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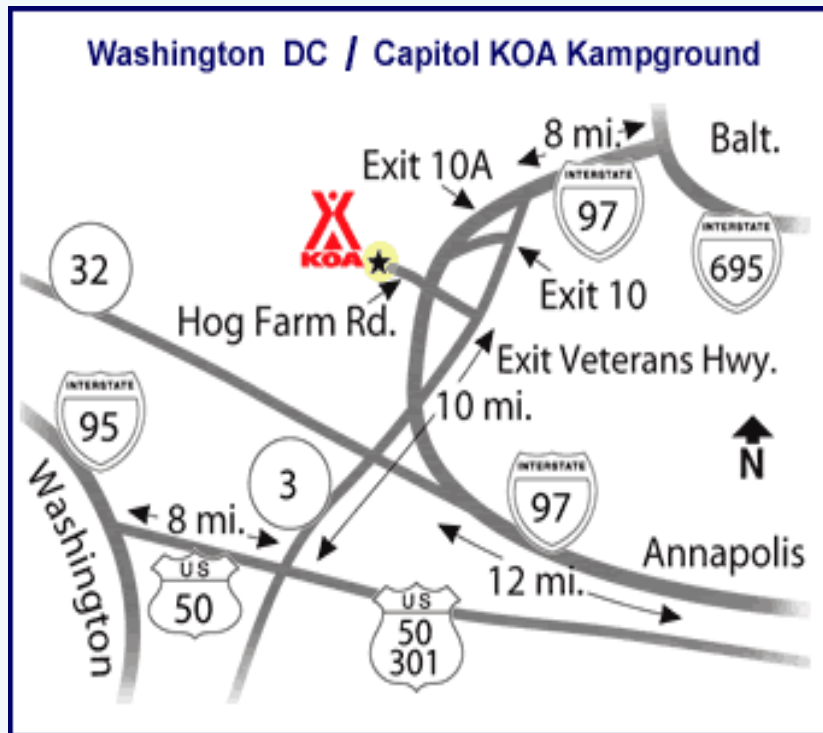
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There are times when I have pulled into the driveway during the winter months and glance at the airstreams parked there and feel a tinge of guilt for leaving them alone with the forces of nature. There have actually been a few occasions during this Mother Nature imposed hiatus that I have cleared a pathway across the driveway dragging an extension cord to power up the aluminum shelter and turned on the ceramic space heater to create a cozy nook just to spend a few hours in solitude and comfort. As owners of RV's and ardent fans of camping it becomes a trial of patience as we begin to anticipate the upcoming year and the events, rallies and camping outings we look forward to attending.

Winter for members of the WDCU in the northeast has been a series of storms one after another. Even those in the mid-Atlantic and southeast have had to endure unusually foul weather this past season. There are the lucky few among us who are retired or have chosen a life of living and working on the road who still find the time to travel throughout the south and southwest during the peak winter months. To those lucky few I say keep on airstreaming and enjoying your travel. Your trips and exploits are an inspiration to anyone who has a yearning to be on the road discovering new places and meeting new friends. This is a group whose ranks I intend to join in a few years. *Check out Greg and Lori's Road Trip Coast to Coast:* <http://www.airforums.com/forums/f42/road-trip-coast-to-coast-72555.html>



The 2011 rally season promises to equal any of our past seasons. The 2011 [Capitol Kickoff Rally](#) starts the season the weekend of April 28 through May 1. It is being hosted by RJ and Erica Marquette at the Capitol KOA campground in Millersville, Md and they have reserved a number of campsites. The location they have chosen is ideal for attendees who would like to take in the sights in and around the nation's capital, Annapolis and Baltimore and they also offer shuttles to Washington DC leaving directly from the campground. The campground has full hookups and is nicely wooded and shaded. They have a pavilion for us to use as well. A catered dinner is planned for one of the nights, a potluck dinner another evening, and some other food goodies. There will be games, door prizes and lots of fun times. And don't forget Happy Hour!

Full hookup, 30 amp: \$52.20/night
Full hookup, 30/50 amp: \$60.30/night

[Capitol KOA](#)

768 Cecil Avenue North
Millersville, MD 21108
(410) 923-2771, 1-800-562-0248

To book your site at the group rate, tell them "WDCU Airstream." If that doesn't work, the sites are booked in my name ("RJ Marquette"), though you'll pay the campground directly.

The registration form for the Capitol Kickoff Rally is on the next page.

WDCU Capitol Kickoff Rally Registration
Capitol KOA Campground <http://capitolkoa.com>
Millersville, MD
1-800-562-0248; 410-923-2771
April 28-May 1, 2011

Name: _____

Spouse or SO: _____

Children: _____

WBCCI #: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children (15 and under): _____

Nights I/we will be attending:

_____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday

Rally Fee, \$15 per adult: _____ X \$15.00

Make checks payable to WDCU in USD.

Mail to: RJ Marquette

12006 Maddox Ln

Bowie, MD 20715

Don't forget to call the campground to reserve your site. Tell them "WDCU Airstream."

WDCU 2011 RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	RALLY NAME	LOCATION	HOSTS
April 28-May1	Capitol Kickoff	Capitol KOA 768 Cecil Avenue North Millersville, Md 21108	RJ & Erica Marquette (Danee & Kim Alaniz mentoring)
May 19 - 22	Belle Isle on the Rappahannock	Belle Isle State Park 1632 Belle Isle Rd Lancaster, Va 22503	Harley Muse & John Gilliland Tom Waugh co-host
May 26 - 30	WBCCI Region 2 Apple Blossom Rally	South Mountain Fairgrounds Arendthsville, Pa	WDCU, Delmarva, Central Md, & Mid-Atlantic Units are co-hosts this year WDCU members to serve as greeters and inside cleanup after rally
May 30-31	Caravan to Alumapalooza	Region 2 Rally to Jackson Center	Non-WBCCI Event
June 28 - July 4	WBCCI 54 th International Convention/Rally	DuQuion, Ill	
June 23 - 26	Airplanes & Airstreams	Delmarvair at Davis Field, Pittsville, MD From US Route 50, 6.2 miles east of the Salisbury by-pass	Art Kudner & TBD
July 22 - 24	Lobster Fest Rally	Jersey Shore Haven 728 Dennisville Rd South Seaville, NJ 08246	Joint Watchung/WDCU Jane Layman
August 18 - 21	Beautiful Crisfield	American Legion Park Crisfield, Md	Danee & Kim Alaniz
September 16-18 or 23-25	Friends of WDCU gathering Non-WBCCI Event	Rocky Gap State Park (tentative)	Tom Waugh & TBD
October 20-23	Installation Rally	Jim Thorpe, Pa (tentative)	Jerry & Sonia McConnell

Rally Notes

- **Belle Isle on the Rappahannock Rally** at [Belle Isle State Park](#) is a new location for the WDCU to hold a rally. Harley and John have already scouted the park and are confident we will find the location extremely enjoyable. This location in the rural Northern Neck of Virginia features diverse tidal and nontidal wetlands, lowland marshes, tidal coves and upland forests.



- This year the WDCU is co-hosting the [WBCCI Region II Rally](#) along with the Delmarva, Central Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic Units. This year the WDCU members are to serve as the greeters for the rally as well and the clean-up volunteers for the inside pavilion. If you are planning on attending the regional rally please consider volunteering for one of these tasks. Remember it is an all volunteer effort that makes the rallies a success.



- There are some members who will be attending the [Alumapalooza Rally](#) (this is a non-WBCCI sponsored event) at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio the first week in June who have expressed the desire to **Caravan Together** from either the region two rally location or we could meet up somewhere along the way. Some are planning on making it an overnight trip from Arendthsville, Pa to Jackson Center. If you have already signed up for the Alumapalooza why not consider traveling with your fellow airstreamers. This is a non-WBCCI travel group.



- This year's [WBCCI International Rally](#) is being hosted in Du Quoin, Illinois from June 28 through July 4. There will be a need for WDCU member(s) to serve as meeting delegates. If you are planning to attend please contact your unit president or one of the officers if you would care to be considered for this task.



- Art Kudner is once again co-hosting the **Airplanes and Airstreams Rally** in Pittsville, Md. There is a need for a volunteer(s) to assist Art in co-hosting this rally. This is unique venue, and is a rare opportunity to see some modern and vintage aircraft and Airstream trailers at the same place Last year was unusually hot throughout the region and attempts are in the planning stages to do some further upgrades to the electric in order for those who may find it necessary to need to use their air conditioners. This may be one you want to bring along your generator is you have one.



- The **Lobster Fest Rally**, a joint Watchung/WDCU rally, is being held at the [Jersey Shore Haven](#) campground this year and the Jane Layman is serving as co-host. Checkout the winter 2010 issue of *Airstream Life* (www.airstreamlife.com), a terrific 4-color ad appeared within the Park Showcase section.



- In August Danee and Kim Alaniz will be hosting “**Beautiful Crisfield**” to held at the American Legion Park in [Crisfield, Md](#) in Somerset County, Maryland, located on the Tangier Sound, an arm of the Chesapeake Bay. Crisfield is known as the seafood capital of the world. Plan to add this one to your schedule.



- In September there are plans by some members to host a homecoming get-together. It will be mid-September and promoted as the **Friends of the WDCU Rally**. Our hope is to provide a venue for non-members and non-airstream campers to join us for fun and friendship and good times. There are several locations being considered at this time. If you have a suggestion please contact one of the unit officers.



- The **2011 Fall Installation Rally** is being hosted by Jerry & Sonia McConnell and tentatively is planned for Jim Thorpe, Pa. Plans have not been finalized as to the location but the date will remain the same, the weekend of October 20-23.



Business Meeting Update

A quorum of the unit officers and trustees met on the 20th of February to discuss the upcoming year and the status of the unit's finances. We are happy to report the unit is in sound fiscal condition.

Discussion was also held concerning the need to resolve the maintenance of the unit website. Another issue which we will be facing in the coming months is the presentation of a new WBCCI constitution. This information must be given to each unit president for distribution and dissemination to each of the current members. Hopefully, we will be able to not only to use online postings and e-mail distributions but, it may be necessary to incur the expense of sending hard copies to all members of the WDCU for review and comment. If all goes as planned it is likely there will be the need for a business meeting at this season's first rally in Millersville to discuss our unit's response at the international meeting in DuQuion, Ill regarding the change to the constitution.

WDCU Officer Listing		
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Webmaster	TBD	
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WELCOME

We would like to extend greetings to our newest members of the WDCU and offer an invitation to attend the upcoming Capitol Kickoff Rally. To those new members who are unable to spend the weekend with us in Millersville, consider dropping by and joining us for happy hour or any other time. We would like to meet you and have a chance to extend our hospitality to our newest friends:

Thomas & Elaine Brown – Huntingtown, Md

Sean & Gail Ferry – Newark , De

Doug & Suzanne Gould – Alexandria, Va

Anne Pearse Hocker – Purcellville, Va

Steve Prindle – Thurmont, Md

Elizabeth & Berry Trexler – Highland, Md

The Rally Galley

Breakfast in a Bag

This is an idea borrowed from one of the postings on the AirForums website. The participants appeared to produce them in mass quantity rather than two eggs at a time and they had bowls prepared with a multitude of possible ingredients. I haven't seen this done at any of our rallies, and if it has, it still looks like a great idea to try at a future rally.

Ingredients

Crack two eggs into a quart sized, zip-lock FREEZER bag. Add whatever you would like for an omelet; diced onion, shredded cheese, diced green pepper, mushrooms, diced frozen or canned potatoes, cooked sausage or bacon pieces, diced ham, etc. Squeeze all of the air out of the bag and zip shut. Squeeze bag so eggs are mixed with the other ingredients. Place in a pot of boiling water and boil for 13-15 minutes, making sure the bag doesn't hang over edge of pan or it will melt to the side. Omelets will slide right out of the bag. Salt and pepper to taste. If you have a large group, write names on bags with permanent marker before cooking. We suggest sliding the omelet onto a flour tortilla, garnish with salsa and sour cream if desired, roll tortilla around omelet and eat.



*Note: The time sounds a little long to me . **One cooking site suggests five (5) minutes** which sounds more reasonable. Another site warns not to exceed 195 degrees and to keep the water at a steady simmer to avoid melting the bag. I guess one could also invest in actual boiling bags*

Post Note: As I was getting ready to mail the newsletter I was viewing the [WBCCI general info page](#) and reading some of the entries under Unit Idea Book. Entry # 83 was from 1985 by Naomi Hicks, Western Oregon Unit with her version of this recipe. If you get a chance check it out. Naomi also suggests a total of five (5) minutes.

Announcements

To all past members who have not paid your dues for 2011, and to those who may be considering joining our unit, we want you to know we value your friendship and the enjoyment we have when camping together. We hope you will consider renewing or placing your membership with the Washington, DC Unit. If you would like to discuss a membership please feel free to contact one of the unit officers. If you decide to renew your membership, please send a check for \$65 for your International Dues and \$ 1.00 for Unit dues. If you don't wish to renew at this time why not join us for one of our rallies this year and make your decision afterwards.

If you have questions feel free to contact me, or our new WDCU President:
Gayle Sunde, WBCCI # 6945 Gayle's Email: gmcclell@verizon.net
We enjoy having you in our Unit and hope you will be able to continue your membership.

Sincerely,

John DiBella WBCCI # 8425

Treasurer and Membership

Dues Renewal Procedure:

- 1. Print a copy of the Membership Application. (attached to newsletter)**
- 2. Fill out the application form. Note changes as necessary.**
- 3. Regular members write a \$66 check payable to the WDCU.**
- 4. Affiliate members might prefer to send \$1.00 cash or more for multiple years.**
- 5. Mail the application and check to the new Treasurer & Membership Chairman.**

John S. DiBella
8425 Toll House Rd.
Annandale, VA 22003

From The Editor

Fellow WDCU members,

If you have an article, announcements, or anything to include in the next newsletter, please contact me.

Tom Waugh me1sirius@verizon.net	Vintage Airstream Club http://vintageairstreamclub.org	Airstream History (SNU) http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/history/index.htm
WDCU Website http://wdcu.wbcci.net/	WBCCI Region 2 http://www.wbcci2.org/	



WBCCI Unit #170 WDCU Membership Application



Date: _____

Name(s) _____ No Change

Children (or pets) _____

Note: Returning Members enter your name, the date and your WBCCI # . If there are no other changes , check the box for No Change to eliminate the need to fill out the entire form.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Alt. Telephone: _____

Membership Type: Member --- \$66 annual dues (\$65 WBCCI Dues and \$1 Unit Dues)

(Check one) Affiliate --- \$1 (WBCCI dues will be paid to your primary unit)

If an affiliate , fill in Unit # and Unit Name

WBCCI # _____ Region# _____ Unit# _____ Unit Name _____

Airstream Trailer Information					
	Trailer #1	Trailer #2	Trailer#3	Trailer#4	Trailer#5
Year					
Model					
Length					

Do you have Courtesy Parking? Yes No

Website/Blog: _____
(optional)

Email Address: _____

Send this application along with your check made payable to: WBCCI WDCU

Mail to:
John S. DiBella
8425 Toll House Rd.
Annandale, VA 22003

If you have any questions please contact John S. DiBella (Treasurer and Membership Chairman) at the address listed above or by email: jsdbla@gmail.com