

MAY—JUNE 2019



Music City Airstream Club News

Welcome Our Newest Members

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The President's Corner

Name Badges

have messed up!!!! We need to wear our NAME BADGES at ALL meetings and rallies. I should have encouraged our members to wear their badges at the Dale Hollow Rally. We have so many new members that we need to know their names, and they need to know our names. Names are important and we need to make everyone feel as family for the Music City Airstream club. I did not wear my badge several times, and I did not know the names of the new members. Let's make it easier for all of us!!

Also, it was a great time for us to advertise our group- Music City Airstream Club. Many people came by and questioned what type of group we were. We could have spoken to the other campers and helped advertised our Club

Next time if I do not wear my BADGE, I give you permission to "pinch" me (*softly*), and I will do the same if I see you do not have your badge. (All in fun and a reminder).

Happy camping this summer and be safe!!!! We do not want to hear of any accidents this year.

Jim Lee
President



Catching Up at the "DAM" Rally

2019 Music City Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Place
June—No Meeting			
July 20—27	5 pm	Annual WBCCI Meeting	Doswell, VA
<i>Contact: Ken Ritenour at 423-618-8233, kriterenour@aol.com</i>			
August—No Meeting			
September 19—22	5 pm	Election Rally/Instillation of Officers	TCPC
<i>Contact: Jim & Sara Lee at 931-652-9230, jhlee@mindspring.com</i>			
October 10—14	5 pm	Region 6 Rally	Muscle Shoals
<i>Contact: Jim Johnson at 615-300-3002, jimjohnsonjr@gmail.com</i>			
November 7—10	5 pm	Fun in the Fall Rally	Henry Horton State Park
<i>Contact: John & Merirae Jackson at 931-639-0974, jack9443@bellsouth.net</i>			
December 14	11 am	Christmas Luncheon	Place to be Determined
<i>Contact Tom & Joan Ward at 931-703-2562, jtw0522@icloud.com</i>			

Other Happenings

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

Attendance is open to All WBAC Members

TN Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention - October 3 - 5, 2019

The Second Annual Airstream Special Event Rally is being held in Athens, AL, on the Athens State University campus. If you've not attended this 'old time music' event before, it is definitely worth your time. Music, Crafts, Food, Competitions, and more music. The \$55 per person rally fee includes the two-day convention entrance fee and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. More information will be posted closer to the event. This rally is held in conjunction with the Tennessee Valley Old Time

Fiddlers Convention. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15, 2019. For more information, visit <http://region6.wbcci.net/> for Airstream Rally updates and visit www.tvotfc.org for convention information and schedule updates.

Contact [Russ Pry](#), the Fiddlers Special Events Chairman.

REGION 6 RALLY (MUSCLE SHOALS, AL) OCT 10-14, 2019

CONTACT: [JIM JOHNSON](#)

Dale Hollow Rally

The second D.A.M. Rally at the Dale hollow Dam- COE, Celina, TN. was just as good as the first. Tommy and Rachel did a wonderful job and out-did themselves. We had 16 trailers attend the rally, and many new members who visited the Music City Airstream Club for the first time. We even had a prospective member attend who decided to join after receiving an information packet. They just bought a new Airstream "Bambi".

Rachel had a craft project of "Pebble art". Pebbles were used to produce a picture on canvas, and then it could be framed. Jim Lee conducted a discussion on "Grab and Go", getting prepared for a disaster.



Great idea, Rachel!

We never know when a storm, tornado, or other disaster will strike. A grab bag was demonstrated. Tommy gathered a group to do the "Dutch-oven" cooking for the pot-luck dinner at the pavilion. Everything was delicious. As usual, we had more than the group could eat, and food was taken home for later meals.

Several people went fishing for the bass release at the dam. Many caught fish, but Betty Stewart was the "big fishmen" with catching her limit on several days.



Rob Stevenson Enjoying the Bubbling Stream

At business meeting, we discussed the Election Rally. Many indicated that we should go somewhere besides TCPC for the rally. In the past, we have been at Henry Horton State park for the September meeting. Suggested was COE lakes around Nashville and Mt Juliet, OR A NEW State Park with camping. Another option was to join the East Tennessee Unit for a joint meeting in September. The President or past Presidents can swear in the new officers at that meeting. Ken Ritenour, region 6 President, would like to be present and requested a joint meeting, because he has many meetings to attend visiting the Region 6 units.

A 'club' caravan will be leaving for Doswell and six trailers will be arriving on the 16th of July. The Annual meeting will be held at the "meadows" and the planning committee expects over 600 units will be attending.

The group went to a Mexican Restaurant for the evening meal on Saturday. All had a great time and enjoyed the conversation and company. A lot of jokes and stories were told judging by the laughter.



Hola, Amigo

Thanks- Tommy and Rachel for a wonderful "Second D.A.M." Meeting.



Bootsie Stevenson and Friends

May, June & July 2019 Birthdays



May

Goffinet, Nancy	4
Whetstone, Danny	4
Hoffman, Gabi	15
Johnson, Jenice	16
McGee, Bobbi	20
Ward, Joan	22
Nelson, Mary Beth	28

June

Agee, Robert	-
Jackson, Merirae	4
Shepherd, Tommy	11
Cheasty, Christine	16
Asmuss, Linda	18
Nelson, Alan	24

July

Beavers, Neill	-
Vaughter, Rob	2
Tumlin, Jenny	13
Grew, Pam	17
Johnson, Jim	16
Goffinet, Gerry	21
Hester, Grady	21

May, June & July 2019 Anniversaries



May

Goffinet, Gerry & Nancy	27
Tumlin, Richard & Jenny	27
Shepherd, Tommy & Rachel	29

June

Short, Richard & Kathi	5
Gough, Gene & Linda	6
Gordon, Don & Patsy	7
Whetstone, Danny & Darleen	7
Martin, Bill & Susan	12
Asmuss, Heinz & Linda	19
Vaughter, Rob & Ellen	26
Jackson, John & Meriae	27

July

Grew, Gary & Pam	5
Dougherty, Ralph & Judy	31

Music City Airstream Club

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Officers and Committees

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

2nd Annual "DAM" Rally



Beautiful Day to Start Camping



Socializing



We are so full!



Men's Work is Never Done!



End of a Beautiful Camping Day

MAINTENANCE QUICK TIPS- # 9

Caravan Etiquette

1. The Caravan leader should conduct a safety briefing prior to leaving the area.
2. When driving, allow enough space between your trailer to have cars weave in and out of the caravan.
3. If the "RED NUMBERS" are visible on the trailer in front, you are close enough. If you can easily read the numbers, you are too close.
4. Always keep the leader informed of changes. If you must stop for tire problems, gas, a break, or sick, etc, call the leader by CB or phone before stopping.
5. Be prepared to help others in the caravan, if there is a stop for problems or emergency.
6. Stay up with the caravan travel speed. We are traveling as a group, not as individuals.
7. If going through town, stop at "RED lights", but know that the leader will re-group the caravan when it is clear at the end of the traffic congestion.
8. Put the phone number of the leader in your phone directory to be able to call quickly. Effective communication saves time and concerns for the group and the leader.

Use your CB to keep the entire caravan informed. (Channel 14 is the RV channel).

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

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.

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.

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!!

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 must be closed and best to use a dust cap on the inlet connection.

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.

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) (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.

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 25 miles and 100 miles

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 (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 to have included.

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