**

Mark your calendars for these "Don't Miss" activities:

- June 20: Vintage Airstream Club Parade and Rally Kick-Off, Military & First Responder Recognition
- June 21: Vintage Open House & First Timers Reception
- June 22: Most. Epic. Cornhole. Tournament. Ever.
- June 23: Airstream, Inc. Leadership Presentation
- June 24: ALUMINATION - a feature-length Airstream documentary screening hosted by Eric Bricker
- June 25: Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! – Celebrating our Club Charter & Helen Byam Schwamborn
- June 26: Installation of 2020/2021 Officers and Rally Wrap-up

**Qualifications for the position of Treasurer are as follows:**

The Treasurer reports to the VAC President and the Board of Directors.

**Position Qualifications:**

Knowledge of the normal operations of the various VAC Committees and how they affect the VAC treasury, have a general understanding of basic accounting skills and ability to communicate with Committee Chairpersons (Membership, Quartermaster, Newsletter Editor) with financial responsibilities.

**Recommended Experience:**

Is a dues paying member of the WBCCI and VAC and has been involved in Vintage activities at the Unit and Region level. The Treasurer should have attended at least one International rally prior to taking office.

**Essential Job Functions:**

Maintain the financial records of the Intra-Club. Keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out. Receive all monies, as prescribed in international Bylaws, Article XVI Financial Management Sec. 12 - 14 and Policy, Financial Data Guidelines and promptly deposit them in a bank account approved by the Board of Directors. Submit a full written report of year end finances to the Board of Directors for submittal to the winter IBT. Make a financial report at each Board and Annual Meeting. Every 3rd year, the books and accounts will be audited by a committee approved by the President. Review all purchases approved by the President between \$200 and \$499. Board approval is required for all purchases greater than \$500. Reimburse board members for approved expenses once receipts have been submitted. Has the authority to approve Quartermaster expenses to restock VAC merchandise. Coordinate status of paid membership with the membership chairman.

**Before retirement from the Office:** Have the books and accounts audited by a qualified member appointed by the Incoming President. Deliver all books, money and property of the Intra-Club promptly to the incoming Treasurer. Be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for a minimum of two full years. Participate in VAC Board of Director and Annual Meetings as Treasurer. Perform other duties as assigned by the VAC President

## **Page 6**    **Qualifications for the position of VAC Regional Representative are as follows:**

The VAC Regional Representatives report to the VAC 3rd Vice President and the VAC Board or Directors.

### **Position Qualifications:**

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities: Knowledge of the mission of the VAC, good communication skills and the willingness & ability to coordinate VAC activities within the Region.

### **Recommended Experience:**

Is a dues paying member of the WBCCI and VAC and has been involved in Vintage activities at the Unit or Region level. The Regional Representatives should have attended at least one International Rally.

### **Essential Job Functions:**

Help promote and encourage vintage trailer owners' participation in the WBCCI and the special VAC interest group. Be the local contact person for newcomers to get information about the VAC & WBCCI activities, information & resource.

Regional Representatives name and email address will be listed in the Vintage Advantage newsletter and on the VAC website.

Shall be a liaison between the VAC and the local Units in your Region.

Region Representatives are encouraged to either plan a special event at your Regional Rally or an independent VAC Rally and are encouraged to obtain VAC Merchandise from the Quartermaster to offer for sale at Regional VAC Rallies/Events.

Provide an Annual Region Rep Report to the VAC 3rd Vice President of the activities in your region for inclusion in the President's Annual Report.

Be willing to serve as a Regional Rep a minimum of 1 full year.

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### **MailChimp Support:**

Your club needs a MailChimp "master". Can it be you? It's a role that requires sending the newsletter monthly and several email letters to the membership yearly. You will receive the content and email list for each mailing. MailChimp is an online email application used through your browser. It is easily learned, but would be more convenient if you were a regular user and didn't have to relearn the details every month or two. If you can do this for your club, please contact Jim Cooper at [jcchome@frii.com](mailto:jcchome@frii.com).

This is not a big job, but if someone hadn't volunteered, you wouldn't be reading this newsletter.

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## TECH NOTES AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

Airstream Dent Pulling— Airstream and Argosy owners may have dents that they would like to have removed. This article is from Marty and Susan Genz. Following is what Susan wrote:

“Like many Airstreamers, we inherited a few ugly dents when we purchased our 1982 Excella Trailer. While we love “Loretta” we didn’t want her nickname to be Lumpy Loretta reflecting on the four dents on her rear end.

A fellow vintage Airstreamer loaned us a pneumatic dent puller to take care of the problem. Although we were eager to pull the dents, it took us a few weeks to get up the nerve to actually try it. The biggest concern was to make the problem worse: and also I was concerned that it would be a very difficult job with the hard to reach areas.

We started on the deepest dent which was the only one accessible from the ground. It took some finessing and a lot of patience. The dent puller consists of a long rod about 24” with a suction cup on one end and an air hose connection on the other with a sliding weight in between. The suction cup is placed on or around the dent area: and it is necessary to repeatedly pull up on the weight to slowly pull the concave space back to convex. The placing of the suction cup is a guess and it needs to be repositioned many times. The first dent is still visible, and we did put a mark on the trailer with the dent puller (my fears realized) but the area does look much better than it did before pulling the dent.

On to the dents at the top and back end that required a ladder or getting on the roof. These were easier to return to mostly original condition. There was a concern that being on the rear end of the roof while pulling dents would be perilous at best. While getting to the area was tricky, there was a small area to sit on directly behind the roof air conditioner to work on the top dent. Some leaning was involved to reach the very end of the trailer but it was easier than expected.

As you can see from the before and after photos, Loretta is much less lumpy. This DIY is definitely doable and we encourage you to try it.” Susan and Marty Genz



Dal Smilie is always good at providing me with good suggestions of information to be included in the newsletter. Following is some trivia about Airstreams that most of us didn't know.

The following link is to a story titled "History Spotlight: Airstream's Forgotten Models".

<https://www.airstream.com/blog/history-spotlight-airstreams-forgotten-models/> courtesy of Airstream, Inc



AIRSTREAM IN THE SHOWROOM—Airstream's Component Manufacturing Division manufactured this 1971 Gremlin automobile body on display in an American Motors showroom in Los Angeles. (See story on page 8)



**Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club "Million Dollar Rally"** which was held August 2018 in Ridgeway CO . Photos by Victor Blood

## VACmidwest Region 8 Spring Rally



**Pella Tulip Festival Time Rally**

**May 7-10, 2020 Pella, Iowa**

**This rally is filling up fast, for more information contact:**

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Tim Timmons sent me the following link and thought other Airstream owners would find the Youtube video interesting. <https://youtu.be/g4cegxy41Jc>