



VINTAGE AIRSTREAM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy 2022 from the VAC

A very Happy New Year to all our members in the Vintage Airstream Club. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are busy making plans to go camping in 2022. First order of business is to remind those of you who haven't renewed your membership for 2022, there is still time to do so. It's quick and easy on the VAC website VintageAirstreamClub.com. We have over 600 members in our club now, and I hope that number continues to climb.



There are several VAC-inclusive rallies coming up this year, one in Arizona, another in Colorado, and another in Delaware,

commencing with the VAC Rendezvous in July in Maine. More info on these rallies is detailed below.

We are in the planning stages for the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine, to be held July 23-29, 2022. We hope to see a large contingent of VAC members in attendance at International. If you are coming, make note that the vintage parade this year will be held 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon, July 22, rather than the usual Saturday time of past years. This schedule change ensures everyone gets parked in time to attend the opening ceremonies later that evening and won't miss important seminars and meetings that begin on Saturday.

The annual VAC Rendezvous, which always precedes the International rally, will be held Wednesday, July 20 to Friday, July 22 in Sandwich, NH. VAC members are encouraged to attend the Rendezvous. It's a great way to kick off the International festivities and enjoy staying in a beautiful New England campground. Lynn Talsma, first VP, is working hard to organize the Rendezvous. Watch for an email soon with registration information and rally schedule.

VAC members are proud of their beautiful vintage trailers and motorhomes. Please consider entering your rig in the Concours d'Elegance at International in July. Judging will take place on Sunday, July 24, during Open House. The VAC website has a sample judging sheet to help you identify what the judges will be looking for. The interior, exterior, and undercarriage of your trailer will be examined, so be sure to repair, clean, and detail all these important areas. More information will be forthcoming regarding the Concours. A sign-up sheet will be on site at the VAC tent. Please note: Each individual trailer or motorhome can only be entered in the Concours two times. Once a rig has been judged twice, it is no longer qualified for entry again. However, members can enter another rig. The two-entry limit applies only to the rig and not the member. A Best of Show award can only be won once (per rig).

VAC business wouldn't be complete without reminding the membership of our new online retail partners: Lands End and YouCustomizeIt. Lands End will add a VAC logo to its large inventory of clothing and accessories.

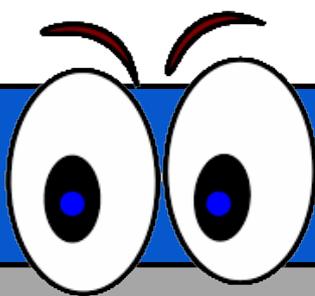
YouCustomizeIt sells a beautiful garden flag that you can design yourself with the VAC logo, your name, red numbers, Airstream model, or anything else. See the end of this newsletter for instructions on how to design your flag. Both websites are accessible through the VAC website VintageAirstreamClub.com.

My time as VAC president so far has been a lot of fun and I've learned a lot. The best part has been meeting all of you amazing Airstream enthusiasts. A huge thanks goes to the VAC board for their hard work keeping this organization running smoothly and efficiently. And a huge thanks to Shirley Bollinger, who has just stepped down as treasurer. She kept the VAC books for us for many years. Tom Kirk is taking over treasurer duties starting this month.

I hope to see you all in 2022. **DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!**

Lisa Sly
VAC President

Eye Spy!



How Diane Bailey Got Her Wee Wind



In the spring of 2010, I was watching the local late-night news. I kept dozing off and on but suddenly I was wide awake. The TV crews were reporting about a murder in an alleyway. They showed the

crime scene by a garbage dumpster, cordoned with yellow tape and even the body covered with a white sheet.

Police were everywhere investigating the area while red lights were flashing. But it's what I saw through the cyclone fence that brought me wide awake. Tucked



under a tree in the backyard I got a glimpse of what I thought was an old Airstream. I remembered the TV reporter saying the body was found in the 2500 block of Smith Street (fictitious address).



The next day I found the alley and exact house where the little Airstream was sitting in the backyard. I knocked on the door and that's how I came to own a 1948 Airstream Wee Wind. - *Diane Bailey*

Report on the Dolores River Airstream Rally

June 3rd to June 6th 2021

Anita McQueen, a new VAC member said "I feel like a little girl who has been to summer camp. I had so much fun".

I believe that is how most of us felt about this combined Region11 VAC Rally with the Arizona Airstream Club. Each Club had twenty trailers come to the Rally. One VAC member did not bring his trailer because it is not towable but after attending the Rally, he now has a plan. Rick Kanis who is from near Fort Wayne, Indiana and a new owner of a 1968 Overlander saw the write up about our Rally on our Facebook page and came to our Rally as a guest. He and his wife are now members of ACI, VAC and the Indiana Airstream Club. After hearing Rodney Sly's presentation on Axles, he was now planning on getting new axles, as soon as he returned to Indiana.



In this combined Rally, the Vintage Airstream Club was responsible for content while the Arizona Airstream Club planned the Hawaiian themed Luau on Saturday evening and provided coffee and breakfast snacks.

The Rally content addressed a logical approach in evaluating a Vintage Airstream trailer with emphasis on ensuring safety. The theme was

Repair, Replace, Renew or Rebuild when deciding to put a Vintage Airstream on the road. Before doing anything, VAC members were advised to insure their trailer to value by having a certified appraiser appraise their trailer. Appraise the trailer again after project is complete.

Rodney Sly gave an in-depth presentation on axle anatomy and causes of axle and wheel bearing failure. Axle review should be done in most Vintage Airstream trailer projects.



Bob Doster, assisted by Will Sander and Tom

Howey introduced the **Repair, Replace, Renew or Rebuild** theme. It was emphasized that spending money on a Vintage Airstream was an investment in a tangible asset. It will increase in value if time and money is spent in a logical way. All systems, water, waste-water, gas and electric should be evaluated.

Steve Bitner gave a presentation on a Rebuild of a 1947 Wee Wind. This extensive project took six years to complete and is



a stunning example of what a 1947 Wee Wind looked like. The interior of the trailer had been destroyed, but now is an original custom design and is an example of quality, comfort and just fun to use for camping.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings were spent trailer-side renewing friendships and making new friends.

As Anita said,
"This is so much fun!"



For Sale

VAC Virtual Flea Market

*Let us help you trade/sell your vintage Airstream items.
Send a description and photos to
Newsletter@VintageAirstreamClub.com*

FOR SALE: Original equipment removed from a 1965 Caravel 17' Land Yacht.

-Front Gaucho with original cushions, filler panel over H2O tank, hardware, and upholstery \$50

-Side Gaucho with original cushions, hardware, and upholstery \$50

-Galley sink (white enamel with chrome trim ring) \$30

-Faucet for Galley sink \$30

-Single fold-out dining table with all mounting hardware and folding leg \$40

Items are located in Northeastern Ohio and must be picked up. Sink and faucet can be shipped at purchaser's expense. Email for pictures or other questions.

John Schnettler - jwschnettl@gmail.com

We are always looking for interesting vintage Airstream stories!

Send us yours!

Newsletter@VintageAirstreamClub.com

Events & Rally News

March 9-12, 2022 Fiesta Time in Arizona



Region 11 Vintage Airstream Club will be joining the Region 11 Airstream Rally at the Pinal County Fairgrounds and Event Center for the, *Its Fiesta Time in Arizona Rally*. VAC members will be parked together.

The Rally is full, with 125 units coming from 8 states. Campers are welcome to get on the waiting list by going to the Region 11 website.

This venue is a wonderful site for a Rally. Rally organizers have planned an educational and entertaining event with a free day to visit the New Airstream of Chandler Dealership or explore the nearby Casa Grande Ruins and Museum. Some may travel south to the Roster Cogburn Ostrich Farm.

There will be two days of activities and demonstrations. Several VAC members will be giving presentations. Luke Bernander, will be demonstrating proper hitching and inspection of the hitch. He will also be removing dents on request. Rod Sly will be presenting information about wheels and axles. Pat McDowell and Bill Fisher will be demonstrating proper riveting techniques.



In summary, there will be presentations on fourteen different topics, question-and-answer time, nightly entertainment and great food. This will be an event you do not want to miss!

May 19-22, 2022 North East VAC Rally

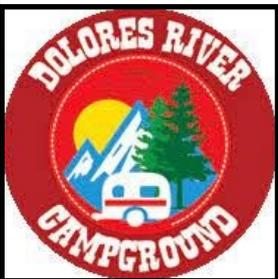


We are pleased to announce the North East VAC Rally at the Harrington, Delaware fairgrounds May 19-22, 2022 in conjunction with

Region 2. There will be VAC east coast Rendezvous (May 17/18, 2022) prior to the VAC rally. More details to follow.

Please mark your calendar. If you have any questions contact Ed Valentin at edwardva@outlook.com

June 2-5, 2022 Region 11 VAC Returns to Dolores, Colorado



The Region 11 VAC will be joining the Arizona Airstream Club for a joint Rally in Dolores, Colorado. Located in Southwest Colorado, Dolores River Campgrounds is a central location for Region 11 members and is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Cortez on State Route 145.

Most campsites have full hookups and are conveniently located around the dining and kitchen area.

The Dolores River runs by the edge of the campground and the Dolores RiverFest is tentatively scheduled to be held during our Rally.

The tentative schedule has VAC presentations on Friday. The presentation theme will continue from last year's rally Repair,



Restore or Rebuild. Bill Fisher will present Packing Wheel Bearings. Pat McDowell will discuss Evaluation of the Electrical System in a vintage trailer. Rodney Sly will present Frames, Axles and Wheels. Amy Van Artsdalen will demonstrate Cooking with an Instant Pot in Your Trailer.

There will be a short VAC meeting on Saturday followed by open doors and a flea market.

The hosts for this Rally are Mike and Gail McBurney from the Arizona Airstream Club and Kandi Smith from the VAC. Other events will include Opening Evening, Meet and Greet and Saturday Night's Way Out West Banquet.

Call the Dolores River Campgrounds to reserve a site and then go to the Arizona Airstream Club's Website to register for the Rally.

Because there is so much to see and do in the area many campers will want to come early to the rally and/or stay late!

Annual VAC Rendezvous

Wednesday July 20-22, 2022

Sandwich, New Hampshire

(details soon!)





Strawberries and Rebecca Sauce



This delicious recipe is super easy and fast to make. The sauce only takes 2 ingredients which you probably already have in your Airstream kitchen—if not, you will want to add them!



For the sauce:
8 oz Sour Cream
1/4 cup Splenda Brown Sugar

Combine and serve with
Strawberries.

See! What could be easier? The possibilities are almost limitless for this sauce. Including:

- Add a slice of pound cake
- Top with toasted almonds
- Use different fruits
- Use regular brown sugar instead of Splenda (increase to 1/2 cup or to taste)
- Stir in 1/2 tsp of vanilla



*Do you have a great recipe that you want to share?
Send it to Newsletter@VintageAirstreamClub.com*

Visit

Jack Sisemore's RV Museum



Jack Sisemore, in Amarillo, Texas owns the oldest RV dealership in Texas and more importantly to avid vintage Airstreamers, the world's oldest existing Airstream.



This 1935 Torpedo belonged to the Dr. Norman Holman family for 81 years. Dr. Holman ordered the plans and completed

the trailer in 1935. His son, Norman W. Holman Jr., PhD, MD continued to use it until 2012.



The museum houses a wide range of collectibles ranging from travel trailers, motorhomes, and motorcycles to vintage cameras. Other notable recreational vehicles include a 1962 Airstream Bambi, a 1976 Argosy, a 1955 Airstream, a 1948 Airstream Liner, and the "Happy Max" a 1948 Flxible passenger bus that starred as Jeff Daniels' "motor home" in Robin Williams' 2006 movie [RV](#).



Sisemore began collecting these jewels in 1986. He and his family generously share them free of charge to the public.

PLEASE NOTE—The museum is currently closed until mid-March 2022. Call for the exact opening date.

Jack Sisemore Traveland RV Museum - Amarillo

<https://www.rvmuseum.net>

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Amarillo, TX 79119



News from

The Rolling Rally

August 20—September 7, 2021

Region 8 VAC

Rolling Rally to the North Shore of Minnesota
Region 8 Vintage Airstream Midwest
by Shirley Herron with minor additions by Joyce Cantrell



Photo by Glenda Ridgeway of their trailer entering the tunnel to Pammel Park near Winterset, Iowa

We began our journey by meeting at Pammel State Park, south of Winterset, Iowa, on August 20. There was a hot dog roast provided by our rally hosts, Joyce and Lee Cantrell, and the rest of the group provided side dishes. Nine rigs joined us for the first night.

The next morning everyone went exploring; and for the evening meal the participants met up at Mi Pueblito in Winterset, Iowa, for a very nice dinner. Tom and I were unable to attend the rally on Friday but joined up with the group at Mi Pueblito. Since Tom and I were now part of the group, we had ten rigs ready for fun.

The next morning we hit the road in two groups headed for Blooming Prairie and the Brookside RV Park for a one-night stay. There we became a band of 11. Some toured the Spam Museum in Austin, MN, before setting up camp where Happy Hour, Campfire, and S'mores were enjoyed.

On morning number four of the rally, number three for Tom and I, we lined up in two groups to adventure on to rendezvous at Cabela's near St Paul, MN, where we stretched and did some shopping before heading to the Buffalo Valley Restaurant and RV park near Duluth. Before reaching Duluth, some of the group stopped at Tobie's Restaurant and Bakery at Hinckley, MN, for lunch. The campground near Duluth provided us with a nice secluded cul-de-sac where we had three more Airstreams join us. They were all VAC members, and they were from Colorado, Wisconsin, and Alabama. We then had a count of 15 Airstreams in our cul-de-sac.

Duluth has so much to offer--the canal, shops, restaurants, ship rides along the shore and harbor, and a Maritime Museum as well as a Railroad Museum. We did free time exploring, sometimes as a couple or two, as well as a group excursion for the ride around the harbor, and a meal together at the Buffalo Valley Restaurant. What do you get when 30 hungry

Airstreamers wait patiently for their food? Lots of loud talking

and laughter.

Thanks to the contained fire pit of a fellow Airstreamer most evenings consisted of a Happy Hour to share our daily excursions, compare notes and strengthen our friendships. Duluth was our home base for four nights.



Happy Hour at Grand Marais (Photo by Denise Chevalier)

On Friday we lined up again with our group losing three Airstreams needing to continue their adventure in other directions. Tom and I held back to cross at Duluth into Wisconsin only to cross back over to continue our journey to Grand Marais. On our way we stopped in at Split Rock Lighthouse, and then met up with everyone in Grand Marais, which is a beautiful town along the shore of Lake Superior. The campground was in a lovely city park and marina along the shore and within walking distance of the town shops and restaurants. We enjoyed the many sites in and around Grand Marais. Tom and I drove to Grand Portage; hiked to the tallest falls; and drove up the Gunflint Trail. Popular catch of the day the week we were there was herring at most of the restaurants, giving us a choice for the yummy fish and chip platters as well as a choice in chowders of either the herring or white fish. Walleye was also on the menu.

The fire risk was high so no campfires were allowed until our final night when the ban was lifted. A campfire was built, and we were treated to a guest, former Airstream owner "Mary", (not a planned or partner of our travels) who sang, played guitar, and told us stories. During our Grand Marais time we lost four of our group, some heading to the Clear Lake Airstream Park to visit with friends and others home for more adventures, and the couple from Alabama stayed behind in Grand Marais as they were just starting their upper states travels and were headed in another direction.

Our rolling rally group, down to three from Mo-Kan and three from Iowa, hit the road for the Fall Lake Campground in Ely, MN. (pronounced E lee). Each campsite was well designed and had a huge area for the table and cook fire rings designed so none of this standing on the head, or deep squats to try and cook. I was thoroughly delighted and wished Iowa had such spaces. Here we had so much again to pack in to three days: supper with the wolves (tickets were scheduled as part of our

personal agenda for arrival night). There we learned a lot about wolves and watched two senior wolves and a four month old interact. The town offered multiple shops and restaurants. We toured the home of a remarkable woman who made the boundary waters her home as a nurse, homesteader, canoe guide, and went on to become an Honorary Ranger.



She lived a long life and made a mean root beer. We hiked to a beautiful falls. We personally drove an hour and thirty minutes to Vince Shultes American Bear Sanctuary. This was a recommendation from a couple from our flea market days so naturally I had booked us tickets; and we made our trek over. We so loved our evening with the bears. I know this will be on a revisit trip for us as well. We had a local resident recommend a tour of the Soudan Mine so we traveled 2,341 feet below surface to experience the life of an iron ore miner. Our guide was nicknamed "Teach" as she is a local teacher who fell in love with the mine when she first visited it. She informed us we were in the Cadillac of mines as Soudan was the best mine in its day, producing high volume, quality iron, with nice roomy work spaces and dry fresh air circulated. The mine always had a long list of miners hoping to get to work there.

Rumors are circulating of a rolling rally in the next couple of years on the West side of Wisconsin along the shore of Lake Superior. I know we will be watching for that opportunity to surface: one of the many advantages to International, local, and intra-club membership benefits....

Shirley and Tom Herron



The last to leave Grand Marais – Tom and Shirley Herron, John and Carol Heckman, John and Judy Burton, Denise Chevalier and Kirk Moore, Scott and Kathy Allen, Terry and Donna Davis, and Joyce and Lee Cantrell.

Get Your Very Own Personalized VAC Flag

Our VAC flag is available directly through YouCustomizeIt.com. They come in small or large sizes, can be single or double sided, and you can change the font and text to your liking. The flag stand is optional (you can probably find the stand locally).



Instructions: Visit: <https://www.youcustomizeit.com/p/396243?CDID=5106122>

- Select single or double sided
- Select small or large
- Select optional stand
- Click "Customize It"
- Start with front. Note "Content Inside Visible Area". Here is where you can change your name and number.
- Continue on back if necessary. Here you can add your Air-stream year and model if you'd like.
- Preview
- Add to cart

**“Don't stop. Keep right on going.
Hitch up your trailer and go to
Canada or down to Old Mexico.
Head for Europe if you can afford it,
or go to Mardi Gras. Go someplace
you've heard about, where you can
fish or hunt or collect rocks or just
look up at the sky. Find out what's at
the end of some country road. Go
see what's over the next hill, and the
one after that, and the one after
that.”**

—Wally Byam