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Greetings from the Upper Penninsula of Michigan. Susanne and I are roaming around the UP for a few more weeks before heading south for the September Highland Haven rally. Hope to see everyone there.

We spent July 21 - 30 in Escanaba, MI at the 60th WBCCI International Rally. We were joined by 17 members of the CUNC, placing our unit in the top 10 of all WBCCI units in attendance. Eleven of us arrived in Escanaba on July 21 in a caravan lead by Marcia Thompson, who located and reserved spots in various campgrounds between North Carolina and Escanaba, MI for the group.

Great work, Marcia. Thanks for your time and efforts arranging the Caravan.

The 60th WBCCI International Rally provided many opportunities to attend various seminars, catch up with old friends, and consult with various concessionnaires about the latest upgrades available for your Airstream. The Traverse City, MI Airstream dealer had about eight 2018 trailers on display including the new 33' model. Very impressive!!!!
(Susanne ordered one of each!)

Our own Amy Terkel placed 2nd in the WBCCI Hobby and Art Show for her wonderful quilt. Congratulations, Amy!!!

There were also several official WBCCI functions/meetings I attended as the CUNC representative to the International Rally. I attended the opening ceremony and carried the CUNC flag in the parade of WBCCI officers as your President. A proud moment for me and our unit. I also attended the delegates meeting and cast 71 votes (based on current unit membership) for our very own member, Jim Cocke, for President of WBCCI.

Congratulations to the new WBCCI President Jim Cocke and First Lady Deb Wood!!!



CUNC 2017 Schedule

September Rally Sept. 14-28 2017
 Highland Haven
 6517 Highland Haven Road
 Copper Hill, VA 24079
 Phone 540.651.9050; call to reserve a site.
www.vahighlandhaven.com
 No credit cards accepted (checks & cash only).

October Rally: October 5-8, 2017
 Tanglewood Park
 4061 Clemmons Rd.
 Clemmons NC 27012
 336-703-6400

November Rally: November 2-5 2017
 Ocean Lakes Family Campground
 6001 S Kings Highway
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29575
 Reservation in Section HH
 Rally Name "Carolinas Airstream 2017"
 Sites released first come first serve basis.
 50% deposit required on all reservations.
 30 sites reserved.
 877.510.1413
www.oceanlakes.com

December Luncheon

Report on Boondocking

To those attending the New Bern rally and heard me talk about the Lithium/Solar/Inverter-Charger installation that I did, I said I would report after our boondocking trip to Shenandoah. First of all, solar is of little use in most of Big Meadows Campground, too shady, too many clouds. I got a little bit of charging each day. Recall that I said that Lithiums can be discharged down to 20%, unlike lead acid cells. After 2 days and 3 nights, conserving electricity use somewhat, but still allowing Pam to use the TV-DVD player for her yoga dvd, we had discharged the batteries to about 80%. The third day I had to use the gas furnace as it was cold. That draws 8 amps for the blower. So at the end of 3 days and nights, we were at 70%. Clearly we had plenty of battery capacity, even with minimal solar charging. Any place with sun would have given me indefinite capability.

After 3 days, I wanted to test out my generator, propane fueled. I ran it and it took 1 hour to charge the battery to 95%, when it went into float mode, the point to stop charging. We stayed one more day and found after 4 days and nights that the grey tank and water tank are the limiting factors for us in boondocking. We ran out of water after 4 days and nights, but could have supplemented with jerry jugs from the campground supply.

My installation is a huge improvement over the Airstream stock for boondocking and dry camping on the way to a destination.

Larry Brodsky

