



# Music City Airstream Club News

## The President's Corner

### Piney Grove Rally



The Maintenance Rally was held in Mississippi at the Piney Grove Corp of Engineers campgrounds. The group parked in a circle around the pavilion, which was used for the main meeting place. Hosts Charlie and Bobbi McGee provided a wonderful rally for the 19 people who attended.

Most Airstreamers arrived on Thursday, although some even came a day early on Wednesday to set up. The dinner of smoked bratwurst and hotdogs just rally added to the camping on the first night. We had a "happy" hour around the campfire and enjoyed the evening by catching up on stories, jokes, and what's happening with all.

Friday, we shared a burritos breakfast with "make your own burrito" combination. Then we were off for a tour and visit with the COE at the visitor center/museum. We had a great tour of the building and two Rangers discussed the Corp and their responsibility and camping sites. Then by luck we had a barge came through the lock and we saw the water raise 20 feet to bring the eight barges, and tug boat through the space. The water lowered by gravity to let the tug and barges out to travel the Tenn-Tom Canal, which is the two rivers joined to form a waterway. It is five times longer than the Panama Canal and required moving over one-third more earth to build. It was a wonderful tour and one we could not have seen had it not been a group tour.

Saturday, we had a Dutch oven breakfast, prepared by Bill Martin, Charlie McGee, and Jim Johnson. Maintenance activities started around 9:30 where we discussed tires, weighting trailers, propane sniffing, and maintenance questions. After lunch, we weighed trailer tongues for forward weight and compared to total trailer-gross weight. The percentage should be around 12%. Since many people have not weighted their complete trailer by axles, it was recommended that they go by a "BlackCats" scale at one of the truck stops and get each axle weighed. The total cost is \$10.00 for the pull on scales. The tongue weights varied from 600# to 1275#, some with heavier anti-sway bars add extra weight (Hensley hitches). The Maintenance discussion contin-



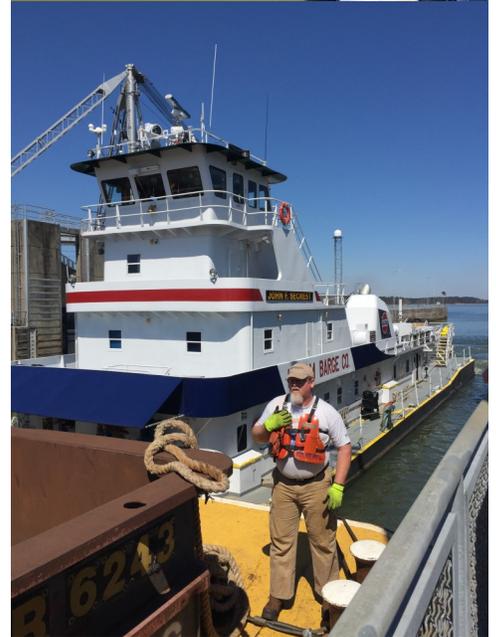
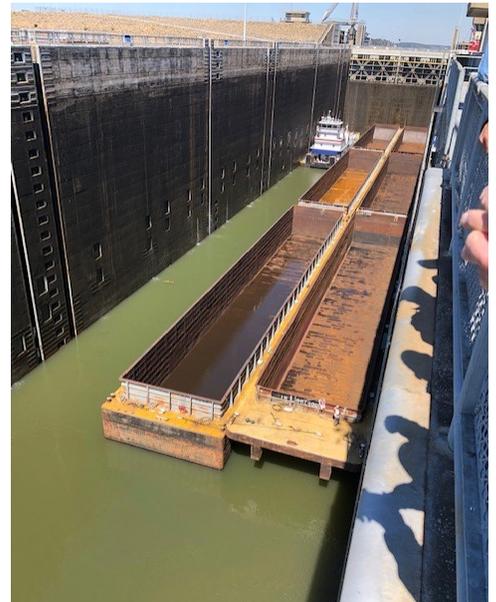
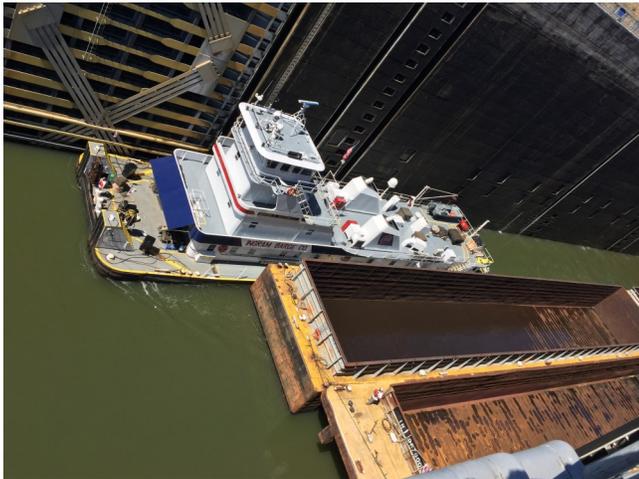
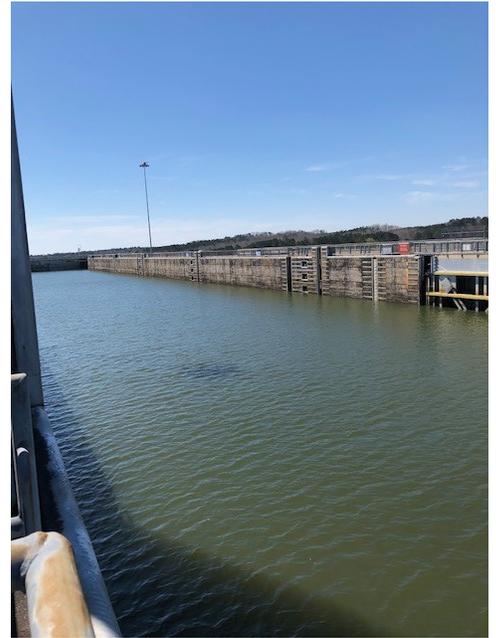
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ued into the afternoon on Saturday until the "Gas Station" dinner.

The ladies spent time making a bunny craft while the men were working on the trailers. The craft was rally cute and the ladies enjoyed the camaraderie. After the craft time, some played games and other rested and relaxed.

Sunday, it was coffee, breakfast leftovers and discussion. A short devotion was given and then all departed by noon. See you are the next Rally.

*Jim Lee*



## 2019 Music City Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>April 25-28</b> <i>Contact: Earl Jones at 865-982-3017; ej4589@hotmail.com</i>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>TN State Rally</b>	<b>TCPC</b>
<b>May 16—19</b> <i>Contact: Tommy &amp; Rachel Shepherd at 931-6477-0034; tshep549@aol.com</i>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Buddy Rally</b>	<b>Dale Hollow State Park</b> <i>(Meet at the Dam)</i>
<b>June—No Meeting</b>			
<b>July 20—27</b> <i>Contact: Ken Ritenour at 423-618-8233, kriterenour@aol.com</i>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Annual WBCCI Meeting</b>	<b>Doswell, VA</b>
<b>August—No Meeting</b>			
<b>September 19—22</b> <i>Contact: Jim &amp; Sara Lee at 931-652-9230, jhlee@mindspring.com</i>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Election Rally/Instillation of Officers</b>	<b>TCPC</b>
<b>October 10—14</b> <i>Contact: Jim Johnson at 615-300-3002, jimjohnsonjr@gmail.com</i>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Region 6 Rally</b>	<b>Muscle Shoals</b>
<b>November 7—10</b> <i>Contact: John &amp; Merirae Jackson at 931-639-0974, jack9443@bellsouth.net</i>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Fun in the Fall Rally</b>	<b>Henry Horton State Park</b> <i>(Schedule Early!!)</i>
<b>December 14</b> <i>Contact Tom &amp; Joan Ward at 931-703-2562, jtw0522@icloud.com</i>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Christmas Luncheon</b>	<b>Place to be Determined</b>



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## Maintenance Rally Pictures



**Thank you from the First Baptist Church in Clarksville  
for the donation made in honor of  
Boyd Joiner**



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*Endowment*

April 8, 2019

James and Sara Lee  
2007 S. College St.  
Trenton, TN 38382

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lee and the Music City Airstream Club,

On behalf of First Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church Clarksville Endowment Fund, I would like to thank you for your generosity in memory of Melvin Boyd Joiner. Unless you have asked us to keep the gift anonymous, we will notify the family so they can share in the joy of knowing that their loved one will be part of the legacy of the body of Christ here at First Baptist Church.

The purpose of the endowment fund is to provide "current and future generations the means to continue their lifetime dedication to the ministry of Jesus Christ beyond their years on earth by the contributions to this fund." Your donation perpetuates this important work, and may God richly bless you through this gift.

Sincerely,

Ron Samuels

Endowment Chair

## January, February, March & April 2019 Birthdays



### January

Perry Tilghman	1
Eddie Bowman	17
Ralph Dougherty	17
Diane Howard	18
Dennis Howard	18
John Jackson	18
Bobby Taylor	20
Rob Stevenson	26
Jim Lee	29

### February

Betty Stewart	2
Connie Lieb	3
Betsy Bowman	4
Sam Massey	15
Judy Dougherty	19
Cynthia Halpin	21
Richard Short	26
Donna Rigdon	27
Faye Detiveaux	27

### March

Heinz Asmuss	1
Charles McGee	1
Barry Collins	2
Michael Floyd	3
Jean Ritenour	7
Eric Doig	8
Gene Gough	11
Susan Martin	11
Edward Amonett	22
Dot Joiner	26
Kay Pile	26
Tangie Stivers	30

### April

Tom Ward	?
Linda Gough	1
Gregg Halpin	12
Davis Gates	15
Steven Kennedy	25

**Music City Airstream Club**  
**2019—20**  
**Officers and Committees**

**January, February, March & April 2019**

**Anniversaries**



<b>President ...</b>	<b>Jim Lee</b>
<b>1st Vice President ...</b>	<b>Jim Lee</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	<b>John Jackson</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary ...</b>	<b>Sara Lee</b>
<b>Recording Secretary ...</b>	<b>Susan Martin</b>
<b>Treasurer ...</b>	<b>Tommy Shepherd</b>
<b>Membership Chairperson ...</b>	<b>Linda Tillman</b>
<b>One Year Trustees ...</b>	<b>Lee Stevenson Eddie Bowman Charlie Tillman</b>
<b>Two Year Trustees ...</b>	<b>Bill Martin Cynthia Halpin Bill Tragle</b>
<b>Caravan Chair ...</b>	<b>Jim Johnson</b>
<b>Finance Committee ...</b>	<b>Perry Tilghman</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor ...</b>	<b>Sue Chasteen</b>
<b>Membership Directory ...</b>	<b>Sue Chasteen</b>
<b>Web Masters...</b>	<b>Sue Chasteen</b>
<b>Review of Constitution ...</b>	<b>Sam Massey</b>

**January**

Jim & Jenice Johnson	11
Charlie & Jeanie Tillman	11
Dennis & Diane Howard	18
Alan & Mary Beth Nelson	23
Chuck & Judy Eastman	29

**February**

Rob & Lee Stevenson	16
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**March**

George & Bridget Wakeman	17
Jerry & Dianne Hodge	18
Eddie & Betsy Bowman	28
Grady & Sandi Hester	28
Steve & Donna Rigdon	31

**April**

Rob & Gabi Hoffman	3
Jack & Christine Cheasty	10
Gregg & Cynthia Halpin	12
Davis & Linda Gates	14

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS- # 8

### FUSES

1. Obtain a set of various size fuses for your RV and tow vehicle.
  2. Check manuals and find physical location of the fuse boxes.
  3. Be sure to check in-line fuse locations also.
  4. You will need two of each fuse. After you install the first one and it blows, it proves that something is defective- CHECK before installing the second fuse.
  5. Never replace a fuse with a higher current rating. BIGGER is not always better.
- A fuse is not there to protect the light bulb, circuit board, etc. It's purpose is to protect the wiring.

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS #7

### LED LIGHTS

LED (Light Emitting Diodes) are the latest and most exciting advancement in lighting.

LEDs are small, solid light bulbs, which are extremely energy efficient and long lasting (50,000+hrs). LEDs operate differently than traditional incandescent light bulb. They are more rugged, durable, and consume up to 90% less power than regular bulbs.

#### ADVANTAGES

1. ENERGY EFFICIENT, 2. LONG LIFE , 3. RUGGED
4. NO WARM-UP PERIOD , 5. NOT AFFECTED BY COLD TEMPERATURES
6. DIRECTIONAL , 7. EXCELLENT COLOR RENDERING
8. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, 9. CONTROLLABLE-BRIGHTNESS/COLOR

#### DISADVANTAGES

1. BLUE HAZARD
2. VOLTAGE SENSITIVITY
3. HIGH INITIAL PRICE.

*Put in your trailer hallway, over couch, bathroom, bedroom, reading lights, shower, closet, sink, tail/turn lights, running lights, outside porch light, and step light.*

*Where to buy- Wal-Mart has LED replacement fluoresce bulbs (must measure size), LOWES has replacement tubes (must fit fixture)- With these two, you are using the balance to operate the lights. Camping World- check numbers on old bulb to put in fixture.*

*JIRAH COMPANY- The Lampshade (901-297-1926) --lights connect directly to power wires (black and white), does not use balance, and sticks in Thin-Lite and can use switch; check sizes- No balance to go bad and easy to connect with wire nuts.*

*Save the old fluoresce bulbs to sell at the next flea market for someone who does not want to switch.*

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS #6

### Propane Gas

1. Propane gas is commonly used in RVs for stove, furnace, hot water, and refrigerator. Propane gas, although highly flammable is safe to use as long as all necessary safety devices are attached, such as a gas regulator.
2. Inspect propane tanks properly- the tank must be recertified every 12 years, and must be inspected before the operator can fill. Turn off the tank when not in use. Flammable items must be kept away from your tank. Acquire a gas detector that you can use to detect carbon monoxide and propane leaks. Most RV units have an alert warning device in the galley.
3. Check for leaks when turning on propane tanks. Dip a washcloth in a soap or detergent solution, and then wipe the rubber/copper tubing with the wash cloth, or a soap solution can be sprayed on the tubing. If you see bubbles forming on the tubing, then you have a leak!!
4. Store the tank safely by always keeping the tank outdoors. Never store your propane tanks in an enclosed space, such as a garage, closet or basement. Always store the tank in an upright position and keep away from any source of heat or direct sunlight.

You should transport a propane tank in an upright standing position. Secure the tank with a rope not a metal chain. The metal hitting metal can produce a spark, which could be disastrous if your tank is leaking. The valve on the tank

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS #5

### **Leveling & Stabilizing**

When staying in the same place for several days, you will want your trailer to be level and steady.

1. You must first level from SIDE TO SIDE. This can be done by checking the level bubbles in the front of the trailer. (ball should be in middle). Backing up or pulling forward on leveling blocks on the lowest side – one or two block for each line off center in leveling indicator.
2. Then level from FRONT TO REAR by disconnecting from the hitch ball of the tow vehicle. Put the jack pad under the tongue jack and adjust up or down until trailer is level in front/back (smaller) leveling indicator.

Extend the STABILIZING JACKS at all four corners to eliminate the natural spring action of the axles. NEVER USE STABILIZING JACKS TO LIFT THE TRAILER. OR CHANGE A FLAT.

## Other Happenings

Alabama Unit Joint Rally with the Pensacola Unit at  
Mystic Springs Rally and Jester's Ball  
(McDavid FL) Feb 14 – 16, 2019.

Alabama State Rally (Foley AL) Anchors  
Aweigh RV Resort – April 25-28, 2019

Wally Byam Airstream Club 62nd  
International Rally (Doswell, VA)  
July 20-27, 2019

*Attendance is open to All WBAC Members*

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS #4

### Plugging in to shore power

#### A/C and Heat Pump Care

Steve Shelburne of Shelburne RV of Cleveland, TN ([www.askmrsid.com](http://www.askmrsid.com)) (404) 323-9717 said "Care of your AC is really a matter of maintaining filters and keeping clean.

The filters on a Dometic A/C – Heat Pump need to be cleaned every time you finish your camping trip or once a week if staying over 2 weeks in one spot. Dirty filter will "kill" an AC.

2. First snap out the outside grill on the bottom of the unit-CAREFULLY not to break the plastic clips.
3. The foam filter is pushed out carefully, so as not to break the 6 small plastic clips holding the filter in place. (These are very easily broken and then a new holder is needed- \$2-\$5).
4. Using an old tooth brush, clean the foam filter of the dust, dirt, and crud on the dirty side of the filter (support the clean side or you will make a hole). Replace the foam filter in the holder and place back in the AC.
5. The fins on the outside exposure of the box need to be blown out once a year, and checked for wasps, bugs, etc., under the cover (canopy hooked with 4 screws).
6. The fins inside the A/C in the screwed covered area, don't need maintenance except with a Certified Technician.
7. If the heat-pump does not work- first check the breaker. Steve said he has had many campers drive miles to learn that it is only the electrical breaker. (Next check to find out why it blew)

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS #3

### Plugging in to shore power

When plugging into shore power with the "umbilical" cord, the blades of the plug should be shiny and clean. Jerry Hodge, #6673, says "the blades should be as shiny as your wedding ring".

1. The blades that are black cause resistance which creates heat, resulting in voltage drop and amp usage increase. The heat can get to the point of literally melting the brass blade, but if not that bad, cause varying degrees of deterioration.
2. Do not plug in to shore power when the breaker is in the ON position. Plug in after ensuring the breaker is OFF.
3. Clean the blades of the plug periodically with #0000 steel wool and carry extra in the tool box.
4. Use dielectric grease for corrosion prevention.

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## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS # 2

### If Your Windows or Fans Wont Open

Some campers have been having trouble opening their windows and Fantastic fan covers. It could be caused by the rubber seals around the area stuck because of sun and heat. A quick way to fix them is to spray the rubber seals with **303**.

This is an Aerospace Protectant spray which has an ultimate sun blocking technology keeping the rubber soft lasting longer, and looking newer. It also prevents cracking and fading with no oily residue. It was originally developed for aerospace and aviation applications. Spray on the clean surface, and wipe completely off including the overspray.

This works wonderfully and can also be used on the tires. It can be done twice a year, if needed. Fan covers and windows open easily after the treatment.

(Can be purchased at Wal-Mart in the Fishing and Boating area.)

## MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS # 1

### Bearings should be packed every year or 12,000 miles

Torque wheels after removal at 25miles and 100miles

Loosen spring on torque wrench after checking

There should be a "click" and bolt engaged to check torque

Torque Alum wheels between 100 and 120 Ft Lbs. Airstream recommends 110Ft Lbs.

Dexter Video Gallery at [www.dexteraxle.com/video\\_gallery](http://www.dexteraxle.com/video_gallery) (bearings, brakes, spindle exchange, leaf spring axle, E-Z Lube)

**This is a new feature. Members who have tips to share with members, please email [jhlee@mindspirng.com](mailto:jhlee@mindspirng.com) to have included.**

(Dexter Axle gave a seminar at Escambia with tips.)

## *Do you have tips for new members?*

*When we were new members Gerry & Nancy Goffinet's tips helped us so very much.*

### *Here's an example of appreciation:*

"Jim, Jim, and Charlie were wonderful answering all my questions and they were very knowledgeable.

Thank you so very much!"

***Any tips would be appreciated by new members. So please take a moment to share.***

**Send your tips to [vsue@chasteen.me](mailto:vsue@chasteen.me)**

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