



NEWSLETTER

Classic Airstream Club Website: classicairstream.wbcci.net

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Intra Club of Wally Byam Caravan Club International

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Message from our President

There was an article in our local newspaper recently about Monarch Butterflies and the migration to Mexico and Southern California.

I thought about those of us that own Airstreams and use them to migrate to different parts of the country for a seasonal visit.

One thing for sure we don't have the food issue that they have- we can stop anywhere. They are looking for one food source- milkweed- which is becoming more scarce as the years pass. Farming practices and the use of herbicides has severely reduced the milkweed plants that are their Monarch's sole food source.

The angle of the Autumn sun signals the message that is it time to pack up and head South to butterfly vacation land. They fly 10 hours a day and do 10-15 mph and average about 100 miles a day on the thermal currents that run along the mountain ridges. There they can coast on the currents and save their energy. Finding food at their rest stops is difficult due to the shortage of milkweed plants.



As you pack your Airstream for you seasonal trip this winter- think about the butterflies.

Safe Travels

Bettie Jones. President

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Volunteers Needed for 2014:

TREASURER NEEDED

We need a new Treasurer in July, 2014. This is Myron's last term and he will have all the boxes that go with this job and the books will be audited at Gillette. So the books will be ready for someone to take over.

AT INTERNATIONAL

We could use some help manning the Classic Club Desk during registration and beyond. Thanks for all you do for the Classic Club. (Myron Fisher)

Newsletter Article

Our local newspaper had an interesting article yesterday- "RV INDUSTRY SHOWS MORE SIGNS OF RECOVERY"

That opened my eyes in a hurry. We knew that the Airstreams were still being produced and being sold and our Units are seeing new members signing up to see what the "Airstream Way of Life" is all about. We know that WBCCI encompasses various models of RV's both towables and Motor Homes and Interstate Vans. We know that there are Vintage and Classic Clubs - so there is a niche for all of us.

As members of the Classic Airstream Club we all own a trailer or Motor Home that has the classic configuration- all of our units are shaped alike. As members we should be enjoying our fellow club members and invite others Airstreamers to visit with us and see what we enjoy as a club. Caravans and Rally's in different areas of the country planned and run by members of our club. Our members have various interest and inspirations that causes them to want to show fellow CAC members what's

interesting in the part of the country that they call home. Is there some area that you'd like to show club members? There are people within the club that can help you plan and run a Caravan- just sing out and help is available. Dave Buttleman is the Caravan co- coordinator for the CAC. He is to undergo Rotator Cuff Repair Surgery on 12/9/13. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope to see you in Sarasota for the Alumaflemingo and the CAC get together in the Potter Building at 4:30 on February 20. BRINK A DRINK AND A HEAVY SNACK- AS THIS WILL BE SUPPER.

And as a favor to me: IF ANYONE IS GOING TO THE FLORIDA STATE RALLY IN KEY WEST APRIL 2-7 2014- PLEASE CONTACT ME. I will not be going and would like for someone to have a get together for the CAC group there. PLEASE CONTACT ME; THANKS

Bettie Jones

President CAC

We are all invited Events

For many years there has always been a Region 5 Dinner at the Florida State Rally in February. I just want to let you know that the tradition is continuing. The event is now called Alumaflamingo 2014. But that does not mean we can't get together. It will be on Thursday evening, February 20, 2014 at 5:00 PM. It will be held at a place called Philippi Creek Village Restaurant & Oyster Bar. It is located about 5 miles from the fairgrounds. We will be in a separate dining room and will order from the menu. You can "experience casual waterfront dining at the place to go for seafood". They also have a more traditional menu. It is located at 5353 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231 ([\(941\) 925-4444](tel:9419254444)). Tickets will

not be sold or required. If you can make it, just show up. If you know you are coming, you can email me or call to let me know. We will also have a sign-up sheet at Alumaflamingo. It would be nice if we had some kind of idea how many might be planning to attend. We hope you join Karen and I for a casual Region 5 dinner at the Philippi Creek Village Restaurant. Let's keep the tradition going.

Thanks. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Barry Bell, President
Region 5

57th International Rally June 28-July

For those of you who have never been to Gillette, Wyoming, it is well worth the trip. The facilities at the Convention Center there are amazing. The campground area is a field to the east of the Center, with full hookups. There are no trees, but the Wyoming weather in late June to early July, is great and the fireworks on July 4th are angled so that you see not only the fireworks in the air, but also reflecting in the shiny Airstreams.

All of the details are in the Blue Beret dated November 2013 on page 33.

Remember, if you register prior to January 1st, there is a \$25.00 discount on the rally fee.

The Classic Club will be having a luncheon and meeting at the International Rally. Day and time will be announced later.

Airstreamers on the go

For those of you who travel during the winter months to distant lands let us know what you see and do, which would be nice to have in our next Newsletter.

Next Newsletter will be published the 1st week of March.