

IDAHO AIRSTREAM CLUB

a word from our president

Greetings to All! Much has transpired since last I wrote to you. But this much remains. We are one, in our love of travel and in our appreciation of our rolling homes. I for one, am getting restless and wanting to get out on the road. Some of our members hitch up and head to warmer climates during these months. I envy you who do. There is something about 'Steamin South that calls to me. But there remain some things that I have to do while I am your delegated servant, and I better get to 'em.

I want to give you a brief overview of the fun you may have missed at the Harvest Dinner at Smokey Mountain Pizza in mid November. In short, we had a great time. Socializing together is what we do as members, and we did it in spades that night. We also were treated to some generous gifts from our fantastic local AS dealer, Airstream Adventures NW. They brought a bunch of Gift Certificates and as they gave them away, they pulled our AS numbers from a hat...so you best not forget what your number is! And during the Caravan to the Oregon Coast, while on a tour of Ultimate Airstream (Portland), Judy Canada talked them into donating a big bag of goodies that were given away. Nice work! Cash donated at the event was matched by our club, and divided between Women's and Children's Alliance and Idaho Food Bank. Clothing donated at the dinner was given to the Alliance also..thank you all for your generous contributions. All of this was sincerely given and genuinely appreciated by the Alliance and Food Bank.

There is much in the way of committee work going on, that will have an impact on the methods of payment in rallies next year, both of the payment of fees and the method of payment used to secure rally sites. Oh.."Them Changes" (anybody remember that Buddy Miles song?)...you will be brought into the discussion and have a choice in the matter, but first they have to be discussed and thought out, so they can be presented to you in a coherent manner. Much more to follow in the Jan/Feb issue.

Now a personal note to you all...I think I'm starting to appreciate the responsibilities you have given me as your Presidential Servant. It is a joy to work alongside your leadership teams. They are dedicated and thoughtful in their devotion to making our our experiences together easy, fun and worthwhile. Committee work has been very meaningful to me. I encourage our newest members to step into the mix, and get as involved as you can. It will enhance your membership and provide you the joy of service. And service is what we should be all about, yes? Service to each other as a Unit, to the Region and to those communities we live in and travel to. It makes it all just a little more worthwhile.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY UNIT BREAKFAST

8:30am on 2nd Saturday of every month. Golden Corral, 8460 W. Emerald St, Boise, ID. Marilyn Usselman (208) 863-2926.



wishing you the
happiest
of holidays!

IDAHO UNIT COMMITTEE LEADS

- ☐ **Budget**—Larry Conn
- ☐ **Calling Coordinator**—Marilyn Usselman
- ☐ **Caravan**—Darrell Ostyn
- ☐ **Community Service**—Judy Canada
- ☐ **Constitution and Bylaws**—Charlie Burke
- ☐ **Directory**—Gail Conn
- ☐ **Historical**—Betty Burke
- ☐ **Hospitality/Sunshine**—Marilyn Usselman
- ☐ **Legislative**—Charlie Burke
- ☐ **Membership**—Mim Davidson
- ☐ **Newsletter**—Cara Goedeking
- ☐ **Rally Coordinator**—Kim Schanze
- ☐ **Safety**—Open
- ☐ **Website**—Michael Schanze

CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays

03--Cindi Little
08--Terry Little
09--Justin Carr/Willy Gorrisen
13--Linda Johnson
14--Bunny Snively
15--Jon Enderson/Norma Massier
22--Debbie Jimenez/Darrell Ostyn
24--Gail Madsen-Clayton
27--Rochelle Bunnett/Sandy Maack
29--Sawyer Heuvel
30--Rebecca Jauquet

December Birthdays

02--Linda Settle
04--Susie Borowicz
06--George Brajkovich
08--Mike DeRuyter
09--Pam Vernegaard
10--David Jauquet
11--Becky Levi/Emily Neumarkel
14--Bill Massier
16--Joni Dronen
19--Carolyn Gedris
20--Rob Bunnett
26--Bonnie Ruskauff
27--Larry Conn/Linda Galleazzi

November Anniversaries

12, 1973--Pete & Fay Petersen
13, 1982--Niels & Pam Vernegaard
18, 1995--Michael & Regina Allen
19, 1994--John & Bonnie Ruskauff
23, 2000--Michael & Kathleen Archer

December Anniversaries

03, 1994--Calvin & Kelly Huit
08, 1997--Larry & Susan Warren
23, 1967--Ray & Sherry Hoem
28, 2006--Craig & Emily Quarterman
29, 1973--Bob & Darlene Caldwell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

George & Joanne Bevan

from New Meadows, ID

Jack Curry

from Jackson, WY

Stephen Fairley & Sharon Cairns

Affiliates from Calgary, AB

Cindee Lantz-Miracle

from Meridian, ID

Mike Monnie & Linda Smiley

from Boise, ID

Frank & Jan Roman

from Boise, ID

Barbara Scott

from Boise, ID

Michael & Rita Szczołka

from Meridian, ID

Kent & Julie Thomas

from Meridian, ID

Bob & Paula Tucker

from Nampa, ID

Carole Van Hook

Affiliate from Salt Lake City, UT

Membership News

The Idaho Airstream Club has grown this year to 120 members! We are waiting to hear from 45+ members who have yet to renew for 2020. We love to see the renewals arrive, but know that some families experience life changes that prevent renewing. That's okay too. If you're selling your Airstream, but want to maintain your membership, you're welcome to do so – as long as you don't buy another brand. If 2020 is a year of big travel plans, I encourage you to keep your membership so that you can take advantage of Courtesy Parking, rallies with other units, and more. Is there another reason you plan to cancel? Can we do something better? If you must cancel, your feedback is valued.



Have you noticed stars next to the big red numbers on some Airstreams? What do they mean? Well, those folks have been members for at least 5 years. Every 5th year, add a star next to your number. Congratulations to the Idaho members who celebrate a multiple of 5 years in 2019:

- ◇ 5 years > Rob and Rochelle Bunnett, Andy and Stephanie Falk, David and Rebecca Jauquet, and Phyllis Pullman
- ◇ 25 years > Lester and Mine Schmidt
- ◇ 30 years > Murv and Ann Lindley
- ◇ 40 years > Duyane and Judy Canada, Emily Neumarkel

If you've passed a 5 year mark without getting your stars, please let Mim know. She'll get you fixed up!

Some exciting Region 10 news that directly touches the Idaho Airstream Club – a new unit is forming in northern Idaho and Eastern Washington. Its home base is the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area. The Inland NW Airstream Club has received their provisional charter. They are moving ahead with officer elections, regular meetings, and rally plans. Several members will transfer from Idaho to Inland NW, but Region 10 and the WBCCI keep growing. Congratulations to the new unit and officers!

New WBCCI Members since 1/1/2019: 1371
Total WBCCI Memberships: 8127



Mim Davidson, #30657
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SUNSHINE REPORT

From our Sunshine gal, Marilyn: In November, the club sent get well wishes to Kim Schanze, Jerry Voight, Mim Davidson and Marilyn Usselman. Marilyn wishes to thank those who sent her gifts and encouragement in November while healing from a surgery.

Our condolences were sent to Jan Nelson, wife of Phil Nelson, on his passing. Condolences also were also sent to Kim Blackburn and Gary Betts on the loss of her mother, Rosie.

NOTE: If you know of any of our members who may be "under the weather" or need a little comfort, please contact Marilyn Usselman so that the appropriate wishes can be made and cards sent. Either call Marilyn at (208) 863-2926 or email her at usselmanm@hotmail.com.

New Member Intros

We have a 2016 Flying Cloud. It is not our first RV but it is our first Airstream and we love it. We are anxious to learn more about them and meet other owners about their experience ideas!

Frank and Jan Roman, Boise

I have a 2020 Caravel and it's my first RV and first time traveling in a trailer. All new experience.

I'm a retired pediatric nurse with three children and five grandchildren. I moved from South Dakota to Boise in 1980 and spent most of my adult vacations backpacking Idaho's mountain ranges. I volunteer with Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs which operates summer & ski camps for kids with diabetes. I enjoy gardening, reading, baking, quilting and scheduled "leisure time".

My first club meeting will be January 11.

Barb Scott, Boise

Kent and I were very happy to meet you and the club members! Thank you for making us feel welcome! Kent and I have been married for 51 years. We met at WNMU in New Mexico. He is originally from Mississippi and I'm from Los Angeles. We were both military brats and moved around a lot. His dad was in the Air Force and mine was in the Army. Kent is an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. We have 2 grown children and 5 grandchildren. He is a retired federal law enforcement agent and I'm a retired elementary school teacher. We have owned horses most of our married years.

Kent has a love for mountain wilderness areas. And while our kids were younger and active in 4-H, we had a menagerie of animals on our land! Travel is one of our big interests. We've had different types of campers through the years before we chose our Airstream. And over 15 years ago we traveled the intracoastal waterways in our 37' Island Packet sailboat. We boated from Holland, MI to Mobile, AL. Now we are starting a new chapter with old and new friends to enjoy the beauty of our USA.

Kent & Julie Thomas, Boise

My home is in SLC but we are just finishing renovation of an old cabinette/cottage next to the family cabin we've had for 40+ years in Donnelly. I do plan to spend much of next summer in Donnelly. Due to distance you probably won't see me at Saturday breakfasts.

We started with a 2003 Safari and then decided to downsize to 2015 22' Sport. My husband died of prostate cancer last December and I knew that a trailer was more than I could manage so I purchased a 2014 Interstate. I am active in the Utah group. In the late 70s we lived in Emmett, but the last 35+ years we've been in SLC. I was a teacher and then got my MSW and for the last 30 years have worked as a social work consultant to nursing homes in Nevada, Idaho and Utah (currently only Utah). When I'm home I love to quilt!

Thanks for letting me know when your rallies are. I find rallies to be such a good way to explore and to meet new people.

Carole Van Hook, Salt Lake and Donnelly

member spotlight

Charlie & Betty Burke



Tell us about your family...Charlie retired from the USAF after 26 years, attaining a rank of Chief Master Sergeant. In 1973, while still enlisted, Charlie had the opportunity to go for tech training at the Airstream factory in California. My father liked that, because Charlie was now a certified tech who worked on their Airstream. After retirement Charlie went to work at American Way Airstream dealership, first as a service tech, later running a highly successful parts/retail store. He worked until retirement in 2006. Betty was a stay-at-home mom to Jacque and Troy for many years before going to college and earning a teaching degree. She retired from the Mountain Home SD in 2015 after teaching grade K-3 and working as a reading specialist for 26 years. We have 2 furbabies, Boo a 9 year old Pomeranian and Sophie a 1 1/2 year old boxer. Currently we have a 3 year old foster boxer, Sadie, who is waiting for weather to improve so her new forever family can come from southern Oregon and take her home.

Tell us how you two met...Charlie and I met in 1968 at a campground in Indiana. His parents were running the campground and Betty's parents made her go camping that very wet March weekend. We met during a bingo game when Charlie helped me tease my sister over a set of "pop beads". The next weekend he drove back up to the campground, from central Kentucky, through a blizzard. The rest is history. August 16th we celebrated our 50th anniversary.

How long have you been members? We have been WBCCI members for 22 years.

What kind of Airstream do you have? Have you ever owned any other trailers/Airstreams? We currently have a 2018 Classic RQ after having traveled many many miles with our 04' Classic. Previous to these we had a 1961 16' Bambi and a 1974 23 foot Argosy. Earlier in the 70s we had a 26' Carriage trailer we used as a home as we followed Charlie wherever the Air Force sent him stateside.

What did you name your Airstream and why? Our trailer is Bear y more. Our 04' Classic was Bear, and since the '18 Classic offers many more high tech features we named it Bear y more. (Spanish y for and)

What was the best thing you've bought or made for your Airstream? For sure the best purchase for Charlie was the lighter weight and more flexible power cord! The OEM was very stiff and heavy.

Why did you join the Idaho Unit/who asked you to join the club? As the daughter of Airstreamers and club members, it was assumed we would join. We had always loved following their travels and wanted to enjoy the adventures the club is famous for. As a child I remember going with my parents to the monthly viewing for WBCCI/ Airstream Caravan films. I was thoroughly indoctrinated in the Airstream lifestyle! Charlie was easily convinced.

What have been your favorite trips/rallies as a part of the club? Oh gosh!! Way to many too choose from. But the fave is probably the Eclipse Rally at Stanley or the Urban Rally in downtown Boise. We have attended 17 WBCCI International Rallies having visited many interesting locations. We highly recommend attending International Rallies, as they are highly entertaining and provide a wealth of informational seminars.

What is the most interesting place you've visited (can be a "field trip" experience that was part of a rally)? The ride on the Blackhawk helicopter! Unbelievable!!!! The tour of INEL, wow that was great and highly informative.

Any places that we haven't gone as a club that you would recommend to others (campgrounds, parks, etc)? An early spring rally at Lake Walcott SP or Massacre Rock SP would be fun.

Besides traveling in your Airstream, what are your hobbies/interests? We both enjoy reading in our free time and working with foster dogs. Over the years we have taken in over a hundred dogs until they found their forever families. (Only 2 never left our home!)

COURTESY PARKING (Part 1 of 3)

by **Mim Davidson**

Courtesy Parking is as varied as the people who offer it. If you have space to park an extra Airstream, you can probably offer Courtesy Parking.

Fonny and I have been WBCCI members for 14 years, and never used Courtesy Parking. But this year we began the search for another Airstream. We found a possibility near a planned rally, but this was approximately 320 miles from home. We certainly couldn't pull 2 trailers at the same time. Where could we safely store the new-to-us trailer until we could get it home?

Courtesy Parking to the rescue! I opened the International Directory and looked for possible hosts in the town where our rally was planned. I emailed all 3 of them. One family didn't respond; 1 family was out of town. Thankfully, the members who responded were able to work with our special request.

We decided to buy the Sovereign. She followed us 3 hours back to our Courtesy Parking site. The host allowed us to let her sit for 2 weeks while we completed some responsibilities at home. We returned, and spent the night boon-docked in this sweet spot. We have since enjoyed a summer of camping in our 1985 Sovereign!

Courtesy Parking is an amazing gift! **If you have used Courtesy Parking, please let Mim know so she can write Part 3...**

(Next newsletter will contain stories of Idaho members who offer Courtesy Parking. The following newsletter will have stories of Idaho members who have used Courtesy Parking.)

CARAVAN TO INTERNATIONAL

CARAVAN HOST NEEDED!

Caravan to the International Rally
Loveland, CO June 20-27, 2020

A caravan is being planned for the trip to Loveland, Colorado. Currently there are 7 Airstreamers interested in traveling as a group. Boise to Loveland is 764 miles and driving time is approximately 11 ½ hours. **The caravan needs a Host.** Bill Lawrence was going to Host but family commitments have changed his availability to lead the group. Bill will be a valuable resource in assisting the Host with setting up the Rally Route and campgrounds to stay in along the way. Also, those in the caravan, need to express their preference in having the trip be a 2 night stayover or 3 nights. If you want to travel with the caravan, please contact me as soon as possible. It is important that camp-ground spots are reserved as they fill up quickly along our route.

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Airstream Coupler Recall Additional Information

Charlie Burke wanted to share some clarification about the Airstream Coupler Recall information that was emailed to members a few weeks back. He believes this information may be a bit clearer.

Airstream recalls various travel trailers

The trailer may detach from the tow vehicle, posing a crash risk

11/14/2019

ConsumerAffairs

Recalls



Photo source: Airstream

Airstream is recalling 1,888 model year 2019-2020 Sport, Nest, Flying Cloud, International Serenity, International Signature, Classic, Globetrotter & Tommy Bahama trailers, and model year 2020 Basecamp, Bambi and Caravel trailers.

Due to improper welding, the Demco ball coupler installed on the travel trailers may not provide enough clamping force on the tow ball, potentially causing the coupler to separate from the tow ball.

If the coupler separates from the tow ball, the trailer can detach from the tow vehicle, posing the risk of a crash.

What to do

Airstream will notify owners, and send a temporary use adaptor that can be slipped over the ball portion of the coupler to allow owners to tow their trailers.

For the final remedy, dealers will add a shim plate to the backside of the ball coupler clamp to put it in position to apply the required clamping force on the tow ball free of charge.

The recall is expected to begin December 20, 2019.

Owners may contact Airstream customer service at (877) 596-6505 or (937) 596-6111 extension 7401 or 7411.

2020 Rally Schedule

Date	Location	Host/Co-Host
April 23-26	Break-Out & Bus. Meeting Ambassador RV Resort, Caldwell, ID	Settle/Falk
May 21-26	Bruneau Dunes State Park, Mtn. Home, ID	Burke/Davidson
June 4-8	Park at the River Wallowa Lake, OR	Schanze/Goedeking
June 18-20	Caravan to International Rally	Open
June 20-27	International Rally Loveland, CO	N/A
July 9 - 12	Rally and Location: TBD	Conn/Taylor
July 21-26	Region 10 Rally Lynden, WA	N/A
August 21-24	Officer Installation & Business Meeting: River Pond RV, Crouch, ID	Canada/Archer/ Centeno
September 17-20	The Narrows SE Oregon	Lawrence/Betts
October 14 - 18	Sun Valley Music and Jazz Fest	Caldwell/Usselman
October	Halloween Party Boise, ID	
November	Harvest Dinner	Warren

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