Important Dates

1934   Wally Byam conceived the name Airstream for his trailers

1936   The Clipper, the first "official" Airstream was built

1948   Wally Byam formed his own company, Airstream Trailers, Inc

1951   First Caravan organized. Destination - Central America

1955   WBCCI founded on August 3 at Kentville Nova Scotia. There were 80 charter members

1956   First European caravan and first caravan to Cuba

1958   The first International WBCCI rally was held Bull Shoals, AR. 300 attended.

1959   A caravan traveled 9,000 miles from Capetown to Cairo in Africa

1962   Wally Byam died. A foundation was created in his name for the purpose of hosting foreign groups on annual trailer tours of America

1978   All manufacturing and executive capabilities were centralized in the Jackson Center headquarters.

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A few favorite traditions of Airstreamers

Pot Luck Meals - A community meal held at rallies and other gatherings. Food is contributed by all participants. There are numerous variations on the pot luck including the "mustgo" meal held at the end of a rally. This provides an opportunity to get rid of leftovers before hitting the road.

Happy Hour - A social time at the end of the day before supper. This provides a chance for everyone to share the days experiences and adventures and discuss plans for the evening and the following day. Often includes light snacks.

Entertainment & Education - Rallies and other gatherings usually include some form of entertainment, usually provided by the rally participants. Skits, slide shows, crafts, games, sports, and all kinds of music related activities are some of the favorites. Aristreamers also like to learn about the areas they visit. Museum tours, site visits, and checking out local specialties are some examples.