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PRESIDENTS LETTER from Kim Alaniz

Drizzly this morning and it's certainly quiet in the house. It's normally quiet at this time a day, but some things are a little different in our household. Campbell, the youngest, moved out of the house and into an apartment with his brother. I'm not used to walking down the hall from our bedroom to go to the kitchen seeing both of their doors open. Even the other night, I thought I heard, "hello," in Campbell's voice at 11:30. I got up, turned on the hall light, looked down the stairs, and then looked through the blinds in his room to see if his car was there. Nope, just my imagination. So, two nights later I heard voices again, but this time it was the boys talking to their dad at 11:30. They apparently had been going to the grocery store and walked out without the apartment key. I still don't know why the door key wasn't with the car key, or why the other one didn't have his keys, but some things just aren't worth asking. And, since they are living in Danee's apartment building, good ole Dad has a key!!

We had become accustomed to camping without the boys, now I just have to get used to not living under the same roof. That's my segue into talking about everything camping . . .

I know everyone is looking forward to getting on the road for the camping season, we are! Just another subtle reminder, book your campsites and let the hosts know you'll be attending. Even if sites have been released for rallies, go ahead and check availability and book your reservation. Some hosts, as the rally nears, will post a registration form to the unit website. Many of you have already heard, the Region 2 Rally will not take place this year. There wasn't enough interest to make it worth planning an event of this size. That leaves the month of June open. I'd love a recommendation for a rally to fill in for June. Looking for input. Please?! Even if it's just a suggestion, someone will be more than willing to take the lead on organizing a rally. Right? Right? While I'm asking, we have a trustee slot open. It's possible that you would not ascend to power for another five-ish years, or one if the current slate resigns! Give it some thought.

FYI, we don't have a caravan entrance date into the International Rally yet. Stand by for that. Linda Moore has picked a meeting point for attendees wishing to caravan onto the grounds. Moore on that later. [Click here.](#)

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 14-17, 2021: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing/ Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA 17372 Hosts: Kim and Larry Garland jalopy32@comcast.net krimgarland@gmail.com. More information to come in February.

UPDATE: HotLogic Portable Food Warmer - The Hot Logic uses low-slow conduction heat to bring foods to the ideal temperature and can hold it there for hours without overcooking or drying the food out!

We have been using the HotLogic cooker for over a year now. We are travelling this week using the HotLogic so I figured it would be good to give a review.

I STILL LOVE IT!

We are traveling this week without the trailer and I am still using it. With a little planning we can have a hot meal. Breakfast is the worst for me, I can take it or leave it but when we are on the road, I know I need to eat to keep travel queasiness down to a minimum. We usually leave early in the AM and I can't eat that early either. With the glass dish I use I put an egg in each compartment, scramble them a bit, put a piece of cheese and crumbled bacon and an hour and half later I put the cooked egg on muffins or bagels. You do cover the cooking dish with its cover, so I put the muffins on top of the container inside to warm them up. We have a healthy breakfast sandwich as we drive. Or you can stop somewhere, up to you. Fancy, no. Tasty and filling, YES.

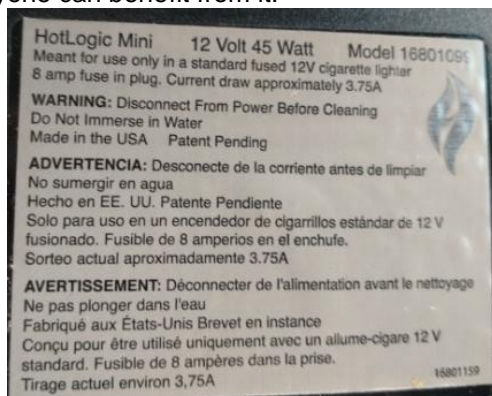


It does cook stuff like this great and you can cook anything in it just like a slow cooker but other than an egg thing like this it makes a juicy mess accumulating condensation that is difficult to manage in the truck. If I want something for lunch or dinner on the road I plan ahead by cooking larger at home and then package up part of it so it will fit into a container I can cook in the HotLogic. A fully cooked frozen meal and a few hours will give you a home cooked meal that is piping hot when we want it.

My small lunch box size cooker has a 12v outlet plug on it. You can get a 120v plug but you would need a 120v outlet in your car or have a converter. I have a larger HotLogic I use in the trailer that has a 120v plug on it. It works great too. I use it for making a casserole I want to share. It does take as long as a slow cooker does to cook from raw ingredients.

REVIEW: I use it all the time when traveling. It stores very flat if there is no dish in it. I make sure I plan ahead of a trip so I can use it. When I don't plan for it, I kick myself!

Do you have a convenience item process you use to make travel better for you? If you do, let me know and I will put in the newsletter so everyone can benefit from it.



Here is the power info.

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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Newsletter - Linda Moore #15116 – lindamoorenh@comcast.net

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

ONE MOORE THING...

Ok, we are at the point we are ready to go camping. The snow is still a foot deep out there and we want spring. We did escape for a few days south, sans trailer, far enough south to feel the warm sun without a jacket. It was nice. We will crash into reality tomorrow night where the high temps are in the 20's. I have my seat belt buckled and my helmet on!

Plans are being formulated for the meet up for entry into International. If you are planning on going to International and want to meet up please send me an email for our list and you will get info as we continue planning. I have preliminary information for what the plans are now below in the rally information pages. [Click here](#) to jump there.

Please submit your news articles by March 29, 2021 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 #.

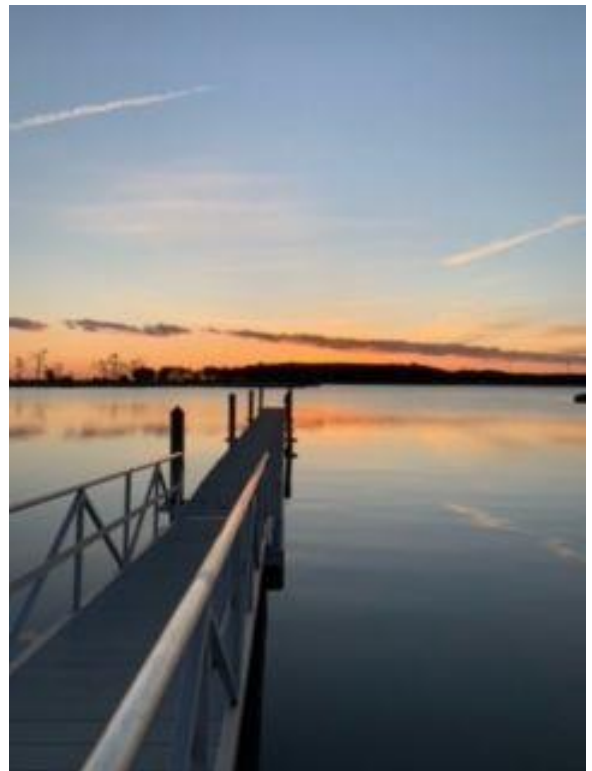
We have selected the Point Lookout State Park (MD) campground as the location. The state parks will not hold a group of sites to give extra time to make reservations, but right now there is plenty availability. I presume the sites will begin to fill up within the next month or two, so it's a good idea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

...International -July 17 – 24, 2021

I will try to keep all the International information here. Kim, Gayle Sunde and I are trying to figure out how and where to gather to be able to enter into International together. We have searched out campground information, which I will add below, but we will have a parking lot gathering location so you would be able to stay anywhere you want and then move to the parking lot gathering location. There will be a lot of people making reservations in the area to be able to be close before their assigned entrance date and time. We do not have an entrance date yet but Kim will let me know as soon as we get one. This probably won't be for a month or so.

The Sunde's and the Moore's will be coming from FL so we have already booked 7/13 and 7/14 at the Nashville/Lebanon KOA. Once we get confirmation on our entrance date we will make whatever changes we need to for that. Here are some campgrounds in the Lebanon area. Some you have to call to make a reservation and some are first come first serve. You need to make your own reservations so please do your own search as well to accommodate your travel plans.

Nashville East/Lebanon KOA (615) 449-5527 Address: 2100 Safari Camp Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090

TN 40 & RV Park (615) 449-2831 Address: 1204 Murfreesboro Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090 You need to call to make a reservation.

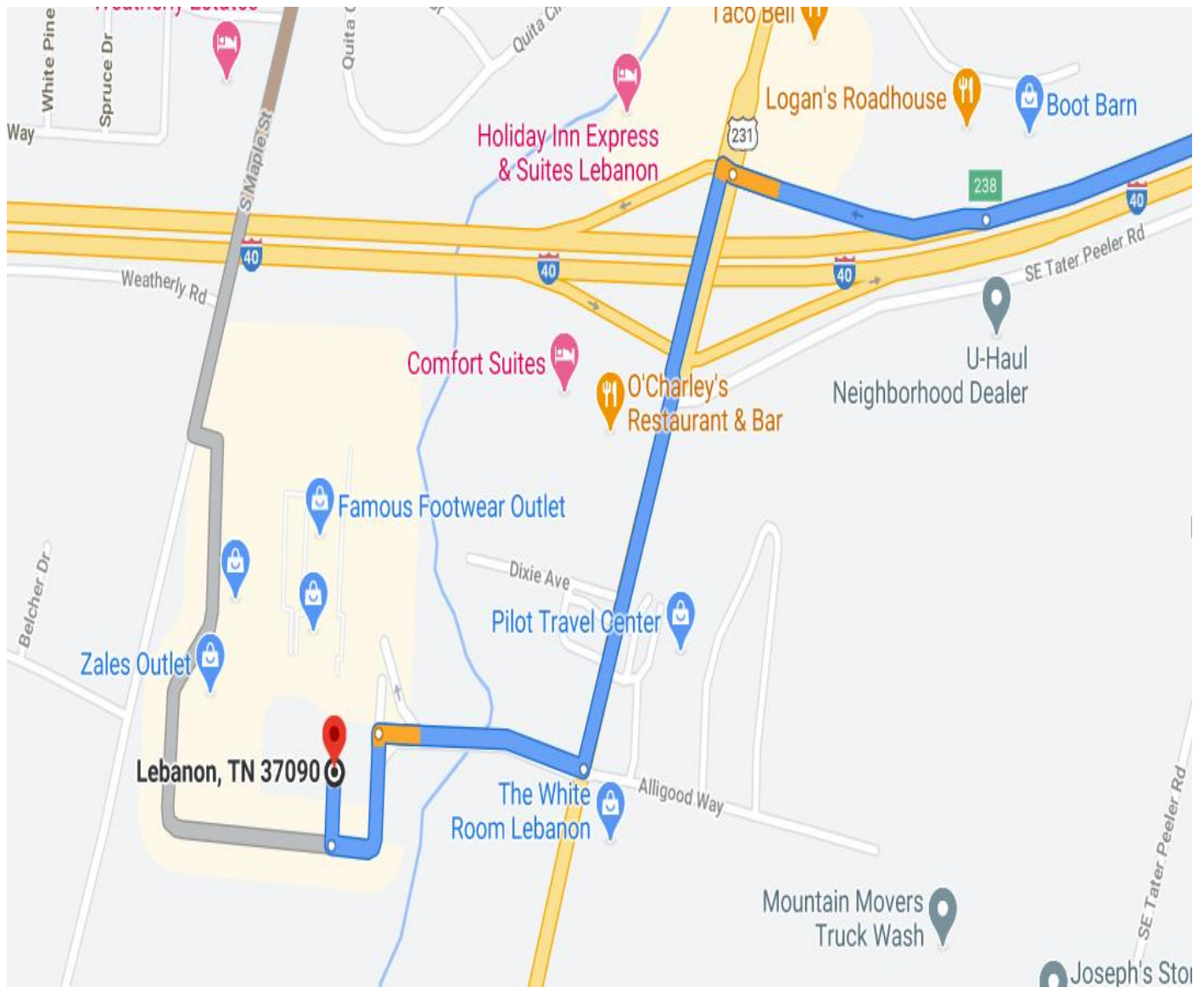
Shady Acres RV Park (615) 449-5400 Address: 1639 Murfreesboro Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090 No reservations, they are first come first serve.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park (615) 443-2769 Address: 328 Cedar Forest Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090 10 miles from fairgrounds.

Percy Dempsey campground (615) 945-1479 Address: 958 Woods Ferry Rd, Lebanon, TN 37087

The gather location we will stage at to travel to get to International together is the Lebanon Outlet Mall, 1 Outlet Village Blvd, Lebanon, TN 37090, which is just off I40. More information on date and time is forthcoming. From there we will travel to the Wilson County Fairgrounds, 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087. See the map below.

If you have any questions, please send to lindamoorenh@comcast.net, daneekim2468@gmail.com or gmcclell@verizon.net and we will do our best to get you an answer.



...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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