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## PRESIDENTS LETTER from Kim Alaniz

I wanted to start out thanking 'ASAC' Galupo for kicking off the first rally of the season, but I learned that she has a new title: Commander! So, let me start off by thanking Commander Galupo for kicking off the first rally of the season! For those outside of the government community, an 'ASAC' is an assistant special agent in charge and reports to the 'SAC' - the special agent in charge. So, rather than prez and first VP, referring to one another as 'ASAC' and 'SAC' has become common practice between me and Patti. However, I really like the ring of Commander Patti or Commander Galupo. CP or CG for short – what do you think?

Thanking Patti for managing the business end of the rally is important, but not as important as thanking the rally hosts, Jeff, Amy, Erica, and RJ. Thanks for stepping up, securing a campground, and creating memories for newcomers and old-timers alike. If it hadn't been for my niece's wedding in Georgia, Danee and I would have, of course, been there. After the wedding, we took the slow road north from Augusta, Georgia, found a beach-front campground on Topsail Island in North Carolina and relaxed for a few days. The plan initially was to drive home, but instead, we detoured through Crisfield, Maryland, hung out, did laundry, and ate some seafood. Ten days later, we're home.

Lastly, I'd like to thank those of you who took a minute to email your vote for the new WDCU logo. I appreciate the feedback and can say that it has been approved and will be forwarded to club headquarters for consideration. Further housekeeping matters that affect the club both locally and internationally will be forthcoming both in an email and at the Staunton Rally later this month.

Enjoy a few beach pictures from NC! If you haven't made reservations for upcoming rallies, please do so soon! That means me and Becky (Outer Banks)!

Sincerely,  
Kim



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## NOTE FROM RJ MARQUETTE, Incoming Region 2 President

Hello! My name is RJ Marquette (#13270), and I’m the incoming region 2 president.

I joined WBCCI in 2005 as a member of the Washington, DC Unit, after buying an Airstream B190, a small Class B motorhome made by Airstream between 1989 and 2000. However, this wasn’t my first experience with Airstreams or WBCCI, as my parents are also Airstream owners and members of the club (#3270). As a teenager, I attended several Central Pennsylvania Unit rallies in the early 90s with my parents.

I admit I had some hesitation about joining the club after buying my B190, because my impression was that it was entirely old people (hey, I was 30 at the time). But I was convinced to give it a try. It’s cliché, but we’ve gained great friends and have countless great memories with the club. Getting together at a rally is like seeing our second family.

My wife, Erica, and I are both past presidents of the WDCU. To date, we’ve attended two International rallies, Lewisburg and Doswell, and we’re planning to go to Lebanon, Tennessee this summer. We also worked on the survey that was done on the membership in 2017. We have three cats and a dog that travel with us in our 1995 Classic 30’ trailer, and I’m working on getting the B190 back into operational condition in my spare time. I’m hoping it’ll make an appearance at some club events this year! (I’ve been saying that for a few years, though.)

I volunteered for the region president office because I wanted to give back to a club that has given me so much. Also, I want to help bring the younger perspective to the larger club. There are many members of WBCCI who are still in the workforce like Erica and I, and I wanted to help make sure we had a voice at the international level.

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Speaking of region officers, we're going to need a new region 2 Second Vice President. This is your chance to help shape the club. While it looks like a 6 year commitment, the work doesn't really get going until just before you actually become the region president - until then it's mostly learning what happens and being available for some discussions with the other officers. Our new 2nd VP would serve as region 2 president from 2025 to 2027.

The region has several officers that help keep things running smoothly. I want to thank all of the outgoing officers for their service, and thanks to the people who have agreed to serve another term or who have already volunteered to fill open positions. The list of officers is at the end of this message. As you can see I still need a volunteer to write the region 2 newsletters. Please contact me at [rjm1@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com) if you are interested!

I also want to thank Richard Short for his help and support in getting me up to speed so quickly, and for his hard work as the region president. In addition to the work he did for our region, Richard was also in charge of implementing the new discounts available for WBCCI members (such as for Goodyear tires), so his contributions will improve the quality of the club for years to come. Thank you from all of us!

Over the next two years we intend to join a rally or other event for every unit in the region, and we're looking forward to meeting you!

Thank you!

--RJ Marquette

Region 2 Officers after installation:

R2 President - RJ Marquette

R2 1st VP - Gary Russo

R2 2nd VP - <open>

R2 Membership - Cody Klinger

R2 Newsletter - <open>

R2 Webmaster - Lawrence Northway

R2 Caravan Coordinator - Kerry Mattila

R2 Treasurer - Will Kushto



# WDCU 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

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

**THANKS** Amy Parker, Jeff Sutton, Erica and RJ Marquette. We had a great time.

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

Host: Patti Galupo. [patti.galupo1973@gmail.com](mailto:patti.galupo1973@gmail.com). [Click here](#) for information.

**June 2021: Open** – Please let Kim or someone on the board know if you would like to run a rally this month.

**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](mailto:Daneekim2468@gmail.com). [Click here](#) for information.

**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](mailto:Daneekim2468@gmail.com). See the Additional Rally info for more detail at the end of the newsletter. [Click here](#) for information.

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

Hosts: Sonia and Jerry McConnell [Jerryjmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryjmcconnell@gmail.com) [Sonia.mcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:Sonia.mcconnell@gmail.com). [Click here](#) for information.

**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](mailto:jalopy32@comcast.net) [krimgarland@gmail.com](mailto:krimgarland@gmail.com). [Click here](#) for information.

## 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](http://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](mailto:Dianesheridan78@gmail.com) if you have questions regarding your membership and/or dues payment.

### How to Order New Badges

New badges can be ordered online, click this link: <https://store.airstreamclub.org/>. You can order Officer or Regular badges as well as choose what logo comes on the badge.

# 2021 Unit Officers

President - Kim Alaniz #2468 – [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com)  
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Webmaster – RJ Marquette #13270 – [rjm1@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com)

## ONE MOORE THING...

It was great finally getting out of New England and back on the road. Lots of trials and tribulations getting there. But those are stories for the campfire.

Point Lookout State Park in MD was a fun rally. I think the highlight of the weekend was going to Buzzy's Country Store with one high top table and eight stools with Charlie embroidered on one of the stools. Yes, it was a Country Store/Bar. J. Scott Ridgell was the proprietor who got the store from his Dad. He was very friendly.

He made mention he had seen many Airstreams going by his store on Thursday. Can't miss an opportunity for us to jump in and say, 'Hey, that was us with many of our friends!' We told him all about our rally and the club. He was very interested, even taking notes.

WAM wanted to buy a Buzzy's hat and when he went up to the counter J. Scott said 'I'll make you an offer'. I will trade you for your Airstream hat and you can have the Buzzy's hat. WAM thought quickly knowing he had another at home and made the trade. There is now an orange Airstream hat hanging from the ceiling at Buzzy's Country Store. It was a great time talking to the locals in the um, store, bar. We all got a mention on the Buzzy's Country Store blog for date April 25. Here is the link to the blog: <http://buzzyscountrystore.com/>.

Next up, the Spring Rally in Staunton, VA.

International information [click here](#). July 15 is our assigned entrance date, time is yet tbd. More to come in future newsletters. If you are going to International and would like to park together as a unit, please make sure we know. Please send me an email with your cell phone # so if there are any changes to the plan for the meeting place at the last minute, I will be able to contact you. [Click here](#) for information. Please continue to email [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net), [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com) and [gmcclell@verizon.net](mailto:gmcclell@verizon.net).

Please submit your news articles by May 30, 2021 as a word document OR just type it on an email. 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. You have gotta be tired of looking at me!

Stay well, be safe!  
Just campin',  
Linda #15116

## ADDITIONAL RALLY INFORMATION –

... **WDCU Spring Rally – May 20-23, 2021** – Host: Patti Galupo [patti.galupo1973@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

Please notify me at [patti.galupo1973@gmail.com](mailto:patti.galupo1973@gmail.com) of your attendance and site number.

## ...International -July 17 – 24, 2021

July 15 is our entrance date for entering International as a group. We do not have a time yet. If you want to caravan into International along with all your WDCU members we will be meeting at the Lebanon Outlet Mall, 1 Outlet Village Blvd, Lebanon, TN 37090, which is just off I40. See the map below. The Red pin is where we will be meeting. The time to be there by is still to be determined but will be sent out as soon as we know.

If you are coming from a distance, you may want to make arrangements to be in the area so you can be at the Lebanon Outlet Mall by the time soon to be determined. It is only a couple of miles away so we will have a hard start time to get to the fair grounds by our entrance time. Below is a list of campgrounds in the Lebanon area. The Alaniz, Sunde's and Moore's have booked 7/13 and 7/14 at the Nashville/Lebanon KOA.

Here is a list of some of the area campgrounds. Not all of these campgrounds have online reservations. You may have to call to make a reservation, and some do not take reservations as they are first come first serve. You need to make your own accommodations 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.

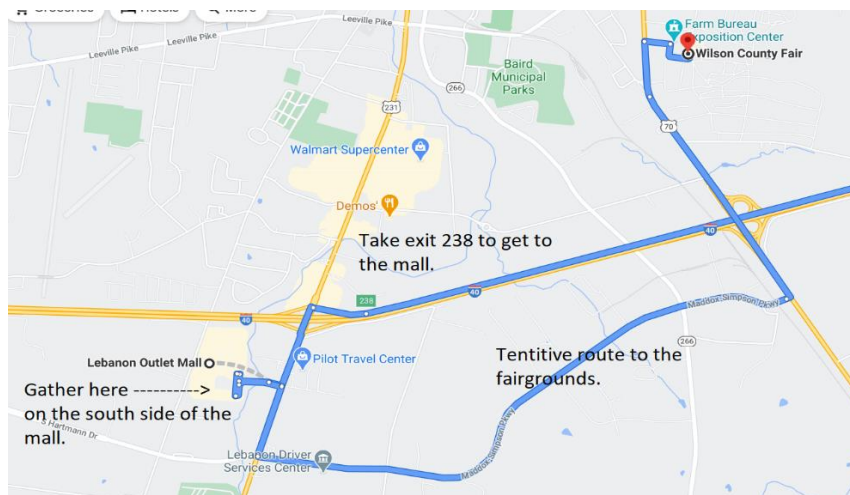
Shady Acres RV Park (615) 449-5400 Address: 1639 Murfreesboro Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090 No reservations, they are first come first serve.

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

We will gather July 15 at the Lebanon Outlet Mall and will stage to travel to the fairgrounds together. A meeting time is forthcoming. From there we will travel to the Wilson County Fairgrounds, 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087. A tentative route shows on the map below. Once we get to Lebanon we will review the route and will be in touch with you. It is important to let us know if you are coming, give us a cell contact number and email address to be able to let you know if there is a change in any of the plans.

If you have any questions, please send to [lindamoorenh@comcast.net](mailto:lindamoorenh@comcast.net), [daneekim2468@gmail.com](mailto:daneekim2468@gmail.com) and [gmcclell@verizon.net](mailto:gmcclell@verizon.net) and we will do our best to get you an answer. Map follows.



**...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](mailto: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](http://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."



Point Lookout Redoubt



...Installation Rally – Oct 14-17, 2021 – Hosts: Larry & Kim Garland [Jalopy32larry@gmail.com](mailto:Jalopy32larry@gmail.com)  
LATIMORE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA 17372

Once again Kim and I will be hosting the WDCU Installation Rally on the infield of the racetrack at the historic Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, Oct. 14th- 17th. It is on the grounds of the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, a 501c3 non-profit that is preserving the history of motor racing.

There is 10-amp power for 16-18 campers, restrooms (no showers), and well water to fill your tanks on site. No dump station. Pets must be leashed. Large pavilion on site and the indoor meeting area will be available if needed.

A continental breakfast will be available Fri-Sun. Saturday's dinner will be catered by Blazing Swine before/after our meeting. Blazing Swine is one of the vendors at our car show that always gets rave reviews on their brisket. Dinner will be brisket and pulled pork and is covered for our members. Non-members are welcome at \$20 a person for dinner but must prepay before the rally so we can order the proper amount of food.

We are working on the rally schedule and are planning on keeping it simple...but we still have a couple cool ideas! More on that in a later newsletter after everyone gets at least one camping trip in this season!

2021 WDCU Installation Rally  
Eastern Museum of Motor Racing  
315 Latimore Valley Rd. York Springs PA

Camping Fee will be \$30 a person. This fee will go to the museum for use of the grounds for 4 days, meeting room and our tour of the museum.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Fee \$30 per person #of people x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

Non-WDCU member Saturday dinner fee \$20 per person # of people x \$20= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Super Grand Total

Check or money order to: Larry Garland  
9 Maple St  
Seven Valleys, PA 17360

Or Paypal to: [Jalopy32larry@gmail.com](mailto:Jalopy32larry@gmail.com)

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