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PRESIDENT'S LETTER – Rob Sunde

Hello fellow Airstreamers of the WDCU. This will be a combination of thoughts for a combined December/January newsletter. I hope that it makes sense.

I hope that everyone has recovered from their Thanksgiving "feast"-ivities and that you are ready for round two of the holidays. Gayle and I have our tree up and decorated. I can't believe that she can fit all of those ornaments onto one little tree. We are now heading into what should normally be the happiest time of the year. For most of us, it is. But still there are some for whom it is not. I was thinking about that the other day after my daughter called to ask what I wanted for Christmas. I thought about that for a while. I really don't need a thing for I think that I am truly blessed to have a loving family, a roof over my head, great friends and good health. I called my daughter back and asked her to make a donation to someplace such as Fisher House or St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. These are two fine organizations who do so much to help people in need.

Now that we are into the New Year, I want to share some new ideas, that your officers have been thinking of, that may help our members with site cancellations and reservations. I'm sure that there are some of us who have made reservations for a rally only to discover that we couldn't attend. It would be nice if another member could take the site being given up. Below is a list of how we might be able to accomplish this.

1. Rally participants should make their campground reservation as usual.
2. If a member needs to cancel, they should inform the host.
3. Cancelling member could, also, inform other members via social media.
4. ny member unable to reserve a site could check with the rally host about cancellations.
5. A rally host could connect member needing a site with the member who needs to cancel.
6. The two parties need to make all necessary arrangements regarding their transaction.

These steps are merely suggestions of how we could allow our club members a first chance at a cancelled site before the campground sells it to someone outside our club.

Okay, now about club activities for 2018. If you look in the club newsletter, you will find that we have a number of fine rallies planned for the 2018 season. Three of these rallies are being hosted by first-timers. Many of us have encouraged members to hold rallies and have offered our assistance to get them through their first experience at this. It really isn't a tough thing to do. You need to choose a location and date for a rally, and let us know about it. There are no requirements to provide much more than that, although many hosts like to do more. As of now we still have the months of May and September open. I would like to see someone step forward and plan a rally for each of those months.

If you haven't yet done so, I would advise you to make your site reservations ASAP for two reasons. One - we reserve only a limited number of sites that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Two - the campgrounds will only hold these sites for a limited amount of time, after which the sites are available to anyone, even SOB's (some other brand). I will try to get the rally hosts to have their respective registration forms ready by next month. I believe that the Vermont campground will hold sites until the end of January (ask Linda), the Kickoff rally sites until the end of February (ask Elaine).

Gayle and I wish you all a very happy holiday season and a happy and healthy new year. We are looking forward to seeing you again in April.

Rob

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WDCU 2018 RALLY SCHEDULE

April 12-15, 2018 – Capitol Kick Off Rally – Hosted by Elaine Clark – 1erclarkbar@gmail.com
Cherry Hill Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740 301-937-116
Please contact Elaine for more information.

June 21-24, 2018 Vermont Quilt Festival Rally - Burlington, VT , Lone Pine Campground (802) 878-5447 –
Hosts: Linda and Wayne Moore lindamoorenh@comcast.net.
BUT not just for quilt enthusiasts. There are plenty of wonderful things to do in Burlington, VT. In addition to
the weekend quilt festival here are many of the other sites to see while here.

- *VQF – Vermont Quilt Festival - <https://vqf.org/festival/>
- *Shelburne Museum - <https://shelburnemuseum.org/>
- *Downtown Burlington – A great farmers market and tons of restaurants.
- *Plenty of craft beer
- *Lake Champlain
- *Ethan Allen Homestead - <http://www.ethanallenhomestead.org/>
- *Ben & Jerry's
- *Tallest Filing Cabinet – Who can resist this! - <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/8782>
- *Flying Monkey Sculptures

Lone Pine Campground has blocked off 15 sites for this rally which will you will need to call and make your reservation and your deposit will need to be paid by January 1, 2018. Any sites not reserved will be turned back to the campground. This is one of the nicer campground in this area so get your reservation in. This will be a very laid-back rally as there is so much to do in this area and I encourage being out an about. People have started booking sites. Call the campground directly. Email me for more information.

July 12-15, 2018 – Hosts: Michelle & Ben Ray – todayray1163@gmail.com
Outlanders River Camp, 4253 US-211, Luray, VA 22835, (540) 743-5540. Call for your reservations now. You have until March 1, 2018 when campground will stop holding these sights for us. Michelle and Ben had them hold 15 sites. Contact Michelle or Ben at todayray1163@gmail.com

August 4-11, 2018 – Finger Lakes Rally – Hosted by Rob Sunde – rsunde@verizon.net
Hickory Hills Campground, 7531 County Rt. 13, Bath, NY 14810 - 800-760-0947. Contact Rob at rsunde@verizon.net for more information.

October 18-21, 2018 – Installation Rally – Hosted by Larry Garland jalopy32@comcast.net.
Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, York Springs, PA. Please contact Larry at jalopy32@comcast.net for more information



[Join Us / Renew](#) – 2018 WBCCI Membership Renewal Information

It's time to pay your WBCCI and WDCU dues for 2018; \$65.00 for WBCCI and \$1.00 for WDCU. The best and easiest way to do this is to go to the WBCCI web site and pay with a credit card: <http://wbcci.org/component/rsform/form/12-renew-your-wbcci-membership>.

If you prefer, you can pay me directly at a rally; cash or checks are both fine.

Or, you can mail me a check for \$66.00.

Life members of WBCCI and Affiliates of WDCU can send their WDCU dues to me, or give them to me at a rally.

If you want to be listed in the 2018 WBCCI Directory, dues need to be paid before November 30, 2017. If you have any changes to your Directory information, please note them on your renewal form or notify me.

Please note that the WDCU PayPal account we've used in the past has now been closed.

If you have any questions, email me at deborah.bede@gmail.com.

See you down the road!

Deborah Bede
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Questions, comments and Suggestions: Contact Deborah Bede Deborah.Bede@gmail.com

WDCU Renewal Information – How dues are calculated during the year.

WBCCI membership runs for the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. Renewals begin in August of the preceding year, and can continue throughout the membership year. If you want to be listed in the Membership Directory, your renewal must be in the WBCCI office by November 30th of the preceding year.

If you renew after January 1st, at any time during the year, you will pay the full amount of \$65.00 plus \$1.00 for WDCU Unit dues. But – if you renew after July 1st, you will also need to pay in full for the following year. So if you don't renew for 2017 until July 10, for example, you will pay \$132.00 instead of \$66.00 and your dues will be paid through 2018.

If you don't renew at all in 2017 you can reinstate your membership if you renew in the first half of 2018.

It is easiest for everyone if you renew through the WBCCI office, whether by mail or online.

If you are an Affiliate member of the WDCU or a Life member of WBCCI, you can pay your Unit dues of \$1.00 per year for more than one year at a time if you pay it to the WDCU Membership person, me. So, you can give me \$5.00 and it will be good for five years. Regular members of the unit can only pay one year at a time; again, it is easiest if you do this directly to WBCCI when you renew your WBCCI dues.

New members' dues are prorated if they join later in the year. There is a schedule on the WBCCI web site; after July 1st new members pay the prorated amount for that year plus the full amount for the following year.

Deborah Bede

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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 contact me lindamoorenh@comcast.net for more information and we will figure out how for you to get them.



I love this picture!

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.

POT LUCK – Time to gather!

Beer Dip

Preparation: 10 minutes **Serves:** 7 Cups

Ingredients

- 4 - 8 ounce packages of cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup beer
- 2 envelopes ranch salad dressing mix
- 4 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- pretzels

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, beer and dressing mix until blended.
2. Stir in cheese.
3. Serve with pretzels.



One Moore Thing...

Hello All,

Happy New Year to you All.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are now looking forward to the 2018 camping season. I know we are! We are just coming out of the deep freeze having to thaw out some pipes a couple of times hoping it is in time so the pipes won't burst. So far so good. Funny how it can be really cold, well below freezing for an extending period of time and the first day the temp gets to above 10 we are ready to get our shorts and tee shirts out! Well, not quite but I am dreaming of warmer temps and camping! I guess I will survive, I always do but come on Spring!

Please submit any newsletter articles for the next newsletter by the end of January 30, 2018. Send to lindamoorenh@comcast.net.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends. Take a moment to give thanks for what we have.

Just campin',

Linda