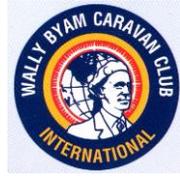


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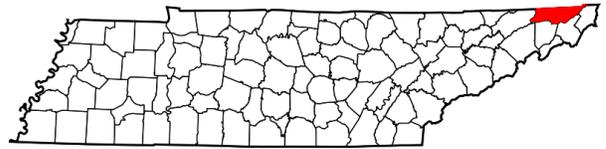
Appalachian Unit of West Virginia Airstream Club

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Recent News:

June 08-10, 2017. Buddy Rally in Bluff City near Bristol Tennessee. Hosted by Ruth and David Milhorn; we were also joined by Larry and Karin Kurkowski of the Michigan Unit. We had a great time. Enormous Tri-Cities Flea Market, good food and great company. Debbie May brought her new Airstream Bambi.

<http://rwwork.net/2017-06-BluffCity.html>



July 22-29, 2017. International Rally in Escanaba MI. As it turns out no one from our unit made the International this year. Events will prevent some of us from attending all the planned rallies, but it's rare when our unit doesn't have a camper to represent the Appalachian Unit at a Regional or International affair. Here is the WBCCI link to the rally chronicle.

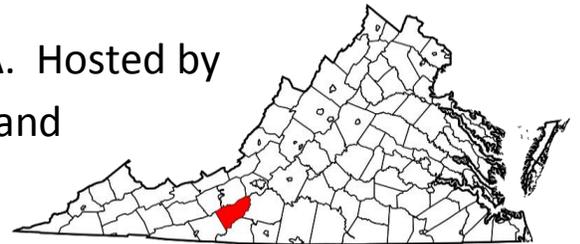
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August 16-20, 2017. Highland Haven near Floyd, VA. Hosted by Carroll and Wayne Barth. Quiet and laid back, Highland Haven is an Airstream exclusive park that is always a great place to relax and recharge. Spectacular

views abound. Group breakfast started the days. A few campers lulled in the serene summer breezes, and some sampled wines at a local winery including lunch and later an Italian dinner at Mickey G's. Floyd has shopping by day and Bluegrass music on the weekend evenings.

http://rwwork.net/2017_Highland_Haven.html



September 23 – October 1, 2017 Swiss Festival National

Rally in Sugarcreek OH, at the Winklepleck Grove park. Most of us caravanned to this rally in our assorted Airstreams including Shelba Tucker in her little vintage 1962 and Debbie May in her new Bambi; so cute rolling over the Ohio hills together. Hosted by Karin and Larry Kurkowski, this is the longest running continuous rally destination in the WBCCI club.



About 100 Airstreams parked throughout the park nestled in Amish country. This area is abundant in theme shops and restaurants that make everyone feel welcome. Club members from varying units volunteer to give tours of the area including *-are you ready!-* Amish grade schools, cheese plants, wooden bird house crafting facilities, leather belts purses bags and boot cobbler shop, buggy building shop, handmade and machined broom construction shop, the Schoenbrunn Village (first white settlement in Ohio), Warther Museum (wood carving and knife making extortioner), Amish casket making and distribution, Amish Teardrop Trailer factory, Homestead Heirloom Furniture factory (green manufacturing), Amish Mennonite Heritage Center, small grocer distribution center, Alpine Hills Historical Museum (The Little Switzerland of Ohio exhibition), Sugarcreek Brick Wall Sculpture which also depicts Sugarcreek Airstream rallies that have taken place for over 50 years, World's Largest Cuckoo Clock, 4 ecological & environmental tours, an all-day motorcycle tour and, of course, tours of Yoder Amish homes. Also, Sugarcreek township had its annual Swiss Festival parades downtown and awarded our collective rally entry the best of show float award.

Within the park, we had a hobby show, a flea market, crafts sale and Autumn trailer decoration competition. The rally golf tournament took place on the adjacent country club greens. Ham and Bean Soup day had a dozen campers working the cooking pots and beans to produce dinner for the entire park; our unit pooled salads and desserts and picnicked at the pavilion adjacent to our trailers. Casual

music and/or an evening musical program provided entertainment for 6 of the 8-day rally. Along with comic skits and door prizes.

Seriously, something for everyone.

<http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/>

Hosted by Sandy and Rich Work, **our October Buddy Rally was at the Oak Hollow Campground in High Point, NC** outside



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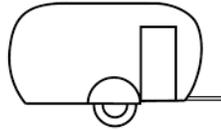
Greensboro. During the rally campers convened a unit meeting to plan the 2018 rally agenda (see agenda attached). We were also joined by Marian and Don Hetzler, Region 4 President and Karin and Larry Kurkowski of the Michigan Unit. The caravan started at the Virginia Welcome Center on I77 just south of the WV/VA border. The campground is lovely. The autumn trees were in their full glory and the lake was peaceful with only an occasional fisherman, boater or flock of geese resting during their trip southward. We camped by the lake and had our pancake breakfast at the lake pavilion as well. Hot coffee by the water in the cool Fall morning is a great way to start any day in my opinion.

Rich scoped out lots of attractions for this rally that included The N.C. Transportation Museum that included antique and vintage locomotives and train cars. We enjoyed a ride on the train from the depot to the museum round house where dozens of engines are on display with many memorabilia displays. An added feature of the museum is the car and aircraft exhibition.

Speaking of cars, several of us went to the Richard Petty Museum. Known for his stock and NASCAR racing victories, the legend #43 was actually at the museum the morning of our visit and we had some time to hang out with him for a while as we got his autograph and pictures. We watched him sign a newly constructed Mustang muscle car that was purchased from his garage as a birthday gift for one lucky lady.

We also went to the Out-Of-Doors Mart. This is the oldest Airstream dealership and repair center on the East coast outside of Jackson Center as far as I know. Everyone had a wish list and took turns filling baskets with camping paraphernalia and camper gadgets. Sink stoppers, vent filters, spray paint cans, shock absorbers, canopy strut pins, “Life Is Good” Airstream cups, all took their turn through the parts shop checkout counter. Like kids in a candy store (well, the guys anyway).

One evening a rogue Airstream arrived and parked in our mist looking like it belonged to the caravan but with missing WBCCI red numbers across its nose revealing it as an infiltrator. Of course, we invited the Florida couple to join our evening social hour and found them delightful! By the end of the evening we had proclaimed them official “Buddies” and they were asking how they might join our club. Hoping to see their names in the roster very soon.



We had planned to visit the zoo while we were so close, but time ran out. As we broke camp, several of us promised to return for another rally and put the zoo at the top of the list.

http://rwwork.net/2017_Oak_Hollow.html

December 10, 2017 1:30pm Luncheon at Pasquale’s in Beckley WV was hosted by Carroll Barth. If you weren’t there for the excellent Italian cuisine then you missed out. But you get another chance this January 7th when Erna and Al host another luncheon at the same Pasquale’s. See the 2018 agenda below for the year’s rallies.



Thanks to Rich Work for the great pictures and links used in this newsletter!

<http://wv.wbcci.net/>

Coming rallies agenda 2018:

January 7, 2018 1:30pm Luncheon at Pasquale's Italian Restaurant, Beckley. Hosted by Erna and Alfred Akers. RSVP appreciated 304-645-3334.

March 11, 2018 1:30pm Luncheon at Pasquale's Italian Restaurant. Hosted by the Carroll Barth. Please RSVP to Carroll by March 1 for arrangements at 304-425-6939. Venue may change.

April 18-22 Buddy Rally, Old Mill Stream, 2249 E Lincoln Hwy, Lancaster, PA 17602, Lancaster PA., Rally including live theater event "Jesus", "Sights And Sounds Theater". Hosted by Wayne Barth; need money by March 1.

May 15-20 Region 4 Rally, Clermont County Fairgrounds, 1000 Locus St., Owensville OH 45160. Contact Don and Marian Hetzler 1-937-335-3301.

pophetzler@hotmail.com See info at: <http://region4.wbcci.net/>

June 23-30 61st International Rally. Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem OR. See info at: <http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2018-salem-or/>

July 25-29 Combined Rally/Metro Detroit Unit Rally at Wayne County Fairgrounds, including Ford F-150 Plant tour. In route stop over at Jackson Center for Airstream factory tour. Hosted by Susan & Ken Stigleman. Their contact information is air13@comcast.net and phone number 586-801-4214.

<http://wbcci.org/home/regions-a-units/region-4/michigan>

August 22-26 Unit Rally at Top of Georgia Airstream Park near Helen GA. Hosted by Erna and Alfred Akers. 304-646-1214 aakers@osteo.wvsom.edu
<http://topofgeorgia.wbcci.net/> & <http://www.helenga.org/>

September 23-30 National Rally in Sugar Creek, OH. Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek, Ohio. Karin & Larry Kurkowski are the 2018 Rally Chairmen. We will elect officers at this rally. <http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/>

October 25-28 Buddy Rally in High Point, NC. The Oak Hollow Campground address is: 3415 North Centennial Street, High Point, NC 27265. Hosted by Rich and Sandy Work. We will be swearing in our officers at this rally. Tours can include: The N.C. Transportation Museum, North Carolina Zoo, Richard Petty Museum, and a trip to Out-Of-Doors Mart Airstream parts and repair and sales center. <https://www.highpointnc.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Oak-Hollow-Campground-2> (Last year's flier: <http://wv.wbcci.net/files/2017/10/2017-Oct-Oak-Hollow-Rally.pdf>) http://rwwork.net/2017_Oak_Hollow.html

November: To Be Announced.

December: Christmas Luncheon. To Be Announced.

We have several **new members** since our last newsletter:

Gary and Immacolata Smith, Dade City, FL

Shelba Tucker, Elkview, WV

Powell and Anna Turner, Lewisburg, WV

Howard and Carolyn White, Daniels, WV

If you suspect that you know of someone that may be interested in joining our unit, give me their information and I'll send them a newsletter.

All our best,

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