
UWAC Club News

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I hope you are all enjoying your summer.

I just returned from a 19 day trip in our 1964 Globe Trotter. Traveling with 2 adults, 2 teenage girls, no air conditioning, all in a 19 foot space can be challenging. But during the trip, I was reminded what makes Airstreaming great.

Some of that time was spent at the WBCCI International rally in Salem, Oregon. We traveled in a small caravan with a few of our unit members to the rally. It was so fun being on the road together. We definitely need to plan more caravans. At the rally we ran into some old friends and made plenty of new ones. Which leads me to the conclusion that Airstream people are some of the nicest on the planet. The people you meet along the way make Airstreaming great, memorable, and rewarding.



Photo artwork: John Ruskauff

Join us at an event. Start making friendships with our unit members. You will be glad you did.

Julie Schofield

President, Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club

Stories from the Road... Salem Bound!

By Ron Jorgensen #1218

“This was great fun – let’s do it again.”

In late June, nine Airstream trailers and motorhomes from UWAC set-out from Brigham City towards Salem with stops at first-rate RV parks in Caldwell, Idaho (Ambassador RV) and Pendleton, Oregon (Wildhorse Casino RV). Group members traveled independently but we rallied each night at our RV camp and shared stories of the day. Club members visited a variety of places like the Twin Falls Visitor Center, Baker Heritage Museum, Pendleton Woolen Mills, and the Bonneville Dam Fish Hatchery in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

We set-up a group text at Julie’s suggestion to keep one another informed on status and travels. The fun group texts and photos carried on for nearly two weeks! This truly was a fun experience and presented a great opportunity for all of us to get to know each other on a fun adventure through a beautiful area.



UWAC Camp in Pendleton, OR



A few photos are shown here. There are too many great photos to share all of them here in the newsletter but check-out the UWAC Facebook page too. The travel part went very well with no significant issues. The group did get somewhat tested with our trailering skills as we drove through extensive winds from Pendleton to Hood River but we all did very well and made it through safely without issue throughout our 4 day caravan adventure.



UWAC Camp - Caldwell, Idaho

There were so many fun stops and group interactions that it's too hard to highlight them all. One true highlight, however - a "don't miss" stop for any Airstreamer traveling through Baker City, Oregon was the Baker Heritage Museum across from the City Park. The museum has a wonderful collection of historical artifacts covering its mining town and movie ("Paint Your Wagon") history, as well as a very interesting set of Wally Byam exhibits and memorabilia. Shown to the left is a photo with but one sample of the AS history on display there.

We certainly took full advantage of all our time together including stocking-up on Woolen goods at the Pendleton Woolen Mill (rumor has it that the Ruskauff's even bought a Pendleton Airstream trailer there but I think that's an exaggeration!)



"I just hate the idea of being a business man or running a big mill or anything like that.

I don't know whether to make myself like that kind of life or become a beachcomber, as in the play.

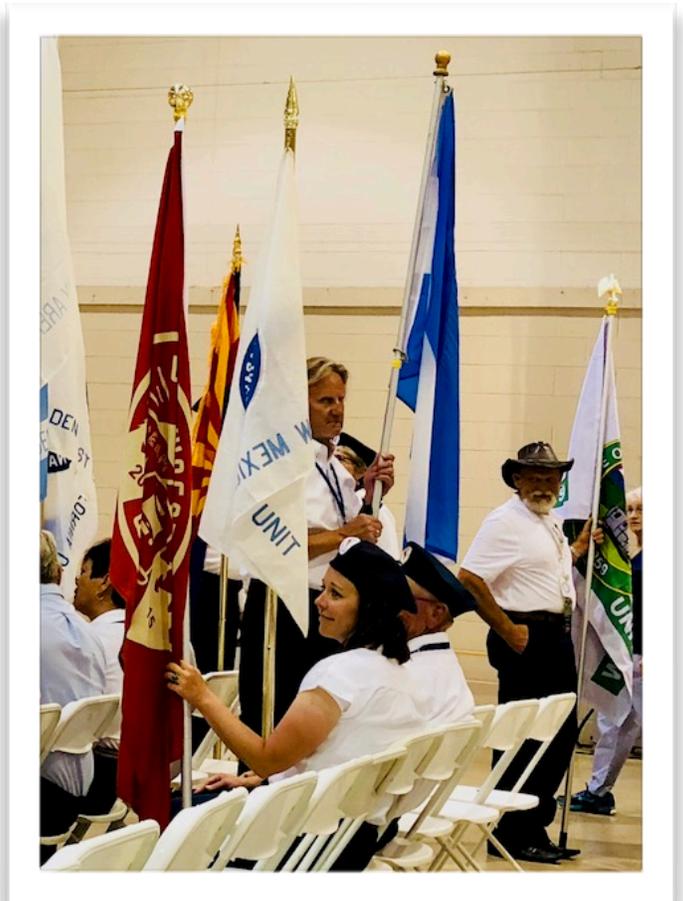
One way gives me success, renown and prestige, and the other gives me happiness. Which shall I choose?"

Wally Byam 1916

The International Rally at the Salem fairgrounds was fun and very informative. We were all camped together as a group so our nightly gatherings continued fairly regularly. International is a wonderful opportunity to network with the broader WBCCI membership, see cool new and vintage trailers, attend informative technical and club sessions, and learn a lot more about Wally Byam, caravanning, and all-things Airstream.

I personally recommend that all club members attend at least one International Rally to see what the club truly is about. You can read more about the recent Salem rally in Blue Beret magazine. **Good news:** in two years, the International Rally will be held nearby in Loveland, Colorado. Based on our great experience, the core of the UWAC caravaners are already talking about 2020 and arranging another mini-caravan to International in Loveland — stay tuned.

One fun highlight from Salem was the Flag Ceremony that officially opened the rally. It was truly impressive to see the members who traveled to Salem from far and wide (even Europe) to attend and represent their regions and units. The keynote speaker at the opening was Ted Davis, owner of Airstream Adventures Northwest, who did a great job welcoming the group and talking about the important 3 legs to the WBCCI and AS stool — Airstream, WBCCI, and the AS dealers. He explained his view on the greater role that needed to be played by the dealers, and his company certainly lived up to that in Salem. I appreciated Ted's comments about AS's being time-machines that help slow-down time and maximize life's simple pleasures. Kudos to Ted and his AAN team, as they (along with many other vendors) were out in force in Salem, complete with an AS trailer showroom, parts/supplies store, and mobile tech teams serving units at the rally by appointment.



One of the really fun items at International was the vintage trailer parade when the Vintage Airstream Club arrived. There were dozens of different vintage units including some that had

traveled the world with Wally Byam as part of the early caravans. Congratulations to Ben and Julie Schofield as their 1964 Globetrotter won the rally award as the best unit from the 1960s.

Finally, on behalf of the caravaners and entire membership, I'd like to thank Julie Schofield for her great leadership with organizing the caravan and unit participation at International. Everything was extremely well conceived, planned, and executed — truly a fun and memorable experience for all who participated. Thanks, Julie — you and Ben are great friends and have done so much to bring this group of ASers together as friends. Great fun!



CLUB TIDBITS

“Summer on the Old Spanish Trail” (Fish Lake Rally), August 23-26, 2018... Online registrations now underway - see the website. Do you like dry-camping at high elevation in the beautiful mountains of Utah during the summer? If so, plan to join us for a weekend rally at the Doctor Creek group campground at Fish Lake in the Fishlake National Forest in central Utah. Visitors enjoy hiking, biking, boating, fishing and exploring local attractions in the area like Capitol Reef National Park. Doctor Creek sits at an elevation of 9,000 feet on the southern tip of Fish Lake on Mallard Bay. The camping area is a large paved area with pavillion surrounded by sagebrush and aspen trees. Fish Lake is one of Utah’s largest natural lakes covering 2,500 acres, famous for 20 to 30 pound Mackinaw lake trout as well as other smaller species like Kokanee salmon and Rainbow trout. The group will have optional activities including a hike in Capitol Reef National Park. Please plan to join us — this will be a fun and unique rally! Rally is being co-hosted by Jeanne and Keith Lund, and Holly and Ron Jorgensen.

*Doctor Creek Group Site
Fish Lake, Utah*



Space will be limited to approx. 12 units. Rally details and [online](#) registration forms can be found at the UWAC web-site.

- Parts & Service Update from Airstream of Utah...** Airstream of Utah is pleased to announce it has recently divided its Service and Parts Department. For service we would like to introduce our new Service Manager, **Taylor Walters**. Taylor started full time at the beginning of May 2018. Taylor has a background in service writing and has done an excellent job managing our service department. He grew up in Sandy, UT. He and his wife have two children Bentley, who is 2 years old and Gracie is 2.5 months old. His favorite thing to do with his family is go swimming and go to St. George. Which makes sense because his favorite Utah National Park is Zions National Park. In his spare time, he likes fly fishing, golfing, camping, and yard work. For parts, we would like to re-introduce **Josh Decker**. Josh has taken over the parts department and will be your source of contact for any parts orders or parts questions. Josh has been with the company since the opening in February 2017. We are excited to separate and specialize our two departments to offer better service to you. We do have some immediate service

openings available for service, if you have any questions about service or need to schedule service please call (801) 890-4363 and ask to speak to Taylor.

☑ **Calling all shutterbugs!** UWAC is having a “best AS photo” contest this year. Start looking for those perfect Airstream photos as you camp and travel. Winners will be selected later this year, but look for those broad landscape photos that would make the perfect banner for the UWAC web-site. Submit entries to: ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com

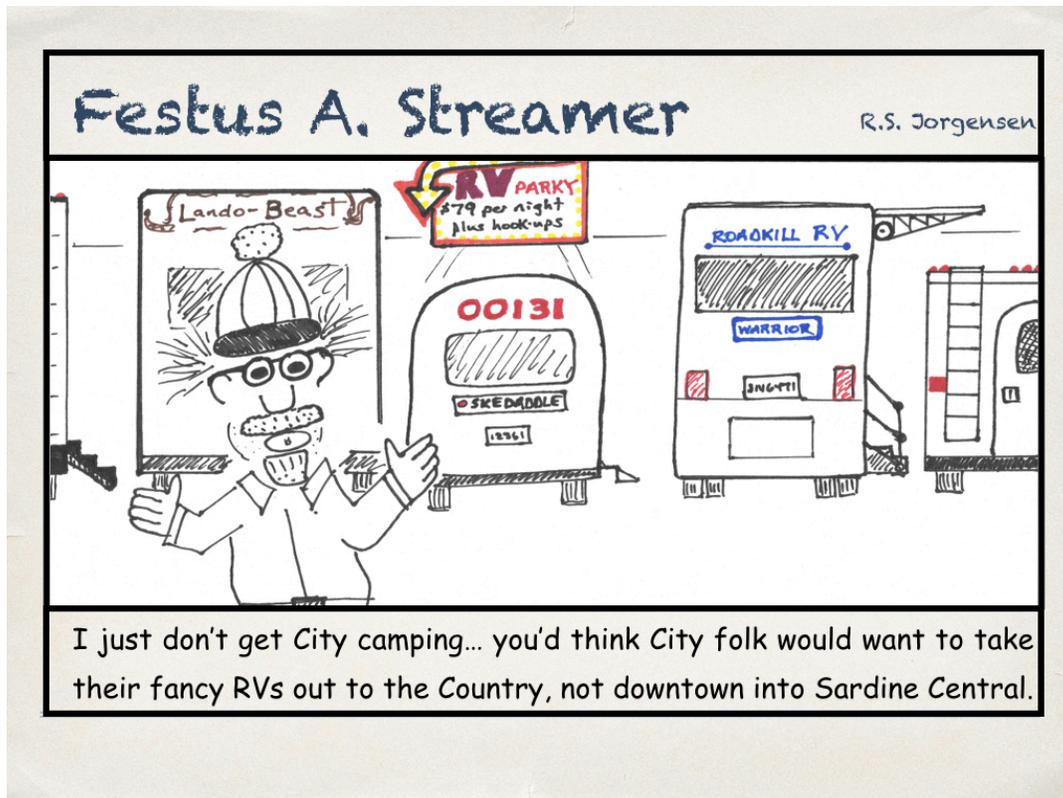
☑ **UWAC Club Officers for 2018...** *We still have openings for club officials including an Event Chair.* This would be a great opportunity for an energetic planner to “rev-up” our 2019 slate of events & rallies. Note that we’ve simplified the registration process, enabling on-line registrations and payments for rallies through the website. We could really use some additional assistance with getting new rallies planned.

Current Officers: Julie Schofield – President; Peter Van Hook 1st Vice-President; Jim Powell – 2nd Vice-President; Keith Lund – Treasurer; **Open – Secretary**

Directors (continuation): Bonnie Ruskauff – Membership Director; John Ruskauff – Social Media Chair; Ron Jorgensen – Webmaster; **Open – Event Chair**

Please contact Julie Schofield if you have interest in any of the open positions.

☑ **Festus A. Streamer....** Ughh.... seriously, it’s time to recruit a new website/newsletter editor who won’t put this stuff in here (it’s insulting.)



✓ **Recent “Airstreams and Arches” Rally...** Wow, that was fun... and perfect weather too! Our first rally of the season was held in May in beautiful Moab, Utah at the Moab Valley RV Resort. We had a great turn-out and nearly perfect weather for hiking and sightseeing. We had a variety of activities including a group hike up Grandstaff Canyon to Morning Glory Bridge, Cinco de Mayo celebration, and a cruise on the Colorado River complete with dinner and a light show. It was really fun to meet several new club and affiliate members. Special thanks to our hosts for the rally, Bonnie and John Ruskauff.



One final thought.... vintage units are really cool!



Got photos or other “Tidbits” to share with the club? Please email them to the newsletter editor (ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com) for inclusion in an upcoming edition.



“We do not want merely to see beauty... We want something else which can hardly be put into words — to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive it into ourselves, to bath in it, to become part of it.”

— C. S. Lewis