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PRESIDENT'S LETTER – Linda Moore

Hello Members and Affiliates,

Spring is right around the corner and we can't wait to get on the road. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible this camping season.

Rally information fliers are at the end of the newsletter. Please take a look at your schedule and start planning now, if you haven't already.

The CKR Maintenance Rally is only a month away and is being held in the beautiful historic area of Manassas, VA. It is a reserve your own site with a kitty fee to cover continental breakfast.

The Monticello Rally is half full. Please contact me if you plan on attending. Please don't call the campground as I am working with them already.

The Finger Lakes flyer is at the end of the newsletter also. The type of rally for this one is a week long, but you don't need to stay for a week. It is a WDCU laid back rally similar to the Outer Banks rallies we used to have, in an equally beautiful area of NY state and it easier to get to for us New Englanders.

More rally information will be forthcoming so please stay tuned to the newsletter and the website.

On another note, I was contacted by someone looking for an airstream. Please see the Airstream Market page and if you know of one available, contact the person directly.

Linda



2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

You can also find the list on the website, here is the link: <http://wdcu.wbcci.net/2015-rally-schedule/>

Apr 21-24 –

CKR Maintenance Rally - Manassas, VA –
Bull Run Battlefield Region Park
Contact: John DiBella or Linda Moore
jsdbla@gmail.com or
lindamoorenh@comcast.net

May 12-15

– Spring Rally at Marietta House
Glenn Dale, MD.
Contact: Michael Vallen mevallen@gmail.com

June 1-6 – Region 2 Rally –
Hammondsport, NY

Jun 23-26 Shenandoah/Monticello Rally
Verona, VA -Shenandoah Valley Campground,
296 Riner Lane GPS: 38.212214, -79.005269
Contact: Linda Moore
lindamoorenh@comcast.net

Jun 28 – Jul 5 – International, Lewisburg, WV
There may still be full hook ups available.
Please let me know if you sign up.
Caravan from Shenandoah Valley

Jul 21-24 – Keg Rally
Jersey Shore Haven, Airstream Park,
Cape May Courthouse, NJ
Contact: Michael Vallen mevallen@gmail.com

Aug 6-13 – Finger Lakes Rally
Contact: Gayle & Rob Sunde
gmcclell@verizon.net

Sep 15-18– Killens Pond Rally

Killens Pond State Park, Felton, DE
Contact: Lori & Greg Wilson flamingo.babe@comcast.net

Oct 6-9 - Installation Rally

PA Grand Canyon area,
Contact: Linda Bell belrngr13@gmail.com

Late Oct-Early Nov – Fall Leaves Rally

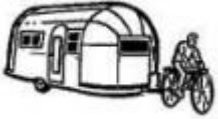
Contact: Michael Vallen mevallen@gmail.com

CALL FOR RALLY HOSTS and CO-HOSTS

If you have a great location or event in mind that would make a great rally, for this year or next, please contact lindamoorenh@comcast.net or any of the officers. Don't be shy. If you are fearful of hosting a Rally, there are many of us that can lend a hand; you don't need to go it alone. We all want the same thing, adventure, meet new people and have fun. The schedule for any Rally can be as stringent or as loose as you want, if it is your Rally, it is your prerogative. If you would like to co-host a rally, that would be great way to get the feel of it. Just let us know.

[Join Us / Renew](#) –

Click to go to the WDCU website to RENEW



We have two ways to join or renew your membership – by mail and online via Paypal. Note the Paypal option costs more to offset the fees.

By Mail:

[WDCU Membership Application Form](#)

1. Print a copy of the Membership Application.
2. Fill out the application form. For renewals, 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 Treasurer & Membership Chairman, John S. DiBella, 8425 Toll House Rd, Annandale, VA 22003 JSDBLA@Gmail.com.

By Online dues with PayPal:

<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/44-2/>



Please feel free to contact any of the unit officers; we are here to assist you.

Do you have an idea for a rally? Please tell us your idea. We are always looking for places that are fun and interesting.



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AIRSTREAM MARKET

Do you have an Airstream or Airstream related item to sell? Send an email to lindamoorenh@comcast.net. I will put it in the next newsletter or send out to the membership.

Here is someone that is looking for an Airstream motor home. If you can help, please contact them directly.

From: "brantley cc" <brantley.cc@gmail.com>
To: lindamoorenh@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 11:15:35 AM
Subject: Newsletter Ads

Linda,

My husband and I have been looking for a classic Airstream motorhome without much success. Colet Schmidt suggested your newsletter might have a Want Ad section.

This is what we are looking for--Airstream motor home
1991-1996 Class A Classic
30 Ft. - 36 Ft.
Diesel pusher preferred, but will consider gas puller
Contact Carolyn Brantley 770-977-8013
brantley.cc@gmail.com

Please put the Wanted information into whatever format that will bring replies.
Thank you for your help.
Carolyn Brantley

USEFUL LINKS

Do you have a favorite place or website that you get your Airstream serviced, Airstream "stuff" or Airstream info? Don't keep it a secret, spread the word.

Send an email to lindamoorenh@comcast.net to be included in the next newsletter.

Here is one of our favorites:



[campers!](#)

[Vintage Trailer Supply - parts and supplies for vintage travel trailers and](#)

ONE MOORE THING – FROM THE EDITOR

The next newsletter will be Mid April. Please send any articles, rally photos, rally recipes, member news whatever to me by April 5 . Send newsletter submissions to lindamoorenh@comcast.net.

Remember, we're just campin'!

Linda Moore #15116

CAMP RECIPE:



INTERESTING RV STUFF:

Truck Stop Fueling Etiquette *by Charlie Kerekes, 4/4/2006*

Those of us driving large, diesel-powered recreational vehicles will soon realize that many gas stations cannot accommodate us. Fueling up at truck stops is preferable for a number of reasons: they are easily accessible from interstates; the islands and driveways can accommodate the largest of RV's; pump nozzles on both sides can fill two tanks without re-positioning; and, the cost of diesel tends to be less expensive.

My first trip to the truck stop was intimidating. After all, who do I think I am, a mere RVer, encroaching on the turf of professional drivers? I went in with the assumption that in a truck stop, like anywhere else in life, consideration for others would go a long way. As I waited for my turn, I observed the truckers fueling.

During my first visit, and numerous visits since then, I have observed the following things to do and not to do while fueling up in a truck stop:

- First and foremost, do not unnecessarily delay others waiting behind you. A truck driver friend told me, "Every minute waiting to fuel is money out of my pocket."
- If you have tanks on both sides of the RV to fill, position the vehicle so that both nozzles reach. This will allow you to fill up quicker, using both pumps simultaneously.
- Go inside to leave your credit card with the cashier. Most fueling islands have a telephone handset to request the pumps be unlocked, but truck stops have been phasing out the practice of unlocking them over the phone for non-truckers.
- If the only tank you are filling is on the right hand side, you must remove the nozzle from the left pump and turn it on before the right pump will operate. This is because the pump on the right side is a "slave" to the controlling pump on the left.
- Don't waste time trying to use your credit card at the truck pumps—they only take fleet credit cards, not consumer cards. One exception I have seen are the RV pumps at Flying J; they look like consumer pumps at gas stations and they do take consumer credit cards.
- Cleaning windshields is acceptable while pumping fuel, not after. Truck stop attendants are not shy about yelling at you over the speakers, if you continue cleaning after the pumps have stopped. The guy behind you may be fooled by the nozzle still in the tank, but the attendant knows when fuel is no longer pumping.
- As soon as you are finished pumping, drive the RV forward to clear the island and allow the next person to pull in. Most truck stops have a line drawn on the pavement so that you know how far to pull up. Then go inside and pay.
- Immediately after paying the fuel bill, but before doing anything else (such as shopping or taking bathroom breaks), move your RV out of the fueling lanes and into the parking area.

To further ease my discomfort at entering the truckers' world, I have asked several truck stop managers how they felt about RV's fueling up. Their answer: I'm a paying customer, just like the trucks. If you feel intimidated fueling up with the pros, just remember to be a courteous consumer and truck stops will be happy to do business with you.

RALLY SIGN UP FLYERS

WDCU Capitol Kickoff Maintenance Rally Registration Form
April 21-24, 2016

Bull Run Regional Park (BRRP) Campground
7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville, VA 20121
(Off U.S. I-66, near Manassas, VA)
https://www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/content/camping
(703) 631-0550 Email: Bull_Run@NVRPA.org

Name (s): _____ WBCCI # _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____ (15 and under no charge)

Nights we will be attending: Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____

Rally Fee; \$22 per adult: _____

Co-Hosts: John DiBella and Linda Moore

Make checks payable to **WBCCI-WDCU** in U.S. Dollars, (or pay cash at the rally)

Mail to: John S. DiBella
8425 Toll House Rd.
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 323-0958 Email: jsdbla@Gmail.com

Campground Reservations: BRRP campground is using "Reserve America" but you can reserve a campsite by calling the park directly: (703) 631-0550. Tell them you are part of the "WDCU Airstream group." I reserved site #2. The fee varies with location and hook-ups.

Campground Map: https://www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/content/camp_map

Theme: Members Helping Members

- Maintenance work will be on Friday and Saturday (April 22 & 23.)
- Friday morning: We will lead an open round-table discussion focusing on maintenance.
- Let John DiBella know ahead of time, if possible, what problems or concerns you have with your Airstream. Experienced members can advise or help you repair most problem areas. You should have basic tools and spare or replacement parts. There is an RV service center and an RV dealer not far away in Manassas.
- Bring your gently used Airstream and RV surplus and spare parts that you would like to sell or trade.
- What we plan to cover:
 - **Propane** – supply tanks, regulators, leaks, fittings and proper operation of appliances;
 - **Electrical** – battery check, appliances, power jacks, breakaway switch, lighting and all connections;
 - **Cleaning and Lubrication** -wheels, locks, door hinges, awnings, rubber gaskets & seals, all moving parts and replace filters, etc.;
 - **Safety** - proper hitch set-up, torque of bolts and ball and wheel nuts, brakes, and brake controller;
 - **Checklists** - for Trailer Maintenance, Hitching, Towing Safely, Water Tanks, Winterizing and De-winterizing

Food: A continental breakfast will be served Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday night will be potluck. This is a good opportunity to practice you Dutch oven cooking on Friday (and probably Saturday) as well. Saturday, roast chicken will be provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meals will be in the Pavilion. The pavilion will be rented for Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday and Sunday morning.

SHENANDOAH / MONTICELLO – RALLY – June 23-26, 2016 – HOSTS: Linda and Wayne Moore
CONTACT: lindamoorenh@comcast.net.

Shenandoah Valley Campground - 296 Riner Lane, Verona, VA GPS: 38.212214, -79.005269

This will be a fun weekend in the Shenandoah Valley. There is plenty to do in this area. This will also be a meeting place for anyone traveling to the 2016 International in Lewisburg, WV. I have reserved 15 spaces of which I am starting to get deposits. Please let me know if you will be coming to the rally, going to International or both. This is a pet friendly campground.

Points of interest in this area are:

- Monticello – Thomas Jefferson’s home
- Shenandoah National Park
- There is a waterfall at the campground
- Grand Caverns
- Many quilt shops
- Frontier Culture Museum
- American Shakespeare Center
- Woodrow Wilson Birthplace
- Woodrow Wilson Library and Museum
- Horse trail rides
- Redbeard Brewing Company
- Antique Car Museum

Name: _____ WBCCI # _____

Address: _____

Trailer length _____ Rally only? _____ Going to International? _____

I have already reserved the campground, please do not call them directly. Please enter the # of nights you plan on attending.

\$49.00 per trailer x _____ = _____

+ Rally fee per trailer _____ \$25.00

Total Due: _____

One night fee due at time of reservations. This is first come first serve and will hold your site. Please send check for \$49.00 made out to WDCU, mail to:

Linda Moore
131 Castle Hill Road
Windham, NH 03087

Please let me know if you prefer to pay through PayPal. There will be a \$3.00 fee added to PayPal payments to cover the cost of processing through PayPal.

FINGER LAKES RALLY - August 6-13, 2016

HOSTS: Rob and Gayle Sunde CONTACT: rsunde@verizon.net

LOCATION: Hickory Hill Camp Resort
7531 County Route 13
Bath, NY 14810
607-776-4345
www.HickoryHillCampResort.com

To reserve a camp site, you must contact Hickory Hill Camp Resort directly. Ask for Penny Carlton (if she is available) and tell them that you are with the WDCU Airstream group. This is a Saturday to Saturday rally and the rate is \$44.57 per night which equates to one night free when you pay for six. They require an \$80 deposit to reserve your site. If you want to come early or stay longer, the rate will be \$44.57.

We have reserved 15 spaces. This campground is an all-inclusive facility with multiple pools (one is adult only), playgrounds, mini golf, game room, pedal carts, laser tag, geo-caching. There is also a Wellness Center & Health Spa on the premises.

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Hickory Hill Camp Resort is a pet friendly campground but you must provide a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination either prior to arrival or upon check-in.

The campground can arrange for discount tours to a number of area attractions and tours. Nearby attractions include the Corning Museum, the Glen Curtiss Museum, Watkins Glen (Nascar race there on 8/7), many vineyards and breweries, plus beautiful lakes to explore.

NAME: _____ WBCCI # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

RALLY FEE:

of Adults _____ X \$ 15.00 _____ = \$ _____

of kids (age 12 and under) _____ (no fee)

Please make checks payable, in USD, to WDCU and mail to:

Rob Sunde, 18 Watergate Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20905

This will be a typical WDCU fun rally where you are on your own to explore local attractions during the day. We will have afternoon happy hours starting around 4:30 pm by the Hosts trailer. Please bring a snack, to share, and whatever you want to drink. Hosts will provide continental breakfast from 8:00 - 9:00 am starting on 8/8 through 8/12. On Thursday, 8/11, will have a pot luck dinner starting at 6:00 pm in the Activity Hall (near our sites).

INSTALLATION RALLY– October 6 – 9, 2016 – HOST: Linda Bell belrngr13@gmail.com CONTACT Kenshire Campground directly, info below.

October 6 – October 9

Kenshire Campground
112 John Deer Ln
Gaines PA 16921
814-435-1311

www.kenshirecampground.com

The campground is located within minutes of the Pine Creek Rail Trail, so bring your bike or just hike. The Pennsylvania Little Grand Canyon is just a few miles away. You can visit the town of Wellsboro, with its unique little shops and see it lit at night by gas lights.

The campground is holding a section for us. We will have water and electric but no sewer. However they do have a “honey dipper” that will come and empty your black tank at no additional cost. There is a dump station also if you wish to dump yourself or when you leave.

We will have use of the pavilion at no additional cost to us. We will be able to have a spot to have a campfire to gather around. We are getting a flat discount rate for our group of \$30.00 per night. **You can call the campground to make your reservations and let them know you are with the WDCU Airstream group.**

Please visit them on facebook too!

Please contact the campground directly to reserve your site but send me an email at belrngr13@gmail.com to let me know you are coming or if you have question.