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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER – Linda Moore

Hello Members and Affiliates,

Another camping year is quickly coming to a close. Many changes happen at this time of year. The warm weather is changing to crisp and colorful, the kids are back in school and your officers have changed.

I want to give my thanks to Michael Vallen for his past year as President of the WDCU. If anyone didn't have a good time, it would be their own fault. Michael was instrumental in getting others excited about Airstreaming and bringing them into our unit as members. Thank you Michael.

I also want to thank Carol and Chris Assaf for putting together our 16<sup>th</sup> Installation Rally. Your attention to detail and welcoming way made for a great fall weekend gathering. I look forward to seeing you both at a rally in 2016.

I have a couple of goals for the coming year.

- Rallies – Continue having rallies we can all gather to and have a great time.
- Members –New members are always welcome. Let's seek out new members and make them feel welcome. This is a job for all of us.
- History – Update the history of our unit for the website.
- Merchandise – We need “stuff” bad. I will work with a local embroidery vendor and hopefully get some neat “stuff”.
- Processes – We need some guidelines to help new members understand the dynamics of running a rally. Rally coordinators are always needed.

The rallies we are planning for next year will be fun with a mixture of familiarity and some with change. I am excited about all of them! I know the folks that have stepped forward to run these rallies are excited too! Their ideas will follow the same fun, fellowship and adventure we have enjoyed during the last 16 years.

I will continue writing and sending out the newsletter. Please help me by contributing stories, trip/rally reports or anything Airstream or trailer related. One Moore Thing will become minimal probably with newsletter submittal dates only.

And last but not least, the last rally for this season is coming up Oct 29-Nov 1 at Shenandoah River Campground. Please contact Michael Vallen [mevallen@gmail.com](mailto:mevallen@gmail.com) if you will be attending so he can plan accordingly. The weekend schedule follows.

That is all from me! Please have fun in your travel adventures and stay safe!  
Linda

## Fall Leaves Rally – Oct 29 – Nov 1- Schedule

Contact Michael Vallen if you will be attending [mevallen@gmail.com](mailto:mevallen@gmail.com).

Early arrivals on Thursday October 29

Happy Hour 5-7 BYOB

Pot Luck Dinner, since we are out in the boonies it'll be a good idea to bring enough for everyone :)

Friday October 30

Breakfast Coffee and Donuts at Michael and Sean's 8:30-10

Skyline Caverns tour for those interested; we will go to the Caverns at 11 AM. Ticket price is \$20/adult with a \$2 internet coupon discount available here: <http://www.skylinecaverns.com/rates.html>

Happy Hour 4-6 PM, BYOB and appetizer

Pot Luck with emphasis on warm and yummy foods :)

Saturday October 31

Coffee/Tea and Spooktastic Breakfast treats at Michael and Sean's 8:30-10 AM

Trailer decorating for Halloween trick or treaters. Contest for best trailer decor!

Or, Free day to explore the Shenandoah Valley and Skyline Drive

Happy Hour 4-5 PM with treat or treat treats, come in costume if you dare

Dinner 5:30, I'll be deep frying a turkey in an oilless fryer! Let's hope for the best :) Everyone bring a dish.

Trick or Treat for the kids and all of us at dark.

Sunday November 1

Coffee/Tea and whatever is left for eats at 8:30

Good byes till next season!

Rally Fee is \$20 per rig payable at the rally. Make checks out to WDCU and give to John DiBella.

See you there,  
Michael Vallen



## RALLY REPORTS

### TRAP POND – Sep 23-26, 2015 – Lori and Greg Wilson

Trap Pond is always a great rally. The weather is usually agreeable but this year it was a bonus summer weekend.

We arrived on Thursday around 1pm and enjoyed meeting and greeting others that came in after us.

Friday we rode to Bethany Beach and up to Rehoboth for lunch. Others went antiquing. Dinner that night was pot luck.

On Saturday many of us went to the weekend flea market to see what treasures we could not live without. There were other events happening in the area as well. We visited a car museum with great vintage restored cars.

It wouldn't be Trap Pond without the Wilson's fried turkey on Saturday night. Dessert was awesome with fried twinkies, Snickers, buck eyes whatever you brought.

The evening was complete with a movie night watching Mad Max outside on the blow up couch. The outdoor entertainment was courtesy of Danee Alaniz.

Thanks Lori and Greg!



## **INSTALLATION RALLY –Starlite Campground - Oct 2-4, 2015 – HOSTS Carol & Chris Assaf**

What a wet and wonderful rally this was! I guess we can say we are a hearty bunch and a 'little' weather was not going to interfere with our good time! That is what I like to hear! For those that didn't make it I hope you are all safe and sound.

But there was no damper on our adventure. WAM and I arrived at the campground on Wed afternoon with cloudy skies. There were two other trailers there already. The campground is on a hill and most of our sites had a beautiful vista of the towns below. We were able to meet that evening for an impromptu pot luck in the huge pavilion above us.

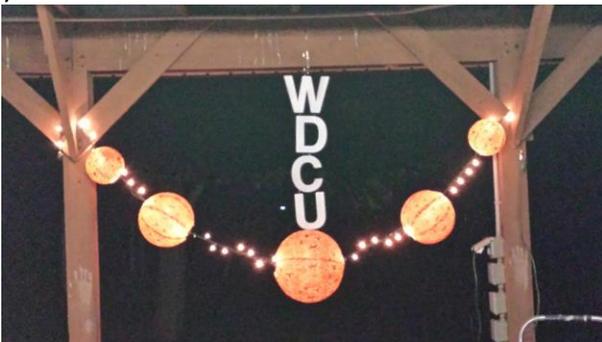
Thursday brought in more trailers. The rain started coming in today, not soaking but damp and drizzly. Friday was supposed to be drag race day but with the rain not letting up, there was no drag day. So we did the next best thing, quilt fabric shopping. Ok, it is the next best thing in my book! It was suggested to us by Obie to go to Obie's Country Store. They are known to have many bolts of fabric. A group of us went and couldn't believe the outside of the buiding, which was an old house with boxes of new bolts of fabric on the porch stacked like a child stack blocks. We entered the door and OMG! There was fabric from floor to ceiling on two floors stacked bolt after bolt high. The aisles were one person wide! The only spot not taken up with bolts of fabric was the cutting table which was only as wide as a bolt and only one yard long! I have never seen such a thing! Another group went antiquing and found some great finds.

Carol was able to get the indoor pavilion for our potluck on Friday night. The weather was nasty. The pot luck was yummy as usual with everyone pulling out the stops for gastronomic delights!

Saturday was a cloudy dry day, which was very welcomed! Many of us went to Lititz which is the home of Wilbur Chocolate, runner up for notoriety to Hershey but far superior! We bought four pounds of chocolate which I am going to have to give to my son to hide and divvy it up when I beg for it! A nice lunch at Tomato Pie Café with our group and a stop at a pretzel place then back to camp. More antique treasures were found by others.

The Installation was Saturday with WAM doing the honors for me. It was heartwarming to see so many of our long time Airstream family come to my installation along with all of our new Airstream family. Carol and Chris arranged a nice Italian dinner of salad, baked ziti and great bread. Desserts were provided by the rally attendees. When we got out of dinner it was raining AGAIN. A diligent effort was given to building a fire which brought many of us out to have a laugh on our last night. It was a fun evening!

Sunday morning was the usual sadness of saying goodbye! I love all of you guys! I look forward to seeing you down the road!



# 2015 WDCU RALLY SCHEDULE – Recap

Here is a recap of the fun we had this past camping season. There is only one rally left, it is the one highlighted in pink. This list will be on the website for a little while longer and then will come down in November to make way for the 2016 rally list. You can get to the website through this link:

<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/2015-rally-schedule/>

## **Apr 23-26** – Capitol Kick Off Rally -

### A Buddy Rally - **Res deadline– Apr 7**

Marietta House Museum, Glenn Dale, MD  
Contact: Michael Vallen [mevallen@gmail.com](mailto:mevallen@gmail.com)  
CKR REGISTRATION link

## **May 15-17** – Gettysburg Rally

Round Top Campground, Gettysburg, Pa  
Contact: Nancy & Carl McDowell  
[giommi1@gmail.com](mailto:giommi1@gmail.com)

## **May 28 – 31** – Region 2 Rally

## **Jun 12-14** Delaware Seashore Rally

Delaware Seashore State Park  
Rehoboth Beach, DE  
Contact: Glenn Barlow [agbarlow@aol.com](mailto:agbarlow@aol.com)  
See more rally information at the end of the newsletter.

## **Jun 26 – Jul 4** – International

Farmington, NM

## **Jul 23-26** – Camping on the Battenkill

Camping on the Battenkill Campground  
Arlington, VT  
Contact Steve and Sara Bernheisel  
[steven.bernheisel@apsva.us](mailto:steven.bernheisel@apsva.us)

## **Aug 20-23** – Knoebels Rally

Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, PA  
Contact: Nick Iverson [NIC6930@gmail.com](mailto:NIC6930@gmail.com)  
See coupon at the end of the newsletter.

## **Sep 17-20** – Trap Pond Rally

Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, DE  
Contact: Lori & Greg Wilson [flamingo.babe@comcast.net](mailto:flamingo.babe@comcast.net)

## **Oct 2-4** - Installation Rally

Starlite Campground, Lancaster, PA  
Contact: Carol & Chris Assaf [chris@ctassaf.com](mailto:chris@ctassaf.com)

## **Oct 30-Nov 1** – Fall Leaves Rally

Shenandoah River State Park  
Bentonville, VA  
Contact: Michael Vallen

## **Canceled**

## **Dec 19-Jan 3, 2016** – FL ‘Forgotten Coast’ Mini-Caravan

Contact: Michael Vallen [mevallen@gmail.com](mailto:mevallen@gmail.com)

# 2016 WDCU RALLY SCHEDULE – It's coming together!

Here is the list of rallies that are being worked for the 2016 camping year. They will be put up on the website shortly. Here is the link: <http://wdcu.wbcci.net/2015-rally-schedule/>

**May 5-8** – CKR Maintenance Rally -  
A joint rally with the MAU (Mid Atlantic Unit).  
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park.  
Contact: John DiBella or Linda Moore

**May 19-22** – Spring Rally  
Spring old house rally.  
Contact: Michael Vallen

**June??** – Region 2 Rally

**Jun 23-26** Pre-International Rally  
In VA.  
Contact: Linda Moore

**Jun 28 – Jul 5** – International  
Lewisburg, WV

**Jul 21-24** – Keg Rally  
Jersey Shore Haven, Airstream Park,  
Cape May Courthouse, NJ  
Contact: Michael Vallen

**Aug 6-16** – Finger Lakes Rally  
Contact: Gayle & Rob Sunde

**Sep 15-18**– Killens Pond Rally  
Killens Pond State Park, Felton, DE  
Contact: Lori & Greg Wilson [flamingo.babe@comcast.net](mailto:flamingo.babe@comcast.net)

**Oct 6-9** - Installation Rally  
PA Grand Canyon, PA  
Contact: Linda Bell

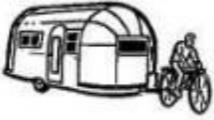
**Late Oct-Early Nov** – Fall Rally  
Contact: Michael Vallen

## CALL FOR RALLY HOSTS

If you have a great location or event in mind that would make a great rally, for this year or next, please contact Michael 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.

## [Join Us / Renew](#) –

Click to go to the WDCU website to RENEW



We have two ways to join or renew your membership – by mail and online via Paypal. Note the Paypal option costs more to offset the fees.

## By Mail:

[WDCU Membership Application Form](#)

1. Print a copy of the Membership Application.
2. Fill out the application form. For renewals, note changes as necessary.
3. Regular members write a \$66 check payable to the WDCU.
4. Affiliate members might prefer to send \$1.00 cash or more for multiple years.
5. Mail the application and check to the Treasurer & Membership Chairman, John S. DiBella, 8425 Toll House Rd, Annandale, VA 22003 [JSDBLA@Gmail.com](mailto:JSDBLA@Gmail.com).

## By Online dues with PayPal:

<http://wdcu.wbcci.net/44-2/>



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

Do you have an Airstream or Airstream related item to sell? Send an email to [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net). I will put it in the next newsletter or send out to the membership.



## USEFUL LINKS

Do you have a favorite place or website that you get your Airstream serviced, Airstream “stuff” or Airstream info? Don’t keep it a secret, spread the word.

Send an email to [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net) to be included in the next newsletter.

Here is one of our favorites:



[campers!](#)

[Vintage Trailer Supply - parts and supplies for vintage travel trailers and](#)

## ONE MOORE THING – FROM THE EDITOR

The next newsletter will be the end of November. Please send any articles, rally photos, rally recipes, member news whatever to me by November 25. Send newsletter submissions to [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net).

Remember, we're just campin'!  
Linda Moore #15116

