

OKLAHOMA AIRSTREAM

Oklahoma's WBCCI Unit 88 Newsletter

WBCCI Region 9

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Rallies and Events

2016 Region 9 Rally,
Shawnee OK,
March 14-19 2016

Oklahoma Unit Sprint Rally
Location TBD
April

Your Journey Awaits



Rocky Mt National Park, CO

Photo by Wes Anderson

THANK YOU !!!

For all of you who renewed your annual membership in WBCCI and our Unit, thank you so much! Jackie and I are excited about this coming year and look forward to meeting all of you as we rally our Airstreams at various spots around the State. I hope you will join us.

Haven't renewed yet? There's still time! Don't miss out on a year of fun and excitement exploring Oklahoma. **Don't wait!**

Renew today! Renew on-line at: www.WBCCI.org

December Luncheon

Our December luncheon was held at the Catfish Roundup on 5 December 2015. In addition to good food and fellowship, the luncheon also served as installation of newly elected officers. New officers will assume their newly elected duties 1 January 2016.

Our new officers are:

- President; Wes Anderson
- Secretary/Treasurer; Jackie Anderson
- 1st Director (Trustee); Barney Ratzlaff
- 2nd Director (Trustee); Johnye Duff

Oklahoma 2016 Spring Rally

Plans are still being made for the location and date of our spring rally this coming April. As mentioned in last month's newsletter we are moving our spring rally from March to April so we can focus on our participation in the Region 9 rally in Shawnee, OK scheduled for March 14-19. As soon as plans are finalized for our April rally, I will load the date and location onto our web page as well as include it in future newsletters.

Have you Winterized?

Winter is quickly approaching and it's time to start thinking about winterizing your Airstream from the freezing temperatures of Oklahoma. For some, the answer may be heading to warmer weather for the winter. For most of us, the choice is winterizing. Unless you are one of the lucky ones who have a heated indoor facility to park your baby in, you'll need to winterize to protect its water system from damage. For new Airstream owners, winterizing for the first time may seem like a very daunting task. In reality it's very easy. Just follow the instructions in your owner's manual and take your time.

If you feel a little apprehensive about winterizing on your own but would still like to give it a try, contact one of your fellow Airstreamers who do their own. I'm sure they will be willing to share their knowledge and lessons learned. If you're still uncomfortable about taking the task or, you don't have the tools or facility to accomplish it, most RV repair shops will do it for a reasonable price.

I've Winterized – No More Camping Until Spring

Not so fast. Winterizing does not end our camping season. It just changes the way we camp. Winterizing only affects the water system. Your heating and electrical systems are still available and waiting to be used. Just take a few gallons of water along with you for drinking, washing dishes, and flushing toilet. Use a plastic bucket in your sink for washing dishes and pour it into the black tank when you're done. If you are running your Airstream heater, it will keep your black tank from freezing. If you are hooked up to elect and using an electric heater instead of propane, just pour a little RV anti-freeze in your black tank to keep the contents from freezing. With a little ingenuity you can camp year round. Winter camping gives you a chance to test your boondocking skills and enjoy the winter wonderland.

Also, in Oklahoma we have large swings in temperatures. It's not unusual to have a week of good weather sandwiched between freezing temps. If boondocking is not your thing you can always head to a favorite spot at a state or federal park with full hookups. Just hook up to water and flush (de-winterize) your fresh water system when you get there, enjoy your stay, then re-winterize when you get home. The point is to get out and enjoy your Airstream and the great country we live in!

Meet Barney and Saloma Ratzlaff!



Barney & Saloma Ratzlaff, 2015 Photo by Wes Anderson

Barney and Saloma Ratzlaff have been WBCCI members since 1987. They have owned several different Airstream travel trailers through the years and currently own a 19ft Airstream Class B van. Barney served as unit president for the former Oklahoma Green Country Unit on two separate occasions and is currently taking office as one of our Unit Directors for 2016. Barney retired from the Tulsa public school system as a counselor after 36 years. After raising two wonderful children, Saloma went back to school and received a teaching degree from Tulsa University. After teaching Special Education classes for 14 years, she and Barney retired together. Barney served in the Navy during WWII on a Light Anti-Aircraft Cruiser in the Pacific campaign and even sailed into Tokyo harbor to assist in repatriation of POWs. Barney and Saloma stay very active and enjoy attending Unit rallies. When you see Barney and Saloma at one of our rallies, be sure to say Hi.

Oklahoma Unit 88 Website

Don't forget to check out our Unit's website at www.oklahoma.wbcci.net We've had over 1000 hits since its inception a little over a month ago! Our newsletters can be found on it as well as upcoming events and contact information. All this is made possible by you, our members, and your support for our unit. Thank You!

2016 Region 9 Rally, 14-19 March

Have you marked your calendars for the Region Rally in Shawnee, OK. It's hard to believe but its only 3 months away! Average temperature in Shawnee during March is a balmy 63 degrees. There will be plenty of indoor space for activities, seminars and entertainment. Jackie and I attended last year's rally in Montgomery TX. We had a great time and met lots of wonderful Airstreamers, many who have become great friends. I hope everyone will consider signing up for this year's rally, especially since it's in our back yard! Meet new friends, enjoy the camaraderie, and share in the experience! Plan your attendance today!

The following Message is from our Region 9 President, Andy Selking and is a reprint from last month's newsletter

Unit Presidents,

Please remind all of your members to sign up for "Airstream PowWow", the Region 9 rally in Shawnee, OK on March 14-19, 2016. Information and the registration form can be found on the Region 9 website. (www.region9.wbcci.net then click on the header "ABOUT REGION 9 RALLY")

Also remind everyone that there is a table decoration contest again this year. The theme is totem poles! Use your imaginations!

Andy Selking,

Region 9 President

Benefit of WBCCI Membership

Did you know that being an International WBCCI member entitles you to attend any WBCCI Unit or Region rally across the United States; space permitting. As you travel across the country, check out other WBCCI units and regional rallies to see if there are any you would like to attend. Jackie and I recently attended the Texas Country Air "Urban Downtown Camping" rally put on by the Texas Plains Unit in Quanah TX. Over 100 trailers showed up. This was an "in town" boondocking rally. Trailers were parked

around the courthouse square in the center of Quanah and on surrounding streets from the square. The rally was sponsored by the Three Rivers Foundation (3RF) and the town of Quanah. Entertainment was held in a large convention room. Food was available and provided by local schools and fire fighters to support fund raisers. We had a great time and met a lot of new Airstreamers. So the next time you are traveling, check out rallies being held by other Airstream Units and bring some of the lessons learned back to our Unit to help improve our rallies.



In Closing

Jackie and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our prayers are that you will have a wonderful holiday season and a safe and prosperous New Year. We feel very blessed to have met so many wonderful Airstreamers this past year and are looking forward to all the wonderful experiences and new friends 2016 will bring.

Thank you and God Bless!

-Wes & Jackie-

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Thanks, -Wes-