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Message from Pam Lindsay, President

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Greetings from Indiana!

While we wait for repairs to the Eddie, I'll try to catch you up on the Springtime in Kentucky caravan.

I think I left you while sitting in my new Corvette...yeah, right! In actuality we were visiting the corvette factory....well worth a stop!



From there we visited a family dairy farm, toured caves (lost river, mammoth cave national park, and Onyx cave). And we're getting to know our fellow caravaners.

And it was time to head East and experience some of Kentucky's notable 'landmarks'....Jim beam, makers mark and Lincoln's birth place.

A highlight for us was coming up...horse country!!!



Churchill Downs, the Derby Museum....and more!

Taking a break from horsing around for just a bit, we toured both the old and new Capital buildings, the Kentucky Vietnam memorial, the Toyota factory....and Buffalo Trace distillery.



One of the best campgrounds we stayed was the Kentucky Horse Park in beautiful Lexington! Preparing for the upcoming Derby, the excitement was building and you can really appreciate the countryside and all there is to see!

The horse farm had museums, a meet the breeds show, the hall of champions, other horse competitions along with great sites!

So....now it's Derby Day!!

Our leaders arranged a wonderful day starting with parade of hats...all the ladies participated...and all the hats were wonderful! I was lucky...my original design of origami horses running for the roses earned me 1st



place! And we were off to Keeneland Race track to watch the races closed circuit while enjoying a buffet and lots of good times!

And from here we were off to blue grass music territory. Country Music Highway museum with a concert, OSCAR center to explore our creative side, a visit to Loretta Lynn's birthplace, Big South Fork Scenic Railway, Renfro Valley, and shaker village.

All cumulated with a final banquet!

The name of the caravan was Springtime in Kentucky

A national caravan is not always for everyone. I loved it, but Stuart had/has reservations about another. (Keeping in mind that Stuart wasn't big on going in the first place....) You have to be flexible and be able to kind of 'go with the flow'. Not everything is going to be what you wanted to do/when you want to do it....and it is designed for the majority of interests. A great deal depends on the caravan leaders and their attention to details. Our leaders were fabulous! They had lead prior to this one, but we're not originally going to do this one until after the leaders needed to withdraw.

I, personally would definitely recommend it.

The caravan length was 29 days, we met some fabulous people! That will be the best memory, along with the places and adventures ... and, hopefully we will be able to keep in touch....worth it? DEFINITELY!!

As I write we are in Indiana staying at my sisters waiting for some repair work to be done at the mothership....we hope to be home by the middle of June.



Safe travels....we are looking forward to getting home and camping with our CCC friends!!!!

Cheers

Pam

The Lopez Lake Rally was a success...We all relaxed, ate, shared, ate some more, met some new members, ate, made new friends, ate, roasted marshmallows—ate them, and had a great time. What a relaxing time...







Airstreamers Yanked up to Yanks

15 gleaming Airstreams belong and their proud owners made the journey to Greenfield, California in March of this year. Greenfield is located just north of King City and just south of Soledad.

The destination was a first time RV site for the Central Coast California Unit. A brand new RV Park that is the first part of a major development that will include moving the Yanks Air Museum, currently located in Chino, CA to Greenfield. Thus how it got the name Yanks.



WHERE DID ALL THESE AIRSTREAMS COME FROM?

The trees are still growing by the grounds are meticulous with level concrete pads and complete hookups. The pool and spa were immaculate. The pet area was a completely enclosed grass area with covered seating for the owners to sit. There was even dog shampoo and flea products available. The meeting room and dining facilities were fantastic with a great kitchen, roll up doors and counters to put

food. The tables had table cloths and lanterns with battery operated candles inside that flickered when turned on.



ONE OF THE NICEST CLUBHOUSES AROUND.

Of course, no matter how wonderful the RV site was, no rally is a rally without its Airstreams. And so Pam and Stuart Lindsay, Ed and Paula Poll, Erland and Ruth Coffin, Cal and Peggy Mueser, Brad and Linda Bailey, Carol Cunningham, Jot and Linda Hollenbeck, Mike and Roxy Gross, John and Yvonne Savage, Mark and Michelle Griffin, Joe and Myung Deering and John and Jane Thornton all came up to enjoy good food, good times, good wine, good songs, and, well good everything (except for some rain). You do know about rain. It is that water that falls from the sky, even though of late, that is been pretty sparse from most of us here in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Guest were treated to several wonderful meals by their wonderful hosts and fellow Airstreams, Michael and Nancy Jackson, John and Susan Barrett and me, Bob Minder. My wife, sadly could not make it, as she was repairing a broken wing (left arm in human terms). I cannot possibly say enough about my co-hosts and

the wonderful meals we prepared, from beef and chicken tacos on Friday, to wonderful egg dishes for Saturday breakfast, and the best oatmeal I have ever tasted with fruit, nuts and granola to dress it up. If anybody left Yank's hungry, well, they know who to blame. Ruth Coffin provided fresh strawberries to add to the ice cream desert and Yvonne Savage provided live cactus plants to help decorate the tables. Linda Bailey has provide a nice itinerary for a group planned trip to the Pinnacles National Park on Friday morning, but the rain ended that adventure. That did not stop individual trips to the Pinnacles by several of the group on an individual basis.

The weather improved on Saturday, where several of us ventured over to the Hahn Winery for a tour and wine tasting. The patio area was available for a picnic lunch and all the pets were invited to be there, although, to their dismay, the pups were not allowed to taste the wine. Several of us left the winery with several bottles of their excellent wine.



HAHN WINNERY GRAPE FIELDS

While the weather varied, some of the Airstreamers made their own treks to the Pinnacles National Park. Some ventured to the two local California Missions. Overall a great, new RV Park with wonderful amenities. For those who still want to experience Yanks, but missed this rally. The Santa Clara Unit (now known as the Bay Area Unit) in conjunction with Santa Clara Unit, will host a rally at Yanks on July 21st to July 25th. Cost is \$51.00 per night with individual cost for whatever meals you wish to partake in. Payments must be received by June 19th.

Of course, in a couple of years, the CCC might return also.

Oktoberfest Rally, Big Bear. September 9-11 (or extend to 9-12)

Kommen Sie mit uns für unsere eigenen Oktoberst!

(Come join us for our own Oktoberfest!)



We are all set for a great campout at Halloway's RV Park and Marina located on the shore of Big Bear Lake. If you haven't ever been to Big Bear, you are in for a treat. There is plenty to do and see including biking, hiking, boating, fishing, shopping or just relaxing. We are going the first weekend of their Oktoberfest; there will be lots of extra activities happening. We have 15 spots reserved and already 10 registrations. Please sign up soon so we can arrange for more spots if need be.

Fun Facts about Big Bear:

- Big Bear Lake is a man-made lake. At dam's end Big Bear measures its deepest water at 72 ft. It is a completely snow-fed lake, having no other means of tributary or mechanical replenishment. Sadly, with the current drought condition, it is down 13'7".
- Gold was first discovered in the mountains in 1850, but mining in Big Bear Valley didn't begin until 1859 at Starvation Flat and continued into the 1920's.
- The first hotel was opened in 1888 just south of today's Village accommodating 30 guests. Over the years it was bought and sold and grew to have over 64 cabins and became known as "Pine Knot". By 1925, over 200 resorts were serving the area. Today, cabin rentals in Big Bear Lake are one of the top industries and the main street through The Village is Pine Knot Ave.
- The first motion picture was filmed and completed in Big Bear Valley in 1911. Five large wagons were used to haul sets and scenery up the mountain from the railroad. The production company stayed for two months. Since then many major motion pictures have been filmed here, including scenes from Gone With The Wind, Old Yeller, War Games and Better Off Dead.
- In 1920 about 100 people stayed in the area through the winter. In 1925 skiing was introduced to the Big Bear Valley. In 1938, the first toboggan run on "Lynn Hill" was completed with a sling lift that could drag up to 10 people to the top of the hill.

There are lots of websites with more fun facts. Check out:

<http://www.destinationbigbear.com/blog/10-fun-big-bear-lake-facts/>

http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/outlook/things-you-didn-t-know-about-big-bear-s-history/article_97f62102-6521-11e4-909b-7b5eb0788532.html

<https://www.bearmountain.com/mountain-info/mountain-facts>

<http://www.bigbearvacations.com/area-facts>

Rufen Sie uns an, wenn Sie weitere Informationen benötigen. Sehen Sie den Berg hinauf!
(Call if you need more information. See you up the mountain!)

Mike & Roxy

Central Coast California WBCCI Rally**Big Bear Lake**

Holloway's Marina & RV Park
398 Edgemoor Rd, Big Bear Lake 92315

September 9-11, 2016

Hosts: Roxy & Mike Gross
 Shelley & Mark Griffin
 Pam & Stuart Lindsay

**Tentative Schedule**

Thursday: On your own; optional bring your dinner & eat together at host site.

Friday: Check in, settle in
 Afternoon golf (tee times pending)
 5 pm Social Hour
 6 pm Oktoberfest dinner provided by hosts

Saturday:
 8:30 Breakfast provided

11 am Brewery Tour or enjoy "downtown"
 Big Bear, the breweries, golf, hiking, biking or just relax

5 pm Social hour
 6 pm Potluck Dinner – Bring something to share for the potluck.

Sunday:
 9 pm Breakfast provided
 10 am Depart for home

Safe Travel Home!

Rally Information

General Information: Our rally theme is Early Oktoberfest; a weekend of wurst, kraut, schnitzel and beer! There is a Saturday tour & lunch at a local brewery. Big Bear offers plenty of open space for hiking, biking, fishing, boating. Fun shopping downtown. If you are coming in early, there will be golf on Friday afternoon at Moonridge.

We have reserved 15 waterfront sites for up to 4 nights, Thursday-Sunday (2 nights minimum). This can be changed based on early registrations if needed.

Meals Included in Fee: Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

What to Bring: Table service and utensils for all meals, nibbles to share, your own drinks for the social hours, and a dish to share for the potluck dinner on Saturday.

Directions: Plan your trip carefully, you will be traveling mountain roads. Have your tow vehicle cooling system and brakes serviced. Direction alternatives will be provided to registrants.

Big Bear Coupon

Please sign up soon. We need to be sure of the count and save enough spots.

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Nights Present: Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday ☐ at \$55@ \$ _____

Rally Fee: \$30/rig, \$15/single \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Yes, I want to play golf; how many? _____ Yes, Saturday Brewery Tour, how many? _____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast Unit WBCCI) by August 1st to:
Mike & Roxy Gross, 1327 Fairway Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010
Questions: Contact Mike at 805-857-8787 mjgross7@gmail.com



Thanks to Paula Poll we used one of these at Lopez Lake. It produced a large flame and burned pellets.



Hi All, for those of you who had questions I could not answer regarding the Flame Genie that we used at Lopez Lake. My nephew whose company manufactures the item assures me that it is not named after me—they inherited the name. My nickname is Genie (middle name is Gene). Thanks

Paula Poll
Ventura, CA 93004

Contact your Board and other information:

The Central Coast California Unit encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura but our members come from all around Southern California! We are an active, social group which participates in local, regional and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed lives on in the many Airstream Clubs which remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping" throughout California.

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Note from the Editor.

Call for images...Please send me images from your Rally activities, Airstream adventures, curious campsites, super sunsets, fantastic fixes, terrific trailers, etc.

Call for articles...If you have a writers pen or a good story, send it our way. Maybe your fellow Airstreamers will enjoy it.John Taggart

Rally Schedule - 2016

We need hosts/co-hosts for most of the 2016 rallies. Pick your location and then have fun with it! If you need help we have a great publication online on hosting rallies....just click: <http://centralcoaststream.wbcci.net/files/2013/07/Rally-Planning-Guide-2014-v4.pdf>. To sign up please email any of the following: lindsay7043@sbcglobal.net, jbremer@mac.com, wbremer@me.com (Pam Lindsay, Judy Bremer, Walt Bremer) **Participation** is the key to a successful rally.

June/July/August- The pot is brewing....more information to follow, but the rally committee is trying to put together a mini caravan! More info to follow!

September 9-11 Big Bear Lake Co-Hosts: Mike and Roxy Gross, Pam and Stuart Lindsay, and Mark and Shelly Griffin

Off to the mountains to where we have not been before! "Before what?" you may ask! Before the snow!!!! We will be staying at a full hookup rv park right on the lake! They will have all sorts of water sport rentals! I think this will be great fun! An early introduction to fall...you can explore Big Bear Village, hike/bike....or just 'chill 'out. Coupon is here...Sign-up.

October TBD dates Refugio coordinated by Bruce Yeoman **hosts/co-hosts needed**

With any luck at all, hopefully, there will be no more oil spills in the area!! This will be at a group site, boon docking. The scenery/location/etc is well worth it!!! Not to miss!!!

November 18-20 Wine Country RV in Paso Robles **host/co-hosts needed**

Home of the best Jacuzzi on the Central Coast, we'll have a community room for the election of officers. Lots of wine tasting possibilities, but don't over look the Pioneer Museum on the South side of town, or the air museum just down Airport Road. Tons of great restaurants....yum!

December 8-12 Channel Islands Harbor (Note Change of venue) **host/co-hosts needed**

This is dry camping...It has been a wonderful event at Channel Islands Harbor. A lot of fun and great event. The reservations have been made for the dining room at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club for Saturday evening 12/10/16. This will be our installation meeting & dinner. It coincides with the Channel Islands Harbor Parade of Lights Christmas celebration.

Thank you!

Pam Lindsay