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## MESSAGE FROM KIMBER MOORE

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VAC PRESIDENT

## Notes from the Road.

A big "Thank You," goes out from me to Wally and Helen. If it had not been for the two of them, I wouldn't be writing to you right now, nor would I be writing about amazing journeys and fun adventures. With the incentive of the Wally Byam Caravan Club and the Vintage Airstream Club, I've gotten to see the Country. Places that I once only saw on a map have graced my windshield. Over the past ten years, my husband Tim and I have been setting out on one adventure after another, to some rugged and not-so-rugged places, always in the comfort of our home on wheels, our Airstream travel trailer.

Like most people, we started with one vintage trailer, but now we have three. I talked to another member once and she told me that you don't feel satisfied until after your fifth Airstream acquisition. I would like one more... Our youngest, an '89 345 LE Motorhome turned 25 this year. We lovingly call her "Airtini" with a license plate that says, "MJR TOM." The DMV thought Airtini was too representative of an alcoholic beverage but MJR TOM was A-Okay (we don't think they researched it very well!). Our oldest is a 1954 California Cruiser with a whale tail named "Wally," with original ghosted numbers of 128—originally owned by one of the first WB Caravan members, Ben F. and Alta Holets, of Cedar Rapids, IA. I had to request the number 11281, because 128 was not available, but it is the original! I personally believe the history belongs with the trailer, after all that is why we are a club and the trailers are what we celebrate. The rest is all just a benefit of our silver passions! Our third, and most used trailer is "Buttercup." The Brown's of Monterrey Bay Unit in California originally owned her. The Brown's travelled all over the country with her—to many rallies and Internationals. We're trying to carry on that tradition...



When we're travelling, I'm always amazed and excited when I see an Airstream coming towards us on the other side of the road. Both Tim and I call 'em out as we see them, get ready with the lights and when the rig gets close enough, we flash our lights (that includes the crown lights on the rig) and wave vigorously as the other rig goes by. Most of the time we get a "come back." There have been times when we haven't. But, each and every time we see an Airstream, either new or vintage, we look for those Big Red Numbers—most often we don't see them, sadly. We would like to look up the numbers, and we wonder if they are club members. But we'll keep waving and flashing, no matter what! So, be sure to flash or wave to the other Airstreamers. I'm sure they will appreciate the friendly gesture, and perhaps be encouraged to join in with us, if they haven't already.

Going way back, like almost every member I meet, I had my first Airstream experience when I was about 13 years old. I went to a slumber party at a girlfriend's home, where we were allowed to sleep in the "trailer." It was so fun. I remember brown-colored interior and a green-colored kitchen area. The carpet looked exactly like the carpet my parents had put in our Lake Tahoe house—early 70s—and I thought to myself how much it felt like a home inside. Now that I own one (three actually) I have learned about how much Wally catered to the lady of the house in making a trailer seem luxurious as a home. Okay, I know, on a much smaller scale. Space is tight, and mostly cluttered. But, I still enjoy sleeping in my own sheets and bed and cooking in in my own kitchen, and Tim would probably be happier with me if I got him an electric hitch!

This summer, we travelled the most extensively that we ever have—about 7,000 miles worth. We did it in two legs (we had to return home mid-way so Tim could work five nights of nightshift. Yes, this is true!). We covered more territory, saw more National Parks, State Parks, Forests, Monuments, Museums, 4WD Roads, Caves, Deserts, Rocks, Towns, Gaslands, and Campgrounds than we've ever seen in one trip. It's like that Johnny Cash song, "I've Been Everywhere, Man..."

This summer we also enjoyed three VAC events—the VAC International Rally Rendezvous, the WBCCI International Rally in Gillette, WY vintage parking area and tent, and the RMVAC Rally in Gunnison, CO. The VAC Int'l Rendezvous, which we called the "Long, Long, Rendezvous" was an extended-stay rally in Buffalo, WY. During this multi-day event, we enjoyed our famous VAC Happy Hours each evening, but we also hosted day trips to the local places like the Jim Gatchell Museum, an 11-car line-up trip down Crazy Woman Canyon, a visit to the Fort Phil Kearney (that's pronounced Kahr-nee), a guided tour of the Story Fish Hatchery, and a visit to the famous rodeo Mint Bar in Sheridan, WY, where the bar matron gave us a unique and thorough historical account of the establishment...then we bellied-up to the bar... From Buffalo, the VAC motley crew headed to Gillette, WY, to the WBCCI International Rally, where we sponsored several, well-attended, seminar events that were open to ALL rally-goers. We finished Gillette with a BBQ bash which included the new officer installation ceremony—administered by the GREAT and POWERFUL, Bob Stansbury. Hey Bob, you ROCK. Thank you!

The new VAC line-up is me, Kimber Moore, President; Iain Cameron, 1vp; Steve Laxton, 2vp; and Paul Fancey, 3vp; Shirley Bollinger, Treasurer; Mary Doster, Recording Secretary; and Tim Kendziorski, Past President. All of these folks are excited to be holding their positions and well equipped to move the VAC forward. We also have several new appointed positions: New-Member Fulfillment (and new VAC member), Laurie Pullman; Newsletter, Stéphanie Kendziorski; Region 11 Representative, Chris Hildenbrand; Parliamentarian, Patti Reed (with the assistance of Donna Garner); and Librarian, Tim Kendziorski. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of our board and volunteers. We know how valuable time is and your contributions are priceless.



Some of the other highlights from the VAC's Board and Member meetings at International included the inception of a new East Coast Vintage Rally—to be organized by Bob Herman and Howard Lefkowitz, with volunteers including Chuck Helwig and Laurie and Bob Pullman; and, discussion of making the VAC Int'l Rendezvous a multi-day event, where members could attend the entire time or join in when they can.

I'm looking forward to a great VAC year. I encourage everyone with a vintage rally idea to pursue it. If you need any help or just a sounding board for feedback, give me a call, personally (7758420630), or send me, or any of our VAC board, an email. We are hoping to have one VAC event in all 12 regions during the year. Past-President Jim Cooper's vision for the 12 x 14 Plan—for each Region to have an annual VAC event—will take hold. So far we've seen new and fun rallies, including a Tie-dye theme, a Vintage Cowboy theme, a History theme, and a Special Event theme, progress. If you have an idea, make it happen! We're here to help. Contact us or go forth!

We are also working to boost the VAC on Facebook and on our own VAC website. If you have photos and rally memories to share we can help you promote them on one or both of these venues.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all of you for being VAC members, and supporting our fun and vivacious group. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you someday, and in the meantime, have great rallies, great renovations, great themed-events, and most importantly, great Happy Hours!

Cheers,  
Kimber Moore  
VAC President, #11281



VAC 2014-2015  
RALLY CALENDAR

TEXAS HIGHLANDS LAKES UNIT  
9TH VINTAGE AIRSTREAM ROUND-UP RALLY

Region 12 Pahrump, NV  
October 14-19, 2014.

Call Lakeside RV Resort at:  
888-558-5253  
to reserve your spot (don't do  
it Online!). Mention you are  
from the Airstream Club.  
More info contact Jim Polk  
[japolk@jps.net](mailto:japolk@jps.net)

Region 6 Rally. Foley, AL  
Oct 15-19, 2014.

All airstreams welcome  
(25\$00/night for 5 nights)  
For reservations, call  
Johnny's Lakeside RV Resort  
at : 251-970-3773

58th International Rally  
Farmington, NM  
June 26-July 4, 2015.

Online registration at:  
[http://wbcci.org/activities/  
international-rally/2015-far-  
mington-nm](http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2015-farmington-nm)

Texas Highlands Lakes Unit  
9th Vintage Airstream  
Round-Up Rally  
April 30-May 3, 2015.  
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Texas Country Air «urban  
downtown camping»  
Quanah, TX  
October 22-25, 2015.

Free Rally, registration begins  
in fall 2014 (early registration  
is suggested).  
Details to follow.



Texas Highland Lakes Unit (THLU) of WBCCI is sponsoring its 9th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally, April 30-May 4, 2015 at Cousatte Recreation Ranch outside Bellville, TX which is some 65 miles west of Houston. Full hook-ups on grass with trees are provided in a ranch environment away from cities, freeways, and major highways.

At our 8th Rally in October 2013, we had 1948 model Airstreams to 2014 models, and had some 96 Airstreams of which nearly 40% were Vintage.

This rally includes: seminars on vintage topics as well as topics of interest to others, panel discussions, camp fires (if not in a burn ban), door prizes, entertainment, happy hours with local beer, six (6) catered meals, one (1) potluck dinner, a swap meet, and an open house for Airstreams.

Some of the topics in the past have dealt with: solar panels & installation, frame off restoration, axles & brakes, electrical & batteries, plumbing including holding tanks, cleaning holding tanks, flooring, refrigerator repair and alternatives, air conditioner & heating alternatives, LED lighting, riveting, polishing, custom cabinets, window replacement, general and basic maintenance, insurance, portable generators/invertors, container gardening, cooking in an Airstream, using a convection oven, Dutch-oven cooking, places to camp & visit, caravanning, dry camping, towing for women, Yoga for all, and full-timing in an Airstream.

Help us round-up all Airstreams. Head down to Texas for: good food, good times, good friendships, and good

Texas hospitality, **April 30-May 4, 2015!**  
Rally registration form and 2015 information may be found after October 31, 2014 at the THLU website:

[www.thlu.org](http://www.thlu.org) or contact Harvey Craig at:  
[eharv@msn.com](mailto:eharv@msn.com); 512/633-0380.

## TEMPORARY FRIDGE FAN

TIM KENDZIORSKI



Proper loading and proper air circulation are important for any refrigerator to work well. This includes not only the hot sides outside of the fridge, but also the cold sides which are inside the fridge. Having reduced or non-existent airflow inside the fridge will quickly lead to the compartment warming up and possibly food spoiling.

In the standard Dometic fridge installed in most Airstreams, the Natural Circulation flow of air is as follows:

- Cold air from the cooling fins drop down to the bottom of the fridge because it is denser. Some cold air may drift along each shelf eventually making its way to the bottom.
- Cold air drifts along the bottom of the fridge towards the door. At this point, the cold air has been warming up slightly removing heat from the fridge walls and the items in the fridge.
- The slightly warmer air starts to rise up the front of the fridge.
- The warm air reaches the top of the fridge and starts to drift over to the cooling fins where it is once again cooled and the cycle starts over.

If the top shelf is heavily loaded or airflow is restricted here by a bag of tortillas and maybe some bread, that air will not flow properly and cause problems. Keeping a small gap at the back of the top shelf will go a long way towards improving circulation in the fridge.

But what happens if you have the fridge loaded well, keeping in mind the loading of the shelves, etc. and you still can't quite get the fridge to cool inside? We had this problem a few times while on the road this summer. I knew that there was lots of cooling capacity available for the fridge by reading my installed thermocouple that shows the temperature of the ammonia entering the fridge compartment. It showed a temperature in the teens and still the fridge just wasn't getting cool. It looked like it was loaded properly.

I thought that perhaps the fridge just needed a little help circulating the air but I didn't have one of those circulating fans that goes in the fridge. But I did have on hand was an Off! Mosquito Repellent Clip on Fan sitting around doing nothing. It had a long expired insert installed, which I removed and threw away.

The fan will not run without that insert so I had to wad up a piece of paper towel to activate the internal switch at the inside top of the unit to get the fan to work. Once running, I placed the fan horizontally on an item on the top shelf with the bottom of the fan blowing towards the cooling fins at the back of the fridge. Lo and behold, a few hours later, the fridge was back in operating range. The fan will run for days with fresh batteries.

The bottom line is this – air circulation is important inside the fridge as well as out. Cold air must circulate inside the fridge and when that doesn't happen properly, you can find creative ways to help it out. Any simple battery powered air circulator could be used to get things going again.



## SEND US YOUR STORY

When I decided to become the newsletter editor I was told that the hard part would be to find stories to share with you.

That part turned out to be true.

We need your stories to keep this newsletter interesting. They don't have to be very long, just share your experiences, your travels, your pictures with us. Tell us more about your Airstream, about the decoration, the work you've done on it.

I think it is important to share our stories. Some of us can't travel all year, so this newsletter or the magazine, keeps us involved.

I am looking for any contribution. Please send your stories to  
[newsletter@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:newsletter@vintageairstreamclub.com)



***Hello everyone!***

My name is Stephanie Kendziorski. For those of you I didn't get a chance to meet yet, let me introduce myself a little bit.

I am sure most of you already know my father Tim Kendziorski and his wife Kimber Moore. My father is now the Past-President of the VAC and Kimber is currently the President. So you can say Vintage Airstreaming is in our blood. I was living in France with my Mom for the past fifteen years and decided it was time to come back to America. I am currently enrolled in college, taking classes in computer science areas.

This summer I had the chance to travel around America in a cute 1977 Airstream that Kimber and my father call «Buttercup». We did about 7000 miles total, with three cats in the trailer. In France not many people know about Airstreams. When I would talk about it, people would get envious. Traveling around America in a Vintage Airstream is an incredible experience!

We went to several rallies such as: Buffalo Wyoming pre-rally, International in Gillette, and RMVAC in Gunnison, Colorado. I really enjoyed meeting all of you. Some of you even invited me to come visit in Wyoming, California, and Florida. Thank you very much! I had so much fun, that it made me want to get involved more in the Club and help out. I hope that I will be able to do a job as good as Rhonda did. She gave me lots of advice, and she is an inspiration.

This first newsletter is very short, but I am currently working on another one for October with information about this year's International, and other rallies.

Please, feel free to contact me if you have any stories, requests, or comments.

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## PHOTO CONTEST

Send us pictures of your Airstreams in:  
National Parks!

This photo contest is a way to share our Airstream pictures. I will select the best pictures and share them with you in the next Newsletter. If this idea works well, I would like to keep doing a photo contest each time. So please send us your pictures!

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