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PRESIDENT'S LETTER – Mary-Lou Gatward

Hello Members and Affiliates,

At this time of year I think of all the things I am thankful for. I am thankful for my family. Dave and I were very fortunate to have our whole family together this month in Orlando. It was great to spend time with our three grandsons and especially to see our newest grandson who travelled with his parents from Calgary.

I am thankful for all of my friends especially my airstream friends. The Washington D.C. group is just like family. It is always great to catch up with everyone around the campfire at our monthly rallies. The WDCU group epitomizes the slogan "*Just Camping*" as our members just love to get out in their airstreams and socialize with each other. We do this through our pot lucks, our dutch oven cooking, our happy hours, our campfires, and most importantly through our enjoyment of each other's company.

I am thankful for Rally Hosts. I am very fortunate to have a host for every month from April to October. Our rallies in 2017 will be in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey and Delaware.

Our unit is always looking for new Rally Host's and new Rally locations. Please consider volunteering to host a rally for our group as this is a good way to give back to our unit. If you have an idea of a rally location and are not sure of hosting consider co-hosting with someone who has put on a rally in the past. The members of our unit love to volunteer especially pot lucks. Remember members are coming to your rally to visit the area and each other. If you have an idea for a rally please don't hesitate to contact a member of the executive.

I am thankful for our Unit Officers. These members of our unit that have volunteered their time to take on these important roles which is the glue that keeps our unit going. Our unit still has openings for or 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents consider volunteering to fill these empty positions.

For our American members I hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. See you down the road
Mary-Lou



WDCU 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

April 27 – 30 - Capital Kickoff Rally – Shenandoah River State Park VA

Campground: [Shenandoah River State Park](#)

Contact: John Dibella JSDBLA@Gmail.com and Mary-Lou Gatward - dmlgatward@yahoo.ca

Rally info: Maintenance round table. Flea market (bring your stuff). More information coming soon!

Note: The official rally will start on April 27 but feel free to come early to this rally.

May 19 – 21 – Army Corps of Engineers campground Outflow Camping - Ohiopyle PA

Campground: [Outflow Campground](#)

Contact: Erica and RJ Marquette rjm1@yahoo.com

Rally info: Reservations open in November (6 months out), and we'll have everyone book their own sites. We'll send a reminder and a suggested area of the campground then. The campground is electric only, and it opens for the season on May 19 (which is why the rally starts Friday). Rally fee will likely be something like \$10-\$15 per trailer.

Come join us for a weekend at the Army Corps of Engineers campground Outflow Camping in beautiful southwest Pennsylvania! Bring your bicycles and hiking gear, because this campground is located next to the Great Allegheny Passage trail, which runs from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Maryland. Nearby is Pennsylvania's Ohiopyle State Park, which offers white-water rafting, natural water slides, hiking, and bicycling trails. Also, Frank Lloyd Wright's amazing Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob houses are less than 15 miles away. If there's interest, we can get a group together to visit Fallingwater and/or Kentuck Knob, or people can just go on their own.

June 15 -18 – Penn Wood Airstream Park PA

Campground: [Penn wood](#)

Contact: Lori Martin lmartin803@gmail.com and Linda Bell belrngr13@gmail.com

Rally Info: Archery competition. Black powder demo. More information coming soon!

July 15 – 18 – Mackinaw City MI

Campground: [Mackinaw Mill Camping](#) (231) 436-5584

Contact: Dave Gatward dmlgatward@rogers.com

A short rally prior to International. If not attending the Escanaba Rally you are still more than welcome to attend this event.

Rally info: We have booked a site on Road 2 (*they did not give us a site number*). Call the campground (231) 436-5584 as soon as possible, tell them you are part of the “Gatward Group on Road 2”. The sites are 30 amp full hook up. Let Dave know you are attending. This is going to be a popular campground with a lot of airstream units prior to International. We only have this group area for a short period of time.

Many things to see and do. The following are just a few:

- [Colonial Michilimackinac](#),
- [Star Line - Mackinac Island Ferry](#) - free shuttle from camp,
- [Soo Locks](#),
- [Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum](#),
- [Mill Creek Discovery Park](#)

Jul 18 – Caravan to International

Contact: Mary-Lou Gatward dmlgatward@yahoo.ca

Caravan Info: we will leave Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground at 10 a.m. travel to Escanaba MI. The journey is 150 miles.

July 22 – 29 - WBCCI International – Escanaba MI

Escanaba WBCCI

Rally Info: 2017 Escanaba Mi Rally

Aug 17 – 20 – Knoebels - Elysburg PA

Campground: J and D Campground

Contact: Nick Iverson Nic6930@Gmail.com

Rally info: BOOK NOW. ONLY 20 Sites!!!! Book directly with J&D Campground. J&D Campground is closer to the park and across the street from the Ice Cream Stand. We need to reserve by January to secure the sites. Contact the campground and send in a \$50 check to reserve your site. This Campground sells out quickly. Make sure the check says WDCU Airstream club and the dates you want.

Sept 14 -17 - Jersey Shore Haven – Airstream park NJ

Campground: Jersey Shore Haven

Contact: Nancy Giommi giommi1@gmail.com

Rally Info: More Information coming soon!

Oct 12-15 – Installation Rally - Killens Pond State Park Campground DE

Campground: Killens Pond State Park (1-877-98-PARKS)

Contact: Greg & Lori Wilson flamingo.babe@comcast.net

Rally Info: More information coming soon!

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](#) – 2017 WBCCI Membership Renewal Information

It is time to renew your dues for 2017. WBCCI dues have not changed—they are still \$65.00 for WBCCI membership plus \$1 for membership in the Washington DC Unit.

There are 4 ways to pay your combined WBCCI and WDCU dues:

1. **Paypal to HQ:** Cost to you \$66.00. This is the preferred method. Go to the WBCCI HQ website: <http://wbcci.org/component/rsform/form/12-renew-your-wbcci-membership>: Complete their on-line membership renewal form and pay \$66.00 dues through Paypal. WBCCI HQ pays the processing fee, and the Paypal receipt will be emailed to you.
2. **Paypal to WDCU:** Cost to you \$69.00. Complete our WDCU Paypal form (<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/44-2/>), we pay a processing fee so your cost is \$69.00. The Paypal receipt will be emailed to you.
3. **In Person:** Cost to you \$66.00. Pay \$66.00 with cash or a check at the Installation rally.
4. **Snail Mail:** Cost to you \$66.00. Print and complete the form with a \$66 check payable to WDCU. If there are no changes, you may skip the form and simply send a check with a note stating “no changes.” Mail it to: John S. DiBella. 8425 Toll House Rd. Annandale, VA 22003

To ensure your information is correct, please do the following before you renew:

- Preview your information in the 2016 WBCCI Directory.
- Ensure the facts you want included are current and correct.
- If something has changed since last year, please update your changes.
- Nothing will be changed unless you notify us.
- Corrections and changes will be made in both the WBCCI Directory and in our WDCU database.
- Membership information must be received at WDCU HQ by mid-November to be included in the Annual Membership Directory.
- Your information will not be used for any commercial purposes nor will it be provided to non-WDCU individuals.
- Note the questions on the “Renewal Dues Request” form that ask about:
 - Courtesy Parking
 - Receiving print copies of the Blue Beret and/or the Annual Directory
 - Your contact information in the Print and/or the Digital Directory
- Your information will not be used for any commercial purposes nor will it be provided to non-WDCU individuals.

Questions, comments and Suggestions: Contact John DiBella (jsdbla@Gmail.com)



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

WDCU tee shirts now available! Beautiful Airstream Royal Blue with red silver grey capitol dome and red WASHINGTON DC UNIT and WBCCI. Men's style is crew neck and women's style is a more attractive V neck. Sizes to choose from for both men's and woman's L, XL, 2XL. \$10 plus \$4 shipping. See photo below with our models wearing the WDCU tee shirts. Collared shirts also available for \$16 plus \$4 shipping.

Please print this page and send along with your check for \$14 or \$20 to Linda Moore, 131 Castle Hill Rd, Windham, NH 03087 with the following information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # if there are any questions: _____



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.

One Moore Thing...

Please submit any newsletter articles for the next newsletter by Dec 27. Send to lindamoorenh@comcast.net.

Thanks,

Linda

