



# OKLAHOMA AIRSTREAMERS

Oklahoma's WBCCI Unit 88 Newsletter

Your Journey Awaits



*WBCCI Region 9*

*Oklahoma Unit 88*

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## Rallies and Events

Unit 88 Fall Rally  
Osage Hills State Park, OK  
October 10-14, 2018

Region 9 Texas County Air  
Brownwood, TX  
October 25-28, 2018

WBCCI Region Rally  
Bandera, TX  
May 6-11, 2019



Larry and Kathy Walters

## Welcome New Members!

A big welcome to our following new members: James & Kara Roundtree from Tahlequah who have a 2018 33' Classic, Shelly & Danny Shrader from Watonga who have a 2014 19' International and Clark and Janie McQuigg from Miami who have a 1970 29' International.

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

## A Note from our Unit President

Greetings Streamers:

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I hear it has been a little hot back in Oklahoma? Our weather so far has been great; however, Kathy tends to complain once it starts getting HOT and MUGGY and STICKY!

We are about halfway through our tour of New England and Canada in the WBCCI Nor' by Nor' East Caravan. As I write this, we are enjoying our campsite, 15 miles from Acadia National Park. Tomorrow we will take a boat tour of the light houses around the Bar Harbor area. In two days we will enter Canada... it is a full schedule and we are on the move always seeing something new and different every day. We have met folks from all over the U.S. and Canada and are enjoying making new friends. One couple from Texas has expressed an interest in coming to our Oklaluma Rally in October. One of the couples have had their Airstream since 2011 and gone on 13 caravans!

Our Canadian part of the trip begins in New Brunswick, then we are on to Nova Scotia. The caravan ends at Prince Edward Island. A few folks have decided to stick together and venture into Newfoundland, we are of a mind to join them. Afterwards we will head to Quebec and Ontario before we re-enter the States in Michigan at Sault St. Marie and begin our trip back to Oklahoma.

Way back in May we started this adventure at Alumapalooza on the Airstream factory grounds in Jackson Center, along with Wes and Jackie Anderson and Calvin and Wanda Pryor. From there we were exploring Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. When we were in Connecticut, we tried out "courtesy parking" for the first time. If you didn't already know, the WBCCI directory has a member list of people who have an area available for members to park their trailers for short stays. You may be dry camping or could have electricity or even full hookups. It was a little intimidating, but we were happy to find out folks really are eager to provide a parking spot for a fellow airstreamer. In our case, we had met this couple in Michigan last year at the International Rally. We ended up staying two nights. Bill and Evelyn made us dinner our first night, and we took them to dinner at their favorite pizza joint the next evening. They even showed us the famous ice cream shop near their home.

If you have not made your reservations yet for the "Oklaluma" rally October 10 – 14 at Sequoyah State Park, I just noticed I put October 10 – 13 in the last newsletter. Hope everyone that made reservations caught that Sunday was the

14<sup>th</sup>. Kathy and I have made reservations for the 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can only get away for part of the rally, that's ok. We have nine trailers registered to attend so far, so we are expecting a big turnout. We will be right on the water so if you like to fish it should be a great location. I will be bringing kayaks if anyone wants to try them.

Larry

## Unit 88 "Oklaluma" Fall Rally - October 10-14, 2018

Our Oklahoma Unit 88 Fall Rally will be held October 10-14, 2018 at **Sequoyah State Park** in the **Choctaw Campground**.

This is a beautiful campground on the shores of Ft. Gibson Lake. There are only 24 sites at this campground so we should have the place to ourselves, however, since there are only 24 sites you should get your reservations soon. You can always cancel later on. There is an 18-hole golf course for those of you who like to play golf (Ken McCoy), riding stables, marina, boat ramp, restaurant, disc golf course and nature center. Tahlequah and the Illinois River are close. We could put together a float trip if there is any interest. Quite a few of the sites have pull through drives. We will have our annual business meeting and Officer elections while we are there, camp fires, happy hours, and music. On google earth these camp sites look like they are new and they all have elec., water and sewer so make your reservations soon. Kathy and I have reserved site 11 for Oct. 9-14.

Reservations can be made at: <https://www.gocampok.com/campground/app/index.php>

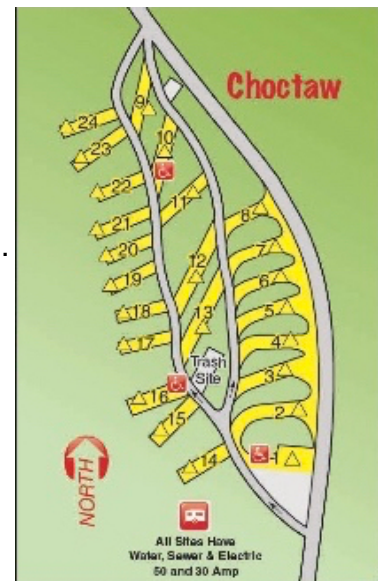
Pick your site from the map.

More details on meals and activities later.

Come join us!

Let me know if you make a reservation and what site you have.

Larry and Kathy



## 2019 Membership Renewals have begun!

The end of year is quickly approaching which means it's time to start thinking of renewing memberships for 2019. To ensure your names are in the annual WBCCI Membership Directory renewals must be received by WBCCI by 30 November. So why wait. Take a minute and renew today! Renewing on-line is easy. Just go to [www.WBCCI.org](http://www.WBCCI.org) and click on "Renew Online" and follow prompts.

Not comfortable signing up on line? No problem. Just print out a membership application form from the WBCCI web site (<http://wbcci.org/component/jdownloads/send/6-membership-documents/63-membership-application>), fill out and mail to: P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center OH 45334. Make your check payable to "WBCCI". Be sure to include your WBCCI membership number on your application form. Please don't let your membership expire.

**Don't wait! Renew today!**

## **Unit 88's 2019 Officer Elections**

It time to elect our Unit's officers for 2019. All positions are elected for one year and are open to all Unit members. A call for nominations will be sent out very soon by email so please be watching for the email. Our election process starts with a request for nominations. You can submit your own name or, the name of another member providing that member has acknowledged their willingness to serve. The nominations will then be compiled then sent out to all members for a vote. Results of the voting process will be announced at our Fall Rally in October.

I encourage all Unit members to participate in our election process, whether its volunteering for an officer position or voting for those you believe will best serve our Unit. Your participation is appreciated and invaluable for the health of our Unit.

## **Alumapalooza 2018 Recap**

Although Alumapalooza is not an official WBCCI rally, it is a popular Airstream rally held on the grounds of Airstream Inc. This year six of our members took the journey to Ohio to attend. The Walters, Andersons, and Pryor's all journeyed to the mothership to participate in what turned out to be a great event.



Airstream main entrance and Service Center



Generator parking



Beginning of Airstream plant tour.



Electric parking



Electric parking



Gathering for the evening entertainment. Left to Right: Jackie, Wes, Calvin, Larry, Wanda, Kathy.



Kathy, hamming it up with Barney Fife!



Wally Byam's gold trailer

## 2018 International Rally and Northwest Journey: by Wes

After Alumapalooza, Jackie and I headed west to Salem Oregon to attend the 2018 International Rally. This was our first International Rally so we were looking forward to seeing how it compared to our Region 9 Rallies. As expected it was much larger with almost 700 trailers attending. There was plenty of fun, food and vendors as well as touring the sights and sounds of the Salem area. After the rally, we headed south to Crater Lake, Mt. St. Helen, California's coastal Highway 1, the Sequoia and Redwoods National Parks, and LOTS of things in between! A few pictures in no particular order:



2018 International Rally at Salem Fairgrounds, OR



Spruce Goose, Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, McMinnville OR



Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, MT



Tillamook Cheese Factory, Tillamook OR.



Tillamook cheese factory



Crater Lake National Park, OR



Mount Saint Helen National Volcanic Monument, OR



Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park, MT



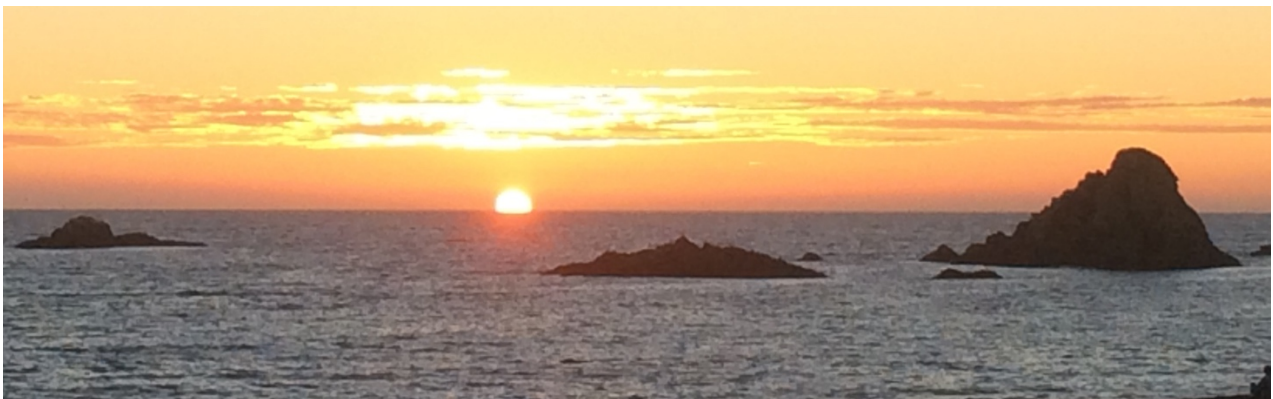
Newton B. Drury Scenic Pkwy, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, CA



Snoqualmie Falls, Snoqualmie WA



Coquille River Lighthouse, Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon OR



Wrights Beach, Sonoma Coast State Park, Pacific Coast Highway 1, CA



## **2019 WBCCI Region 9 Rally, Bandera TX:** by Wes

The 2018 Region 9 “Love Peace Airstream” Rally is now in the history books. Due to personal reasons Jackie and I were unable to attend but I’m sure it was a great success. Everyone should plan on attending a Regional Rally at least once. Chances are, if you do, it won’t be your last!

Now it’s time to turn our sights on the 2019 Region Rally. Scheduled for May 6-11, 2019 in Bandera TX. It will be Region 9’s 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Region rally and should be lots of fun. Bandera is 54 miles Northwest of San Antonio. That’s just an hour drive from the Alamo and San Antonio River Walk. If you haven’t been to a Region 9 rally, you’re missing out. They are great events. 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.

<https://region9.wbcci.net/files/2018/07/Cowboy-Up-Region-9-Rally-2019.pdf>

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

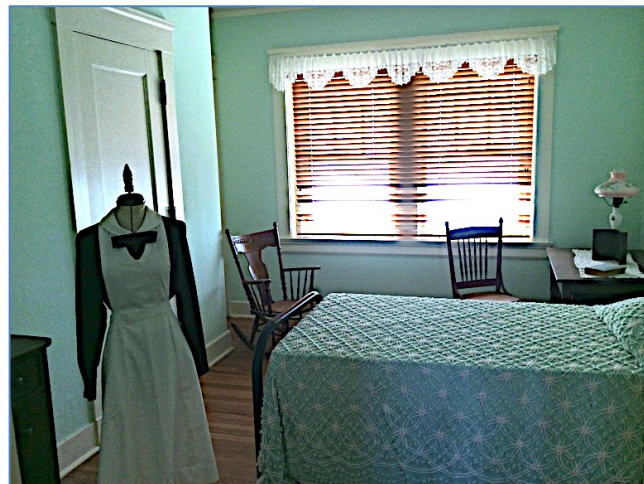
The Texas Country Air Rally, formerly sponsored by the Texas Plains Unit and held in Quanah TX has been re-designated a WBCCI National/Special Event Rally. This year it is scheduled to be held in Brownwood TX, at the historic Santa Fe Railroad Depot and event center. Brownwood is considered the geographic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



Brownwood Santa Fe Depot



Harvey House Girls room

Registration for the rally began in January and will be limited to 200 rigs. There are still slots available so if you are interested I'd urge you to get your registration in soon. As it gets closer to time slots will fill up fast! So, hook up those solar panels or load up those generators and come join in the excitement of urban air camping!

## 2017 25' Airstream for Sale

Are you interested in upsizing or downsizing your trailer? Do you know anyone that's looking to buy an Airstream? One of our members, the McNeils are looking to sell their 2017 25' twin bed Flying Cloud. The trailer is in excellent condition; no dents or hail damage and has only 800 towing miles on it. Still has one year of factory warranty left. Asking price is \$67,000.

If you're interested, contact Jerry McNeil, (630) 561-2459, [jmcneil911@hotmail.com](mailto:jmcneil911@hotmail.com)

## Oklahoma Unit 88 Website and Facebook Page

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

You can also visit us on our **Facebook** page; **Oklahoma Airstream Club**

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 and Facebook page.

And as always, Safe Travels!