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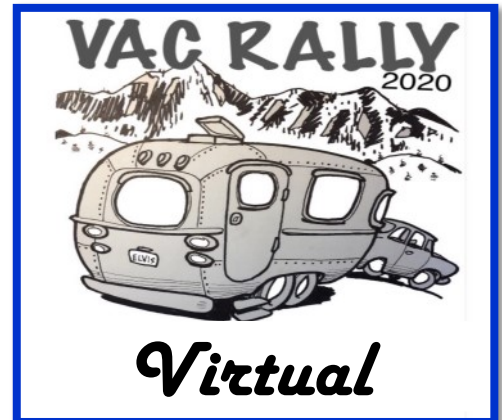
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Items needed for upcoming newsletters: tech ideas, maintenance procedures, courtesy parking. Regional VAC future rallies, articles on 2020 VAC Rallies that you attended with photos.

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We are pleased to announce the VAC 2020 virtual Rendezvous June 20, 2020 starting at 3:30CT. The event will be hosted via Zoom.



We are asking VAC members participating in the virtual open house to provide a short video (1 to 2 1/2 minutes in duration) of their vintage trailer. Please email t to Damon Beals (damon.beals@gmail.com) confirming your participation with the video on or before June 17, 2020. Participants of the virtual Rendezvous are not required to submit a video to partake in this event.

It is recommended your video entail a brief introduction and a limited tour of your trailer highlighting the uniqueness of the unit. Following is an example of the video outline expected:

<https://youtu.be/auOP89sxxg4o>

It was provided by the VAC 3rd VP Lynn Talsma for your guidance. Your email address submitting the video and confirming your participation to Damon shall be the contact information used by the VAC board to correspond with the participant and emailing the Zoom invitation for this event.

Prior to the virtual Rendezvous an outline of events and video scheduling will be provided. The VAC board is looking forward to greeting all participants and an eventful Rendezvous.

We hope you will join us for this unique event.

Vintage Airstream Board



A nominating committee has been formed and is now in the process of obtaining nominees for the 3rd VP of the Vintage Airstream Club.

The 3rd Vice President reports to the VAC President

Position Qualifications: An understanding of the normal operations of the various VAC Committees, the communications and coordination skills to assure the committees operate efficiently and the ability to coordinate and communicate those committees efforts.

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 3rd Vice President should have attended at least one International rally prior to taking office.

Essential Job Functions:

- Attend all board of director and annual meetings
- Staff the Region VAC Representative positions.
- Provide the Region Representatives support and guidance.
- Coordinate the activities of the Region Representatives and approve their actions and budgets.
- Communicate the committee chairs activities to the VAC President.
- Compile those Chairs Annual Reports into a comprehensive report to be provided to the VAC President for his/her use in their Annual Report to the WBCCI.
- Identify and implement process improvements related to the Regional Representatives' activities.
- Shall assume the duties of the 2nd Vice President in the absence of said Officer.
- Shall be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for 5 years.
- Participate in VAC Board of Director Meetings as 3rd Vice President.

As you know, the Vintage Airstream Club conducts its annual meeting during the International Rally. The Club's constitution allows for some form of an electronic meeting and voting process. The VAC Officers are working on a plan to do so. Once the process is selected, members will be notified. The date, time, location and purpose of all VAC membership business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing, or by electronic mail at least 15 days prior to the meeting. More information will be forthcoming.

Final notes from VAC Membership Chair—*Rhonda Cooper* 2020

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Since August 2016, I have been the VAC Membership Chair. I feel like I have over a thousand friends, throughout the US, Canada and Europe that share the love for Vintage Airstream trailers. As Bud Cooper, VAC President in 1993 wrote after a rally, “We made new friends, and nobody can have too many.”

Times DO Change!

When the VAC was organized, in 1993, a vintage trailer meant a 1968 or older. Today, a 1995 or older is 25 years old and qualifies as vintage.

The VAC became official in July 1993 with 115 members. During the late 1990 ‘s and early 2000 the membership grew to over 1000 members. The last ten years, the numbers have stayed close to 500.

The first newsletters, often 12 pages back to back, black and white were mailed to all members on a regular schedule. Then the first black and white magazine format was followed by the glossy paper magazine, with the first hints of Facebook and Twitter accounts for the VAC. In 2011 I published the first newsletters sent electronically and that is the process used today. With the development of the VAC database in 2012, the VAC membership process has changed from paper record, post card renewal reminders, payment by check to on-line renewal with electronic payment.

Then 2020!

I looked forward to the 2020 International in Loveland, CO, our home town. Jim and I were so excited to connect with friends and welcome new VAC members. With the news of the virus and the cancellation of WBCCI events, the VAC membership renewals and joins almost came to a streaking halt. As life slowed down, I kept thinking about the membership, our most important asset. I came up with the Pay It Forward membership idea, discussed it with the VAC treasurer, and presented it to the VAC Board during the April meeting. It was over whelmingly supported.

As a result of the Pay It Forward action, 349 VAC members, current for 2020 or beyond, had their membership extended one year. The 137 late memberships were made current to December 31, 2020. So on May 1, 2020 the VAC was 486 members STRONG! Within minutes of sending the Pay It Forward email, I received a dozen Thank You emails! Today, June 5, we have 493 members, just need seven new members to make it to 500!

New Membership Chair

Lindy Brown has volunteered to be the next VAC Membership Chair. The officers voted to update the VAC membership computer and she will be using the same File Maker Database. Lindy is enthusiastic about the appointment and I know she will bring her personal touch to the membership process.

Closing Memory—Card from Ralph and Marjorie Anderson 2013

The Vintage Airstream Club should always be about the members, brought together by trailers and motorhomes. I received a card in 2013 from Ralph and Marge Anderson, WBCCI 6420, when I was publishing the VAC newsletter. I saved it! The message held history and told a great story in just a few words.

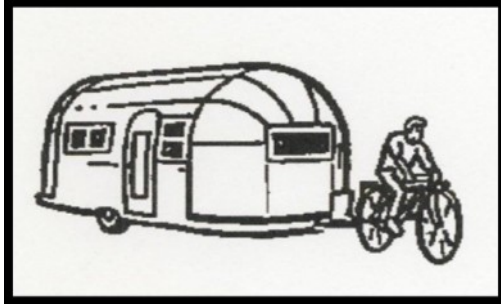


“We bought our first Airstream in October of 1992. It was a 1969—29 ft. Then we bought a 1963 Bambi, 16 ft. This one will be for sale as soon as we empty it out. We joined the Vintage Club in Feb. of ‘93. It was at the Florida State Rally. The Garrison’s and Bud Cooper were there also. What wonderful years! Sad to give it all up.”



I will echo the message above, “What wonderful years!” I cannot give enough credit to Jim for his countless hours creating, tweaking, and assisting me with the VAC Database which is the backbone of the membership data. He has also been responsible for sending all the VAC newsletters, digital directories and renewal reminders though Mail Chimp.

We are so sorry that all the VAC members that planned to attend the 2020 International did not get to experience our great community. Loveland, Colorado is a great place to live!



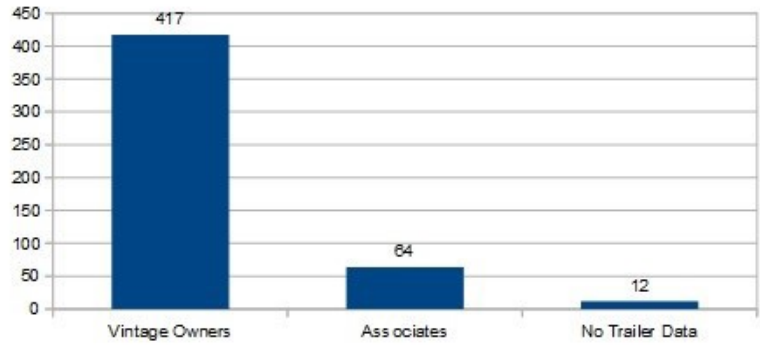
Members: Own at least one trailer that is 25 years old or older.

Associates: Admire the Vintage Trailers

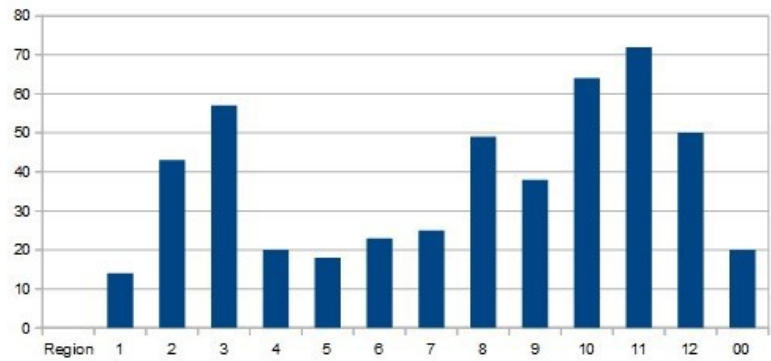
Unknown: On-going process asking members to share their trailer

Check the VAC website for your Region Representative.
VintageAirstreamClub.com
Some of the VAC Regions do not have a Representative.
Contact the VAC officers if you are interested.

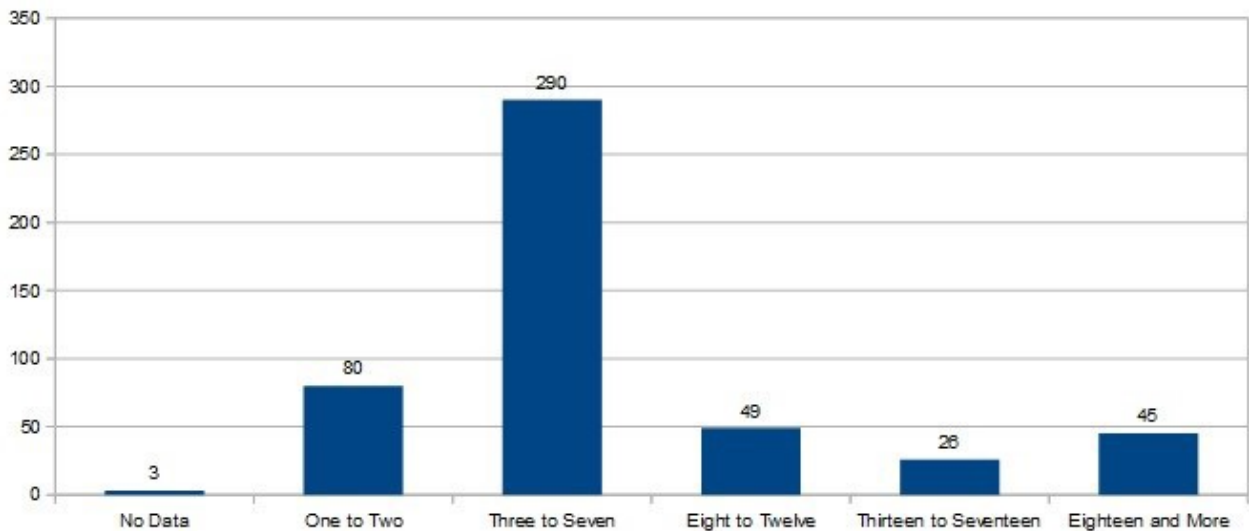
Membership Categories



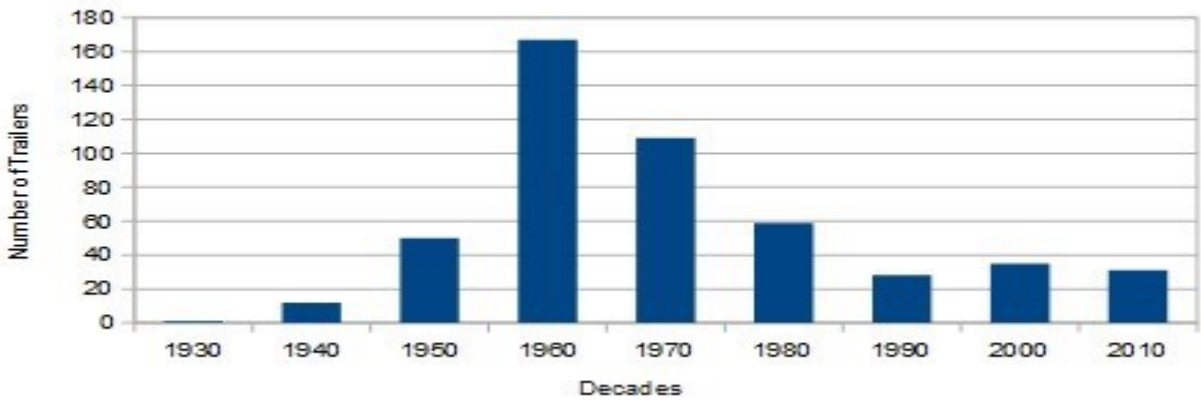
Membership by Regions



Years of Membership In VAC



Trailers Owned by Decades



Jim and Rhonda Cooper 1967 Tradewind and 1967 Globetrotter

Number of Trailers Owned by Members



Treasurer, Merchandise person needed.

Link to Constitution , By-Laws/Duties of Position: <https://vintageairstreamclub.com/vac-operations/>

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

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. 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.

VAC REGION REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

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.

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