



CLUB NEWS

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President's Message

Hello all! We are off to great start this year. We have five new members since January (see back page for the official welcome.) We have three rallies planned for this camping season. I have seen pictures of our club flag flying over members Airstreams while out on adventures. The club is really starting to gain momentum.

Utah has so many experiences to offer Airstreamers. I hope you will be able to attend one of our three rallies as they all offer something unique. We are grateful to those who are hosting and co-hosting rallies. I know they would love to see you there.

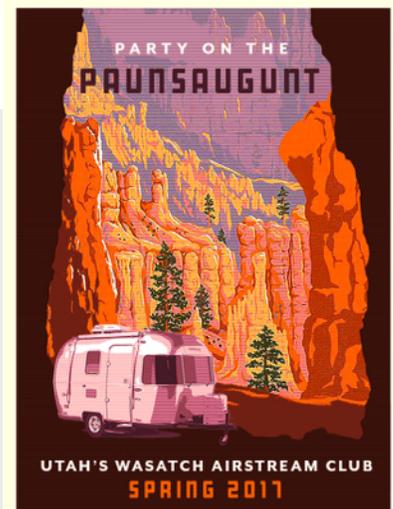
Ideas for rallies can come from anywhere, anytime. The History on the Rocks rally came about through a conversation I had with an Airstream owner that is not a member of UWAC (yet!). Each rally starts with an idea of something to do or a favorite place to camp.

We would love for you to show us your favorite locations and host or co-host a rally. It is never too early to be looking forward to 2018.

Keep the shiny side up.

Ben Schofield

President, Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club



It's Rally Time !!

Let's go camping!!

All the final arrangements and plans have been completed for our Spring Fling rally (Party on the Paunsaugunt) from May 18 to 21, 2017 at Ruby's Inn just outside the beautiful Bryce Canyon NP. We have a full contingent of 25 Airstreams that are planning to attend.

Arrival and check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. See pages 6-7 for additional info. on the rally – this will be big fun for all ages!!

Co-hosts: Jorgensen/Schofield



2017 UWAC Rallies

Rally schedule and registration information is available on the UWAC website for all rallies.

- **“Party on the Paunsaugunt”
Spring Fling Rally - May 18-21,
2017 (Ruby’s Inn, Bryce
Canyon National Park)**

Schedule information for this rally is provided on the pp. 6 - 7 of the newsletter - Happy Hours, hiking, stargazing, Pot Lucks and all!

- **“History on the Rocks”
Summer Rally - August 11-13,
2017 (9 Mile Ranch, 9 Mile
Canyon, near Wellington, UT)**

Nine Mile Canyon is an outdoor museum with remarkable examples of Native American rock art and remnants of dwellings. The area contains the greatest concentration of rock art in the United States. Nine Mile Canyon’s rock art has been featured in National Geographic. Limited spaces available, so register early!!

- **“A Blast from the Past” Fall
Rally - September 29 - October
1, 2017 (Big Creek CG, Bear
Lake, UT)**

Come join your fellow UWAC members at scenic and fun Bear Lake! A full-suite of rally activities and gatherings is planned including a chili cook-off, and a “Potluck from the Past” dinner. Never seen “The Long Long Trailer”? Here’s your chance!!



Airstreamin’ with Fido

by Keith Lund D.V.M.

The dog has really undergone quite an amazing evolution in its role as the family pet over the past 60 years.

Back in the 1950s, a dog’s role was considered as a working companion or pet that lived in the barn or “out back” in a dog house full of straw, commonly at the end of some sort of tether. Now days, dogs are considered family members that will often share the bed with their owners, have special meals cooked for them, ride in the car in their owner’s lap with a head out the window, sit on the couch and watch movies with the family sharing in the bowl of popcorn, help shop at Home Depot and PetSmart and share the cabin space on airline trips. Where once Lassie never made it past the back porch mudroom, now Buddy has his own-monogrammed bed in the living room surrounded by toys and special dog treats.

The rise in the popularity of smaller breed dogs has helped this canine transformation as well.

So, with this dramatic social transformation of the family pet dog, it’s no surprise to see many more people hiking, camping and RVing with their pets. Hitting the road with your furry companion can be a lot of fun and sharing new destinations and adventures can really add to the overall enjoyment of the trip. With that being said, there are a few issues that should be considered and planned for before and during RV outing. Careful

consideration of the following items can make for a much more enjoyable and safe journey.

Travel Maladies: A few dogs, especially younger ones, will sometimes experience motion sickness and/or travel anxiety. Most dogs will grow out of the motion sickness issue but initially these few pets can be given over the counter Dramamine safely or there is a really excellent, fairly new drug called maropitant that is available by prescription from your veterinarian that works great. Consult your family veterinarian on dosing intervals and amounts of either of these drugs. Travel anxiety was commonly treated with human anti-anxiety drugs, such as Valium and Xanax for the past 30 years. They helped to some extent but the downside was a "gronked out" pet. Now days there are newer nutraceutical supplements that work very well to reduce doggie stress with no drowsy side effects. Have a discussion with your veterinarian and see which one she might recommend to use for a calmer traveling companion.

The Leash and ID: A leash is probably the most important item in your dog's travel bag. It provides safety, control and helps your pet be a model citizen when coming upon another person or dog. No one wants to be confronted with a barking or over friendly dog especially if they are with their dog that is on his leash. Whenever hiking with your pet near automobile traffic or hazards, such as steep cliffs, a leash is a must.

Some dogs, when away from familiar confines of home, may wander off, become disoriented or plain just get lost. It is important that all dogs have some form of ID on their collar so whoever finds your wayward dog knows how to get him back to you. Obviously your name, your pet's name, telephone number and maybe email address should be on the tag. Tags are cheap and many stores offer kiosks for do-it-yourself point of sale. Tags and collars can be removed so it might be a good idea to have a permanent form of ID such as a microchip implanted into your pet. Microchips are very common technology now, inexpensive and easy to do. All veterinary clinics and shelters have scanners to read and retrieve information from these microchips.

Diet: It seems that camping, partying and cooking out or barbequing increases the temptation to share our tasty dinners and leftovers with our pets. Dog's digestive systems do not do well with spicy or fatty foods. To avoid digestive upsets such as diarrhea, try to keep your dog's dinner much the same as he would eat while at home.

Health Records: It is a good idea to keep a copy of your dog's health records or at very least his vaccine records in your trailer. You never know when the need will arise to take your pet to a doggie play day center, go to a groomer or visit a veterinarian while on the road. Most kennels and groomers, good ones at least, will require certificate of proof for your dog's current vaccination status. These vaccines will include Canine Distemper, Parvovirus, Rabies and Bordatella (commonly referred to as kennel cough). Keep your pet current and be prepared to prove it.

Endemic disease issues: Most dog owners do not realize what a bonus it is to live in Utah. We have almost zero prevalence of fleas, very few ticks and low incidence of heartworm disease. It is a wonderful place to own a dog. However, other areas of the country are not this lucky. Heartworm disease, spread by mosquitos is very prevalent in all the Midwest, Southern and East coast states. Lyme disease, spread by the bite of a tick and also a threat to humans, is rampant in the New England states. Ticks and fleas are

common in many areas of our country and they are major vectors of disease for pets as well as their owners.

The key here is “know before you go”. Your family veterinarian is the only source to trust to inform you of different endemic disease threats that could be a concern to you and your dog in areas you are planning on traveling. She also is an excellent information source on flea and tick prevention and what to consider to minimize your dog's' exposure to many diseases that could be a problem when traveling to various areas of our country. Also what additional vaccinations might be indicated such as Lyme disease vaccine. Flea and tick control has never been easier and safer. These products are one thousand times less toxic to humans and the environment than they were in the 1970's. Please, please, only use the products prescribed by your veterinarian. Do not use over the counter products sold at pet stores or on-line. Prescription products, although maybe a little more expensive, are so much more effective and safer for you and your dog. If cost is an issue than request your veterinarian send a prescription to an online pet pharmacy. Do not freak over this issue and worry to the point that impacts your fun during the trip. Just do what is needed to safeguard your pet's health, comfort and happiness. It's easy with a little knowledge and planning.

Watch the heat: Dogs do not perspire! This puts them at tremendous disadvantage with controlling their core temperature. The only way dogs can cool themselves down is to pant heavily and rapidly, which is extremely inefficient. Please be careful when doing extreme activity such as hiking, running, biking whenever temperature outside is 75 degrees or more. Completely avoid strenuous activity whenever temps go over 85 degrees especially on clear and sunny days. Drinking water is important to prevent dehydration but it does absolutely nothing in preventing hyperthermia. Signs of heat stroke in the dog are weakness, heavy panting, dark red gums, and inability to rise and continue moving. If you suspect your pet may have heat stroke then it is important to pour whatever cool water you have or can find, be it in a canteen, a pool or lake or stream over their body, especially trying to concentrate getting water to the major blood vessels found under the neck and on the inside of the upper thighs. Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency and medical care at a veterinary clinic should be found as soon as possible.

Be kind to your dog's dogs: Be aware of what is happening to your dog's paw pads when running or hiking on rough terrain for long distances and avoid surfaces such as asphalt, sand, or hard sandstone on especially hot sunny days. Think of you doing the same activity without shoes or socks on. It hurts and can cause some nasty pad ulcers or thermal burns. Get some doggie booties if you are planning on this kind of activity. Also keep your pet's nails trimmed to a normal length. This will really help avoid split and broken nails, which can cause hemorrhage and pain. Learn how to do this yourself. It's easy and needs to be done frequently

Put together a simple doggie first aid kit for the trailer: This kit should contain things such as telfa pads, gauze bandage, VetWrap which is an elastic self-adhering bandage similar to Coban in humans. Tweezers and adhesive tape should be in the kit. Also some bland over the counter ophthalmic gel such as Lacrilube, a tube of Neosporin, also a tube of panalog ointment is useful for treating skin irritation and red swollen ear canals. Rimadyl is an oral medication that belongs to a family of drugs called non-steroidal anti-inflammatories. It's action is similar to Advil in people and is used to treat pain from a

variety of causes in many areas of the dog's body. It is a good drug to have on hand especially when you are in remote locations on a weekend. Your family veterinarian would probably be OK with dispensing a few tablets for you to have on hand. Follow your veterinarian's recommendation on dosing this drug. It is based on the weight of your pet and is generally used twice a day. If you do not have access to Rimadyl then either Tylenol or Aleve are OK to use for a couple of days in a pinch. Always try to completely avoid giving your dog aspirin, Advil (ibuprofen) or any narcotic opioid drugs.

Situational Awareness: Be vigilant when enjoying activities while camping with your dog. Try to anticipate danger, hazards and precarious circumstances. Again, the leash. Dogs are sometimes oblivious to potential trouble much like a 3-year-old child. Be cool but be careful.

The Poop Bag: Do not forget to stock the trailer with poop bags. Always clean up after your dog whether in the campground or on the trail. Nobody likes to see dog poop while hiking especially on the bottom of his or her boot! Scoop that poop, it's the right thing to do.

This is just a brief overview of a few things to consider when traveling and camping with your dog. Being on the road in the great outdoors is somewhat different than life at home. There can be challenges that need to be solved. The fun part is watching your dog, through your patient training, learn how to deal with these as well and become a seasoned camper. Having your best friend along really adds to enjoyment of the adventure.

Remember the old Airstream adage: "It's not where you're going but who you're traveling with"

(Editor's note: a Million Thanks to Keith for this very interesting & insightful piece!)

Equal time for Felines...



Hello, you don't know me but my name is Callie. I'm the newsletter editor's anti-social cat. He walked away from the keyboard for a few minutes so I had to interject the viewpoint that this newsletter and the entire Airstream club has gone to the dogs. Just forget about me joining you out there at any rallies, you've lost your opportunity for me to impress you with my totally aloof demeanor. Besides, I sleep much better when they are away from home... Cats rule, dogs drool (especially Motley and Soko)!!



Other Club News and Commentary...

Special thanks to the club members who have stepped forward to host or co-host the 2017 UWAC rallies. Please be sure to thank them, especially Ben and Julie who remain the driving force behind club growth (30+ members strong) and activities:

Spring Fling (Bryce): Ron and Holly Jorgensen (cell: 801-599-8275), and Ben and Julie Schofield

Summer (Nine Mile): Ben and Julie Schofield (801-850-7450)

Fall Blast (Bear Lake): Linda and Ron Seitz, and Joan and Steve Brinton

See the Members Only page on the UWAC website for additional e-mail and phone contact info.

Two of our club members who likely won't be able to join us this year are the Atherton's, currently serving an LDS mission in Palmyra, New York. Here's a photo of their Airstream 280 Turbo Diesel on location at Zion's Camp on the north side of the Hill Cumorah.

Many of us got to know John and Kathy at the 2016 Fall Rally, and got to tour their really cool Airstream motorhome. We'll miss them in '17!

Contact info. for the Atherton's can be found on the UWAC website.

*"Party on the Paunsaugunt" Spring Fling Rally, May 18 to 21, 2017*

It's nearly time for the "Party on the Paunsaugunt" Spring rally at Ruby's Inn Campground near beautiful Bryce Canyon National Park. This will be great fun for Airstreamers and their families, with something for folks of all ages - a "don't miss" event in 2017!! Remember that club members will pay Ruby's directly the \$38.95 per night group CG fee (based on two people, additional charges may be applied by Ruby's.)

Thursday, May 18

1:30 p.m. Arrival & Check-in Begins

3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Informal Airstream Tailgating (*set-up your own area & greet & mingle*)

5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres & Happy Hour (*bring something to share*)

Friday, May 19

8:30 a.m. *Optional:* Adventurous types meet at Fairyland Point, for strenuous 8-mile no-host hike into Bryce Canyon (*bring lots of water + hat + sunscreen*)

All day On your own for sight-seeing and other activities (*see link below for ideas*)

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck dinner (*bring a main and/or side dish to share*)

7:30 p.m. Campfire

9:30 p.m. Stargazing (*bring a telescope or binoculars, weather-permitting*)

Saturday, May 20

9:00 a.m. Paunsaugunt "Pastry-Fest" (*continental breakfast & coffee*)

All day On your own for sight-seeing and other activities (*see link below for ideas*)

4:00 p.m. Musicians talent share (*bring your instrument and play / sing*)

5:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres & Happy Hour (*bring something to share*)

7:30 p.m. Campfire

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Dutch Oven & Iron Skillet Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Campground check-out time

Special thanks to Darrell Galloway for his willingness to facilitate the Friday night stargazing activity (weather-permitting.) Also, special thanks to Joan and Steve Brinton for sharing this link:

<https://utah.com/100-things-to-do-in-bryce-canyon-national-park>

Do you have additional questions on the Spring Fling rally? Please call Holly at (801) 599-8275. You might want to bring your swim suits also, as there is an indoor pool that campers can use.

Finally, An Official Welcome to our Newest Club Members... Thank You for Joining Us!!

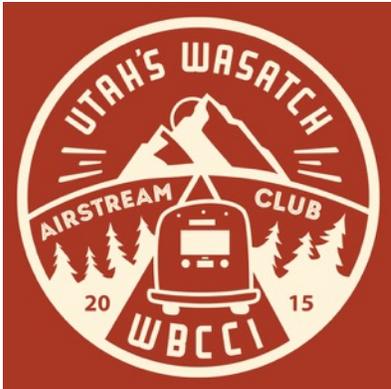
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Keven & Ann Gee - Kaysville

Brent & Cindy Smith - Ivins

Jerry & Deanna Rhees - Eagle Mountain

Keith & Jeanne Lund - Park City



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