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PRESIDENTS LETTER from Kim Alaniz

For any number of reasons, November 2020 will be a month that goes down in the history books. Nope, not for the obvious like COVID and politics, but about something very personal to me and D (that's D for Danee) – and that would be Our Trailer (hereinafter referred to as OT).

A little backstory, for years, Griffin has complained OT makes him sick and for years we have ignored him. Much like we ignored the water seeping into the back of OT and the smell that permeated the rear. We began to suspect floor rot and realized something would need to be done. Fortunately, for a number of us in the DMV (District Maryland & Virginia) and all thanks to Patti Galupo, we have available to us the services of David "DJ" Mastin of Broken Rivets RV Service.

Within 30 minutes of texting DJ and introducing myself, he had responded with a detailed explanation of how he handles "rotten floors." His response was an eye opener in that it connected Griffin's apparent allergies to the mold and mildew lurking below the linoleum. After relaying Griffin's symptoms, Dr. DJ offered an interim solution.

Fast forward four months and some back and forth texting with DJ, OT traveled to Ruther Glen, Virginia for some much-needed repair. Every step of the way, DJ has texted and sent photos. I am excited and feeling somewhat like a new homeowner, picking flooring and fabric and new awnings. I look forward to sharing OT's rebirth with you in upcoming newsletters. For now, here are a few photos. Photo 1, the bed and lav wall removed. Photo 2, linoleum removed exposing the damage ("lots of warpage," no extreme soft spots).

Looking forward to turning the corner on 2020 and wishing each of you the happiest and safest of holidays.

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. jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com

May 20-23, 2021: Walnut Hills Campground and RV Park, 484 Walnut Hills Rd., Staunton, VA 24401
 Host: Patti Galupo. patti.galupo1973@gmail.com

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. A number of our unit members have signed up to date. Please let Kim Alaniz know if you will be attending. Daneekim2468@gmail.com.

August 19-22, 2021: Harpers Ferry / Civil War Battlefields KOA, 343 Campground Rd, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 Hosts: Kim and Danee Alaniz. Daneekim2468@gmail.com. See the Additional Rally info for more detail at the end of the newsletter.

September 15-22, 2021: Camp Hatteras RV Resort and Campground, 24798 NC-12, Rodanthe, NC 27968
 Hosts: Sonia and Jerry McConnell Jerryjmccconnell@gmail.com Sonia.mccconnell@gmail.com.

October 2021: (dates to be determined) Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA 17372 Hosts: Kim and Larry Garland jalopy32@comcast.net krimgarland@gmail.com



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

President - Kim Alaniz #2468 – daneekim2468@gmail.com

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Trustee 2 – Jeff Sutton #22617 jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com

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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Webmaster – RJ Marquette #13270 – rjm1@yahoo.com



ONE MOORE THING...

I am in full sob! Our Airstream is now winterized and tucked into its winter bed.

We did have one last outing a week or so ago at Lum's Pond. A simple non-rally gathering for those who could attend with some good food. Four of us did stay long enough to visit the first night of the Christmas program at Longwood Gardens. The weather was perfect in the 60's and dry. If you have not been to Longwood Gardens, you need to treat yourself and see how beautiful it is. I hate gardening but love to see such beauty. A couple of days before the visit was wet and cold and windy and miserable. But the campers prevailed and were determined to have a good time ending with a stunning evening of Christmas.

WAM and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday!

Please submit your news articles by December 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 will figure out what the rally fee will be. Jeff



... 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 have 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"

-----→Additional info for Staunton rally

Reference was made above in the rally listing to Airstream Tech DJ Mastin providing a presentation on repair and maintenance issues at the rally. I've known and worked with DJ for 7 years. He's a certified Airstream Tech and previously worked at Airstream of Virginia before starting his own business, Broken Rivets RV Service in Ashland, VA. In addition to a classroom presentation, he'll be offering onsite services/ repairs to the membership at a reduced rate. My rig is currently in the shop getting some upgrades, so I'll have him prepare some materials that I'll forward when available. These services will be between the client and DJ, I'll simply facilitate by working it into the schedule.

Don't forget, after you make a reservation, please notify me at patti.galupo1973@gmail.com of your attendance and site number.

...Harpers Ferry Rally - August 19-22, 2021 – Hosts: Danee & Kim Alaniz

HF /Civil War Battlefields KOA, 343 Campground Road, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425, 800-562-9497

Harpers Ferry has been confirmed. We have 15 (30 & 50 amp) sites which will be held until February 1, 2021. The site numbers designated for the rally are 29 through 35 and 37 through 44. When you call the central reservation number to make the reservation refer to the WDCU Airstream Club. The daily rate is \$85.00. There is no itinerary yet, but I hope to capitalize on the outdoor activities in and around Harpers Ferry. Please make your reservation ASAP as the block will be released February 1, 2021. Also, **if there is anyone looking to cohost the rally with Danee and Kim Alaniz, please let us know, daneekim2468@gmail.com.**

...OBX Rally - Sept 15-22 2021 – Hosts: Sonia & Jerry McConnell

CAMP HATTERAS, 24798 NC HWY 12, P.O. Box 10, Rodanthe, NC 27968, 252-987-2777, camphatteras.com

The 'official' rally is Wednesday to Wednesday 9/15 thru 9/22; however, Sonia and I will be there starting Sunday 9/12 so anyone who wants to make a full calendar week of it can.

With a minimum of 10 trailers we are getting a 20% discount but only for 7 days. So, for example, if you stay Sunday to Sunday or Wednesday to Wednesday you will get the 20% but the 8th day is back to full price. You pick which 7 days you want to stay...a little confusing but I wanted to clarify that.

The discounted nightly rate is \$65.00 plus tax and there are no additional charges to be added by the campground.

We have not decided on a rally fee yet...I have reserved the pavilion for Friday and Saturday evening so we will do a Potluck on Friday and maybe revive the Pasta Night for Saturday. We will of course have Juice Box Beach Thursday and Go Fly a Kite Friday. We will try to keep it chill.

We have reserved Dolphin Drive - when you call please say you are with the Washington D.C. Airstream Club. We are dealing with Jen Carlson but you can reserve with anyone in reservations. The below is from Jen.

"Rally members need to call to pay their individual deposits and any unclaimed sites will be released August 2, 2021. Approximately 10 days prior to arrival, each member will receive an email which will include a link to our secure payment portal so they can pay their remaining balance prior to arrival. Each group member needs to check in upon arrival at the Guard House to receive their arrival packet. Check in time begins at 1:00PM and we do ask that you time your arrival to be here no earlier than 1:00 as we do not allow early check ins."



SEE YA DOWN THE ROAD!

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