

# AIRSTREAM VINTAGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## President Message

As international is approaching, we are communicating with membership more often; This newsletter is an update providing more information as it is available. We understand several avenues of communications are utilized by WBCCI reaching out to folks attending international. We are

working closely with the planning folks at international, ensuring they receive accurate updates relative to our VAC events reflected in their communications releases. We understand some material has been published that may not reflect VAC activities accurately. There will be a welcome package for VAC members when they arrive with details of the scheduled events for VAC. The newsletter will also reflect appropriate dates and times.

We are looking forward to greeting all of you and are excited to meet you!

Safe Travels Ed.



# OFFICERS

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## Meet the Staff

Damon Beals, VAC webmaster, and Region 5 Rep.

My wife and I began our camping with a tiny teardrop trailer; we loved it but quickly learned we wanted a bathroom and more space. My wife said, what about an Airstream, and I said the typical 'Do they still make those?' We bought a 2002 CCD and fell in love with Airstreams.

Shortly after buying our first Airstream, we joined the WBCCI. While at the International Rally in Duquoin, IL, we camped near the vintage tent. We quickly joined the VAC and attended all the VAC happy hours and events at the rally. We found the VAC members were more like us, and we're glad we found the club.

I was also the Chairman of the ECC (Electronic Communication Committee) for the WBCCI for over 8 years, and helped guide the club out of the digital dark ages. After stepping down from the ECC, I became more involved with the VAC.

Our current vintage trailer is a 1978 22' Safari that we bought at a Goodwill auto auction! And our 1997 Excella 1000 is almost vintage. We travel with our 3 dogs and have been on several WBCCI caravans and attend 5 international rallies so far.

## Damon



## 2021 VAC Lebanon International Rally Key Activities

The following activities are planned at the VAC pavilion

- Concourse sign-up 7/17/21
- Open House / Flea Market 7/18 /21 (1 - 5PM)
- Concourse Judging 7/18/21 (1-5PM)
- 60's Dance 7/18 (7PM-10PM)
- VAC Dinner 7/20 @ 4:30PM - 5:30PM - Registration required \$5 / dinner
- 7/20/2021 @ 4-4:30PM prior to the serving of the dinner the 2021 / 2022 VAC Officers will be inaugurated.
- Morning Coffee 7 - 8AM
- Yoga Stretch @ 7 - 8AM
- Happy Hour @ 4PM
- Evening Movie @ 9PM

We need volunteers for VAC international events. If you are available reach out to a board member or newsletter editor.

## Have you seen - 1964 Safari!



Jon's Airstream is a 1964 Safari. It was taken from our foothill property in Burrough Valley, Tollhouse, California, last week. The Airstream is unusual and easily identifiable because it has stacked, openable windows on both sides, which accommodated bunk beds. It's not in pristine shape, and in our absence, we learned from our neighbor that a bear got into it and did some damage...but it was Jon's project, and he looked forward to working on it when we return from Littlehampton, the UK next year. It also had letters above the front window 6526. However, those could be easily removed; there is also a big dent to the left of the door. As we are in the UK, sadly, we don't have good photos of the Airstream, but I'm going to ask friends from home that may have some to share. If you have spotted it, please contact VAC Newsletter Editor

### Scheduled Virtual Chats March - June 2021 Starting at 4 pm EST

- March 27, 2021
- May 8, 2021
- June 25, 2021

Zoom Meeting Link.

<https://zoom.us/j/97244762156?pwd=c1BsRjczQitlTkJXRmxtTVZLTjFOQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 4476 2156

Passcode: vac

### **Land's End VAC store now open**

You can order your VAC Merchandise online, access:

<https://business.landsend.com/store/vintageairstreamclub/>

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### ***VAC International Rally Dinner***

***Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ 4 pm - VAC Pavilion***

***\$5 / dinner for VAC members - Registration Required:***

***<https://vintageairstreamclub.com/vac-rally-dinner-registration/>***

Menu:

Angus Burgers 6oz- with lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, ketchup & mustard

Angus Hot Dogs- with all the trimmings

Veggie Burger in place of Angus Burger (Please request when purchasing ticket)

Hamburger & Hot Dog Buns

Pasta Salad- tomatoes, cucumbers, red peppers, Parmesan & Italian vinaigrette dressing

Homemade Potato Chips

Sweet & Unsweet Tea

DESSERT - Cobbler

Picnic Pack Disposable's- (included in meal price) Styrofoam plate, meal kit w/plastic flatware, paper napkin, salt & pepper, with a red solo cup

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## ***VAC International Rally 60's Music / Dance***

The 60's music/dance is scheduled for July 18, 2021, at the VAC Pavilion starting at 7 pm.

We have a DJ, but we can use help with the selection of the music and set up. Please consider volunteering. It will be a fun time! You can contact a board member or send a note to the newsletter editor if interested and available.

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### Region 8 Midwest Vintage Club Rolling Rally August 20- September 7, 2021

Participants must be current members of the Vintage Airstream Club. We're planning a rolling rally beginning August 20, 2021, to escape the summer heat in Region 8. We'll begin the rally at the Pammel State Campground near Winterset, Iowa, and end at Fall Lake Campground located in the Lake Superior National Forest near Ely, Minnesota. You can join us anywhere along the rally stopping points and leave the rally as your schedule dictates. Participants will make their own reservations and should do so as soon as the reservation window opens for the campgrounds we'll be using. Please let us know no later than January 31, 2021, of your interest in participating in the rolling rally. Contact Lee and Joyce Cantrell at [ljcan@twinvalley.net](mailto:ljcan@twinvalley.net). You will then be provided with the campground information and itinerary so you can make your reservations once the reservation windows open. It is important to make reservations sooner rather than later since 2021 is predicted to be a busy camping season, and camping sites go quickly in Minnesota and Iowa. We are limiting the number of units attending to fifteen. Hosted by Joyce and Lee Cantrell

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From Lisa Sly, VAC 1<sup>st</sup> VP

The VAC Rendezvous, July 14-17, 2021, at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, is now **Sold Out**. I look forward to meeting all of you who were lucky enough to get a spot reserved in time.

I am asking all attendees to consider decorating their Airstream with lights for a nighttime display around the campground. With the plentiful selection of solar lights, LED lights, battery-operated lights, and candles, laser lights, Christmas lights, you can make your vintage Airstream campsite a beautiful sight to see in the evening. Ambient light inside a trailer is also beautiful. An evening Open House is optional. Feel free to decorate all you'd like. We will walk through the campground each evening to see what you've created and will award a prize for the best display.

The Rendezvous agenda is as follows:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>: Arrival at Cedars of Lebanon State Park throughout the day. Happy hour at 5 pm in Area 2, Site 74. Bring an appetizer, your own chairs and plates/utensils. Dinner on your own. Evening stroll to see Airstream light display.

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>: 9 am Axel and Brakes presentation by Rod Sly at Site 74. Bring your own chairs. This is an extremely important topic. A sound travel trailer begins with properly functioning axels and brakes. Explore on your own the rest of the day. Happy hour at 5 pm, then potluck dinner afterward--bring something to share. After dinner, play Viking Bowling. Evening stroll around the campground to see Airstream light display.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>: Complimentary continental breakfast at 8:30 am with presentation given by JJ & Sandy Johnjulio, Ambassadors for Sky Med, an emergency evacuation travel company. Explore the rest of the day on your own. Catered BBQ dinner at Pavilion 1 at 6 pm Entertainment by local Nashville star Antsy McClain. There is no charge for the BBQ dinner. However, only those Rendezvous attendees camped at Cedars of Lebanon will be allowed to attend the dinner and show. Proof of current VAC membership or affiliate is required.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. Pack up and drive to location in Lebanon where the parade will begin at noon. Please arrive at the staging area by 11. Rigs will be lined up by decade. Details forthcoming.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing our large VAC family in Lebanon in July. Please contact me if you have any questions at [lisa.sly@att.net](mailto:lisa.sly@att.net).

Lisa Sly  
VAC 1<sup>st</sup> VP

# FLEA MARKET

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## No Listings this newsletter

Please Note: VAC club and board members provide Flea market items for sale as a courtesy to membership. We do not sponsor or suggest any guarantees of the items for sale.



# VAC NEEDS YOU!

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Volunteers are needed to fill open positions in the Vintage Airstream Club. The following positions are available:

VAC 2nd Vice President

VAC 3rd Vice President

Newsletter Editor

Membership Chair

Quartermaster (merchandise)

Region 12 Representative

Concours D'Elegance Chair

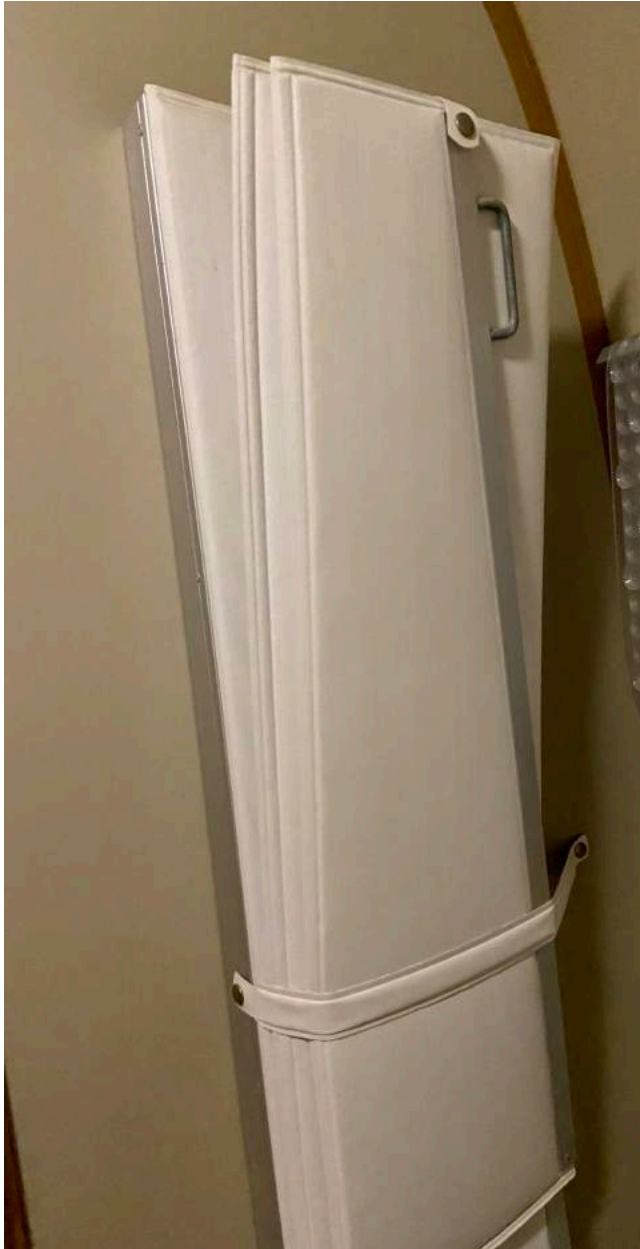
Parliamentarian

Full descriptions of role responsibilities are available on the VAC website under the resources tab in the operations section:

[https://vintageairstreamclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/DUTIES\\_201806276.pdf](https://vintageairstreamclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/DUTIES_201806276.pdf)

Volunteering is fun and fulfilling! If you would like to volunteer, please send your information to the 2nd Vice President at the email address below:

[2vp@vintageairstreamclub.com](mailto:2vp@vintageairstreamclub.com)



# 1964 Overlander Shower Curtain Restoration August 2020

Lynn Talsma WBCCI  
#6098

## **ORIGINAL SHOWER CURTAIN**

The original shower curtain was present, and was more like an enclosure than a curtain. It was rigid, and fan folded back to the wall when secured. This curtain was made from padded vinyl with a cardboard core.

We used this curtain for a while but you can see from the photos that the 56 year old vinyl began to crack and water was seeping in. The top of the curtain became spongy, soft and oh so oooogy! I hated to think about what was going on in there! Since water would continue to enter the original curtain we decided to remove it and restore it. The picture below is a close up of one of the cracks in the vinyl.



## **DECIDING ON MATERIALS**

After some thought, and discussion on the Airforums site, we decided to visit our local upholstery shop. This upholsterer was well qualified to do the work since he also works on boats for the local marina. We chose a nice marine grade vinyl for the skin. I floated the idea of using plastic corrugated sign board for the rigid inserts (thanks to Janet H on the Airforums). I new we needed something that would not rot. I headed over to the local sign shop looking for this product, with my entire shower curtain in hand. The sign maker had a better idea. She pulled a 4 by 8 foot sheet of PVC board which was 1/8 inch thick. This product is easily cut with a knife.





## **FINAL PRODUCT**

The PVC board was easily cut to exact size using a knife. The covering was made with the vinyl material folded over the top edge of the PVC inserts. The joints were sewn with polyester thread to resist rot. The inside facing of the vinyl is polyester as well. All of the original hardware was re-used on the new curtain.



Original hardware

The new curtain is working perfectly, is easy to clean, and has not entrained any water. We make sure it remains open to allow the surfaces to dry after using the shower. I retained the old vinyl curtain should I come across another owner in need of a template.

The final pictures below show the curtain installed.  
Happy showering! Lynn





Open for use



Secured in travel position