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PRESIDENTS LETTER from Kim Alaniz

When the end of the rally season is really the beginning . . . out with the old (not you Jerry) and in with the new. And, while the quantity of rallies fell short, the quality of this year's rallies did not. Installation at the Grover farm will be remembered by all who attended for so many different reasons -- not just for the beauty of an idyllic setting and graciousness of our hosts, but for the deep bond and friendships that exist in these times that have been both joyous and sorrowful.

This club means a lot to each of us oftentimes for quite different reasons. For us, it represents lasting friendships and family dynamics that have evolved over time with our first rally at Rogers Farm with a four and a six year old, to this last rally talking about our four and six year old 16 years later. Even as adults we have all grown together, or apart, in some cases.

We miss our members that we don't see but relish any bit of information that is shared around the campfire keeping us in the loop regarding their adventures. I remember a fireside conversation once with Lori Wilson where she expressed sadness at not attending as many rallies as they had in the past, and I expressed with glee how special it was to be able to have one rally with her knowing that the other times she was with her beloved family.

We all cycle through life doing what we love with those we love. Respecting each other for this is what has made our unit what it is today. Our goals are to be inclusive (well maybe not your pets so much when it involves food), caring, and sharing (something we are all good at).

I'm looking forward to sharing this upcoming rally year with as many of you as possible. Start planning now. August is our only month without a solid rally plan. I threw out the idea of an adventure-filled rally in/around Harpers Ferry, but any other ideas are welcome. Even if you can't commit to hosting (which I know someone will gladly do) share your ideas. Let's GET READY TO RALLY WDCU!

Sincerely,
Kim



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WDCU 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

April 22-25, 2021: CKR - Point Lookout State Park, 11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland, MD 20687

Hosts: Amy Parker, Jeff Sutton, Erica and RJ Marquette.

May 20-23, 2021: Walnut Hills Campground and RV Park, 484 Walnut Hills Rd., Staunton, VA 24401

Host: Patti Galupo.

June 3-6, 2021: NYC Base Camp Rally (tentative dates)

information will be forthcoming from the Host: New England Airstream Club.

July 17-24, 2021: Lebanon 2021 International Rally, Wilson County Expo Center, 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087.

August 19-22, 2021: Harpers Ferry / Civil War Battlefields KOA, 343 Campground Rd, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 (tentative dates) Information will be forthcoming - please do not contact campground at this time.

Hosts: Kim and Danee Alaniz.

September 15-22, 2021: Camp Hatteras RV Resort and Campground, 24798 NC-12, Rodanthe, NC 27968

Hosts: Sonia and Jerry McConnell

October 2021: (dates to be determined) Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA 17372 Hosts: Kim and Larry Garland

JOIN US / Renew – 2021 WBCCI Membership Renewal Information

It is time to pay your WBCCI and WDCU dues for 2021 which is now \$76.00 (\$75.00 for WBCCI and \$1.00 for WDCU). This amount reflects an increase of \$10.00 per year over last year's dues. The preferred and most efficient method to do this is to go directly to the following link airstreamclub.org/renew and pay with a credit card. The Airstream Club Headquarters Office will begin accepting renewals for the upcoming year on August 1, 2020.

To be listed in the 2021 Airstream Club Directory, dues need to be paid before December 31, 2020. If you have any changes to your Directory information, please note them on your renewal form.

Lifetime Members must proceed through the renewal process to inform the Airstream Club Headquarters Office that the member is active and in good standing.

Please contact Diane Sheridan by email Dianesheridan78@gmail.com if you have questions regarding your membership and/or dues payment.

2021 Unit Officers

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Trustee 3 – **OPEN** – Contact any of the current officers for information.

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

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WDCU BUSINESS – Installation Rally Meeting October 16, 2020

Past President Gayle Sunde called the meeting to order and proceeded to install the 2020-21 board of directors of the WDCU. They include President Kim Alaniz, First Vice President Patty Galupo, Second VP Danee Alaniz, Third VP Joy Spahr, Treasurer Diane Sheridan, Secretary Becky Weimer and Trustees Greg Wilson and Jeff Sutton. Kim recognized all the past presidents who were present at the meeting. Immediate Past President Jerry McConnell was presented a gift by Star Grover for his service to the unit. Kim also expressed the Unit's gratitude to Star and Peter Grover for hosting the rally and arranging a visit to Colonial Airstream in Millstone Township, NJ.

President Alaniz indicated there is a need to address at least two changes to the Bylaws needed, the necessity for additional trustees and rally sponsors for 2021.

The rally schedule for 2021 so far is as follows:

- April - Kickoff Rally at Capitol KOA sponsored by RJ and Erica Marquette and Jeff Sutton and Amy Parker.
- May 20-23 – Staunton, VA, at Walnut Hills campground sponsored by Patti Galupo. DJ, the Airstream repairman, will present information on repairs on our trailers.
- Region 2 Rally – PA or NY, more information later.
- June 3-6 – NYC Basecamp Rally, a joint rally with New England Unit, Per Hamnqvist supervising.
- July 17-24 – International Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee
- August – possibly Harpers Ferry, WV
- September – OBX – Camp Hatteras, oceanside
- October – Installation rally – Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, York Springs, PA, Larry and Kim Garland hosting.

Peter Grover spoke of the visit to Colonial Airstream in New Jersey the following day for tours, inspection of new trailers and a luncheon (and shopping). He expressed his appreciation for the great turnout for this rally, the first in many, many years and reminded members that they offer courtesy parking to all members.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Weimer, Secretary



C-Moore off to water pressure testing. Wait, don't go!

REGION 2 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER- Richard Short, President

It is practically November as I write this and the year has been quite different, to say the least. No need to recap or review all the events and non-events of the year that made it so. I think we have all heard and read enough to understand. Suffice to say I will be both sad and glad to see 2020 end. I'm sad for the fact of missed opportunities in the camaraderie and travel adventure our Club is known for. But I am glad in the hope that much of the fear of the unknown and the disappointment of cancelled events will be behind us. We have learned to adapt. The future may look different, but I know the Airstream Club will remain strong and vibrant. Fact: our Airstream Club has added over 475 new memberships in the last three months alone. That is almost 1000 new members and is amazing. I know you join me in welcoming all new members to our Club family. Let's enter the coming year with confidence together.

Kathi and I were able to get out and camp with our home club, the Watchung NJ Airstream Club, in mid-October. We spent 3 beautiful days up in the Pocono Mtn. region of the Delaware Water Gap. Fall colors were on full display against a background of clear and bright blue skies. Although there were no shared meals or close quarter happy hours, the "socially distanced" campfire each evening was wonderful. Thank you to hosts Harry and Lori Sacks! This past weekend took us, along with Region 2 Membership Chair Lea Plant, down to Centreville, MD and the DelMarVa Airstream Club's Rally. I was honored to preside over the installation of their 2021 club officers. Congrats to President Katharine Dowell and the DelMarVa Club. A special thank you to Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock for their efforts in providing a great installation dinner... a DelMarVa tradition. The first weekend in November we will head down to Harpers Ferry, WV to camp with Jody Dietz and the Keystone PA Unit. Should be a great way to end the camping season with their "Time-to-Wrap-it-Up Rally". I guess the title says it all!

We have no definite plans for a 2021 Region 2 Rally to report on currently. I will say we are looking at several different venues for a possible mid-May or early June rally. If it happens, it will be reduced in size and scope as we continue to deal with and adapt to the demands of the pandemic. I would like to have our Region 2 Business Meeting and Officer Installation in person rather than on Zoom, but we will have to wait a bit and see. The Mid-Winter IBT meeting is still scheduled for Jan 21-25, 2021 in Sarasota, Fl and the International Rally for July 17-24, 2021 in Lebanon, TN. There is still time to register for both.

Please don't procrastinate or forget to renew your Airstream Club membership. Online is still the best way to accomplish that and you have until the end of the year to do so and still be included in the annual Membership Directory. The Directory will be published in February, giving everybody time to hit the RENEW button on the website. Don't wait...please do it now if you haven't already.

As you have read, I am leading a team of Club members in a quest to improve and expand the tangible benefits of belonging to the WBCCI. Recently announced was a new partnership with Passport America, a discount camping membership club. Other benefits to include discounts on quality goods such as tires and safety products and for services like travel and pet insurance are in the works. All of that and more is being incorporated into the new "member only" portal on the airstreamclub.org website. There you will soon be able to maintain your member profile, access "member only" info and product discount codes, see your history of club offices held, participation in Caravans and more. You're going to love it.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving. As our new Watchung NJ Airstream Club President, Meg Riley, signs her emails...

"Stay well and Purell". Rich Short #1512

DISSOLUTION OF REGION 2 UNIT – From Rich Short, Region 2 President

This is to inform you the Central Maryland Unit #166 of Region 2 has officially been dissolved and has returned its charter to Airstream Club Headquarters.

Rune and Robin Moeller #21090 were the last actively elected officers of the Central Maryland Unit and they did their best to keep the CMU rolling. You will remember the wonderful job they did organizing and running the 2019 R2 Rally in Biglerville, PA. But, in the end, they are only two people and couldn't keep their club going by themselves. With a dwindling membership that was no longer willing and/or able to participate as Officers or in the life of the club, there was little

alternative. I worked with Rune and Robin over the last year and appointed them CMU's Pro Tem officers to get through the dissolution process. I sincerely thank them for all of their efforts on behalf of the Central Maryland Unit both prior to and during the dissolution of the unit. They couldn't have done more.

This is not something that happened over night but as a result of events, over time, that many of our clubs experience. It is unfortunate but a reminder of the challenges in staying an active, vibrant and relevant part of the WBCCI. I don't think there is a club among us that has not experienced problems in motivating members to participate in the life and leadership of their respective clubs. Even the strongest of clubs continually need new people to step up and take active roles.

I know many of you are doing your best to keep your members engaged and your club rolling. I read your newsletters and I appreciate your efforts. But on examination and in all honesty, not all of the local clubs in our Region are thriving. Not all have newsletters. Or websites. Or if they do have a website, it has not been updated in quite some time nor integrated into the Club's new .org site. And, therein lies part of the problem. I am not trying to find fault but if we don't work to keep up, we fall farther and farther behind.

In the 10 years I've been a WBCCI member, local clubs have been provided with more tools and opportunities to develop and grow than ever before. Think about some of the improvements you've seen:

- Blue Beret goes from newspaper print to a full color magazine.
- A rebranding is accomplished to more fully embrace and improve our Airstream, Inc. relationship.
- New, colorful and modern Airstream Club logo is released. Club logo wear is made available thru Land's End website.
- We changed over to an airstreamclub.net domain for email.
- Development and implementation of the new airstreamclub.org website containing an abundance of club resources and a new "member only" portal is ready to be released.
- Ability to control your club's own presence on that website by creating a uniform, modern microsite that can be uniquely yours.
- Ability to post and edit your own calendar of events.
- A push to use one of the most valuable assets of our Club, the licensing agreement with Airstream, to incorporate Airstream Club into our names.
- Airstream sales at all time highs.
- The dissemination of contact info on all purchasers of new Airstream products, to help solicit new members.
- Monthly list of new members, including Members-At-Large, published in the Blue Beret.
- Development of a Caravan Leader Program that has resulted in more caravan leaders and more Caravans available than in recent memory.
- And now, a new push to expand tangible Member Benefits and add value to membership in the WBCCI.
- I could go on, but instead I'm going to ask you...
- How many of those improvements/events have you and your club taken advantage of?
- Do you have a newsletter?
- Do you have a website? Is it up to date and integrated into airstreamclub.org?
- Do you have a social media presence?
- Do you post and update your calendar of events on airstreamclub.org?
- Do you have a Membership Chairperson, actively recruiting new members?
- Are you using the new owners list from HQ and the material provided by Lea Plant, our R2 Membership Chair, to recruit new members?
- Prior to Covid, how many traveling camping rallies did you hold or plan to hold in 2020? (Your WBCCI charter requires a minimum of two). Luncheons? Other events?
- Do you have a club brochure that tells your club's story to prospective new members?
- Have you changed your name to include Airstream Club? (5 of our 15 R2 local clubs have not)

I could go on but I think you catch my drift. If you want to be successful, study successful clubs in and out of our Region. What are they doing to make themselves successful? Ask them. Emulate them. "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" and may be key to your own club's success.

I wish all of our local clubs' great success in 2021 and beyond. If I or our Region 2 Officers can help, please reach out to us.

Best regards to all, Rich Short #1512 609-618-0355

PAST RALLY REPORTS

...Finger Lakes by Gayle Sunde

Eight Airstreams and occupants gathered at the Bath KOA starting Thursday 9/17/2020. We enjoyed meeting two new-to-us folks - Pat Lee and her pup Chapo, and Chris Wooten. Chris wasn't completely new as some of you may remember he stopped by the Crisfield rally without his trailer. Also great to see John and Esther Dona, still camping in that cool '55 Bubble.

As the trailers arrived the KOA delivered cookies and a bundle of firewood to each campsite. Those first bundles didn't last very long as the nights were quite cold but luckily we had sunny (and mostly warm) days.

Entertainment during the week included hiking, biking, kayaking, games, visiting local sites, wineries, breweries, and a little reading and sewing. Some napping may also have occurred. There were several closely contested corn hole games, a round or two of miniature golf and hard to believe but there were adult (?) Airstreamers bouncing on the huge pillow that is usually covered with kids. At least one awesome game of horseshoes happened and that earned Shannon Williams a round of applause for three ringers and a moment of silence for her husband 'No-ringer Neil'.



Enjoying some wine and great weather!

...Finger Lakes by Amy Parker – It's all fun and games at the Finger Lakes Rally with the WDCU!

You know that you are of a certain age however, when you relay the story about the knee pain you're having after the rally to your doctor, and you hear your doctor chuckle and say "I swear I'm not laughing at you, I'm laughing at the visual of 6 adults taking over the kids area of the campground, jumping up and down on a thing called a jumping pillow." I have heard, but cannot confirm, that other injuries included sore leg muscles, shoulders, and a pulled groin muscle, but I digress, it was so fun!

The "it" here being the games played all through the week at the Bath/Hammondsport KOA while WDCU rallied, hiked the beautiful trails, tasted the local wines, beers and spirits, and even ventured onto Lake Keuka with kayaks. Which games you might ask? Well, there were throwing games like cornhole, more on the tournament to end the rally later, and washers; there was putt-putt (18 holes at this KOA!), there was frisbee golf – be careful of those woods on the course – we will admit to losing at least 2 frisbees, and never finding all 18 holes, plus there were horseshoes – naming one of our own as a ringer!

How then, you might ask, did the doctor end up chuckling? Might be hard to have those injuries doing something as low impact at putt-putt. But we need to talk about the jumping pillow. It was the jumping pillow – you see – that had the adults all giggling and bouncing and falling down. For those who haven't seen it:

We're also guessing that since it was designed for kids, the extra weight that a full-sized human might have added to the bounce made it all the more fun! Take that, ankle biters! We didn't care, it was so fun, and injuries aside, totally worth it!

Now about that cornhole tournament on the last night of rally, Wednesday, in the warm fall afternoon: it was Rob Sunde and Jeff Sutton vs. the new Kid Neil and not-new-kid Wayne for a happy hour show down, before sun-down and the campfire. Between 2 amazingly beautiful Airstreams, 4 games were played. Rob and Jeff stormed through the competition without mercy, and it appeared as though no one had an answer to their bean bag for bean bag steely skill. But then, Neil and Wayne would not give up, buoyed by fine scotch, and misplaced confidence, the challengers took it to the champions, stealing their first win. Undeterred, a rematch was demanded. Jeff and Rob were certain they would regain their title, after all, they were drinking the lucky Flamingo beer (or was it?), no matter it was Strawberry-Lemon flavored Natural Light, and the beer wasn't horrible, it was clearly not enough to give Jeff and Rob the edge they needed to be victorious. Neil and Wayne extended their championship run, scoring the winning bag and rejoicing as if it was a Super Bowl win. This story will likely be retold countless times around campfires, and include ever-increasing skill in the detail, but if you hear it, just remember, it won't be indisputable without the Flamingo beer-can detail.



...WDCU Installation Rally by Linda Moore

What a great time we had at the WDCU Installation Rally! But before I get to that, let me digress to how we got there. If you want to cut to the chase and read about Installation, skip to the next page.

We left NH on 9/16 to go to the Finger Lakes Rally. We stayed at Crazy Acres CG in Davenport, NY that evening rather than driving all the way to Bath, NY. What a great campground to have some future rally. It had a great rally field with water and electric. This was also getting into the autumn leaf peeping time, so the trees were starting to show their glory. We got to Bath, NY to meet up with the other rally goers. You can read about the Finger Lakes Rally from Gayle and Amy.

We left Bath, NY with the Sunde's on the 24th to travel to Tallmadge, OH where friends of ours lived and they invited us to spend two nights in their driveway. It was great to catch up with Mark and Chris and it was a perfect spot to stay to be able to visit the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame. This made it easy for us to spend the day at the museum and then go out to dinner with our overnight hosts.

Once we left, the next stop was Elkhart, IN. We stayed at Elkhart CG which was a nice central spot to be able to visit the RV/MH Museum, Indiana Dunes, Bontragers Surplus, and Grand Design. If you are ever in the Elkhart, IN area the RV/MH Museum is wonderful. There are many vintage camping units there and lots of history about camping. The Indiana Dunes is a National Park and was a stone's throw from Elkhart. The National Park is at the bottom of Lake Michigan. I was able to get a passport stamp for this park and then we went to see the dunes. It was very strange to see the dunes and the wide-open water and realizing you are not at the ocean. A day trip to Bontragers Surplus which was a huge multi building store full of surplus RV parts. There were cushions and sofas and windows and frig's and all kind of parts for an RV. If you knew what you were looking for, you could get a great deal. Last thing we did was go on an RV manufacturing tour at Grand Design. The tour we were on was for fifth wheels. We knew we couldn't go on an Airstream tour when we got to Airstream, so we took in this one. It was good to see how other RV manufacturers produce their rigs.

Our next stop was to Auburn, IN where the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum was. What a beautiful museum housed in an Art Deco style building. The automobiles were beautiful. This stop was especially good because we were able to overnight in the parking lot with water and electric. This is a Harvest Host site but anyone visiting the museum with an RV is welcome to stay overnight or free.

Now we are starting our way back east stopping at the Airstream Factory in Jackson Center, OH. This is affectionately known as visiting the 'Mother Ship'. They also provide parking with full hookups for overnight or as long as your Airstream service will last, if they don't have your rig in the service bays. We needed some work done on our water pump and were able to get an appointment. What was supposed to take a few hours lasted long enough for us to have to change our next campground reservations. Luckily, the issue was resolved, and we were able to leave after two nights at the factory. While we were waiting for the service to our rig to be completed, we drove into the little town of Bellafontaine, OH (pronounced Bell Fountain) which is the town with the first ever, still existing concrete road. There was a blocks length of this concrete road, which was the US first paved road ever, paved in 1893. Now there is a bit of Roadside Americana for you.

Still working our way back east to Sunde Ranch, we stopped at Barkcamp SP in Belmont, OH just west of Wheeling, WV. It was an older state park with a lot of very old short steep sites that were almost impossible to get into. We had two new primo sites with full hook ups but since we had to stay another night at the Airstream Factory, we lost those as it was now Friday, the weekend. Remember this campground so you will know, be very picky what site you are on. We finally were able to park and survived the night to move onto....

Sunde Ranch! One of my favorite places to camp. A few days there to do laundry, clean up the trailers and restock food for Installation.

WDCU INSTALLATION RALLY 10/8-10/11 at Grover’s Farm was wonderful. This is also one of my favorite places to camp. Star and Peter set up a wonderful itinerary for us all. Friday we were all invited to Colonial Airstream in Millstone, NJ and they made lunch for us all. This dealership has a brand-new building which was built by Peter’s company. Both John and Jim Lenzo (brother dealership owners) and Peter were very proud for us to see their new building. We had to break up into groups, due to covid, but we were all able to see everything from the showroom to the back-repair bays. The Lenzo brother’s dad was so cute grilling our lunch. It was a beautiful day and a great experience.

That evening we had the unit Installation. Gayle Sunde did an awesome job installing incoming President Kim Alaniz and all the officers. Kim was all decked out in her beret and flamingo slippers. Congratulations Kim, Patti Galupo, Danee Alaniz, Joy Spahr, Greg Wilson, Jeff Sutton, Diane Sheridan, and Becky Weimer. A campfire followed. A great day, for sure.

Saturday, and last night of the rally, was the pig roast. What a yummy sight that was laid out in its finest, an apple and flowers for eyes. John Lenzo and his wife Michelle came to enjoy dinner and a campfire with us as well.

We left Grover’s Farm Sunday afternoon and headed to Colonial Airstream to have a bike rack installed. There was a terrible storm coming in with torrential rain and they were nice enough to let us overnight at the dealership to be able to have work done first thing Monday morning to get on the road for home the same day. We got there early enough to be able to get out and see something, so we went to Monmouth Battlefield, which was one of the major battles in the Revolutionary War. I was just reading a book with this battle in it, so it was interesting to be able to see it.

As always, the fun came to an end and we went home. We had been on the road for 4 weeks and we had a great time. We saw many things and learned lots and spent time with all of you. I cannot wait to get out there again!



ONE MOORE THING...

Thank you, Jerry McConnell, now our WDCU Past President, and welcome Kim Alaniz, our new WDCU President. I look forward to working with you.

One more time out and then we need to call it quits (sobbing can be heard here). Winter is coming to New England, we got snow the other day. But at least I have some memories from the few rallies we had during this past year that looked like no rallies were going to happen. The Crabby Rally was HOT and a blast, the Penn Wood Rally was a nice long weekend in the woods, the Finger Lakes Rally was a relaxing week full of wine, beer and bacon and the Installation Rally was like being a guest at someone's very comfortable house! Thanks to all the rally hosts who took the time to plan and run your rally. Without you all, we would not have had so much fun!

Please submit your news articles by November 29, 2020 as a word document OR just type it on an email. Please let everyone know what you're up to while hunkered down or escaped to warmer climes for the winter. If you only have pictures, those would do also. I am always looking for filler pictures and would like to start putting in your pictures of you, your airstream, your travels, or all the above.

Stay well, be safe!

Just campin',
Linda #15116



ADDITIONAL RALLY INFORMATION

...Capital Kick Off – April 22-25, 2021 – Hosts: Amy Parker & Jeff Sutton and Erica & RJ Marquette. Please send an email to jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com to let them know you will be attending and site #.

We have selected the Point Lookout State Park (MD) campground as the location. The state parks will not hold a group of sites to give extra time to make reservations, but right now there is plenty availability. I presume the sites will begin to fill up within the next month or two, so it's a good idea for everyone who is thinking about attending to make a reservation.

There is a \$6.25 reservation fee that is not refundable, but outside of that, as long as a reservation is cancelled within 24 hours of the planned arrival, there is no additional charge.

The rally will be on the weekend of April 23 to April 25. There are multiple camping areas at the park, but we will hold our breakfasts, happy hours, dinners, etc at the sites in Tulip Loop.

You can make reservations online at www.parkreservations.maryland.gov or by phone at 888-432-2267.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com. It would also be great if folks could let me know what site number they will be staying at so we can keep an accurate head count. Once we are closer, we'll figure out what the rally fee will be.

Jeff



Vintage tent camper.



Crazy Acres, Davenport, NY rally field.

... WDCU Spring Rally – May 20-23, 2021 – Host: Patti Galupo patti.galupo1973@gmail.com - Walnut Hills Campground & RV Park, 484 Walnut Hills Rd., Staunton, VA 24401 – 540-337-3920 or 800-699-2568.

Save the date! I'm excited to share one of my sacred spots, Walnut Hills Campground with the team. It's tucked neatly in the Shenandoah Valley within eyeshot of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains of western Virginia. If you read my newsletter article submitted this past summer, this spot is central to my camping experience, and led me to you guys!

I've been camping here now for the last 7 years and the staff is truly family to me. More information is to follow, but I wanted to lay out the basics so you can book your reservation!

We've secured 17 sites in what I call "the hill." These are primo spots; full-hook up, with a scenic view of the mountains and the expertly groomed grounds and fishing hole below. The pull thru sites are very large and accommodating-most are buddy sites (two trailers front to back)- others are back in. Within the pull-thru buddy sites, some have deluxe patios, with a swing and gas grill. Trust me. Even with the buddy sites fully occupied, you won't feel crowded. I've secured a deluxe patio site alone-to serve as a "command post"-for fires and breakfast etc. We've also reserved a couple of singular, back in sites.

All sites; buddy or otherwise, are full-hook ups. (that we have reserved).

Should we exceed capacity, the staff will do its best to place you in another site. (not all have full hook up service)- but this campground's sites are all excellent!

EACH RESERVATION MUST BE MADE INDIVIDUALLY. THERE IS NO GROUP RATE. IT IS ALSO A GOOD SAM PARK. GIVE THEM YOUR NUMBER AND GET A 10% DISCOUNT!

The rates vary according to day and type. For example, the most expensive buddy site (deluxe patio) has a Thursday rate of \$62 with a buddy charge of \$36-and for Friday and Saturday- the rate is \$65 and \$38 respectively. In this example, if you average out the rate; it comes to approximately \$50 per person. NOTE: YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK THIS OUT WITH YOUR "BUDDY" AFTER THE FACT-THE FRONT OFFICE WILL SIMPLY BOOK FOR THE RATE AS LISTED, TO TWO INDIVIDUAL TRAILERS. If two trailers know ahead of time that they want to "buddy up"-they need to call literally a few minutes within one another, with their individual information. This could get tricky. I suggest that you leave it up to the staff to work that out and accept whoever is placed as your buddy. Also, trailer length may come into play.

We literally have the entire hill to ourselves!

Reservations for this rally will be accepted from November 15, 2020 to March 1, 2021. After March 1st, the sites will be released. (if you are one-half of a buddy site that doesn't get filled, you will simply have the site to yourself).

WHEN CALLING-ASK FOR ERIKA AND SAY YOU ARE BOOKING FOR THE GALUPO RALLY. ONLY ERIKA WILL BOOK OUR PARTY (SHE IS THE CAMPGROUND MANAGER).

If you have any questions, call me at 202-494-9991 or email me at patti.galupo1973@gmail.com.

Looking forward to a fabulous 2021 camping season!

Patti aka "Galup"

PHOTOS



Thank you, Mark & Chris Caetta, for hosting us! It was great catching up with you! To quote
Arnold Schwarzenegger, 'I'll be back'!





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My view for the Installation Rally. Not too shabby!

Getting ready for the festivities in the Taj Garage!



Your WDCU 1st, 2nd & 3rd VP's. Congratulations Patti Galupo, Danee Alaniz and Joy Spahr!



Recording Secretary, Becky Weimer.



Treasurer, Diane Sheridan.



Trustees Gregg Wilson and Jeff Sutton.



Breakfast by Chef Robert.



Enjoying Chef's breakfast!



Arnold Ziffle



Looking into the future to the 2021 rallies!

SEE YA DOWN THE ROAD!

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