

W.B.C.C.I.

An RV Association for Airstreamers

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International, with its programs and caravans, has profoundly touched and added glamour to the lives of Airstream owners who are seeking that next place over the rainbow.

Members of WBCCI have two things in common: a sleek, silver, aluminum RV with rounded corners — unquestionably the most recognizable trailer on the road — and a zest for life.



Founded on Aug. 3, 1955, at Kentville, Nova Scotia, the organization started with 80 charter

members.

It is now one of the largest trailer organizations in the world with nearly 8,000 members.

WBCCI membership was initially divided into seven Regions. As the number of members grew local chapters were formed and today the organization has 144 Units, which are organized into 12 Regions.

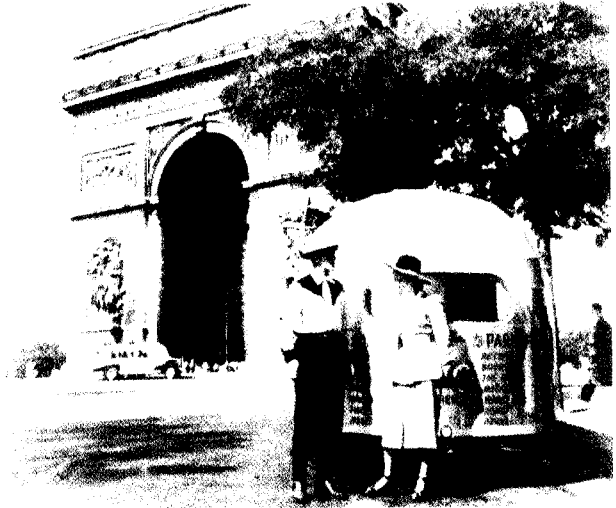
Early Airstream owners were avid travelers with a strong desire to see the world. While the Airstream owners wanted to travel, they were reluctant to travel by themselves. Wally Byam came up with a solution to the problem by organizing a group of 50 friends in 1951 on a caravan through Central America. Roads were few and far between and often impassable, but the group completed the trip, safe and sound.

The Central American caravan was so successful that another one was staged in 1952 to Mexico.

It was while on a caravan of eastern Canada in 1955 that the Airstreamers decided they should organize into the Wally Byam Caravan Club.

Caravans became even more daring and spectacular.

In 1959 a caravan traveled 9,000 miles, traversing the length of Africa from Capetown to Cairo. In 1960 it was a six-month tour of Europe. And in 1962 a caravan took one year to go the .



As its name implies the Wally Byam Caravan Club International emphasizes caravanning, groups of Airstreams traveling together to one of many locations. The caravans have traveled the globe, including this one that stopped near the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

30,000 miles from Singapore to Lisbon, Portugal. In 1985, more history was made when a group of 11 trailers traveled through China

Caravanning also takes place within the United States, Canada and Mexico with dozens of national, regional and Unit trips made each year.

In addition to caravans three- or four-day Rallies are also conducted by local Units or several Units together.

Each of the Regions have one Region Rally a year.

For the past 45 years International Rallies have been held at locations across the country that have attracted as many as 4,000 trailers. The 2004 International Rally was in Lansing, Michigan. In 2005 the Airstreamers will travel to Springfield, Missouri and the 2006 International Rally will be held at Salem, Oregon..

Jim Haddaway, a Louisville, Kentucky native, is the current International President. First Vice-President is Jim Franklin from Strawberry, AZ. Second Vice President is Don Shafer from Virginia Beach, Va. and Third Vice President is Jerry Collins from Boise, Idaho.