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Travel Time Also Means Reading Time - Chaplain Kent

Summer travel time also means summer reading time. I was recently given a book that I want to suggest as a good read for your summer trips. In fact the person who gave me the book said to pass it on so I will mail it to the first one who sends me a PM and asks for the book. The book is Winterkill by Craig Lesley, copyright 1984 published by Houghton Mifflin. Craig Wesley is a two-time winner of the PNBA (Pacific Northwest Book Award) and this is one of the books for which he won the award. The story follows a modern day, down on his luck, Native American rodeo rider, Danny Kachiah. When his wife dies in an auto accident he becomes the sole provider for his teen age son. The story travels through the Pacific Northwest, painting a vivid picture of modern day reservation life. The story also follows the salmon or better said, the loss of the salmon by the damming of the river. You will be taken along on hunting trips through the mountains and share in many tales of the protagonist's father. This is a story of relationships and will bring tears to your eyes. There is the relationship with the land both the ancient land and what is now the reservation. Then there is the father - son relationship between Danny and his father whom he rediscovers through his own son. Finally, there is the relationship with his heritage. His father was a dreamer but died before he could pass on any of the traditions or secrets to his son. All Danny had were the tales told by his father's old friends. We have many historical books chronicling the Native Americans but not that many which are contemporary. This book is contemporary and it is also timeless in its sensitive treatment of the father - son relationship. Add in the wonderful scenery of the Pacific Northwest and you have a true winner. Another added benefit is that this book will appeal to either husband, wife, teenaged son or daughter. I highly recommend this as a family book. If you are not fortunate enough to be the first (continued on page 2)

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to ask for my copy there are copies available from Amazon starting at one cent and you can also find it at you local library. Good reading to you.

Quick Tip - Overlander63

To keep the upholstery from getting faded, remember to close all the curtains before you store it.

Upcoming Rallies

- 🌀 [WBCCI NorCal Rally at Hatcreek, CA](#) - 05-02-2007 to 05-06-2007
- 🌀 [Kentucky Derby Reunior](#) - 05-02-2007 to 05-06-2007
- 🌀 [Region 8 "On Track" Rally with Vintage Parking](#) - 05-02-2007 to 05-06-2007
- 🌀 [Wallowa Lake Oregon](#) - 05-04-2007 to 05-09-2007
- 🌀 [NEU SPRING MAINTENANCE Rally May 4-6, 2007](#) - 05-04-2007 to 05-06-2007
- 🌀 [Metro Detroit WBCCI](#) - 05-04-2007 to 05-06-2007
- 🌀 [2007 Pigeon Forge Rally](#) - 05-10-2007 to 05-13-2007
- 🌀 [Columbus, Indiana - Camping, Fun & Bikes](#) - 05-11-2007 to 05-13-2007
- 🌀 [Sierra Nevada Unit - Ramhorn Springs rally](#) - 05-17-2007 to 05-20-2007
- 🌀 [Kentucky Unit Rally](#) - 05-17-2007 to 05-20-2007
- 🌀 [Virginia Commonwealth Rally](#) - 05-18-2007 to 05-20-2007
- 🌀 [Fun at Mitchell's Mountain & Spring Business Meeting WMNHU](#) - 05-18-2007 to 05-20-2007
- 🌀 [Region 2 Rally](#) - 05-23-2007 to 05-27-2007
- 🌀 [Area 33 rally, Trout Lake WA](#) - 05-25-2007 to 05-28-2007 🌀

AIRForums.com - Our New Home On The Internet - Janet Humphrey

On April 11, AirstreamForums.com changed its name and web address to www.AIRForums.com. The change was made for various reasons and we are very excited to this new name. We are committed to remaining an independent resource for Airstream Enthusiasts to share knowledge about all Airstream - related products and services. As many of you know, we are the largest Airstream site on the Internet with an average

of over 120,000 visitors per month since last summer! We have well over 100,000 pages of information including 29,000 discussions, 12,700 photos, 77 trailers & 17 motorhomes for sale in our classifieds (over 1,700 ads listed to date), hundreds of products in our review system and more. We are just barely 5 years old (founded in February 2002) and are looking forward to the next 5 years. We plan to add some

amazing new features to allow our members to write blogs as they travel, upload photos and videos from their travels and edit them into a single video with music, to upload videos to create "how to" tutorials like best practices of polishing, how to shave rivets, etc. We are also working on a social network to connect 'Streamers across the country. That way you can keep in touch with everyone you meet right here at AIR!

Road Trip - Codybear

Days of sunny and clear blue skies coupled with calm, cool nights describe the weather at the Casini Ranch Rally, in California April 27-29. Members and guests who came a day earlier enjoyed a terrific Wine/Cheese Fest and mini potluck dinner on Thursday evening hosted by Doorgunner, complete with a wide sampling of wines, great hor d'oeuvres brought by members who chatted and gathered around the

campfire. On Friday, Bam-Camper, Kevbo10, Steve, Cody, and I took a short scenic drive to view the ocean at Bodega Head, Jenner and stopped for a fish and chips lunch at Bodega Bay at the Boat House Restaurant, then later in the evening joined with the group for a Happy Hour hosted by str8strms. We had musical entertainment by Guitarist Silverbear (and his Kazooers: Blu_Hwy_Lady, Cat, Con-

doluminum, and myself), and Violinist lumanati. Saturday morning, Steve, myoung, and I took a side trip to see Goat Rock, and to lunch at the Rivers' End Restaurant. Tours of the members' Airstreams preceded the Margi Ball Happy Hour, and the Grand Potluck of fabulous food. A special viewing of the movie "Cars". Rounded out the evening. Tremendous kudos to Big Dee and Kevbo10! Let's rally again soon.



Photo Shots - Codybear



Is There A Gaucho In Your Airstream? - Artstream

A Gaucho can refer to: [Gaucho](#) (Gaúcho in Portuguese, Cowboy in English), a word for a South American cattle herder. Depending on your gender & marital status this might be a welcome find, of course I would prefer a [Goucha](#) or Cowgirl, but I have found neither in my Airstream. I do keep looking though! [Gauchos](#) are a style of very flowing and loose fitting flared pants with an elastic waistband, commonly worn by young dancers, but also worn casually. I don't know about you, but I would be delighted to discover a young female dancer in my rig. Now while some old loose fitting garments were left behind by the previous owners, I think

they fell into the category of bloomers. The [UCSB Gauchos](#), name of sports teams of the [University of California, Santa Barbara](#). Clearly this would be pushing the GVW of my Excella. The mere mention on this forum, of finding a sports team squatting in an Airstream, would spark a passionate debate on axel replacement, frame stress, drum brakes vs disk, tire pressures, & Goodyear Marathons. Therefore, if I found a sports team in my Excella, I'd pm a Moderator first. Gaúcho, a person born in the Brazilian state of [Rio Grande do Sul Gaúcho](#), a Brazilian football player [Renato Gaúcho](#), [Ronaldinho Gaúcho](#). No Portuguese speaking natives

popped out of the under bed bins. No football players fumbled with the wheel chocks. Renato or Ronaldinho Gaucho were not found, but a VCR tape of "Nothing but trouble" starring Chevy Chase was discovered wedged between the empty space next to the water heater. Now despite my best efforts, I have not found a Gaucho in my Airstream. What I have found is a sofa that folds out into a bed, & after sleeping on it for one night I did wake up a little Gracho? *Definitions courtesy of Wikipedia. Michael is a full-time "Artist at Large" living, working and traveling 40,000 mi a year, out of his 1995 28 ft. Excella. www.Artzilla.net*



Great Recipe - Aria

Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients:

1/4 cup canola oil
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 egg
 3 cups old fashioned rolled oats
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/2 cup dried cranberries, cherries, blueberries, raisins (enough orange juice to cover fruit)
 1/2 cup unsweetened apple-sauce (or peel one apple, dice, and add about 2 Tablespoons. Of water. Microwave

about 5 minutes)
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 7/8 cup flour



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 Put dried fruit in a small bowl and add the orange juice and let it soak while getting the other ingredients. Use a mixer to beat the egg then add the brown sugar and beat. Then add oil and beat. Then add the other ingredients a little at a time and let beat very slowly...just enough to blend. Cover a Cookie sheet with parchment paper
 Drop by tablespoon. Bake 12 - 15 minutes
 Makes 24 to 27 cookies

Editor's Note

This month we feature a brand new updated look to the monthly newsletter. The name change to AIRForums.com and the newly de-

signed masthead and headers are part of the updates. I hope you continue to view the issues and to contribute your articles of experiences

and ideas with airstreaming to the new newsletter.

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