

# Airstream/ WBCCI Trivia

**NUMBERS** — Airstreams frequently have big red numbers at the top of the front and back of their trailers. The number means the owner is one of 8,000 members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., named after the originator of the Airstream. Members use the numbers to identify one another. A cross-reference book, published annually, gives them the name and address of the owner, along with whether the owner allows other WBCCI members to park in his yard.

**STARS** — Stars beside or above the numbers indicate how long an owner has been a member of the club, with each star signifying five years. Many club members have belonged for over 40 years. WBCCI will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2005.

**INTERNATIONAL RALLY** — An International Rally has been held annually since 1958 at locations throughout the United States and Canada including Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Hershey, Pa.; Princeton, N.J.; Laramie, Wyo.; Santa Rosa, Calif.; Louisville, Ky.; Bozeman, Mont.; South Bend, Ind.; Las Cruces, N.M.; Ames, Ia.; Lake Placid, N.Y.; Amherst, Mass.; Rapid City, S.D. and Huntsville, Ala. The largest International Rally was in Louisville, Ky. in 1975 and attracted 4,493 trailers. The 2005 International Rally will be in Springfield, Mo.

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS** — The 2004-05 International President is Jim Haddaway of Louisville, Ky. Jim Franklin from Strawberry, Ariz. is first vice president and Don Shafer of Virginia Beach, Va. is second vice president.

**REGIONS** — The U.S., Canada and Mexico are divided into 12 Regions. Region 1 includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Quebec. Region 2 includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and Ontario. In Region 3 are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In Region 4 are Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. In Region 5 are Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. Region 6 includes Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and the Florida Panhandle. Region 7 includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba. In Region 8 are Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas. In Region 9 are Texas and Oklahoma. Region 10 includes Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory. In Region 11 are Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New



The 2002 International Rally location was a 14-acre field just outside Rapid City, S.D. where 940 trailers gathered. Activities and meetings were held in the Rapid City Convention Center in the downtown area.

Mexico and Mexico. In Region 12 are California and Nevada.

**UNITS** — Each Region is composed of Units, which range in size from 25 to over 500. The Units are independent organizations, establishing their own By-Laws and Constitution.

**CARAVANS** — Caravans of from 10 to 30 Airstream trailers are sponsored by local Units, Regions and the International Club in the United States, Canada and Mexico as well as rent-a-rig caravans to Great Britain, Europe, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. Caravans are led by WBCCI-trained leaders and operate on an actual cost basis, an inexpensive way to see the country and the world. Among the popular caravans are the Polar Bear Safari, Alyeska the Great Land, Maple Leaf Trail, Springtime in Kentucky, Oregon Trail, Michigan Lighthouse and the Cajun Caravan in Louisiana.

**NON-PROFIT:** WBCCI is a non-profit organization, which is run primarily by volunteer members. None of the International, Region or Unit officers are paid. There is a small, paid headquarters staff in Jackson Center, Ohio.

**TRAILER EXTERIOR:** Airstream travel trailers are designed with an aluminum semi-monocoque construction, much like that used in the aircraft industry. This makes an Airstream weigh notably less than conventional trailers. The rounded, aerodynamic shape, with a low center of gravity, requires less horsepower to pull and provides a smooth feel when towing. Airstream also manufactures motorhomes.