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### Only With An Airstream- Chaplain Kent

Why do we own Airstreams? Maybe it is because of the quality; or the uniqueness; the aluminum; or the ease of customization. I am certain there are enough other answers to fill an entire thread on the forum. This past weekend we experienced another reason: instant companionship within a campground. We were camped at Mississippi Palisades State Park in Savanna, IL and when we pulled in saw a shiny new Airstream parked by the entrance. As we proceeded into the park, we saw another Airstream, then two more. By the end of the weekend, there were six Airstreams in the park, a mini rally. Interestingly only two of the six had traveled together, the rest of us met unbeknownst and previously unknown to the others. All but one of the six belonged to WBCCI and we had our directories out looking up numbers, names and hometowns. The first couple we met, #1775 Bob and Sandy, were from Chicago. As we were talking, Bob and I realized that we both attended the

same high school. I had graduated a few years before him but we knew remembered some of the same teachers and figured out we were in band together at least for one year. It was not long before we were trying to sing the school fight song although we could only recall about a third of the words. Anyone out there remember the words to the Carl Schurz High School fight song? John and Rita, #4432, Val and Sandy #3908 came to the park together. They are part of the Southern Illinois Region. John and Val walked over to take a tour of Chummy. We then sat and talked about Airstreams, rallies, and traveling with our beloved aluminum RV's. Val and his wife had just purchased their new to them 34 footer and we listened with interest to his story of finding the new trailer and selling his old one. Later that day I met Bill, no numbers yet, who had just purchased his trailer a month earlier, he was chatting with John and Val. Dave and Dolores, #1772 were the last (continued on page 2)

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to arrive. Dave stopped to chat as he was driving by. While walking through the campgrounds we saw many Nomads, Foresters, Jaycos, and one trailer branded a Kountry Kamper. There was a Trailmaster and even a Trailmaster Lite. I am certain these are all nice trailers and owned by wonderful interesting people; however, we never got past the

cursory wave. I never found out if any of them went to my high school or even the several colleges I have attended. Certainly, we must have shared something with one of them and could have enjoyed each other's company. The one thing that was lacking is a common opener, which we Airstream owners all share, our Air-

stream. Maybe Kountry Kamper owners get together and share stories of how they found their trailer or what they have done to it recently but I doubt it. We Airstreamers are unique, like our trailers or motor homes and with this uniqueness, we share a commonality, instant companionship.

## AirstreamForums.com Tutorial - Janet Humphrey

New Forums feature - Because you asked! Private Forums for WBCCI Units. We are pleased to offer private discussion areas for individual units of the WBCCI. This new feature is available (free of course) to established units as well as those just organizing. It can be used for club discussions, rally development, to post announcements and even for voting through the use of

polls. These special access areas can only be viewed by members of that private area/forum. If your unit is interested in setting up a club forum, please contact one of the AirstreamForums.com moderators. We are happy to help. Each units forum will have a leader chosen by your unit who will act as your special areas' moderator. Your moderator will grant access to joining members, keep

conversation within the bounds of the AirstreamForums.com rules and keep your clubs area running smoothly. Find out if your unit has set up a special access forum already by clicking on "WBCCI Unit Forums" on the Quick Links menu (left side of each page). We hope that this new feature helps your unit communicate and grow.

## Quick Tip - Overlander63

Check your first aid kit in your coach every Spring, and replace used/out of date items before your first trip.

## Road Trip - Codybear

The NorCal Rally at Lake San Antonio was a great success, hosted by BigDee, with about 60 members and guests attending the 2 day rally October 21- 22. Members toured

each other's vintage and modern Airstreams, participated in workshops led by Uwe and Creampuff, and enjoyed a delicious potluck. There were games for the kids, a display

of spud launching by Doorgunner, and a viewing of the movie "Long, Long, Trailer". Tarantulas, wild turkeys, and deer added to the weekend camping experience.



## NorCal Rally At Lake San Antonio



## It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown - Codybear

A beautiful day brought my husband, grandson and I to the 2006 Harvest Festival held the first weekend in Elk Grove, California. The highlight of the day was the International Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off. Growers from around the state converged to weigh-off their heaviest pumpkins. This year's First Place winner from Napa, tipped the scales at a whopping 1280 lbs. There were more than

100 entries. The Second place winner, from Napa also, weighed in at 1060 lbs. The Third Place winner from Los Altos Hills, weighed 1049 lbs. Other attractions included live Music, the Grape & Gourmet Galley, Hay Rides pulled by a John Deer two cylinder diesel tractor, a challenging Hay Maze, delicious Festival Food, fun Kid's Zone, Carnival Games, Art show, Petting

Zoo, Pony Rides, a Fun Walk benefiting the ALS Association, and a Classic Car Show. Other attractions include the Grape & Gourmet Galley, hay rides, a pumpkin patch, delicious festival food, an Enchanted Garden, Kid's Zone, carnival games, art show, petting zoo, a Fun Walk benefiting the ALS Association and a classic car show.



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