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## President's Message

Hello VAC friends,

We are all starting to dig out from our winter and looking ahead to camping fun. With that being said your board has been hard at work behind the scenes with lots of planning including the Rendezvous and VAC events in Minot this summer. Additionally we are working with your region reps for local events and rescheduling our fireside chat. Please read on for more information and see you down the road.

[George Watson](#) - President BRN 9309



## Rendezvous 2026

Join us for the VAC Rendezvous 2026!

**Location:** Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, ND  
One hour south of Minot, ND

**Dates:** August 20th, 2026 (4pm) - August 22nd, 2026 (3pm)

We have 40 full hookup, pet-friendly sites on hold for our group.

**Registration** for this will open in May of 2026 - be on the look out for details as we get closer.

## What's in store for VAC in Minot?

We are busy working on the schedule and updating [this page](#) regularly.

Things we are currently working on:

- VAC Parade - we are coming in a caravan on Saturday
- [Concours D'Elegance](#) - show off your rig and possibly win bragging rights
- Members Choice Award - visitors get to pick their favorite
- VAC Open House
- VAC specific gatherings in the VAC area to include: morning coffee, special presentations, Sidewalk Cafes (Wally Happy Hour)
- VAC Block Party
- VAC Annual Meeting and Awards event
- a very cool new t-shirt for this year
- ...and some more surprises we can't share yet 😊



*New!*

## For your Reading Pleasure

VAC member Paul Waddell, BRN 1966, who is also your Region 2 VAC Rep, has some interesting articles that you may want to peruse. Fun stories and some history - we love it!

[Read on](#)

## Flo, a 1966 Caravel 17', is Back to Being a Well-Wheeled Gal!

By Hollis Bart, BRN 4597

The storm the night before was relentless with driving rain that ricocheted off the metal roof of the house. When the storm finally passed in the early morning hours, exhaustion had already taken hold. So, when the alarm went off at 7, I scrunched deeper into the covers to get just a bit more rest in the quiet of the morning.

CRACK! BANG! BOOM! Ugh. That couldn't be good. It wasn't. Branches covered the deck and when I ran to see how Flo had fared, she was enveloped in the "V" of a huge oak branch that had broken off 30 feet above her. But from that vantage, it seemed as if she had managed to escape damage. Given the size of the fallen lead, that was impossible to fathom.

It was – upon closer inspection, her curbside end cap (or “bubble” as I call it) was smashed in and the seam along the top of the trailer had been pushed up from the weight of the branch when it struck. I was just sick. Fortunately, I knew just who to call – Greg Penner from Vintage Base Camp. From the time I’d spent with Greg and his wife, Julie, at the Helen’s Homecoming Rally, I knew he could make Flo whole again, deploying his well-honed English wheel skills to bend and remold Flo’s damaged skin back to new.

I drove Flo down to Crestwood, Kentucky for her appointment arriving in mid-winter between snow events. The only way I knew I was in the right place were all the Airstreams (of all makes, models and years) in the parking lot. No big signs announcing the business, just a small Vintage Base Camp logo above the peephole on the door on the side of the shop...sort of like going to the hottest night spot known only to those in the know.

Once inside, I was greeted by two regal looking chocolate labs who tried hard to look like bouncers, when their primary “job” is to dun clients for treats. Clearly an experienced act, those two!

The shop is orderly and can easily handle three trailers at a time. And so, I entrusted her to the Penners and headed back to upstate New York.

Julie and her team obliged my requests for work in progress photos. Among my favorites were those they took of Greg wheeling Flo’s banged up exterior panel back into curvy shape. They also replaced the brand-new Airstream signs with two perfectly distressed, period-appropriate signs from the 60’s that I had received as a gift. A full circle moment that made me realize how much I had missed having her in my side yard.

To make sure that Flo was road-ready for our trek back to New York, Greg and his crew fixed some 1966 cabinet latches that had gone awry and they had checked the brakes and tire pressure. As I left VBC, I felt so fortunate to have come to know the Penners and to have them restore Flo as good as 1966-new!



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## Upcoming Events

- **VAC Virtual Fireside Chat** - scheduled for Tuesday April 7 at 7PM EST. A Zoom link will be sent later - the topic is all things maintenance, restoration and repair. We will have a very special guest. **NOTE this is the reschedule from February.**
- **Trailerfest SoCal** – San Dimas, CA — **Apr 9–12, 2026** — Bonelli Bluffs RV Park, San Dimas, CA. Airstream Area\*
- VAC Region 12 Spring Rally- **Apr 23 - 26, 2026**
- **Vintage Camper Rally** - Cullman, Alabama - **June 11-13, 2026**
- VAC Region 10 Rally - **July 9-12, 2026**
- **Silver on the River 2026** July 15 - 22, 2026

- **Southern Oregon Vintage Trailer Rally — Jul 30–Aug 2, 2026** — Seven Feathers RV Resort, Canyonville, OR. Airstream Area\*
- **2026 VAC Rendezvous August 20-22, 2026** - Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, ND...mark your calendar and watch for updates
- Experience the Magic in Minot at the **69th Airstream Club International Rally August 22-27, 2026**
- **Camp Vintage Yellowstone — Aug 10–16, 2026** — Red Rock RV Park, Island Park, ID. Airstream Area\*
- **South Lake Tahoe Trailerfest 2026 — Sep 10–13, 2026** — Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe, CA. Airstream Area\*
- **Region 8 Vintage Airstream Club 2026 Fall Rally September 24, 25, 26, 27**
- **Buellton Vintage Trailer Bash 2026 — Sep 24–27, 2026** — Flying Flags, Buellton, CA. Waiting List
- Valley of Fire Rally - Oct 24-28, 2026 - Region 12
- **Trail Along to Pismo 2026 - November** - Pismo Coast RV Resort, Pismo Beach, CA. Airstream Area\* (Registration opens January 1st)



## 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 during the 2026 International Rally in Minot, ND.

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.

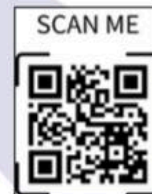
Did you know - a gallon size bag of pop tabs weighs roughly 2.5 lbs?  
Donations are also accepted!

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.rmhcargo.org/Support-us/pop-tabs/>

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red River Valley  
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Phone: 701-232-3980



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### VAC Member Discount

Our friends at Vintage Trailer Supply will offer a 10% discount to VAC members. When you contact VTS to make a purchase, you will be asked to provide your BRN, and VTS will use that to verify eligibility. Thank you Steve!!!

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## From the Editor

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We hope you are enjoying our latest issue of Vintage Airstream TODAY. We are always looking for articles (think interesting travel destinations, vintage maintenance tips, vintage history, etc. ... just a few examples to spark your imagination), vintage event information (before and after), and/or marketplace items. If you have any questions or submissions, please email me at the email address below. See you down the road.

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