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## PRESIDENTS LETTER from Jerry McConnell

Happy New Year Campers!

I don't do resolutions, especially New Year's resolutions, mainly because I am so bad at them; but this year I really have to do something about my procrastination.

It is still only the first week of the new year and I am already late on several fronts! This will be Sonia's and my first full year full timing (sort of, if you don't count our Pacific snow-birding) and the campgrounds are already filling up!

For example, I just checked on the 2020 WBCCI International and all the main electrical sites are gone, and they only have generator sites left. But hey, its International and 20 amps should be enough - average temps in Loveland in June is 81 degrees. I personally have never been to an International, so I figure this is the year to do it - let me know if anyone else is planning on making the trek.

Now that I have this prez letter done (one of those several things I have been putting off) I should tackle the rest of my camping reservations...ahh there's the sunset...maybe mañana...

Aloha



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## WDCU 2020 - RALLY SCHEDULE — MARK YOUR CALENDAR

If you would like to host a rally for Jerry, please contact him at [jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com). Don't be shy, it's not hard. There are many resources ready to help you. Want to help out first? Contact any host and let them know.

- APRIL 23-26 – Capitol Kick Off Rally – Capitol KOA – Hosts – Sonia & Jerry McConnell – Please send email to hosts to let them know you have made reservations so they can complete rally planning. Jerry [jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com). **SEE RALLY INFORMATION AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.**
- MAY 7-10 - Rally with NoVA, Winchester, VA. - Hosts: Bruce and Joy Spahr, Make your reservation with Selina at Candy Hill Campground by March 1st. 540-662-8010. Let her know you are with the DC Airstream group. Discounts for military and Good Sams. Please email Joy and Bruce when you make a reservation so we know how many will be attending. [spahr5@att.net](mailto:spahr5@att.net).
- MAY 21-25 – REGION 2, KINGSTON, ONTARIO – Make your camping reservations directly with the campground – Rideau Acres Campground, 613-546-2711, 1014 Cunningham Rd, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3. **SEE RALLY INFORMATION AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.**
- JUNE 20-27– International – Loveland, CO – Make your reservations with WBCCI. 20 amp is full but there is a wait list OR you can register for the generator section and ask to be put on the 20-amp waitlist. Please email Jerry or Linda Moore if you plan on attending. [jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com) , [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net).
- WDCU has no June rally for those not going to International. Please let Jerry know if you would like to have a rally this month. [jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com).
- JULY 16-19 - Crab Derby – Crisfield, MD American Legion- Cohosts: Danee & Kim Alaniz, Jerry & Sonia McConnell [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com), [jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com).
- AUGUST - Open
- SEPTEMBER 17-24 - Finger Lakes - Bath, NY - Hammondsport KOA Finger Lakes – Hosts: Rob & Gayle Sunde. **SEE RALLY INFORMATION AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.** [rsunde@verizon.net](mailto:rsunde@verizon.net).
- October 8-11 – Grover’s Farm – New Hope, PA – Hosts: Peter & Star Grover. Please email Star to let her know you will attend. [Groverstar66@gmail.com](mailto:Groverstar66@gmail.com).

## JOIN US / Renew – 2020 WBCCI Membership Renewal Information

It's time to pay your WBCCI and WDCU dues for 2020 which is \$66.00 (\$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. Here is the link. <http://wbcci.org/component/rsform/form/12-renew-your-wbcci-membership>. Life members of WBCCI and Affiliates of WDCU can send their WDCU dues to Diane or give them to her at a rally.

If you prefer, you can pay directly at a rally; cash or checks are both fine. If you choose mail, send a check for \$66.00 to Diane Sheridan, 15053 Greymont Dr., Centreville, VA 20120.

To be listed in the 2020 WBCCI Directory, dues need to be paid before November 30, 2019. If you have any changes to your Directory information, please note them on your renewal form or notify Diane.

If you have any questions, email Diane at [dianesheridan78@gmail.com](mailto:dianesheridan78@gmail.com).

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

WBCCI membership runs for the calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year.

If you renew after January 1<sup>st</sup>, at any time during the year, you will pay the full amount of \$65.00 plus \$1.00 for WDC Unit dues. But – if you renew after July 1<sup>st</sup>, you will also need to pay in full for the following year. So, if you don't renew for 2018 until July 10, for example, you will pay \$132.00 instead of \$66.00 and your dues will be paid through 2020.

If you don't renew at all in 2019 you can reinstate your membership if you renew in the first half of 2020.

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 Treasurer/Membership person. So, if you give Diane \$5.00, 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. If you are paying just Affiliate member dues to Diane it is important to address your checks payable to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Washington D C Unit.

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

Diane Sheridan

## UNIT BUSINESS – None this month.

### 2020 Unit Officers

President - Jerry McConnell #6249 – [Jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com)

First Vice President - Kim Alaniz #2468 – [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com)

Second Vice President - Patti Gallupo #22010 [pgalupo@cox.net](mailto:pgalupo@cox.net)

**Third Vice President – OPEN – Contact any of the current officers for information.**

Past President - Erica Marquette #13270 – [ericamarq15@gmail.com](mailto:ericamarq15@gmail.com)

Trustee 1 - Joy Spahr #8791 – [spahr5@att.net](mailto:spahr5@att.net)

Trustee 2 - Greg Wilson #4582 [g.l.wilson@comcast.net](mailto:g.l.wilson@comcast.net)

Trustee 3 – Danee Alaniz #2468 – [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com)

**Trustee 4 – OPEN – Contact any of the current officers for information.**

Treasurer & Membership – Diane Sheridan – #3802 – [dianesheridan78@gmail.com](mailto:dianesheridan78@gmail.com)

Recording Secretary – Becky Weimer #15767– [becky@penn.com](mailto:becky@penn.com)

Newsletter - Linda Moore #15116 – [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net)

Webmaster – RJ Marquette #13270 – [rjm1@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com)



## My Start To Airstreaming – by Rob Sunde

*I have been “glamping” in an Airstream since 2003. However, had it not been for an interesting chain of events, this camping would not have happened for me. Here is the back-story of how I came to be associated with the WDCU.*

*As some of you know, I work on old cars (hot rods and classics). One of the things that I sell and install is air-conditioning for these types of vehicles. One company that I represent is Vintage Air. Well, one day, in the Spring of 2002, I got a call from a fellow named Stuart Natof. He asked if I could help in putting A/C in his old Cadillac. I told him to bring it by and I would look at it with him. His “requirements” were slightly different than most other customers. With a bit of effort, we were able to achieve his goal. That Summer I was having a customer appreciation picnic and invited Stuart. The morning of the event he called and asked if he could bring his wife (Margaret) and her sister (Gayle). I said, “no problem, they are more than welcome”. I have heard that Margaret, who doesn’t care too much for mechanical things except sewing machines, said to Gayle something like “if I have to go to this “car” picnic, you’re coming with us”. Margaret knew that Gayle happened to like cars. (that’s a real bonus).*

*Later that day they rolled up in the Caddy with the A/C blowing nice and cold. They park and walk around the yard looking at all of the cars and eating lunch provided by the catering service. When it came time for them to leave, Stuart brings Margaret and Gayle over to introduce them to me. Margaret says that Gayle’s and my eyes “twinkled” when we met. I don’t know if that is so, but I do remember thinking to myself, “wow, what a pretty girl”. She was wearing a blue polo shirt, khaki pants, sandals and a hat with a big flower on it. It seems that a lot of my friends had seen “the girl in the hat” all day walking among the cars and had asked me who that was. Although Gayle had a four-hour drive to get home, she decided to stay a “little longer” which turned into a few more hours. We talked and walked among the cars and ended up leaving the picnic to take a ride in my 32 Ford (she thought that it was a cool car). When they finally left, we exchanged phone numbers and began our long-distance relationship.*

*Fast forward to the Spring of 2003. We had been dating for a while by this time. One day she asks if I would like to go camping. “Camping” I said? “I don’t think so”. I informed her that I was not too fond of camping. My experience with camping to that point had been in the Army and hadn’t found it that enjoyable. She told me that the next event was to be the CBR at the Rogers farm. If I really didn’t like it, I was not far from home and could leave. After the first day I decided that eating food, drinking beer, sitting around a camp fire and meeting a lot of great people wasn’t such a bad thing. I then asked her when the next event was, and she knew that I had been “hooked” into Airstream “glamping”.*

*I am now into my 17th year of camping with the WDCU, 11 wonderful years of marriage to Gayle, and have thoroughly enjoyed all of it. These years have flown by too quickly. I have met some wonderful people and have made some great and lifelong friends. I get sad when the end of camping season comes and look forward, with much anticipation, to the beginning of each new season so that I can hang out with all the friends I have made in the WDCU club. And I owe all of this to an old, yellow Cadillac - thank you, Stuart.*

## ONE MOORE THING...

The Holidays are over, I survived. It is almost mid-January and I am pining for camping. The Airstream is parked in the back by the barn and it stares at me every time I look out the back door or wash the dishes. I have started counting down, 3.33 months, 14.29 weeks, 100 days until CKR, YAY!

The last submitted article from last year is in this edition of the newsletter by Rob Sunde. I think you will enjoy it. Rob, I remember your first rally and I knew you were a keeper! We love you as much as you love us!

It is the dead of winter and a perfect time to jot something down for sharing with your member mates. If you have a story about a camping trip you took that you just loved, please consider writing something up. If you are planning a trip, write something up about the planning of it. Half the fun of a trip is the planning before. How did you get into Airstreaming, how and where did you get your trailer? Let us know what you are doing during the next couple of months and consider writing up something for your WDCU newsletter. Think about it and send me something. You will be back to listening to me after this last article. Yes, people would love to read about your experiences!

For Rally hosts – **NEW THIS YEAR** – If you are running a rally, please don't forget to do a write up after the rally for the newsletter. You could do it or you could assign (ask) someone to do it for you. I have been doing most of the rally reports for the rallies that WAM and I attend but we won't be going to many WDCU rallies next year. I will be reminding the host of this important task so please think about it ahead of time. It doesn't have to be elaborate.

Please submit your news articles by January 31, 2020 as a word document OR just type it on an email. I know many of you are out travelling and we would all love to know about your adventures.

Just campin',  
Linda #15116



[RALLY REPORTS](#) – No rallies since the Installation Rally report. Please look here in April/May for 2020 rally reports.

## RALLY INFORMATION

[WDCU Kickoff Rally April 23 – 26, 2020](#) — Hosts – Sonia & Jerry McConnell

The Kickoff Rally will be held at the Capitol KOA in Millersville, Maryland from April 23rd through the 26th of 2020. The campground is now on their winter schedule and office hours are from 8:00am until 11:00 am and 2:00pm until 5:00 pm. If no one answers in the office (see the number below), the calls roll over to their national KOA answering service. Our point of contact at the campground is Cheryl, but you can speak with anyone in the office (hopefully). The group is referenced as the WDCU Airstream Club. When you call to make your reservation, you will be asked to submit a deposit for one, possibly two nights. Right now, they have ample sites available; however, as the winter months progress those sites fill up. Please contact the campground within the next two to three weeks to reserve a space. The actual sites will be assigned at a later date.

Once you make your reservation, please contact Jerry [jerryjmccconnell@gamil.com](mailto:jerryjmccconnell@gamil.com) or Linda [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net) to let them know you will be attending.

The below, underlined rates do not include a KOA discount for card members nor the discount applied if we have more than 10 trailers. (If we have 20 trailers we will receive a 20% discount, if we have 10 trailers, then it's a 10% discount.)

Nightly rate 30 amp, full hookup, pull through:     \$82.00 (possibly as low as \$65.60)  
Nightly rate 50 amp, full hookup, pull through:     \$85.00 (as low as \$68.00)  
Nightly rate 50 amp, full hookup, deluxe patio:     \$95.00 (as low as \$76.00)

The rally fee will be assessed and will be sent out in a future newsletter.

Washington DC / Capitol KOA  
768 Cecil Avenue North  
Millersville, MD  
OFFICE: 410-923-2771

If you are experiencing problems reaching anyone or finding anyone who can take your particular reservation, please email me and I will reach out to Cheryl. My email is [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com). My cell number is 301-943-4377.

Thanks all, Kim



# MAY 21-25, 2020 REGION 2 RALLY KINGSTON, ONTARIO

## Caravan to Kingston, Ontario Canada in 2020!

It's about time! The last Airstream Club Region 2 Rally held in Canada was 2010. Now is the time to mark your calendars, make your reservations, get your Passports in order if your traveling North and get ready to head to historic Kingston, Ontario in 2020. The beautiful Rideau Acres Campground features large spacious campsites with gravel pads. We have 108 sites reserved for our Airstreams! Those sites are about 50/50 w/e and w/e/s (all 30amp) with 10 or so full hook-up 50amp sites available. All on a first come-first serve basis. So, don't wait... [REGISTRATION IS OPEN](#). Let's make this the Biggest and Best Region 2 Rally in years!

Reference: AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY

Sign up Here...

[American Registration](#)

or

[Canadian Registration](#)

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Make your camping reservations **DIRECTLY** with the campground:

[Rideau Acres](#)

[Campground](#)

1014 Cunningham Rd  
Kingston, Ontario K7L  
4V3  
613-546-2711

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[more INFO here...](#)



## FINGER LAKES RALLY - September 17 - 24, 2020- Hosts – Gayle & Rob Sunde

CONTACT: [rsunde@verizon.net](mailto:rsunde@verizon.net) LOCATION: Hammondspport/Bath KOA Resort (formerly Hickory Hill Camping Resort) 7531 County Route 13, Bath, NY 14810, 607-776-4345 or 800-760-0947.

To reserve a camp site, you must contact the campground directly. Ask for Elaine (x211) and let her know that you are camping with the Washington DC Unit Airstream group. We have reserved 20 sites which will be held for us until 1/31/20. Please make your reservations early. This will be our final rally at this place. Remember, it is easier to cancel a reservation than to make a late one. If you are bringing any pets, you must bring proof of their immunizations.

The campground is an all-inclusive facility with multiple pools (one is adult only), playgrounds, mini-golf, game room, pedal carts, laser tag, and geocaching. The campground can arrange for discounts of area attractions and tours. Nearby attractions include the Corning Museum, the Glen Curtiss Museum, the Finger Lakes Boating Museum, the Great Western winery, many other wineries and breweries, plus beautiful lakes to explore. For more ideas of things to do, check out “Mr. Cheapskate’s guide to Keuka Lake: 10 fun things to do for under \$65” at <https://expo.syracuse.com/life-andculture/g66l-2019/08/08c94df5d99e4/mr-cheapskates-guide-tokeuka-lake-10-fun-things-to-do-for-under-65.html>.

The schedule of events will be: Happy hour each day around 4:30 and Continental breakfast (8:00AM to 9:30AM) at the hosts’ site starting Friday 9/18 through Wednesday 9/23.

- 9/17 - arrivals all day
- 9/18 - more arrivals;
- start of continental breakfasts
- 9/19 – potluck dinner #1, 6:30ish at the hosts’ site
- 9/20 - explore on your own
- 9/21 - more exploration
- 9/22 - pot luck dinner #2, 6:30ish at the hosts’ site
- 9/23 - final day of continental breakfast
- 9/24 - say our “Good-byes” and head home
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Please complete the registration form below and return it, along with your rally fee of \$20 per person (age 12 and under are free) to: Robert Sunde, 18 Watergate Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20905.

Make checks payable (in USD) to “Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Washington D C Unit” . If you need to cancel, your rally fee will be refunded. Also, before you cancel with the campground, please let us know so that we may be able to fill your site with someone who was unable to get one of our reserved sites.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE

NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ RALLY FEE:

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of children (age 12 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ (no fee)