

VINTAGE AIRSTREAM TODAY

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President's Letter

February/March 2025

Hello all!

I hope that your 2025 is off to a great start!

The VAC board and I have been planning away for 2025 and I'm excited to say we've got another historic caravan in the works....see page 2.

In addition, there are plenty of surprises for the upcoming international rally in York, Pennsylvania! All I can say is it's going to be A VERY 60's year.

I am also planning a rally in Kentucky at the beginning of April. It's going to be in the Bardstown area where the "water" tastes mighty fine. More details to come soon...

Be sure to keep an eye on our Vintage Airstream Club Facebook page for more event details.

See you down the road –

James Schaal

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March 13 - 16, 2025

VAC REGION 6 GATHERING

**@ The Bat Cave -
Cathedral Caverns, Alabama**

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Originally called Bat Cave, Cathedral Caverns was opened to the public by Jacob Gurley in the 1950's. The cave was renamed because of its cathedral-like appearance. Purchased by the state in 1987, it was opened as a State Park in the summer of 2000. The first feature most people notice about Cathedral Caverns is its massive entrance. The huge opening measures 126 feet wide and 25 feet high, a possible world record for commercial caves. The grand entrance is only the beginning. Inside the cavern are some of the most beautiful formations Mother Nature has ever created including "Goliath"- one of the largest stalagmites in the world measuring 45 feet tall and 243 feet in circumference. Cathedral Caverns features many amazing sites: a "caveman" perched atop a flowstone wall, a "frozen" waterfall, a large stalagmite forest and a most improbable stone formation - a stalagmite that is 27 feet tall and 3 inches wide! **The campground is down the hill from the caverns [separate admission is required] and there is shopping and other excursions are available nearby.**

Cathedral Caverns Campground – 637 Cave Road, Woodville, Alabama 35776

All vintage airstreams are welcome to attend.

You must call and speak to staff at the park Office to reserve a site with the 15% discount [and they are waiving the registration fee.] Park phone number: **256-888-0230**

Link to the park website for more information:

<https://www.alapark.com/parks/cathedral-caverns-state-park>

Link to reservations, to look at the Campground Map:

<https://reserve.alapark.com/cathedral-caverns/campsites>

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The following pages (2-4) feature two special VAC events that are preceding the York International Rally – we hope you can join us:

2025 VAC Historical Caravan

- The Caravan’s focus will be “Historical” because of the theme of the ACI International Rally and the Club’s 70th Year Anniversary
- Caravan Leaders: John Schnettler VAC 2nd VP (#6594) and Steve Blackmer VAC Past President (#1095)
- The Caravan will assemble at the Back Forty Campground, Rushsylvania, OH, which is located near Jackson Center, OH and navigate along “Historical Roads and Communities” towards the 2025 VAC Rendezvous, and eventually Parade into the Fairgrounds of York, PA where the ACI International Rally will be held.
 - Dates: August 18 to August 23, 2025 (*which includes the VAC 2025 Rendezvous*)
 - You do **not** have to attend the 2025 VAC Rendezvous or the ACI International Rally to participate.
 - You can enter the Caravan or leave it as you please along the way.
- The Caravan will have overnight stays at 3 camping locations / 5 overnights in total, and caravan for 3 days for an overall mileage of (**See Caravan Itinerary below**)
- There will be electrical and water connections, along with sewer dumps at all locations. (Remember to dump your tanks if you are parading into the ACI International Rally.)
- Meals will **not** be provided, but on-site group dining will be organized and encouraged, along with “Sidewalk Café’s” (Happy Hours) where Historical Conversations and Q & A will be conducted with the Vintage Airstream Club’s Historian, Joe Peplinski.
- The Caravan is restricted to Regular and Affiliate VAC Members.
- The Caravan will be limited to Thirty (30) participating rigs.
- There will be **NO FEE** associated with this Caravan. (There is a fee associated with the 2025 VAC Rendezvous and the ACI International Rally if you decide to participate in those activities.) **REGISTER HERE**
- “Caravan Participants” will be responsible to directly contact and pay the respective campgrounds for camping. (Details provided in Caravan Itinerary Below).

Caravan Tentative Itinerary

(Subject to Change)

Day 1 - Monday, August 18th / Caravan Arrival:

- Arrive at: Back Forty Campground (Camp Nights – 8/18 & 8/19)
 - 959 County Rd. 111 E.
 - Rushsylvania, OH 43347
 - Phone Number (937) 468-2267
 - **You will need to call the above phone number to register**
- Meet and greet with other caravan participants.
- Sidewalk Café’(Happy Hour) / Historical Conversations

Day 2 – Tuesday, August 19th / Opening Activities

- Tour the Airstream Heritage Center
- Tour New ACI Club Headquarters
- Tour the Future the WBCCI Historical Center
- Organized Dinner Honoring the ACI Club's 70th Anniversary (TBD)
- Caravan "Drivers Meeting"
- Sidewalk Café' (Happy Hour) / Historical Conversations

Day 3 – Wednesday, August 20th / Caravan from Rushsylvania, OH to New Stanton, PA

- You will caravan on the Lincoln Hwy (US Rt30), US Rt250, and I70 east through Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Possible stops along the route include Mansfield OH, home of the former Ohio State Reformatory (location for the films Shawshank Redemption and Airforce One), and Mount Eaton and Wilmot OH in Ohio Amish Country.
- (275 Miles, approximately 5 hours, 30 minutes)
- You will camp one (1) overnight at Fox Den Acres Campground
 - 390 Wilson Fox Rd.
 - New Stanton, PA 15672
 - Phone Number (724) 925-7054
 - **You will need to Register On-Line at:**
 - <https://foxdenacres.com>
 - And enter **Vintage Airstream Club** in the comment field to be parked with our group
- Sidewalk Café'(Happy Hour) / Historical Conversations

Day 4 – Thursday, August 21st / Caravan from New Stanton, PA to Gifford Pinchot State Park

- You will caravan on the National Hwy (US Rt40), I68 & I70, and Lincoln Hwy (US Rt30) through Pennsylvania and Maryland. Possible stops/side trips include Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville PA, and Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial in Gettysburg, PA. US Rt40/I68 is a noted scenic route.
- (240 Miles, approximately 5 hours)
- You will camp for two (2) overnights at Gifford Pinchot State Park
 - 800 East Camping Area Rd.
 - Wellsville, PA 17365
 - **Reservations can be made at: Reserve America**
- Begin 2025 VAC Rendezvous (Please see 2025 VAC Rendezvous Agenda)
- Sidewalk Café'(Happy Hour) / Historical Conversations

Day 5 – Friday, August 22nd / 2025 VAC Rendezvous

- Please see 2025 VAC Rendezvous Agenda

Day 6 – Saturday, August 23rd / Caravan from Gifford Pinchot State Park to the VAC Parade at the ACI International Rally in York, PA

- You will Caravan to the VAC Parade
 - York Expo Center
 - 334 Carlisle Ave.
 - York, PA 17404
 - (15 Miles, approximately 45 minutes)
- Begin 2025 ACI International Rally at York, PA

The 2025 VAC Rendezvous



The 32nd VAC Rendezvous will be August 21 - 23 at Gifford Pinchot State Park, 2200 Rosstown Rd, Lewisberry, PA 17339

Campsite Registration is required and is likely to fill up fast so please consider making reservations here : <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/where-to-go/state-parks/find-a-park/gifford-pinchot-state-park.html>.

We encourage doing this TODAY while you are thinking about it - as the park has a very generous cancellation policy *** - so we really have nothing to lose by booking our spots before the park fills up.

Please look at the notes below before selecting your site:

- We are encouraging everyone to be in **loop B** so we can be close.
- If you are traveling with a **pet** there are certain sites for that, please be sure to book a pet site.
- There are a limited number of full hookup sites, the rest are electric with community water
- We have booked Sunnyside Pavillion for our gatherings (has electricity and grills)

We will also need you do make your VAC Rendezvous registration but that is not as urgent as the campsite. When you are ready you may pay the \$15 per person rally fee at our website:

***The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources charges a \$6.50 non-refundable transaction fee on all reservations and registrations. Cancellations can be made via the call center or website up to the day before arrival.

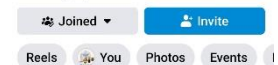
VAC on Social Media

The Main Club Page



Vintage Airstream Club -- The VAC / Intra-Club of the WBCCI >

Public group · 3.7K members

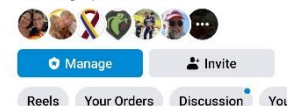


Vintage Airstream Parts & Trailers Swap Meet - Buy/Sell/Wanted



Vintage Airstream Parts & Trailers Swap Meet - Buy/Sell/Wanted >

Private group · 5.3K members



At-A-Glance UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❁ February 20-23: Streamin' on the Strand: 2100 Strand Galveston Galveston, Texas Event Contact: Bruce and Marya Barefoot, Host mombarefoot@gmail.com
- ❁ March 13 – 16: Region 6 VAC Gathering: Cathedral Caverns Campground – 637 Cave Road, Woodville, Alabama 35776 Event Contact: [Judy Hardwick, VAC Region 6 Representative](mailto:Judy.Hardwick@vacregion6.com)
- ❁ June 10 - 20, Future Streamers: Kids On The Blue Ridge Caravan—for more information click [here](#)
- ❁ July 4-11, Silver on the Seas: Seattle, WA. Alaskan Cruise departing from and returning to Seattle, WA. Hosts: Jason & Andrea Grendahl jasongrendahl@gmail.com
- ❁ August 18 – 21: Historic Caravan – see pages 2 and 3
- ❁ August 21 & 22: VAC Rendezvous—see page 4
- ❁ August 23-28: 68th Airstream Club International Rally in York, Pennsylvania. For more information click [here](#)

For planning purposes here are some pages you may want to bookmark for regular visits to see updates:

ACI Rallies and Events—<https://airstreamclub.org/events>

ACI National Caravans- <https://airstreamclub.org/events>

VAC Events—<https://vintageairstreamclub.com/events/>



VAC in York

A tentative snapshot of what to expect from VAC at the International Rally this year. This will be updated as we get more details and firm up plans.

- VAC Rendezvous Aug 21-23 off site
- VAC Parade into the York Fairgrounds August 23
- VAC open house
- VAC Dance
- VAC lunch and business meeting
- Coffee time
- Sidewalk Cafes – Wally's term for happy hour gatherings
- VAC merchandise for sale
- VAC information booth



“A Racing Good Time!” **2025 Region 5 VAC Gathering**



It has been 20 years since the last National Rally was held in Indianapolis, IN. All vintage Airstreams are welcome to attend as we resurrect this rally celebrating the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway from May 8th to May 14th.

This Rally will highlight much of the best that Indianapolis has to offer, including a day of racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the IndyCar Sonsio Grand Prix, visits to downtown Indianapolis and the town of Speedway, fun themed dinners and much more.

Our Rally Site will be the beautiful Fitness Farm located 10 minutes from downtown Indianapolis on West 44th Street in the Wynnedale neighborhood. Here's the link to the Fitness Farm:

<http://fitnessfarm.org/>

Rally Pricing: *There will be two pricing options for camping at The Fitness Farm.*

- R Rally Fees/ Pricing: \$315 for 1 airstream & 1 person w/ 30 amp, \$215 for 1 airstream & 1-person boondocking (personal generators allowed), \$35 for each additional person, \$35 for children 6-17 years old, under 5 free.
- R Pump out services offered for \$ 55.
- R Water fills available.
- R Location at The Fitness Farm, owned by The Saturday Evening Post Society.
- R Possible Saturday Evening Post Article being published on event.
- R Only one mile from Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
- R Experience a Grand Prix Race.
- R Visit & tour the Indianapolis Motor Speedway newly remodeled museum.
- R Experience an Indy Racing League practice day.
- R Themed Dinners with Entertainment
- R Variety of Seminars including Airstream Ownership, Maintenance & Camping
- R Sponsored Breakfast

Looking forward to seeing you in Indianapolis in 2025 for A Racing Good Time!

To sign up for the Rally, please use this JotForm link:

<https://form.jotform.com/242903475731155>

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Tiny Tabs, Big Impact: Airstreamers for RMHC

Who has the most Pull?

Future Streamers are collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania during the 2025 International Rally in York, PA.

Let's see who has the most pull!

We challenge each region and club to see who can make the biggest impact from these tiny tabs. And each time you pull a tab, it provides a fantastic opportunity to share with those around you why you save those little pieces of aluminum.

Collected tabs will be tallied by weight.

Did you know - a gallon size bag of pop tabs weighs roughly 2.5 lbs?
Donations are also accepted!

Future Streamers know the importance of being together with your family when your child is critically ill or injured.

Ronald McDonald House Charities help make this happen and, believing in their mission, we want to help RMHC.

Please share this with your family and friends - even small contributions can make a vast impact. Your participation is essential to our success and to the families RMHC supports each night.

We sincerely appreciate your help.



<https://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/recycling-programs/>

745 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033-2304

Phone: 717-533-4001

VAC Virtual Chats



March 19th, 2025, 7pm eastern time:

Join host John Schnettler for a wide-ranging discussion about vintage trailer maintenance, restoration issues, and general questions concerning vintage trailer systems and how to keep them going or if it might be time to upgrade to a modern equivalent. We will have several seasoned VAC members available to share their expertise and ideas to answer your questions. See you around the campfire.

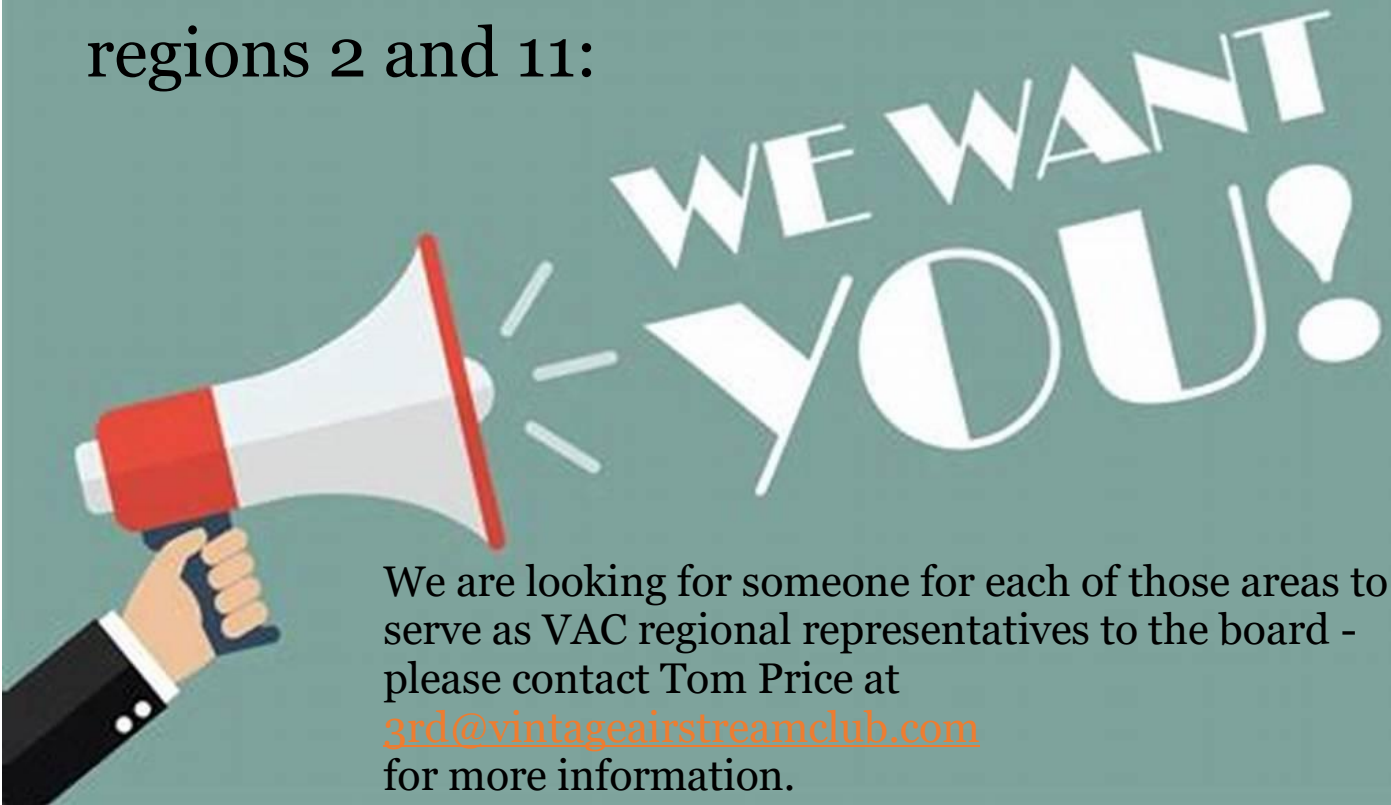
June 24th, 2025, 7pm eastern time.

Join hosts John Schnettler and VAC president James Schaal for an open forum with a mystery guest ??? Tune in for a fun filled hour of entertainment. See you around the campfire.

Zoom links about our upcoming chats will be emailed and posted on our social media. These chats are open to all VAC members and affiliates.

If you have any ideas for future topics please feel free to contact John Schnettler at 2vp@vintage airstreamclub.com.

Attention members in regions 2 and 11:



We are looking for someone for each of those areas to serve as VAC regional representatives to the board - please contact Tom Price at 3rd@vintage airstreamclub.com for more information.



Vintage Travel Trailer Rally

Saturday, May 10, 2025 • 9a to 4p ET

Circle your wagons! Make plans to display and camp overnight in your vintage travel trailer or RV on the main show fields of the Gilmore Car Museum. All retro travel trailers and RVs 25 years or older are welcome, so bring it out and enjoy the weekend, whether it's an Aero-Flight, Holiday House, Serro-Scotty, Shasta, Spartan Manor, or Winnebago! Onsite camping is also available for modern travel trailers and RVs, but they will be parked in a separate, designated area on the Gilmore campus.

Campers are encouraged to consider participating in the *Corks and Crafts* wine, beer, and spirits event as well as *Boats At The Barns* also taking place the same day, during the travel trailer rally. Tickets for the *Corks and Crafts* event, featuring wine, spirits and beer sampling, food, and live music, will be sold separately.

**Same day as
Boats At
The Barns +
Corks & Crafts!**

Participant

Travel Trailer Registration - \$35

- Includes admission for 2 people (driver + guest)
- Primitive camping spot for your travel trailer or RV
- Permanent restrooms are available on the grounds, but no showers
- Participant/Vendor gate opens at 8:00am ET
- Pre-register online at GilmoreCarMuseum.org

Vendor

Registration - \$50 per space

- Space size is approximately 20' x 30'
- Includes admission for 2 people (vendor + guest)
- Space assignments on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Participant/Vendor gate opens at 8:00am ET
- Pre-register online at GilmoreCarMuseum.org

Spectator

Standard Museum Pricing

- Includes admission to the travel trailer show and the museum
- Museum doors and public gate open at 9:00am

Spectator parking at Gilmore Car Museum is always free. Please note, museum membership provides for free spectator walk-in admission, but not for free participant admission. **For show specific inquiries please contact Ken Fischang by phone (269) 953-9012 or email kfischang@GilmoreCarMuseum.org.**



Awards

Only trailers 25 years or older are eligible for judging.

Awards for each of the following categories:

- Top 5 Awards
- Sponsor's Choice
- President's Award



Register Online

GilmoreCarMuseum.org @GilmoreCarMuseum    General Museum Inquiries: info@gilmorecarmuseum.org

Gilmore Car Museum • 6865 Hickory Rd. • Hickory Corners, MI • 49060 • (269) 671-5089

Welcome New Members

NAME REGION UNIT YEAR

January, 2025

Detweiler, David & Brian Fear	04	077	Overlander 27'	1977
Lajeunesse, Jean-Guy & Sylvie Lefebvre	01	125	345	1988
Luchsinger, Dave & Deb	01	064	Safari 22'	1955
Maloney, Joan & Darrel Ernst	02	091	Safari 22'	1964
Spread, Tom & Edwina	08	046	Safari 27'	2008
Worcester, Greg & Ellie	03	111	Safari 22'	1962
			Excella 31'	1983

December, 2024

Beck, Paul & Jeannie	06	005	Trade Wind 24'	1963
Boomstra, Andrew & Susan	04	006	Overlander 27'	1971
Campbell, Jaymes	06	158	Argosy 20'	1978
Hammock, Greg & Kelly	03	109	Excella 31'	1984
Hyde, Jamie & Joan	02	124	Overlander 27'	1970
			Rangeline	2023
			Classic 34'	2003
LaVergne, Thomas & Nanette	04	006	Ambassador 28'	1978
Lawlor, James	12	013	Globe Trotter 20'	1965
Martin, Ryan & Richelle	02	124	Safari 22'	1964
McMurphy, Eric & Holly	09	155	Trade Wind 22'	1972
			Classic 33'	2023
Paradis, Paul & Melanie	03	027	Bambi	1963
Pray Freni, Crystal	01	064	Land Yacht 28'	1968
Rollins, Jarrid & Erica	09	099	Overlander 26'	1968
Williams, Nola & Thomas Booze	12	011	Liner 22'	1947
			Classic 30'	2016

November, 2024

Annis, Jayne & Brian	12	018	Globe Trotter 20'	1965
Burgess, Brian & Amy Donnelly	12	011	International Serenity 23'	2019
Daniel, Peter	02	170	Excella 1000 34'	1987
Futey, Kathleen & James MacMurray	04	006	Overlander 25'	1964
Jackson, Tim & Georgia	09	104	Safari 22'	1965
Kaelin, Byron & Lou	09	000	Classic 34'	1992
			Safari 25'	2005
Mohlenhoff, Brian & Millad	12	018	Overlander International 26'	1966

Membership News



Our Club membership continues to grow and in 2024 we signed up 200 new members bringing our December 31, 2024 membership count to 774.

We have developed a new Vintage Airstream Club promotional brochure that can be used to share information about VAC with other Airstream owners that members encounter on the road.

This brochure is a quick and easy way to spread the word about our great Intra-Club and let others know that they don't have to own a vintage Airstream to become a member.

It's a proven fact that word of mouth is the most effective way to encourage new members to join, and we hope this brochure will help you open the door to a discussion about joining VAC with other people that you meet.

A copy of the new brochure can be found on our [website as a PDF file](#).

If you are interested in obtaining brochures to distribute on your travels, contact Judi Moran, <mailto:membership@vintageairstreamclub.com>.

Judi Moran
VAC Membership Chair



2023-2024 Executive Board

Appointed Board Positions

James Schaal, **President**
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George Watson, **1st Vice President**
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John Schnettler, **2nd Vice President**
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Tom Price, **3rd Vice President**
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Joel Ware, **Recording Secretary**
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David Gulley, **Treasurer**
treasurer@vintageairstreamclub.com

Steve Blackmer, **Past President**
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Established in 1993, the Vintage Airstream Club is an intra-club of our parent organization: Airstream Club International. Members who own vintage trailers (25 years or older) have the opportunity to learn more and receive advice about their vintage beauties while meeting other owners of these classy and historic RV's and possibly learn from their experiences and mistakes.

Anyone who does not own a vintage Airstream is welcome to join as an Affiliate Member and enjoy all the benefits of being up-to-date on VAC events and gatherings.

Judi Moran (#4405) – **Membership Chair**
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VAC REGION REPRESENTATIVES

These individuals are your best source of VAC information in your Region.

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Region 3: VA-NC-SC-GA-FL (exp. CT zone portion)

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Region 5: IL-IN-KY

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Region 6: TN-AL-MS-AR-LA-FL (CT zone portion)

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Region 7: WI-MN-ND-SD-MB-MI (UP)

Patrick Johns - (#3113) vacregion7@vintageairstreamclub.com

Region 8: IA-MO-NE-KS

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Region 9: OK-TX (except MT zone)

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Region 10: MT-ID-WA-AK-OR-BC-AB-SK-YK

Rob and Diane Nicol (#1816) vacregion10@vintageairstreamclub.com

Region 11: WY-CO-UT-AZ-NM-TX (MT zone portion) – MEX

VACANT vacregion11@vintageairstreamclub.com

Region 12: CA-NV

Steve Doster (#4583): vacregion12@vintageairstreamclub.com

Region 00: Europe

Open Position: vacregion00@vintageairstreamclub.com