



April 2020 Newsletter

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April 2020 President's Report

We continue to be in a strange "in between time". "In between" and "not sure what is coming next".

What to share for our club's newsletter isn't supposed to be so hard.

I should be telling about how great the last rally was and how I'm looking forward to the next one. I had planned to be coordinating a caravan to International.

Instead I'm safely in place in SW Florida, hunting down ideas about things to modify my AS.

I've made several lists, if I do them all my AS will be perfectly updated, full of the latest technology and weight 1,000 more pounds. Much of the weight attributed to granite and stainless in the galley and bath. The WiFi booster, second television and upgrade in music system will be just a rounding error after I install larger LP tanks and bidet with its separate solar hot water tank.

I'm looking into routes to take for caravans I'm waitlisted for. I stalk the Airstream Forum and sometimes overcoming the urge to jump in with my opinion on tires, tow vehicles, twin beds, what polish to use and which hitch is best.

I've read articles about how many people are having vivid dreams during this isolation. I had a dream of taking my AS to Jackson Center for a new roof. When I went to inspect how things were going the roof was dented in where the worker had walked all over the roof as he removed the AC and scraped every bit of caulking off. He said that all I needed was some Captain Trolly's to fix any leaks and a few hot days would make the dents pop out.

Sounded to me like Jackson Center Service was taken over by the worst from Camping World.

What are you doing? Have a Zoom or FaceTime call with family? Are you working on gaining your Covid19 lbs because the kitchen is always on the way to the next place? Anyone making facemasks? Extra points if you have flamingo motifs!

I don't know what's next but we'll have fun around a campfire or sheltered under an awning with a refreshment of choice soon.

See you down the road!

Mike

Hello All

As we sit at home waiting for the virus to pass there are a few things we can do to take advantage of the down time in our travels. I know my rig needs a little love and care. This is a good time to clean, polish and organize. We all tend to collect a lot of treasures that turn into clutter that fill drawers and storage areas. Things that we thought we needed, used once then stowed away and forgot. Remove the unused reduce the weight and make room for more treasure on your next outing.

An inventory of what's hidden in those boxes, drawers and storage compartments might surprise you. Plus you'll have a better chance of not buying something already in your rig.

We all are painfully aware, we had to cancel most of our rallies and caravans (at least the first half of the year). Our club needs your help to make 2021 the best year ever. We hope those who had rallies planned and canceled will dust them off and reschedule for next year. (We're counting on you) If you have not hosted a rally, they are really easy and rewarding. We'll help you with the planning and can find a co-host to help. A rally can be as easy as finding a campground and as low key as getting together to eat and sit around the campfire and tell stories or can include one or more planned outings. Please give me a call or drop a message if you would like more information or would like to be a host.

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2020 Rally Sites:

January: Mid-Winter IBT , Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV

February: Winter Luncheon, Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe, hosts
February 15th at 11AM, D&S Cafeteria, South Hills Mall and Plaza, 1177 Buck Jones Rd. Raleigh, NC 27606

March: (hosts needed)

April 1-5: WBCCI Region 3 Rally, Ocean Lakes Family Campground
Myrtle Beach, SC **CANCELLED**

May: New Bern, NC, Alan and Jane Hvizdak hosts, May 14 -17
Make Reservations before March 1 2020, New Bern KOA, 800-562-3341
CANCELLED

June 20-27: WBCCI International Meeting, The Ranch Events Complex, Loveland, CO
CANCELLED

July 23-26: Todd and Debbie Stroud Hosts **CANCELLED**

August 2-10: Galax Old Time Fiddler's Convention, Cool Breeze Campground
Galax, VA

September: (hosts needed)

October 22-25: Alumalina, Tom Johnson's Camping World, Marion, NC

November 5-8, 2020:
Veterans Day and Installation Rally
Co-hosts:
Bogdan and Robin Gieniewski
Andy and Karen Karakos
Fayetteville RV Resort and Cottages
6250 Wade Stedman Rd
Wade, NC