

MARCH/APRIL 2020

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It's a new beginning for our

group...

It all starts here...the Ground Hog [other wise known as “the rodent”] has made a declaration that winter will end 6 weeks earlier this year and interesting enough it’s a leap year.

Our Unit’s administrative team has requested input on the new logo for identifying our group [see above]...have you submitted your thoughts to our leadership team members as to your thinking about the logo? And finally, calendar-wise, this time of year is the unofficial start of the planning for the **2020 camping season**. Hope you are as excited about the prospects as I am. This issue will identify some key opportunities for adventures and fun.

Also, consider the caravan scheduled during 2020, there might be opportunities available for “first-time” attendees.

Scheduled Unit Events for your Consideration:

1. **Amana Colonies Rally** - May 14 - 17, 2020

submitted by Ginny Janssen

The **rally fee** (\$55 per adult & \$43 per child under 12) includes:

- 2-hour Village Voyage Van tour (max. 14 people at 2 p.m. on Friday and max. 14 people at 2 p.m. on Saturday)
- Family style dinner at the Ronneburg Restaurant (formerly one of the communal kitchens)
- Coffee cake breakfast from the famous Hahn’s Bakery

Your camping fees are NOT included in the rally fee, so please make your reservations at the Amana RV Park & Event Center

3850 C Street, Amana, IA

(319) 622-7616

<https://amanarvpark.com>

30’x75’ full hook ups \$39

Water/Electric \$36

Highlights of the rally:

In 1855 German immigrants established the Amana Colonies, seven communal villages near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Although the Amana

Colonies are no longer communal, the history and much of the culture remain. Join us while we step back in time and experience the flavor of these charming communities.

On Friday and Saturday mornings we will observe craftsman at work and visit quaint shops. If this is not your thing you may venture out on your own, hike, bike, visit a brew pub, taste wine, or do whatever you choose.

Scheduling the van tour is complicated. There is one morning and one afternoon tour Monday -Saturday for up to 14 people. If you plan to arrive prior to 11 a.m. on Friday, May 15 chances are you will be on the Friday afternoon tour. This leaves the Saturday seats for those who arrive later. We must give final numbers for both tours by May 8 or pay for open seats. When you register please indicate if you will arrive in time for the Friday tour.

The Saturday *morning* tour goes to different places, includes lunch, and costs more we are not booking it.

A detailed description of the Amana Colonies Rally is on page 3 of the 2020 Events Schedule:

https://wisc-up.airstreamclub.net/files/2020/02/List200222_Single-Column.pdf

2. Group Gathering: St Patrick's Luncheon

Co-ordinator: Bree Moore-Lawrence and Charles Lawrence

3. Event: Easter Campout

April 10-12, 2020

Peninsula State Park, Tennison Bay Campground, Fish Creek, WI

Hosts: Ed and Sandy Emerick (#4425)

4. Dells Campout and Spring Business Meeting/Luncheon

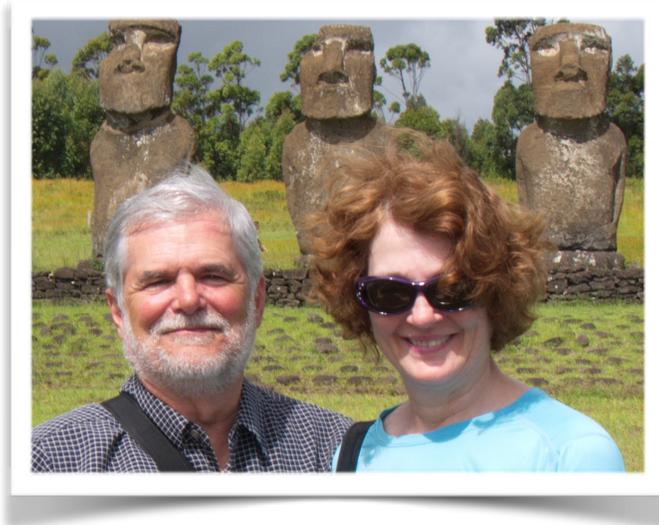
Wisconsin Dells KOA: Sites held until 4/25

Phone:608-254-4177; ask for reduced Airstream Rate of \$45

Lunch: Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Co.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Hosted: Bill Scheuerell and Ginny Janssen



And now a word from **Bill & Ginny...**

The Valentine's Day luncheon of February 15 at the Water Street Brewery in Grafton was attended by 20 members who braved the cold and wind. It was wonderful to reconnect with those who were able to attend. Jim Guthrie brought a steerable miniature Jeep and silver trailer that may be used to help demonstrate how to steer a backing trailer for the Zeltens' Drivers Class next summer in Escanaba.

This year the **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** will be hosted by Bree Moore-Lawrence and Chuck Lawrence on March 21 at the La Crosse Distilling Company, 129 Vine Street, La Crosse. **Please RSVP to Bree** and take advantage of this western Wisconsin location. The event is listed on the Club Facebook page.

Although most of the state is buried in about a foot of snow with more to come spring and the new season is not *that* far off. I am always encouraged by the ever-higher Sun's ability to melt snow even when the temperature is 10 degrees. As usual our first event will be the **Easter Campout at Peninsula State Park**. As usual Sandi and Ed Emerick will host this event and maintain the tradition of being the first outing for the group.

Club Logo

Voting on the **Wisc-UP Airstream Club Logo** ended February 27. As I write this on February 22 the tally is 24 "yes" votes and zero "no" votes. Our Constitution requires a quorum of 10% of our 74 members to conduct business. A quorum has been met and I am confident that I can report that our Club has overwhelmingly approved the logo. My thanks to Pattie Cook for creating the logo and to all who voted.

The next step will be to send the approved logo to Region 7 President Don Thompson and WBCCI Corporate Manager Lori Plummer for their approval.

Region 7 Treasurer Gail Harrower contacted me with the opinion that having our club number 116 in red will not be accepted because it could be construed as a member's Big Red Number. The logo may need to be revised before it is approved. More to come on this.

September Road America VSCDA Campout

Road America has changed camping management since I last attended this event 2015. Then camping was inside "The Carrousel" without assigned sites. Now it is along "Hurry Downs" with assigned sites. John Cooper and I have both purchased tickets so the event is definitely on and I welcome others. Road America is a beautiful track and for the VSCDA weekend the pits are open to everyone. Depending on how many of us decide to attend I will find a place for us to meet and caravan in to get adjacent sites.

I have revised the 2020 events schedule to include current information for the Amana Colonies Rally, Loveland Caravan, Kids Kids Kids, and Road America. It is posted on our Web site. <https://wisc-up.airstreamclub.net/files/2020/03/List200228.pdf>

See you down the road.

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