

Dale and Virginia Leipper WBCCI #1183

Virginia Leipper passed away peacefully in her home October, 8 2009. Her husband of 62 years, Dale Leipper passed away in 2004. This is a tribute to the Airstreaming part of both of their lives. Dale and Virginia followed in the footsteps of Virginia's parents Jo and Bryan Harrison (WBCCI #772) who became Airstream owners in the early 1950's and who joined WBCCI in 1955, the year it was founded. Dale and Virginia bought their first Airstream in 1969. It was a 16ft Bambi. Soon after purchasing that Bambi, they sought out and joined the Monterey Bay CA Unit. They traveled the next 20 years in that Bambi, often to rallies and on caravans with the MBCU as well as on their own. They were very active in the MBCU and both served as elected officers, including President and First Lady. They also hosted numerous MBCU rallies. When Virginia's father could no longer tow his own Airstream, Dale and Virginia often took him to the rallies they attended. In 1995, after moving to Reno, they joined the SNU. Dale and Virginia were instrumental in encouraging the SNU to once again hold rallies. They hosted several of the rallies as well as picnics in the late 1990's and early 2000's. When Dale and Virginia's towing days were coming to a close, the family purchased a BVan. Son Bryan and daughter Diane, had purchased an Airstream from members of the MBCU in 1992. The idea was the BVan could become the tow vehicle while at the same time enabling Dale and Virginia to maintain their WBCCI membership and attend rallies with Bryan acting as chauffeur. This system worked really well. After Dale's death it enabled Virginia to attend SNU rallies until 2006. Dale and Virginia made some really close friendships both in the MBCU and the SNU. They were responsible for some memorable events in the MBCU. One of which occurred on an MBCU Caravan to Mexico and another, when they put on a skit about how to take a shower in a Bambi with a gallon of water. Virginia, being an organized person and coming from a large Unit where organization was more important, couldn't quite get used to the SNU's hap-hazard parallel parking style. She commented on that several times. Dale and Virginia have passed on the Airstream legacy to their children, all of which own their own Airstreams and are members of WBCCI. They also passed on the key principles upon which WBCCI was founded – fun, fellowship, and adventure. Most important to get out in your Airstream and enjoy the company of other Airstreamers.



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