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MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS

The curtain rises on "THE CARAVANETTE", a Wally Byam Caravan Club news sheet, which will be sent to all club members every other month. On alternate months, "THE CARAVANNER" will be published. These two publications will enable us to keep club news on a current basis.

As more Wally Byam Caravan Clubs are organized the exchange of ideas becomes more important. We believe this can be done effectively through this new news media and we ask your cooperation in supplying us with information about your club. Tell us what your club is doing, what your club is planning, anything of interest regarding your members and any suggestions that will be of value to other units. Perhaps you have some helpful hints for our new Airstream owners, or have found some gadget that we would all like to have - if so - let us know and we will tell all our members about it in the next issue of "THE CARAVANETTE".

With the last quarter of the year practically upon us, there are a few "little items" that must be mentioned. For instance.....

DUES - At the Delegates Meeting, Wisconsin Dells, July 2, 1959, it was voted to increase the national dues to \$2.50 per trailer per year to provide monies for our annual rally in July. 1960 dues are payable any time after October 1st, this year. New members joining after October 1st, will be given the courtesy of a membership covering the balance of 1959 and all of 1960.

Although all membership cards will be mailed from Headquarters, National dues should be paid with your local dues to your local club. The treasurer of your club will forward the national dues. ONLY MEMBERS AT LARGE should pay their dues direct to Headquarters.

1960 Membership cards will not be available until after October 1, so if you pay your dues early, don't start worrying about not receiving your membership card until after November. If you have not received it by the middle of November, write and let us know.

ANNUAL DIRECTORY - Please check your name, address, trailer number, how many caravans and which ones you have been on, if you have parking and if you are a Wally Byam Caravan Club member. If there is any change whatsoever, notify us so we will have the correct data for the new directory.

TRAILER NUMBERS - If you are a Wally Byam Caravan Club member you are entitled to a number. We issue numbers and decals at Headquarters - all you have to do is write and tell us you would like a number for your Airstream.

AT YOUR SERVICE - Headquarters office is equipped to do duplicating for the units. Just send us a sample of the work you want done and tell us how many copies. There is no charge for our work. However, if you want us to do the mailing, you will be billed for expenses incurred.



WHAT THE WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB UNITS ARE DOING - All of the WBCC have

had a busy summer and are set for a busier fall. Colorado Unit is bracing itself for the BIG annual rally of all WBCC's to be held in their lovely state next July....Leave it to Midwestern Unit to do the different and spectacular - on the agenda for their fall rally, Oct. 20-25, to be held at Elkhart, Indiana, they not only will have tours, square dancing, art, music and food, but have scheduled a CHAMPIONSHIP wrestling match... The Mid-Atlantic Unit had a wonderful rally in July and are knee-deep in plans for their next get-together October 9-11 (sorry we don't know the place yet). Prez Sterling Edwards puts out a terrific bulletin, filled with news, plans and ideas. "What We Learned From This Rally" is a quote from his July bulletin....The Minnesota Unit celebrated their 2nd anniversary at Don and Alice Richards' Mink Ranch and had a personally conducted tour of the "Mink Dept." Next meeting was over Labor Day at Prez Bud Norton's lake shore home on Big White Sands Lake....Iowa Unit held its first big shin-dig over Labor Day when they acted as hosts to the Midwest Unit. This rally was planned around the Iowa State Fair, largest in the world, sez Iowa....Texas Unit members gathered at Inks Lake State Park over Labor Day and celebrated their first anniversary. This club is only a year old but already has 100 members. Their goal is to enroll every Airstream owner in Texas. Quite an order but betcha Texas can do it. Love their "reason for a rally" - quote - "Just a meeting of old friends wanting to know you and make new friends. A lot of good folks like yourself who will have a lot of fun and entertainment, cookouts, potlucks, barbecues and a great big Texas heart full of friendship and comradeship which will warm the cockles of your heart"....Western Unit, busy as ever, spent Labor Day at Watsonville. George Petersen was in charge of arrangements and they couldn't have been better. Salmon fishing and the annual Windjammer Yacht Race from San Francisco to Santa Cruz were among the MANY things planned. Next get-together will be Airstream's big rally at Palm Springs - circle the dates - October 23-25.....Northwestern Unit will hold its next meeting Sept. 25-27 at Sun Lakes State Park. This will be election of new officers. Thanks to Dr. Donald Jones, Prez, and his able assistants, this club has had a most successful year. Their rally at Scappoose, Oreg. was one for the books - they not only had hook-ups to each trailer, but enough electricity to run refrigerators and hot water heaters!!!....Missouri-Kansas Unit have planned their fall rally for Oct. 9-11 - Place - "W.E. Wilson's Resort" owned by Clyde and Esther Johnston, a beautiful spot right on the lake so bring your fishing gear. Prez Bob Smith imparts some words of wisdom when he states in his bulletin, "You get out of an organization just what you put into it; so when everyone helps we can all have a good time".....The Northeastern Unit either turned the clock back or a long ways forward, when they met at Randolph Center, Vermont, for their rally in July. Bob and Peg Ford were hosts, and in anticipation of this rally had snow placed in the deep freeze last February when snow was plentiful, so they could have a "sugaring-off" party. Secy, Priscilla Butterfield sez, "something of an anachronism in these parts for July, but everyone had a terrific time and everyone who attended decided it was the best." This Unit had a big Labor Day Rally at Goose Hollow (on the Mad River) and this rally should go down in history; not only did their own members turn out in full force but 62 trailers from the Eastern Canada Caravan descended upon them....Ohio Unit will hold its next meeting Oct. 2-4 as guests of Grace and Calvin Heilman of Rolling Stone Farm, near Kenton, Ohio. On the agenda for this group is squirrel hunting, hickory nutting and making apple butter. Talk about diversity - in our WBCC we really have it, never a dull moment!!!!!!.....The Pennsylvania Unit is planning their next rally



for Oct. 16-18 at Murrysville. Don't have much info on this yet but Prez Bob Mager tells me the rally is planned to tie in with the Bi-Centennial Exposition being held in Pittsburgh and one you can't afford to miss..... Southeastern Unit start their new year at Ocala, Fla., Nov. 11-15. Next issue will give you details - but plan now to be there - it is going to be a bang-up rally.....NEW CLUBS: A group of upper-New Yorkers met and formed a local WBCC - The Hudson-Mohawk Club. This club was spark-plugged by Regina and John Bachinsky, Airstream dealers at Latham, N.Y. Floyd Worden of 32 Venezia Avenue, Albany, N.Y., was elected as their first president.....Another new club is the Oregon State Club - Kenneth Bucker, 13548 SE Foster Rd., Portland, is the first Prez and little 7½ months old Terry Bucker is the mascot of the club. Everett and Frances Spencer, Airstream dealer, acted as hosts to Peggy Pebbles (Nat'l. Field Rep.) who helped launch this new club. The Spencers donated such a huge ham for the potluck that it was voted to have a Sunday breakfast complete with ham, flapjacks and all the fixings.....Wisconsin State Club was organized at the same spot as the BIG rally - beautiful Wisconsin Dells. This group got off to a rousing start in spite of difficulties encountered due to a mail mix-up. Organizational material was sent Special Delivery to the Dells and the PO, thinking it was something for the caravan, immediately forwarded it to the WB Caravan in Canada. The meeting was on Aug. 8th, and it wasn't until Sept. 1st that newly elected Prez Rupert Leuch, 4069 No. 23rd St., Milwaukee, received the "kit" which went from our office in B'field, to The Dells, to Canada, back again, and finally to Milwaukee!!! The next meeting for this club will be Oct. 2-4 at Wausau, Wisc.....During the rally at the Dells in July, a group of Illinois and Indiana Airstream caravanners got together and organized the Illinois-Indiana Unit. Paul Towsley, 3718 No. Gladstone, Indianapolis was elected Prez. This group got right down to business and laid the ground work for their first rally to be held Sept. 18-20 at Turkey Run State Park, Indiana.....As we go to press, we haven't received a full report on the Labor Day Rallies, but from all the plans we know a lot of fun was had by a lot of WBCC members over this 3-day holiday.

#### COMING UP

Airstream Rallies:	Oct. 23-25	Palm Springs, California
	Jan. 15-17	Florida (place to be announced)
Hudson-Mohawk	Oct. 2-4	Ball Lyons Farm, Bennington, Vermont
Illinois-Indiana	Sept. 18-20	Turkey Run State Park, Indiana
Michigan	Sept. 18-20	Ludington, Michigan
Mid-Atlantic	Oct. 9-11	Place to be announced
Midwestern	Oct. 20-25	Elkhart, Indiana
Missouri-Kansas	Oct. 9-11	Camdenton, Missouri
New York-New Jersey	Sept. 30	Bus. Meeting, 90 Queens Blvd. Forest Hills, New York
New York-New Jersey	Nov. 21	Dinner Mtg. Great Notch, New Jersey
Northeastern	Oct. 9-13	Mashamoquet Brook State Park, Promfret, Connecticut
Northwestern	Sept. 25-27	Sun Lakes State Park, Washington
Ohio	Oct. 2-4	Rolling Stone Farm, Kenton, Ohio
Pennsylvania	Oct. 16-18	Murrysville, Pennsylvania
Southeastern	Nov. 11-15	Ocala, Florida
Western	Oct. 23-25	Palm Springs, California
Wisconsin	Oct. 2-4	Wausau, Wisconsin



AIRSTREAM TRAVELING HINTS by Stanley Long-Sales Mgr., Airstream Trailers, Inc.  
Santa Fe Springs, California

Before beginning that well anticipated Airstream trip, you will want to make sure that a few necessary precautions are taken to insure complete pleasure and satisfaction on your journey. For that reason, we are suggesting a few basic reminders which might be helpful to you.

No. 1 - Be sure to check the air pressure in your tires.

Recommended tire pressures: 700-15 6 ply...45#  
700-15 8 ply...60#  
7-14.5(tubeless) 8 ply...60#  
7-14.5(tubeless) 10 ply...80#

No. 2 - Be certain that all lug nuts are tightly secured. This is a very simple thing to check and can be done merely by removing your hub caps and testing each nut to see that it is completely tightened up.

No. 3 - Electrical Connections - One of the best ways to insure a continuous and satisfactory supply of electrical current, particularly if you are utilizing the great advantage of Airstream's self-containment features, is to make sure that all of your electrical connections and your battery are in perfect working order. We would urge that you check your six way connector for any signs of corrosion. If any corrosion exists, indicated by an off color, or perhaps greenish color, proper contact cannot be made. If corrosion does exist, it can be easily removed with an ordinary fingernail emery board. You can file or trim this down to the fitted size at the six way connector on the Airstream itself.

No. 4 - Be sure that you clean the prongs on the six way connector on your car also in order to provide proper contact.

No. 5 - Check three way connectors in similar manner.

No. 6 - Jumper Cord - As you know, the jumper cord is used either for the dome light or for charging your battery and this should be checked thoroughly for any signs of corrosion and cleaned if necessary the same way.

No. 7 - Battery - Be sure that you have a proper contact between your battery and the car to avoid blowing any fuses.

No. 8 - Compressor Pump - If your Airstream is equipped with a Compressor pump, it is best to leave this on all of the time because it is designed to build up the pressure only as and when needed. If the compressor is turned off and the pressure is allowed to drop, it is a much greater drain on the battery to build up from zero pounds to fifty than perhaps from 30 pounds to 50 pounds which might be the case were the Grover Compressor to be on continually. The Grover Compressor kicks on or off automatically as needed.

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The many friends of J.C. "Bill" Sievert will be saddened to hear of his death. Bill suffered a heart attack August 3rd. Our deepest sympathy to Evelyn, his wife.

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Watch "THE CARAVANNER" for news of our African Caravanners.



CHIT CHAT

Hamp Millender (Texas Unit Prez) and his pretty wife, Mae, have been gadding around ever since THE DELLS and didn't start for home 'till after the Texas Club Labor Day Rally....Ray and Mamie Fortney and Agnes and Bill Carlson having a wonderful time with a group of other Airstreamers in Alaska.... Mary Ann Leunenberger, Western Unit Secy., all shook up over a case of tonsillitis but doing OK now....real cordial invite from Borrego Springs C of C to all WBCC to participate in their "Wagon Daze" October 9-11 - write Mrs. Shirley Wright, Secy, Borrego Springs, Calif. for registration blank..... Peggy Pebbles, Field Rep. for WBCC, busy as a bee dashing from one rally to another while all the time invitations from various clubs keep pouring in....Elizabeth and Happy (Prez of Western Unit) Hornibrook visited our Oregon Unit and made a real imprint - sez Oregon, "Happy makes a wonderful president and is truly a born leader."....Cdr. Chas. Lofgren, Mid-Atlantic Unit, spending time in the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md. - rec'd a most interesting paper written by the Commander, based on the names in the WBCC directory....Ruth and Jac Davis (former WBCC Natl. Prez) bought one of Earl Bailly's paintings while on the E.C. Caravan. Earl Bailly is a noted Canadian painter....Ruth Strock, Secy. NW Unit, back in harness after a wonderful three months tour....Andy and Dell Andersen recuperating after the weeks of hard work put in on the BIG rally at the Dells....Beryl Enyeart, VP Midwest Unit, off to Europe to visit daughter and son-in-law....African Caravanners report they had over 4,000 visitors a day at campsite in Johannesburg....glad to hear Fred and Irene Zimmers are both on the mend.... Ben Kemperman off to Europe to make arrangements for the WB Caravan to Europe - sailing date - April 12, 1960.....

MILES OF SMILES by Charles Kiefer, our National Prez, is a book you must not miss. Every page is filled with humorous accounts of caravanners' experiences. The book contains many photographs taken on Wally Byam Caravans and Charlie's latest original poem, "The Caravanners". MILES OF SMILES sells for \$1.50--send your order to Headquarters Office and we will forward it to Charles. We are suggesting this because the Kiefer family are on the move - they plan to keep their Airstream wheels turning for the next year - did you know that Prez Charles, with Mom and Ethel, plans to visit every WBCC during his term of office.

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THIS RALLY - copied from Mid-Atlantic Unit Bulletin.

Self-contained trs are best; gopher holes are a good-sized pain, pure and simple...Another plan, used by some at Potluck, was to take a card table and put their trays on it and feet under. This prevents the coffee from wandering off into a tray corner and your cake floating in it...Sidewalk Cafe not generally liked, it breaks up the afternoon; you eat when you don't need food, and it spoils the next meal. Probably S.Cafes could be eliminated in our Unit, as so many have said or written they do not like them...Auto trips to nearby places of interest not too popular. Members at July R. seemed to want to stay put. Too nice a place to go away from, they said...Best thing at Rallies is seeing all the folks again and picking up where you left off last time! Some felt we ought to see each other oftener, as months between are too-long-no-see, though some said the Bulletin helps a lot...Everybody loves a Potluck...Members felt they would be quite happy with our own folks at Rallies and that we need not invite strangers or outsiders who have to be fed and entertained, and looked after, taking up somebody's time and energy.

Next CARAVANETTE will be out in November. The CARAVANNER on alternate months. Send in your news so it will reach us by the fifth of each month. Let's get in the habit of sending something for EVERY ISSUE.





Wally Byam's Caravan Club

# BULLETIN

822 NILES STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA.

## WALLY BYAM'S 1960 CARAVAN TO EUROPE

### Bulletin No. 1

More and more of our Wally Byam Caravanners have been saying, "Why don't you give us a package deal for these foreign tours and let us pay everything in one lump sum?"

Our CARA-VALUE PLAN is the result of the many requests from our Caravanners. We have secured the best rates available for passenger fare and for shipping your car and Airstream from the United States to Europe and back to the United States. We have obtained the best possible insurance and we have engaged the most reliable firms to obtain the many necessary documents needed for Europe.

### Our CARA-VALUE PLAN includes:

- 1 - Shipping your car and Airstream - Round trip from U.S. to Europe
- 2 - Round trip passenger reservations - all Caravanners on one ship if possible
- 3 - Carnet du Passage for both car and Airstream
- 4 - One International Driver's License - small charge for each additional one
- 5 - Visas
- 6 - Insurance (Personal Liability, Property Damage and Marine)
- 7 - Loading and unloading of equipment
- 8 - Freight forwarder service
- 9 - All of your detailed paper work
- 10 - Arrangements made for customs clearance
- 11 - Professional Tour Leader who speaks all the languages of Europe
- 12 - All necessary advance work in both the U.S. and Europe:
  - a - frequent bulletins on what, where, when, why, etc.
  - b - itinerary with mail stops
  - c - roster of the 1960 European tour members
  - d - necessary contacts in both U.S. and Europe, including necessary telephone calls and telegrams
- 13 - Arrange for rendezvous point in U.S. prior to sailing
- 14 - Arrange for escort to the dock in New York
- 15 - Arrange for hotel reservation in New York (trailer must be at dock 48 hours before sailing time)
- 16 - Arrange for transportation from hotel to dock on sailing day
- 17 - Arrange for all parking sites in Europe
- 18 - Arrange for special entertainment in European countries to be visited
- 19 - Arrange for tickets to the Passion Play at Oberammergau and for the Olympics in Rome
- 20 - Arrange for site-seeing tours throughout Europe



In addition to all of the above advantages, when traveling with the Wally Byam Caravan you become a part of the greatest traveling society in the world today. You will be a guest at many official receptions; you undoubtedly will entertain and be entertained by members of the royal families in Europe (we were when in Europe in 1956 and we have every reason to believe that we will be again). You will receive gifts and courtesies that are only accorded the Wally Byam Caravanners. But above all, you will always be with friends. You will have the SECURITY of traveling with a group. You will know that in case of any kind of trouble you will never be left alone. You will never have to worry about the language barrier - there will always be an interpreter to help you. These are just some of the reasons why so many people prefer traveling in foreign countries with the Wally Byam Caravanners rather than "going it alone".

You will make life long friendships, you will have security and prestige and you will have FUN - more fun than you have ever had in your life. You will see more of Europe in six months with Wally than you would see in six years any other way. Wally knows Europe. Don't miss this trip. Write now and tell us you want to go on this CARA-VALUE PLAN.

The amount for shipping your trailer will vary according to length. Our CARA-VALUE PLAN is based on shipping Round Trip any make passenger car, two Adult Passengers and your Airstream. The cost, according to size, is listed below:

16' Airstream	\$2,540.00
18' Airstream	2,648.00
22' Airstream	2,865.00
24' Airstream	2,974.00
26' Airstream	3,082.00
28' Airstream	3,190.00

For each additional passenger add:

Each adult - round trip	\$418.50
Children from 1-12 years	209.25

We have every reason to believe that the above figures will be the actual cost for services listed. However, if there is any change in any cost upward or downward, an adjustment will be made accordingly.

All staterooms are air conditioned with private toilet and shower. Naturally, there are fewer outside cabins than inside cabins, so get your reservation in early. All Wally Byam Caravans operate on a democratic basis, and when making reservations, it is always first come, first served.

We do practically everything for you but get your passport, and we will give you full instructions on how this can be done. We can't take your shots for you but we will tell you which ones you need and be very sympathetic.