



OKLAHOMA AIRSTREAMERS

Oklahoma's WBCCI Unit 88 Newsletter

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Rallies and Events

WBCCI Region Rally
Abilene, TX
April 9-15, 2018

Airstream Maintenance Seminar
Leisure Time RV
April 21, 2018

Unit 88 Spring Rally
Osage Hills State Park, OK
April 26-29, 2018



Lincoln National Forest, Cloudcroft, New Mexico

Welcome New Members!

A big welcome to our following new members: Larry & Rebecca Smith (Tulsa, OK), Gary & Sandra Pershall (Yukon, OK), and David & Frances Larsen (Edmond, OK).

Thank you for joining the Oklahoma unit. We look forward to meeting you at one our upcoming rallies.

A Note from our Unit President

Hello fellow Airstreamers:

Well if you are like us, you are getting the airstream out of mothballs and getting ready for another season. I know some of you have already begun using your trailers. Hopefully everyone has received my emails about the Spring rally at Osage Hills State Park on April 26th – 29th. More on this later in the newsletter. Looks like we are going to have a big turnout so if you are thinking about going, make your reservations soon. The park only has spots for 20 trailers.

Leisure Time RV, the Oklahoma dealer for Airstream, is putting on a **maintenance seminar** for the club **April 21st** at their facility. Seminar begins at 10:30 and afterwards we will drive to a restaurant for lunch (TBD). Their address is 4901 S. Anderson Road, Oklahoma City. This will be especially beneficial for any of our new members. You will be able to get tips from the service technicians and “old Salts” from the club.

I have started a Facebook page “Oklahoma Airstream Club”. A place where you can post pictures from your trips, trailer upgrades and anything Airstream related. If you Facebook, be sure to look it up and follow. We don’t have much yet, but I hope to post more soon.

Welcome to our new members and their trailers:

Larry & Rebecca Smith – 27’ Flying Cloud
Gary & Sandra Pershall – 27’ Int’l Serenity
David & Frances Larsen – 30’ Classic

Kathy and I are going to Alumapalooza in May at the Mother Ship (Airstream Factory) in Jackson Center, Ohio, along with several other members. From there Kathy and I are headed to the Nor’ by Northeast Airstream Caravan where we will travel from Rhode Island to PEI, Canada. We will not be back until late September. If someone would be interested in being host for a unit rally at one of the state parks or RV parks in late May or June, let me know. We can keep it low key, by having meals “on your own” or cook together. If you would be willing to host, let me know. We can send an invite to the members with the date and location.

The International Airstream rally is Jun 23 - 30 in Salem, Oregon. If you have never been to the International rally it is quite an experience. We went last year to the rally in Escanaba, Michigan, and it was a lot of fun. There were around 650 Airstreams in attendance. Between this rally and the Alumapalooza rally we have friends all over the country now. The rally in Oregon should be especially nice as Oregon has many beautiful areas and places to see before or after the rally. We have taken our trailer to Oregon the last two summers and I think it is my favorite state.

Hope to see you at either the Rally or the seminar or both, and if not, we’ll just.....
See you down the road!

Larry

Oklahoma Unit 88 Spring Rally

Spring Rally - April 26th – 29th

Osage Hills State Park, Pawhuska, OK

Osage Hills is a beautiful state park close to Bartlesville and Pawhuska. RV sites are not crowded and there is a lake with mountain bike/hiking trails. Lots to see in the area:

- Price Tower & Arts Center – The only “skyscraper” designed by Frank Lloyd Wright
- Frank Phillips Home - Bartlesville
- Tallgrass Prairie Reserve – Pawhuska
- Tom Mix Museum and Dewey Hotel – Dewey
- Pioneer Woman Restaurant and Mercantile - Pawhuska
- Phillips Petroleum Museum – Bartlesville

I thought one day everyone that was interested would visit Woolaroc, the ranch/museum of Frank Phillips. If you have not seen this museum you should go while you are in the area. I am going to check on a tour of the Price tower for all that are interested also. If you have never been to Pawhuska it is an interesting and historical place. Saw a show on OETA the other night about Pawhuska and it looks like their downtown area is bustling.

Will send everyone signed up more info as we get closer.

If you have any questions you can call me at 405-974-0202, Larry

To make reservations online at gocampok.com or call 918-336-4141

If anyone plays guitar or anything else bring it along. I know we have at least one coming so maybe we will have songs around the campfire.

Larry

Apr 9-15, 2018 - WBCCI Region 9 Rally

The 2018 Region 9 “Love Peace Airstream” Rally is just a couple weeks away. If you haven’t signed up to attend it’s not too late. If you haven’t been to a Region 9 rally, you’re missing out. They are great events. The rally is scheduled for April 9-15, 2018, at the Expo Center of Taylor County, Abilene TX. Activities will include entertainment, seminars and games and lots of fun, food and socializing!

I am providing the link to the region 9 rally brochure. I hope you will take a few minutes to look it over and sign up to attend.

www.region9.wbcci.net/files/2016/03/PeaceLoveBrochure-2018.pdf

Oct 25-28, 2018 Region 9 Texas Country Air Rally

The Texas Country Air Rally, formerly sponsored by the Texas Plains Unit and held in Quanah TX has been re-designated a WBCCI National/Special Event Rally sponsored by Region 9. This year it is scheduled to be held in Brownwood TX, at the historic Santa Fe Railroad depot and event center. Brownwood is considered the geographic center of TX

The Texas County Air Rally is an Urban boondocking rally. Airstreams will be parked around the rally site and along streets. Our streams can easily handle three days of boondocking so I hope you will consider attending.

The rally site will be held at the old Santa Fe depot which has been restored and includes a large ball room for the entertainment. Connected to the depot is a historic Harvey House. The upstairs includes a restored Harvey girl's bedroom with period decor. Across the street is the Martin and Frances Lehnis Railroad Museum. If you enjoy train and railroad history you'll really enjoy the museum.

Registration for the rally will begin 15 Jan 18 and will be limited to 200 rigs. There are approximately 40 electric sites so if you're planning on attending and want an electric site, register early! Otherwise, unless you have solar, bring your generator to recharge those batteries!

Maintenance Insight – Batteries

I have learned so much about tires and batteries since I bought my airstream. Naturally you don't want to have a flat with your trailer but you also don't want your battery to be dead when you need lights or water in your trailer and you are boondocking. I used to think that a 12 volt battery was 6 volts when it was at 50% state of charge. Actually, it should read approximately 12.2 volts when at 50% state of charge. Letting your battery run below 50% decreases the life

of the battery. You can check this with a volt meter or I have a device I plug into the cigarette lighter plug in the trailer that tells me the battery output. Here is a chart that shows approximate voltage at what state of charge.

State of Charge	Specific Gravity	Voltage	
		12V	6V
100%	1.265	12.7	6.3
75%	1.225	12.4	6.2
50%	1.190	12.2	6.1
25%	1.155	12.0	6.0
Discharged	1.120	11.9	6.0

Periodic preventive maintenance on your batteries will go a long way in extending the life of the batteries. Check the water level in your batteries frequently and, if low, bring up to proper level using **Distilled Water**. Using a battery tender or trickle charger when your trailer is not in use can help keep your battery levels up above the 50% level; the point where a more rapid decline of battery life can occur. When boondocking, use solar or a generator to bring your batteries back up to fully charged whenever battery charge drops to 12.2.

Oklahoma Unit 88 Website

As always, don't forget to check out our Unit's website at www.oklahoma.wbcci.net
Past newsletters can be found on it as well as upcoming events and contact information.

Do you know anyone with an Airstream that's not a WBCCI member? Tell them about our Unit and ask them to check out our website.