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## VAC 2014 Rally Calendar

June 28- July 4  
WBCCI 57th International  
Gillette, WY

VAC Events: Parade, Parking, Of-  
ficer Election, Seminars, Happy  
Hours, Open House, Fun!  
Registration Form in *WBCCI Blue  
Beret*

July 24- 28  
Region 11 VAC  
RMVAC 12th Rally  
Gunnison, CO  
Registration open Feb. 2014  
Rmvac.org

August 1-3  
Region 10 VAC  
40th Old Time Fiddlers Picnic  
Livingston, MT  
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August 8-11  
Region 10 VAC  
Wenatchee River County Pk  
Monitor, WA  
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### 2014 Rallies?

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Send rally information to be pub-  
lished in VAC Newsletter  
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## The Vintage Airstream Club Intra-Club of WBCCI Since 1993 November / December 2013 VAC Newsletter



### Message from Tim Kendziorski, VAC President

We completed our last trip of the year in November with a trip to Death Valley to attend a science conference and tour around. Accompanying us was my daughter and her boyfriend who have been staying with us for the past 2 ½ months. Upon returning home we had to do a quick winterization and dump of all fluids in about 4 inches of snow. It's always a little sad to bundle up Buttercup for the winter and with all the fun we have had this year, we are seriously looking forward to Spring. Among the trips we made was our Inaugural VACwest Rally in Lone Pine. It was humble beginnings, but all who participated agreed that not only would they return for 2014, but most also said that they would help set up and run the rally. That is exactly what I was hoping for - to build a crew of people to help develop the rally.

The International Rally in Gillette is coming up. I have been asked to participate in the International Rally committee and assist in putting together lectures for the rally. If you are willing and able to put on a presentation at the rally please contact me. I will be presenting a demo of how the Dometic Cooling unit works and ways to improve performance. We could use presentation in any area of Airstream maintenance, polishing, riveting or really any other topic. I will be releasing a preliminary schedule in early 2014. If you have any topic you would like to present don't be shy. We'll help you get it set up and going.

For those who have not yet succumbed to winter's chill and are still on the road exploring the world, please travel safe and we'll be looking forward to seeing you down the road.

Tim & Kimber

### VAC Membership Reminder, Teresa Taylor

Our membership renewals are going great with very good response both by mail and website. I haven't heard from a few of you yet, so if you have received a renewal notice take a moment and send it in. Remember, I will send you an email or mail notice when your renewal is due. Your renewal date is when you joined the VAC.

Go to [vintageairstreamclub.com](http://vintageairstreamclub.com), email or call me and I'll send a renewal form.

I receive information on all new WBCCI members and about 1/3 join with Vintage trailers and motorhomes. Do you have a new WBCCI member in your unit with a Vintage Trailer? Welcome them, answer questions, show them your Vintage Advantage Magazine and invite them to join. Make copies of the VAC membership form found in the Vintage Advantage and share it with them. Don't forget to also invite all WBCCI members to become a Vintage Airstream Club member, and display the VAC decal with pride. You'll be glad you did.

Teresa, VAC Membership Chair 503-440-1121 [membership@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:membership@vintageairstreamclub.com)

## Looking Back at VAC Rallies of 2013

### "Come and Take It" Texas Vintage Airstream Rally in Gonzales, TX

Fred and Judy Hazen, Texas Highland Lakes Unit



The 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Vintage Airstream Rally in Gonzales was an exciting and fun filled event to celebrate the history of Airstream with the history of Texas. There were 94 rigs and around 190 people in attendance over the course of the four days event from October 3-6, 2013.

The seminars were well attended and included the following: "Airstream Electrical" and "Riveting & Panel Replacement" by Pat McDowell; "Great Ideas" by John Irwin; "Hardware for Woodworking" by Luther Price and John Irwin; "Restoration of a 64' Airstream" by Ron Hampton; "Cooking" by Tom Beebe; "Low Maintenance Plants" by Colin Melton; and "Sky Med Seminar" by John Tetzlaff.

There were 30 vintage trailers parked on "vintage row" in addition to the new trailers that were open for inspection by the public and rally participants on Sunday afternoon. The open house was well attended with lively participation and discussions on the repair and restoration of vintage trailers. Vintage owners as far away as Kansas joined the historic "Come and Take It" activities in Gonzales.



In addition to the excellent food, friendship, and seminars in the show barn arena at J.B. Wells Park, the rally participants enjoyed an exciting weekend of events in the historic downtown area of Gonzales which included a parade on Saturday morning to celebrate Texas Independence.

There were many highlights during the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Vintage Airstream Rally event, but the two main ones were the "Come and Take It" parade in Gonzales and the Airstream Vintage Open House.



### The 39th Fiddlers Picnic and Vintage Trailer Gathering

Livingston, MT Dal Smilie, Event Within Event Planner



Livingston, Montana is a great travel destination on the Yellowstone Trail and The Mercier Ranch on the South side has been the site of the Fiddlers Picnic ([fiddlerspicnic.blogspot.com/](http://fiddlerspicnic.blogspot.com/)) for several years.

The Picnic was started 39 years ago by Doc Allison, a local MD and fiddle player, as he hosted some fiddlers in his back yard. After 30 years or so it expanded beyond the space and Doc is now more than happy to just come and play and not have to undertake all the tasks necessary to host such a great event. For the last 8 years it has been hosted by Virginia Cain, her daughter Candi Payne and husband Dave, plus the support of a great team of volunteers. There were hundreds of pickers, players and lovers of old timey, bluegrass, western, cowboy, Celtic and other traditional roots music.

August 1-4, the Vintage Airstream Club and WBCCI members joined the Tin Can Tourist vintage trailer gathering. Sisters on the Fly were also included in the "Event Within an Event". The sun shown, the pickers picked, several vintage attendees brought and played instruments. Pickers and players, some in their 80's played into the night and started up early again in the mornings. Fun was had by all!

In addition to the great music the Yellowstone River runs down one side of the property which served to both cool off attendees, offer fly fishing access and tremendous scenery for artists. Livingston is always a fun town and with Yellowstone National Park and Chico Hot Springs just to the South it is hard to beat this rally destination.



### Lone Star VAC and Heart of Texas Camping Unit

4th Annual Campout Lance McEwan, Region 9 VAC Representative



Stephanie Matney's story and pictures were featured in the summer 2013 issue of the Vintage Advantage magazine. The rally was described as "far out, righteous and groovy!" Highlights included camping at Barefoot Camp on the Colorado River, making new friends, and seeing some spectacular trailers.



## VAC West Rustler' Round-up Lone Pine, CA October 17-20

Tim Kendzionski and Kimber Moore, VAC Officers



Vintage Airstream Club of the WEST held it's inaugural rally at Diaz Lake Campground in Lone Pine, CA. As far as starter rallies go this one was by all accounts of the participants a success. Our charter members included a past Region 12 President, a full-timing couple, a triplet of midnight runners, world traveling blues couple, a design and artist couple and a hearty pair of tent camping youths.

We were robbed blind by "HotDog", the cake stealing raccoon the first night we were there, but were wiser the 2nd night to his ways and better protected our goods. We toured a Cowboy Film History museum and numerous filming locations in the Alabama Hills. We visited the inter-agency center and Manzanar Relocation camp and learned about the diverse history of the region. In the evenings we watched movies that were filmed in the area including the namesake for our rally - Rustlers Roundup starring Tom Mix. We sported our finest western wear and were treated to a spaghetti sauce dump dinner one evening and also a BBQ Corral where several participants provided grills to cook up the chicken, beef and pork under the watchful eye of HotDog once again. Each rally participant received a badge of honor indicating them as a charter member of VAC West family.

From this rally, for 2014, we gained a batch of new friends for future VACwest endeavors. We now have a BaconMASTER who will oversee all cooking of bacon, sausage and whatever else we can serve up for our grand breakfast. We also gained some additional rally planners who are committed to our next event.

VACwest will return at Diaz Lake for 2014 with a plan to WOW new members and our Charter crew alike. Stay tuned for announcements of our signup. We are looking forward to a great year for 2014.

To see more pictures of the 2013 Roundup please go to <http://vacwest.org/index.php/pictures>.



### Volunteers Needed—VAC Regional Representatives and Appointed Positions

Contact Iain Cameron, 3VP, if you are interested in being a Regional VAC Representative.

Representatives are needed for Regions 2, 7, 8, and 12.

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Contact Kimber Moore, 1VP, if you are interested in an Appointed Position

Positions available are VAC Parliamentarian and Concours d'Elegance Chair.

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### Editor's Thoughts, Rhonda Cooper

I did not hear from all VAC members that hosted rallies in 2013. I would love to feature your rally in the January 2014 issue. Sharing ideas about locations, themes, and activities could become an inspiration for a new rally in your region. It would also be great to get your rally on the 2014 VAC calendar. Even if the details are not finished, send what you have and we can keep everyone updated as the event gets closer.

Our VAC Rally team met recently and we are announcing our 12th VAC rally for July 24-28, 2014 in Gunnison, Colorado. The location allows us to dry camp and circle the wagons, plus the area offers a variety of options for exploring or just relaxing. Our 2012 rally was featured in the Summer 2013 *Vintage Advantage* magazine - thanks Kimber and Tim for the great article and superb magazine.

Please stay in touch and send me your ideas or articles for the newsletter.

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**Jim Cooper, VAC Technical Adviser**

**Media Blasting?**

The Technical Adviser is supposed to help you, but I need your help. Do you have any experience with media blasting an aluminum trailer? We have removed the clear coat from our 67 Trade Wind and are seriously considering media blasting it. The goal is a uniform appearance that requires very little future maintenance. There are choices in media, like soda, walnut, and corncob and I assume they have different outcomes. Who does media blasting? Should I attempt it myself? Contact [TechAdviser@VintageAirstreamClub.com](mailto:TechAdviser@VintageAirstreamClub.com) if you can help. Our intent with the Trade Wind is to make it as functional, durable, and reliable as possible. This includes all the systems, skin, and living space (I won't forget dust proofing). Eventually we will add a gray water tank. I can see this leading to series of articles that you can draw from. Hope some of you have media blasting advise.

**Membership Database Update - Support, Reliability, and Current Information**

Four of you responded that you would be willing to help support the Membership Database created in FileMaker. It's hard to express how rewarding this was in addition to many who said they would help if they could. Carolyn Beardshear was chosen to be our support person while I remain the developer. Carolyn has the background needed and brings with her a breadth of connections through her participation in the WBCCI Electronic Communication Committee. The responses received plus the sprouting use of FileMaker within the WBCCI suggest there may be a need for a FileMaker community forum, and Carolyn will explore this avenue.

The database has had a reliability problem when sending emails to a group of members, commonly a membership expiring in the next 30 days notice. We engaged a consultant to help solve this problem. It is now fixed. You may receive a message that is a repeat. This is a transitional issue where we will resend, not knowing if previous attempts succeeded.

In the next few months we will launch an effort to assure that the club has completely current information for every membership. It is a must in order to communicate, so we want to get it right.