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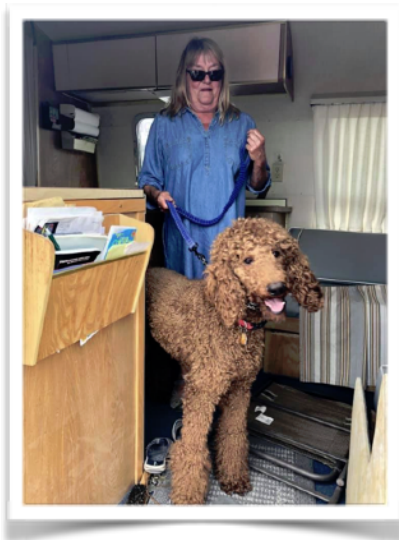
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Traveling Tales: from one of our Unit members....

Lynne, Connie Sheasby (#7868) and I(#2900) joined ten other Airstreams and one SOB (Some Other Brand) for a caravan into Mexico from January 12 to March 9th. We had signed up during the International Rally in Salem, when we met up with a representative of Region 10 manning a caravan table. When we first joined WBCCI, at the Madison International, we had signed up for a Baja, Mexico caravan. Unfortunately, that was the year that trouble erupted along the border, and the fears generated left only four couples willing to take the trip into Baja, and it was cancelled. We were excited to find that travel to Mexico was beginning again within the club. This trip was sponsored by Region 10, with hopes that it would result in club run caravans soon.

Rita and Phil Letterman, friends from a previous caravan jumped on the last open slot when we told them of our intentions while at Salem. Later, there was a cancellation, and Connie Sheasby contacted us from her winter Arizona campsite and joined the group. The campgrounds and tours were arranged by a commercial company and took us along the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean, south as far as Manzanillo (below Puerto Vallarta), then over the mountains and east of Mexico City, and on a route through Guanajuato, Patzcuaro, Zacatecas, and various places in between. Included was a stop near the wintering area of Monarch butterflies, with millions hanging from the trees. Camping facilities ranged from dry camps, to fairly sophisticated campgrounds. The

sights we saw included many of the famous and less famous ruins from pre-Columbian times, historical Cities of Mexico, and Magical cities, which preserved much of their original feel. For myself, it was eye-opening to see how modernized many Mexico highways are, juxtaposed with horses trotting along the shoulder, and Topes (tow-pays or speed bumps) appearing suddenly to slow you in school zones and small towns. Dirt roads and side streets paved with cobblestones were common when away from the highway system. It was nice to find most shops were still mom and pop stores, operated by small family groups, with a pride of ownership. Yes, you could find the Home Depot, Walmart, and other big boxes in the cities, but most downtowns were dominated by little shops run by owners. Almost every town had at least a weekly if not daily market of local sellers. The food was terrific and cheap (and almost never a taco in sight), laundry was done



for you on a per kilo basis, and the relaxed attitude of the tropics prevailed.

And what can be said about the National drink, the Margarita? Only that they came with slight variations, in large quantities, and were inexpensive. The Tequila was plentiful, with only the highest quality at all costly. This led to a few nights of vague memories of how we got home, but lots of smiles and laughter.

All in all, it was a very pleasant trip, and we hope to go back and explore Mexico again. We felt safe but didn't push the envelope by staying out late or drinking in back alley cantinas. The Mexicans were helpful, thoughtful, and full of good cheer as shown by a commonly found ítem for sale, t-shirts proclaiming, "You are on the fun side of the Wall." It helps to know a little Spanish, but even without, it was possible to pantomime your wants and needs. I do highly recommend that you know [Spanish] to ask--- dónde está el baño? (where is the bathroom?)



Is your Airstream ready for a new camping season?

1. Do you need to **Displace antifreeze**:
meaning to flush out the antifreeze from your system.
(there has been some discussion on the forums about long lines at dumping stations in state parks of owners doing this process.)
2. Do you need to **Sanitize the water system**
3. Check the **air pressure on all the tires** (including the spare)
Tires should have the appropriate pressure according to the manufactures requirements; under inflating can impact the performance of the tires.
Check the age of the tire... the date is on the tire; [the recommended interval for changing the tires is 5 years from the date of manufacture.
4. **Fill up the propane tanks**
At the same time Check for gas smell; tighten the fitting using gas tape to ensure seal.(Jim Guthrie (#11970) and Chuck Zellermayer (#10239) checked/taped mine.)
5. **Test all major systems** (furnace, refrigerator, water heater, stove/oven, oven lights, water pump, air conditioner, heat pump, and fans)
This maybe the time to wipe off the fan blades or rinse the screens under the tap.
6. It may be time to **Replace detector(s) batteries** (9volt)
It is important that these work... so check and replace
7. Check/Replace the **water filter cartridge** if your Airstream has a built-in water filter

Look for **damage on the receiver**
Hitch up and go for a short tow.

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Rally Schedule

April 19-April 21, 2019

Easter Camp out at Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, WI

Rally Hosts: Ed and Sandy Emerick

Contact information: semerick4425@gmail.com

920-475-7893

For more rally information check our Facebook unit page or the unit's web page for the Easter Campout Sheet.

May 17-19, 2019

Dells Campout and Spring Business Meeting

Camping is at Wisconsin Dells KOA

South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Make Reservations at (800) 562-4178 (ask for the Airstream Club discounted rate of \$45) by April 1st or soon as possible.

May 18, 2019

Spring Business Meeting and Luncheon held at:

Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.

110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Rally Hosts: Bob and Heidi Manak; John and Terri Cooper.

For more rally information see the Rally Sheet on the unit's web page.

May 28-June 2, 2019

Alumapalooza 10

Jackson Center, Ohio

For more information see the Alumapalooza web page.

June 20-23, 2019

Pictured Rocks Campout on Lake Superior at

Munising Tourist Park in Munising, MI

Hosts: Gina Eggers and Mark Kasten

For more rally information see the unit's web page for the Rally Sheet.

More snaps of the Mexican Rally

