

Idaho Unit of WBCCI

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I put this letter together I am reflecting on our recent national election. Our country now has a new president with all the duties and responsibilities that come with that position. He will find joy and sadness both waiting at his door. I would in no way draw a correlation between my new responsibilities as our new Unit 35 president and Donald Trump, but I do know there has been joy and sadness waiting at my door in relation to the responsibilities I carry in this small job. In the past month we have had both.

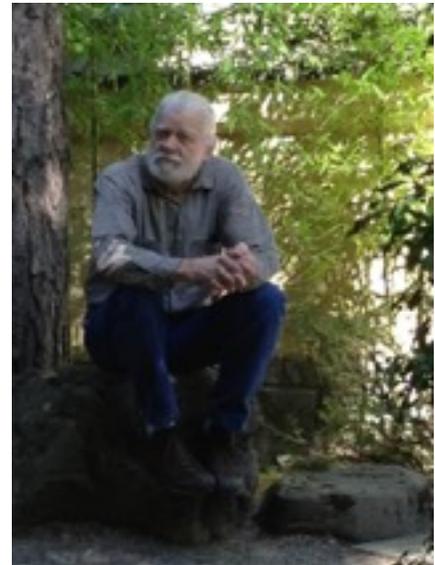
First, with the death of our friend Gene Pullman whom we all grew fond of in so many ways. Gene & Phyllis were so easy to be with it seemed they had been a part of our crew for many years. Laughing, fixing our dinner in the canyon, going fishing with John Merell, working on our rigs, and asking me to sing for him. Gene is sorely missed, and our hearts go out to his wife Phyllis and their family as they grieve. We send our deepest condolences to them. Several of our members attended Gene's funeral which was held on November 12th at the First Baptist Church on N 13th St. in Boise. People who attended the Harvest Dinner on November 5th donated for flowers and a charity in Gene's honor.

Second, our executive committee met for an evening of deliberation over the fundamental workings of our Unit 35. We discussed several things and I hope as you read this message you will make a note to yourself to access those meeting minutes from the Unit 35 web site and read them. Just one note to alert you about, Phyllis Pullman resigned as a trustee, and Charlie Burke was chosen to replace her for a two year term.

Third, the Davidsons hosted our year ending celebration with a Harvest Dinner at Marie Callendar's here in Boise on November 5th. You filled the room with joy, laughter, and the quiet sound of people enjoying a good meal. There were many door prizes from local businesses, odd Flamingo bits from Mim's yard sale collection, and donations from other members to go around. The feeling of our spirits coming together in that room was palatable for me. What fun, thank you!

As we settle into our winter routines let us all keep our Airstream family in our thoughts and prayers. We are reminded how fragile our lives are; we need each other to help us be safe and happy on down the road.

Your President, *Fonny*



Idaho Unit Officers

President - Fonny Davidson

1st Vice President - Peter Goedeking

2nd Vice President - Tom Usselman

Secretary - Mim Davidson

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Past President - Michael Archer

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Charlie Burke, Pete Petersen



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UPCOMING EVENTS

December Monthly Unit Breakfast

8:30am on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Golden Corral, 8460 W. Emerald St, Boise, ID. Marilyn Usselman (208) 322-8155



IDAHO UNIT COMMITTEE LEADS

- Budget**—Earl Brace
- Calling Coordinator**—Marilyn Usselman
- Caravan**—Darrell Ostyn
- Directory**—Kathleen Archer
- Hospitality/Sunshine**—Marilyn Usselman
- Legislative**—Charlie Burke
- Newsletter**—Cara Goedeking
- Rally Coordinator**—Sharon Lawrence
- Membership**—Mim Davidson
- Web Site**—Benji Mellish
- Historical**—Betty Burke
- Constitution and Bylaws**—Charlie Burke
- Safety**—Fonny Davidson
- Community Service**—Judy Canada

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW MEMBERS!

Bill & Jane
Snively
from Boise, ID

IDAHO UNIT **SUNSHINE** NEWS

November Birthdays

03--Eileen Ambrose
05--Debbie Rolls
09--Willy Gorrissen
12--Jerry Voigt/Carolyn Wardle
18--Debi Rankin
21--Vivian Schultz
22--Darrell Ostyn
28--Dorothy Harkins
28--Jay Rolls
28--Jeff Pettey
29--Sawyer Heuvel
30--Rebecca Jauquet

December Birthdays

02--Linda Settle
04--Susie Borowicz
05--Gretchen Pettey
06--Linda Seitz
08--Dori Halbert
10--David Jauquet
14--Martha Graybeal
19--Carolyn Gedris
21--Phyllis Voigt
26--Bonnie Ruskauff
27--Larry Conn

November Anniversaries

07, 1992--Phil & Jan Nelson
11, 1963--Pete & Fay Petersen
15, 2013--Josh & Christine Fonner
19, 1994--John & Bonnie Ruskauff
23, 2000--Michael & Kathleen Archer
29, ???--Jim Rigg & Michelle Reesman

December Anniversaries

03, 1994--Calvin & Kelly Huit
08, 1997--Larry & Susan Warren
23, 1967--Ray & Sherry Hoem
29, 1973--Bob & Darlene Caldwell
30, 2007--Mike Monnie & Linda Smiley





Membership News



Halloween is behind us, but this is still a scary time of year... It's membership renewal time! Will everyone renew? 14 new members joined during 2016, and we grew to 78 families! So far, 43 members have signed up for another year of Airstream adventures. We are currently waiting for 28 members to renew – including 5 who joined in 2016. Six Utah families transferred to the Wasatch Unit.

However, numbers don't tell the whole story! Take a moment to imagine driving along a curvy mountain road with an Airstream on your hitch and Airstreams ahead and behind you. Picture a campground full of silver trailers and friendly people. We enjoyed 6 rallies and a caravan between April and October 2016. We explored many parts of Idaho and Montana. Who knows what adventures await us in 2017?!?

Renewal Trivia:

- You can choose to be listed in the International Directory or not. Check the box on the renewal form. (If you do want to be listed in the printed version, renew by 11/15.)
- If you don't want to get reminders, renew - see September and October newsletters for the form... (Or let me know why you're not renewing. That helps us know what we can do better.)
- You can also go to WBCCI.org and renew online.
- Even if you sold your Airstream, you can remain as a member – as long as you don't buy another brand of RV...
- We have awesome rallies on the schedule, including the Totality Rally (in the path of the total solar eclipse in August).

It's membership renewal time! I hope to see your name on our roster - and your faces at rallies &/or breakfasts next year!

Mim Davidson, Membership Chair

New Member Intro - Bill & Jane Snively from Boise

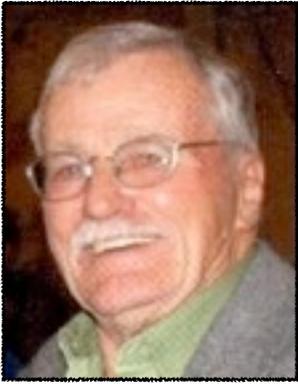
Thanks for the welcome note. After deciding a trailer would best serve our RV wants, I discovered that "yes indeed, Airstreams are still made" and found a dealer that had a used 16' to look at. We left to go look at trailer before it actually was on the lot, the owner was just bringing it. Upon arriving we found an '06 Bambi International QuikSilver Edition that Jane immediately fell in love with. So started our Airstream experience.

From 2009 to this year, the Bambi served us well. As the years went by, I developed a bit of "dual-axle envy" and we both realized that it was a little cramped for the two of us along with our two large dogs. An email from Airstream advertising the National Parks Pendleton Edition drew us into the dealership to admire a trailer. While at the dealership, we happened upon the 23' Idaho State Parks 50th Anniversary Edition and really fell in love with it. We quickly found a new home for our Bambi to a young couple that had Airstream dreams. We love the extra space our Flying Cloud gives us while still enjoying some of the individual features that the State Parks special edition has to offer.

Jane & I moved to Idaho from Illinois a little over a year ago. We love the Boise area and the wonderful people that we've met in the time we've been here. We live in Wilderness Ranch where we were blessed to find a beautiful log home. After enjoying the last year working around our home and taking a couple of trips in our Airstream, we're ready to find gainful employment again.

Jane & I both enjoy travel and visiting local and national parks, and we both have backgrounds in grassroots sports car racing. Our children all have four legs, current count being two cats and one dog, and we're hoping to welcome a Golden Retriever puppy in the coming months. Jane loves gardening and I enjoy photography and handyman jobs.

We look forward to meeting fellow members and participating in upcoming events!



In Remembrance of Gene Pullman {1936-2016}

Fellow club member Gene Pullman of Boise passed away on October 27th of leukemia at home with family by his side. He and wife Phyllis joined the Idaho Unit in 2014. They were very active members, often sharing rally hosting duties with Phyllis' sister Myrna Merell and husband John.

Born to Eugene and Opa Pullman in Burley ID. He attended schools in Heyburn. At the age of 8 he stoked kiln fires at the family brickyard at night; at 14 he hauled brick from Burley to Idaho Falls. Anytime he wasn't working he was hunting or fishing. He joined the US Army Airborne at 17 & returned to Boise to attend BJC. His many jobs included selling vacuums & sewing machines door to door, Boise Police force, framing houses - he completed his brick layer apprenticeship in 1959 & thereafter worked in the masonry industry for 57 yrs to his 78th yr. He owned his own business, Pullman Masonry, later passing it on to his son. A masonry instructor for Job Corp and fire fighter in Redding CA, an apprentice instructor at BSU, Dept of Public Works -held a Class A Building Inspector's License. His work ethic was unmatched and honored by all who knew him. Providing for his family was first and foremost. Beyond work he fully enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, gardening, working around his home & all the activities our great outdoors offers. He usually had many fishing poles lying around because he never wanted to see someone left behind- especially children. He enjoyed cooking at home, on camping trips & for youth & men's back country retreats through First Baptist Church. He was most recently a member of River Christian Church.

He is survived by wife, Phyllis of 54 1/2 yrs. Children Susan (Ryan) Tilton, Stephanie (Mark) Smith and Jon (Kelli) Pullman. 12 Grandchildren and 22 Great Grandchildren with one on the way. Sisters Judi Ogawa & Kathe (Dave) Spangenberg & Brother Herm (Jan). Many nieces & nephews.

He could be ornery and rough around the edges at times but had a heart of gold & thought of others before himself. He was a friend to many and he will be deeply missed. Any donations may be made to Mission Aviation Fellowship in support of Rick & Teresa Dickson (www.maf.org).

WE WILL MISS YOU GENE! ❤️ PHYLLIS, MYRNA & JOHN~YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!





Member Spotlight

Bill & Carolyn Gedris

of Layton, UT



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN MEMBERS? We joined the Utah unit in 2010 . The year the unit dissolved we were listed just with the international association. We searched neighboring states to see which unit would be the closest. We wanted to be in a unit that went places and did fun things. Idaho won ! So, we joined in 2013.

WHAT KIND OF AIRSTREAM DO YOU HAVE? HAVE YOU EVER OWNED ANY OTHER TRAILERS/AIRSTREAMS? Ours is a 2004 25' Classic. We bought it used and in need of repairs in 2009. Our first trailer was a Coleman Valley Forge pop up tent trailer. We bought that in 1976 when we lived in Ohio. During the time we owned it, we discovered many great places in the Mid-West, Northeast, and West. In 1987 we sold it for the same price we paid for it and bought a bigger Coleman. We continued our trips throughout the West. In 2004 we bought a Hi-Lo. That served us well until Bill got a hankering for an Airstream. He had admired them for years. So, in 2009 we found this one and the rest in history.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF BEING AN AIRSTREAMER? That's easy . The friendly people we meet, the fun places we go, and the fact everyone is so eager to help when we have a problem. Someone always has a solution.

WHY DID YOU JOIN/WHO ASKED YOU TO JOIN THE CLUB? I think the only reason in the beginning was that Bill loved the red numbers. That was just part of what an Airstream was suppose to look like! Every Airstream he had seen throughout the years had red numbers and ours didn't. We asked why and were told you had to join the club to get the numbers. So we sent away to the headquarters for our membership and our red numbers! I don't remember how we found the Utah unit.

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR FAVORITE TRIPS/RALLIES AS A PART OF THE CLUB? We enjoyed Bryce Canyon with the Utah unit and most of the ones with the Idaho unit (we just like being with you). Probably the Peterson farm was my favorite. The one to the dairy farm and alpaca ranch was very interesting. The Old Threshers Rally in Yuma, Colorado was great. We also enjoyed the maintenance rally in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Alumafandango at Seven Feathers was a favorite. The Vancouver Island and Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravans were lots of fun. Going places with Airstreamers is the best!

WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING PLACE YOU'VE VISITED (CAN BE A "FIELD TRIP" EXPERIENCE THAT WAS PART OF A RALLY) AS PART OF A TRIP/RALLY? Hiking in Bryce Canyon in the early morning, watching the fire burn within the log at the campfire at the Peterson's farm, seeing the old threshers working at the Old Threshers Rally were all favorites.

ANY PLACES THAT WE HAVEN'T GONE AS A CLUB THAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND TO OTHERS? (CAMPGROUNDS, PARKS, ETC) Any of the National Parks in southern Utah, Black Canyon of the Gunnison in Colorado, Ouray, Colorado and vicinity, Vernal, Utah (dinosaur museum) and Flaming Gorge National Recreational Area.

BESIDES TRAVELING IN YOUR AIRSTREAM, WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/INTERESTS? Bill likes making furniture in his wood shop. He has made jewelry boxes, cradles, nesting tables and a corner cupboard to name a few things. He also enjoys golf. Playing with our daughter's new adopted shelter dog (black lab) is high on his list. Carolyn enjoys needle work, gardening, genealogy, and reading historical novels. She also enjoys doing things with the grandkids.

2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOST & CO-HOST
April 14-17	Break-out Rally & Business Meetings, Vale Trails RV Park, Vale OR	Lawrence & Conn
May 19-22	River's Edge RV Park, Wilder ID (cabins available if needed)	Canada & Usselman
June 9-12	Banbury Hot Springs, Buhl ID	Hoem & Merell
June 30-July 3	Heyburn Riverside RV Park, Heyburn ID (Make your own Reservations-Wobbly Rally)	Goedeking & Petersen
July 22-29	International Rally, Escanaba MI	WBCCI
August 18-21	Solar Eclipse Totality Rally - Business Meetings & Installations Smiley Creek Lodge, Stanley ID	Davidson & Mellish
September	To be determined	
October 18-22	Sun Valley Music & Jazz Fest, Ketchum ID (may include Trailing of the Sheep)	Region 10 & ___?__
November 11	Harvest Dinner	Goedeking & Settle

Letter from Region 10 President, Bob Caldwell

August 23, 2016

Fonny Davidson,
President, Idaho Unit

Subject: Idaho Unit Superior Merit Award

Dear Fonny:

At the Installation Rally, Past Unit President Bill Lawrence was presented with a Superior Merit Award. As Bill rightly commented, such an award is earned, not just by the President of the Unit, but by all of the Officers and the Members of the Unit.

As Darlene and I travel the Region, we are in a unique position to observe the activities and vitality of each of the Units in the Region. I just want to tell you that the Idaho Unit is among the most vital and well lead of our Units. You have a unique combination of committed, involved members, skilled leaders, history and circumstance that make Idaho a great Unit. It is always uplifting and a pleasure for us to visit your Unit. You all make us feel very welcome. Thank you for allowing me to be your Installing Officer again this year!

Bob Caldwell, President, Region 10
WBCCI, the Wally Byam Airstream Club



Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Re-Cap and Photos from Fay Petersen



I didn't spend time with the Airstreamers because of a long standing tradition of going to the Festival with family and friends for the past 27 years. That being said, I think I can say with certainty that a good time was had by everyone who attended. I'm hoping even more of you will attend next year. It is truly a fun, special event.

For 5 beautiful days, my hometown of Ketchum/Sun Valley was alive with music...zydeco, cabaret, R&B, folk, classic and trad jazz, big band, Louisiana Cajun, gypsy jazz, rag, stride, Broadway hits, country blues, Dixieland and not to be forgotten, the talented ladies of jazz who added vocals. Thirty three well known music groups from around the country with greater than 100 professional musicians performing 250 sets in five days is a lot of music and there is something for everyone.

Two friends from California were unable to attend this year and gave their 2 Full Event Badges to my sister. We talked about it and decided to donate the Badges to someone in the Airstream group. I arranged to meet up with Carol Ortiz for her to pass them on to fellow Airstreamers to enjoy. Many thanks to Judy and Carl Blaha for the generous donation.

Fay Petersen



River Run parking lot was home to many campers that week



Fay Petersen & Carol Ortiz

Side Street Strutters with Meloney Collins: the Side Street Strutters entertained guests at Disneyland for 22 years.





OCTOBER Harvest Dinner Re-Cap

BY MIM DAVIDSON



What a wrap for a terrific rally season! Nearly 20 families met at Marie Callender's on Fairview. The room was filled with people enjoying their time together. Once again we remembered why we value the WBCCI - this is an opportunity to share friendships with wonderful people.

Whimsical Airstreams decorated our tables. They followed us to Idaho from the Region 10 Rally in Kalispell. Flamingo decorations joined the trailers for our dinner. Several members took them home, so the happiness continues.

Door prizes included ten \$50 gift certificates from Airstream Adventures NW, wheel alignment from Big O Tires, three \$20 gift certificates from Porterhouse Meats, and 6 Golden Corral certificates. Unit members donated Airstream-adorned bags containing a surprise, a handmade scarf, pints of honey, flashlights, magnets and more. Every member family took home at least 1 door prize.

Fonny selected the Interfaith Sanctuary for charitable giving. This shelter provides many services to the homeless in the Boise area. Idaho Unit members generously gave \$318! Unit members also donated \$140 in memory of Gene Pullman. Flowers will be sent for his memorial service and a donation made to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

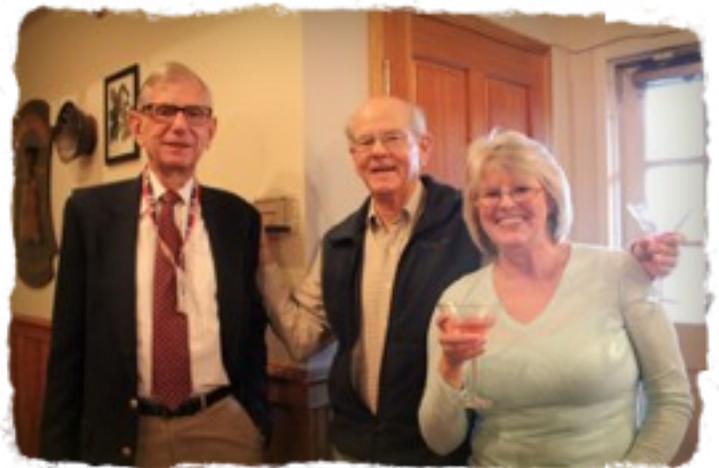
Thank you to all who attended. This was a wonderful evening! We are grateful for the friendships and caring we experience.



THANKS TO FONNY AND MIM FOR BEING GREAT HOSTS *and* CHARLIE AND BETTY FOR THEIR HELP ALSO!



LARRY PETERSON, TOM USSELMAN, PETE GOEDEKING AND JERRY VOIGT



EARL BRACE AND JAY & DEBBIE ROLLS WHO CAME ALL THE WAY FROM BRIGHAM, UTAH TO JOIN US!

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PHYLLIS VOIGT, DONNA PETERSON, BETTY BURKE AND MAUREEN OSTYN



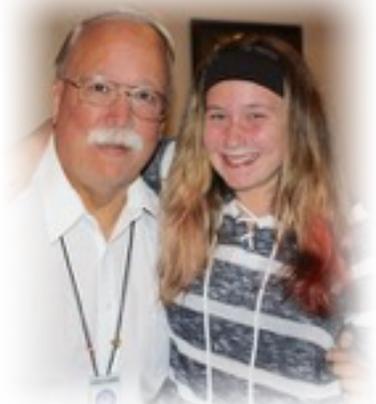
BARBARA BRACE, HER DAUGHTER ALLISON BRACE AND KATHLEEN ARCHER



BEN AND PEGGY CAMPBELL VISIT WITH DOROTHY HARKINS AND CINDEE LANTZ—MIRACLE



LARRY AND GAIL CONN—LARRY'S GALLANTLY SPORTING HIS RAFFLE WIN, A HAND-MADE SCARF FROM JUDY CANADA



CHARLIE BURKE AND ELLIE GOEDEKING



PETE AND CARA GOEDEKING



MARILYN USSELMAN VISITING WITH KIM AND MIKE SCHANZE



JAN NELSON, MIM DAVIDSON AND LINDA SETTLE



my favorite GINGER MOLASSES sugar cookies

from Cara Goedeking

These are a perfect flavor for the holidays (but I also enjoy them year-round).

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups shortening (butter not recommended) 2 cups sugar 2 eggs 1/4 cup molasses
- 4 cups all-purpose flour 4 tsp baking soda 1/2 tsp salt 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp ginger extra sugar in a bowl

Instructions: 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. 2. Add eggs-one at a time-until incorporated. 3. Add molasses. 4. In a medium bowl combine flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and ginger. 5. Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients 1/4 at a time. 8. Pour sugar into a shallow bowl. 9. Roll 1 1/2 inch size balls of dough then roll in sugar to coat completely (I use a cookie scoop). 10. Place on baking sheet 2 inches apart. 11. Bake for 11-12 minutes (first batch may take up to 13 minutes). 12. Remove and cool on a wire rack. 13. Cookies will crinkle and crack as they cool. 9. Enjoy!

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- www.anareservoirrvpark.com
- www.wbcc.org
- www.wbcc10.org
- idahounit.wbcc.net
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