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Chuck's Corner

Hello Minnesota Airstreamers,

I have a change of leadership to report. Terry and Steve Pfliegaar have sold their Airstream and purchased another brand of RV, which means that they are no longer members of the Airstream Club, and therefore, Terry has resigned as 1st VP. This currently leaves us with two open VP positions. I have given this much thought, and I will continue as President for another year. Brenda Schultz is willing to move into the 1st VP position, leaving us with the 2nd VP and 3rd VP positions open.

I am asking you to consider filling one of the open VP positions. The Charter of the WBAC and the MN Airstream Club specifies that we have a President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP to function as a club. The 3rd VP position is optional, but we have felt that it is a really good position to have as it provides an additional year for someone to become familiar with the club. The standing joke is that the 3rd VP only has to make coffee! But to be honest, I never made coffee as 3rd VP. Please consider filling a VP position and joining the list of volunteers in the left-hand banner of this page. The

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only other thing to add is that the club is run by volunteers, is a lot of fun, and there is always help available to organize and run rallies and meetings. It is not something you do by yourself.

There has been much news on the Covid-19 pandemic since my last newsletter post. I remain hopeful that the Governor will eventually allow camping to resume and that the Health Professionals set up whatever appropriate safety steps they deem necessary. My biggest concern is our ability to conduct a fall rally with elections for officers. There is still time ahead to watch and decide as to how best to handle the fall rally. Will let you know as soon as I can.

In the meantime, I think it would be a grand idea to host a virtual get together rally I will call ASZOOM using the zoom tool. I am currently working with Chris Olsson our webmaster to make this happen. Zoom is quite easy to use. You must have a camera and microphone, which is usually now a part of most laptops. All you need to join our virtual rally is to open the email that Chris will send out to you and click on the invite line. Zoom will automatically load you into the virtual rally. Who has the most interesting face mask, the longest hair, the biggest tall tale to tell? Joy and I would sure enjoy seeing and chatting with you. In addition to happy hour, we will have a very short meeting to discuss the International Constitutional amendments that are being voted on in June and authorize a representative from the MN Club to be present for the vote (held online). Information on the issues are in the May issue of the Blue Beret magazine. ASZOOM will take place Thursday 28 May at happy hour time (byob) 5:00 pm central time (also bring your own snack to virtually share 😊 - ed.). If interested, please send a quick "yes on ASZOOM" to doddmn@gmail.com. We look forward to the rally. Chris will send out an official registration email in a couple of days.

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As of writing of this note, the regional rally has been postponed until August 2021. You should have received an email about your registration and campground reservations if you had registered. Information can be found on the region 7 web site <https://region7.airstreamclub.net/>.

No other news to report. Stay home and stay safe. We will all get through this together.

See you down the road (soon I hope)

Chuck Dodd

President Minnesota Airstream Club

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2019 - 2020 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
ASZOOM	Zoom Online Meeting	May 28, 2020 5:00 PM	Chuck Dodd
Register by sending an email to Chuck or by replying to the email coming out in 2 days.			
Will hold a short online business meeting as well.			
Fall Installation Rally	Date and format TBD		Chuck Dodd
Region 7 Rally	Rippling River Resort	Aug 19-24, 2021	Jane Carmichael Region 7 President (she will be by then)
See Region 7 Website for details (https://region7.airstreamclub.net/)			

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Pictures from Harry & Sharon Ramler

Here are some pictures Sharon sent to me to include in the newsletter of their travels over the Winter.



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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Patty Voje #07227 - St. Paul, MN

Greg Hanson #14784 - Princeton, MN

Colleen & Greg Nelson #07346 - North Oaks, MN

Ruth & Mike Bash #07920 - Long Lake, MN

Susan Olive & Patricia Sheehan #07281 - North Oaks, MN

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members when you see them!

If you were wondering...

Got a question about the Wally Byam Airstream Club (aka, WBAC or WBCCI) or the MN Airstream Club? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to email them. Your question may be forwarded to and answered by another member on the MN Airstream Club.

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I am always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Any topic is welcome, and pictures are always great!

For example, what modifications have you made or had done to your Airstream? Something simple like installing an extra shelf, replacing furniture with something that works better for you, etc.

Please email me any articles or ideas you have.

If you have recipes to share, please email to me and I will include in upcoming newsletters. It does not need to be a food recipe.

Years ago, we were given a recipe booklet by Kay's mom. Her parents were at the 1983 International Rally in Duluth, and one of the things they brought home was this recipe booklet.

I'm going to include a recipe or two from the booklet in each newsletter until I've included them all.

WBCCI
26th Annual
International
Air Stream Rally



Duluth Arena Auditorium
June 29th and 30th, 1983
Compliments of Minnesota Power

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APPETIZERS AND SNACKS

Beef Jerky

1-1/2 lbs. top round steak 1-1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. garlic salt 1/4 tsp. pepper

MICROWAVE:

Select lean steak and trim all excess fat from steak. Partially freeze steak for easy slicing. Cut steak lengthwise with grain into 3/8-inch slices for chewy slices or cut across grain for more tender slices.

Combine garlic salt, salt and pepper; sprinkle over sliced meat. Arrange 4 to 6 slices at a time on microwave roasting rack in 12 x 8-inch baking dish. Microwave, (full power) covered with paper towel 2-1/2 to 3 minutes or until slices are browned and slightly dried, blotting moisture off surface with paper towel occasionally. Turn slices over. Microwave (full power) covered with paper towel 1 to 1-1/2 minutes or until meat has a dry appearance and bends without breaking. Allow to dry on paper towel until crisp-dry. Store in a cool, dry place.

CONVENTIONAL RANGE:

Place the strips on a wire rack in an oven at 225°F or higher. Leave the oven door partially open so that the moisture can escape and thus dry the product. When the product has been dried (approximately 65 percent moisture loss after 8 to 10 hours), remove from the oven and store in a cool, dry place.

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Newsletter Editor Ramblings

Over 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain so far...

Life has been interesting lately to say the least. We were hoping to go to Bear Head Lake State Park over Memorial Day weekend, but that's not happening now. We are hoping to go camping at William O'Brien State Park in June. Even made a reservation! At long as the State Parks open up to camping in June, we'll make it. Kay has been busy getting Little Girl (Airstream) ready for her first outing - cleaning, stocking, sanitizing the water system, etc. I installed the latches for the rear bumper cover, so the bumper repair is 100% complete now. The dent repair is still waiting for warmer weather. I want a nice warm sunny day, so the aluminum is warm.

On the plus side, the house and yard have gotten more attention this spring than the last several years put together. We broke down and cleaned the pond, and finally found all the places in the stream and waterfall where it was losing water. We planted the back third of the yard with bee friendly seed. Lots of clover and other low to the ground flowering plants as well as some grass seed. Will go with the sections of the back and side yard that already have a fair amount of clover. We replaced the siding on the second-floor gables. We had a new white scalloped picket fence installed in the front yard and up one side. In hindsight, we should have paid someone to replace the siding and done the fence installation ourselves... We have replacement siding for the first floor on order and hope to get it in a few weeks. We are replacing the old cedar siding on the front of the house. The sides and back were vinyl sided many years ago. We are trying to make the house as maintenance free as possible now a days, so the front will also be vinyl sided.

Since we don't have many Club things to talk about, I thought I'd start a series of articles about Little Girl and her refurbishment. She's a 1972 31ft Sovereign.

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She was in pretty rough shape when we bought her in Alabama and brought her home.



The door is taped shut and she was sporting a house-hold door knob (which put a nice dent in the side of her when the door was opened).



None of the electrical worked, so jury-rigged running and taillights were needed. Gorilla tape holds really well! Also hard to get off... We discovered carb cleaner works well to remove the residue.



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We built a temporary shelter for her and put her up on blocks in our back yard. She was up on the blocks for 4 years.

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A couple of interior pictures when we brought her home.

The front interior was pretty much gutted already.



The kitchen was gone already. But the kitchen sink had been saved, and we used it in the new kitchen.

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We gutted her the rest of the way.

Rear view.

Front View.

Nice, open floor plan! Very light and airy.



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But we didn't stop there. We removed the inner skins and all of the electrical and plumbing. Not to mention the mouse nests, food stashes, etc.



Here are all the inner skins ready to be coiled up and stored while we replace the plywood floor and make some frame repairs.

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We did find some interesting things while working on her. One was a snakeskin in the water heater, which is why we think we did not find any mice. Another one was a large paper wasp nest inside the door skins next to the doorknob. When we took the cover off the old roof A/C, we found several wasp nests on one side of the a/c and mud dauber nests on the other side. I guess that had a mutual understanding of staying on their own side... Fortunately, all of the nests were no longer active.

In the next installment, we will start putting her back together.

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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