Travel Down the Wally Byam Highway

Around the World Caravan Background Notes

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Occasionally at a Wally Byam Caravan Club rally you have a casual gathering that includes Airstream personnel and WBCCI board members.

This group is meeting sometime in the late 1960's. A best guess is the Florida Winter gathering, and an IBT meeting. Going from left to right ¿rst person unknown, in the back (far left) is Paul Chamberlin (1969-1970); Art Costello, President of Airstream; Richard Paschke (1966-1967); Helen Byam Schwamborn, Airstream Board Member and WBCCI Board Member; Joe McCrory, Airstream's Way of Life Department; Ray Haycraft (1967-1968); Leonard Pearson, WBCCI Board of Trustees; next person not identi¿ed; far right Henry Geisert, (1968-1969).

In parentheses are the years the individuals served as Wally Byam Caravan Club International Presidents.

During the Christmas Holidays it was always fun to return home to celebrate. My mother, Helen Byam Schwamborn, was the Headquarters Director for Airstream Wally Byam Caravans and the Wally Byam Caravan Club. Our home made the Hallmark card racks seem rather naked in December.



Everywhere she had Christmas cards from Caravanners, Club Members, family and friends.

Airstreamers enjoyed having a great Airstream picture taken for this annual Christmas card and so it was with the Pearson's.

Arlene and Leonard Pearson were not just Caravanners but family friends. I ¿rst met the Pearson's in Oregon. When I left Airstream in 1969 I purchased Stella's Gold Airstream. The Gold Airstream followed me to my new position in the Bay Area.

Leonard and Arlene lived in Walnut Creek, California. The Gold Airstream stayed in their yard as we checked the systems, tires, appliances, then touched up the rims and propane tanks with gold paint. Finally it was ready to hit the road.

When I see their Christmas card, memories come back with friendship, love and launching the Gold Airstream after several years left in storage. Thank you Len and Arlene. To Everyone, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for the many years with fond memories.