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PAM TAUBE



We are sorry to report that Pam Mae Taube, 74, of Allerton, IA, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2020. She is survived by her husband Arden as well as her daughter, granddaughter and sister. Pam

loved to travel in their Airstream trailer and she and Arden are members of the Iowa Airstream Club. They made the trip of a lifetime, going on safari to Tanzania, East Africa, for two weeks in 2018. They also rafted down the Grand Canyon and the Salmon River. When asked if Pam enjoyed baking or cooking, Arden jokingly stated, "Well, she loved Schwan's and her microwave!" Pam will be missed by those of the Iowa Club who knew her.



2020 VISION

Greetings to fellow shut-ins! I hope you are keeping busy and not too bored during this troubled time we are experiencing. We send condolences to Arden Taube and the family, who lost Pam to the current viral pandemic.

With so much time at home, the Heckman home place is receiving some overdue attention. We have taken down some old trees, trimmed a lot of limbs from others and several dead trees will go to a grandson for his wood stove. I rebuilt our flagpole last week and we are having to mow the lawn more often due to the plentiful rain and warmer weather this year

Our trailer had an unfortunate experience last winter. One of the batteries exploded and destroyed it's plastic container box. I had left the camper plugged in and the converter running to keep the batteries charged. Now I have a new box, two new batteries and a new converter. By August we will be ready to go camping again.

We still have the lodge at Wilder Park in Allison reserved for the second weekend in October and hope to have the rally there, including installation of 2021 officers. This rally will probably be non-traditional, with few planned events and meals on-your-own. We hope to be able to visit with each other and enjoy a chance to be in our Airstreams and around campfires with our friends again.

John

WAY TOO MANY CANCELLATIONS

Ryan Anniversary Celebration It is with a great deal of regret that the children of Paul and June Ryan (with Paul and June's blessing, of course) have decided to cancel the planned open house celebration of their parents 65th wedding anniversary. It was scheduled for Saturday, August 8th in the building at Waubonsie Park Campground in Cantril, IA, where Paul and June are serving as campground hosts this summer. Anyone wanting to send the couple a congratulatory card can mail it to them at the following address: PO Box 232, Birmingham IA 52535. Lets swamp them with cards!

MYSTERY CARAVAN Tom and Shirley Herron have decided to cancel the Mystery Caravan scheduled for September; another casualty due to Covid-19. Although there wouldn't have been problems during the daily travel periods, the evening meals and gatherings would have placed attendees in possible danger of contacting the virus. It is also possible that some of the places that the group might have visited would be closed to the public. At this time, Tom says the Mystery Caravan will be on the schedule for 2021, so hang in there.

PUPS LINCHEON Another Covid-19 casualty is the annual PUPS (Past Unit Presidents) luncheon. It is normally held in August and is hosted by the 2nd Past President. Due to the "bug", Mike Donahue (after contacting several Past Presidents) decided to forgo the 2020 gathering.

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HEALTH REPORT

It is reported by Nancy Helle that Deb Blaha is undergoing some medical problems. It seems that an MRI that was taken did not cover the area her doctor wanted covered, so Deb had to undergo a second scan. Deb, we all hope your problems are discovered, are treated and you will be able to join us whenever we can get together again.

A check with Sue Storjohann resulted in good news concerning Don. His heart is doing fine and that is a big relief. However, about a week or two ago, he suffered a TIA. It left his left side a little weak, so he is undergoing physical therapy to regain strength. Sue said one of his problems is the golden lab dog they have. It seems that when Don lies down on the floor to do some of his exercises, the dog thinks it is time to lick Don's face. Kind of tough exercising while being kissed by a dog. Hang in there, Don. We can think of worse things to be kissed by.

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BIRTHDAYS JULY

1 - Lavonne Sandersfeld
6 - Joan Lafrentz
10 - Lynette Rasussen
10 - Tom Herron
11 - Bruce Van Wyk
19 - Larry Dellamuth
19 - Eli Vaughn
23 - Kathy Allen

24 - Susan Genz
28 - Kurt Rasmussen

ANNIVERSARIES JULY None

(CANCELLATIONS Continued from page 1)

Hopefully, by this time next year, the threat of contracting the virus will be considerably lessened and Tom Herron will be able to resume the event. It has always been an enjoyable time, when the past presidents (and their spouses) renew acquaintances and re-live some of the events that took place during their times in office. Just a note in passing: you can only get to be a member of this group by taking your turn as President of the Iowa Club. Keep that in mind when asked to serve the club in the future. It's really not that hard!

INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2021 WILL BE HERE SOON

It is not too soon to be thinking about the 2021 International Rally to be held (we hope) in Lebanon, TN, east of Nashville. The rally is scheduled to run from July 17 - 24 next summer. **Registration will open on August 5, 2020.** The rally will be held at the Wilson County Expo Center. Lebanon is just 23 miles east, via I-40, from Nashville, the home of country music. Since Covid-19 caused the 2020 International Rally (scheduled for Loveland, CO) to be canceled and since the rally will be held closer to states with big club memberships, there is likely to be a larger than usual turnout for next year's rally. Consequently, it would be wise to get registered as quickly as possible to assure you have a space. There will be a registration form in the August Blue Beret. On August 5, you can also go to the club website at air-streamclub.org/lebanon and print out the registration form on that site. Either way, get your registration in as soon as possible. We have no idea how many units the facility will accommodate (Loveland was limited), so the sooner you get registered the better. At this point in time, it is likely that Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka will volunteer to organize and lead a caravan of Iowa members (if there is interest) as they did for the Doswell, VA rally in 2019. A check on their mapping program indicated that it was only about 593 miles from the normal rendezvous site at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, to Lebanon. That would be two moderate days travel or three easy days, with the entire distance being on interstate highways.

BETTY SULLIVAN

A great many of the Iowa Club members will remember Betty Sullivan who, in 2007-2009, served as our Region 8 President and was an affiliate member of the Iowa Club for several years. Since the last Iowa newsletter, Betty has passed away. Region 8 and the Airstream Club lost a valued and true member with her passing. Leonard's passing in July, 2019 preceded Betty's death.

WELCOME TO ALL YOU NEW MEMBERS; FRIENDS WE HAVEN'T MET IN PERSON YET

Members of the Iowa Club of WBCCI want to welcome the new members to our group. It is extremely unfortunate that this Covid-19 virus has caused our rallies to be cancelled. There have been several recent additions to our group and the "old" members were looking forward to meeting and welcoming those who have recently joined our club. Please hang in there and plan to join us whenever we are able to safely get together again. We are sure you will find our rallies lots of fun and many friendships will develop. There are Iowa Club members with WBCCI memberships ranging from a few months to over 50 years.

MESSAGE TO AIRSTREAM MEMBERS

This darn Covid-19 has really put a stop to normal summer camping activities and we have hated to see such nice weather go to waste. Most of you have, hopefully, found things to do to take up all the spare time you have. Maybe a few of you have even ventured out with your Airstream. Regardless, drop your newsletter team a note and let us know what you have been doing. We will be glad to get that information into the next newsletter. If we can't get together in person to exchange what we have been doing, at least we can do it via the newsletters. If you have a picture, or two, send them along. We'd be very glad to hear from you

Chuck and Doris Jean

CABALKA'S TRAILER TROUBLE

Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka experienced a rather exasperating problem this spring. After arriving back at their mobile home in Apache Junction in February, following a trip to Lake Havasu City to view the annual fireworks display, it was found that the black water dump valve had failed, when a large gush of smelly, brown liquid poured out when the cap was removed in preparation to connect the sewer hose. A call to Airstream of Scottsdale resulted in an appointment in late April to correct the problem. There was also a problem with the rear ceiling fan that was included on the repair list. After three weeks, Chuck and Doris Jean got a call that the work was finally completed and the trailer was ready to be picked up. When they did, they found that the bill contained charges for work that was not on the list (such as re-plumbing the shower) and the charge was more than \$400 higher than had been estimated. And, the problem with the fan was not corrected. Not much one could do but pay the bill.

On the first day leaving Apache Junction to head back to Iowa, that night's stop was at an RV park just west of Albuquerque, NM. The temperature had been in the 90's that day, so it was time to turn on the AC once the trailer was parked. Nothing happened. The first thought was that a

breaker had failed. It was quickly discovered that was not the problem. That seemed strange since the AC had worked fine last fall. So, they made the rest of the trip back to Iowa, including a stop for 10 days in the Denver area with temperatures still in the 90's and without air conditioning. Upon arriving back in Newton, Scott Jensen was contacted and the trailer wound up at his residence-business in rural Adel. Upon checking, Scott found the problem rather quickly. The air conditioner consists of inner and outer units. The two are connected by an electric cable with plugs. Scott found that the wires had been unplugged and the wire from the upper unit had been pushed up into the upper unit. When asked if the wires could have vibrated loose, unplugged and came to rest there, Scott said the only way that could have happened was to have turned the trailer upside down and that certainly did not happen. When Scott plugged the disconnected wires together, the AC worked just fine. Since Airstream of Scottsdale had claimed to have done work in excess of what had been ordered, since the final bill was several hundred dollars higher than had been estimated and since the wires had been disconnected (with the wires being pushed out of place), we will leave it up to each of you to draw your own conclusions. Needless to say, the trailer will never go back to Airstream of Scottsdale.

The church steeple in Port Gibson is very high and was being painted on a rather hot day. The painter was about halfway down and, as the steeple was widening out, was taking more paint.

The painter felt that he might not have enough paint to finish. Since he was hot and tired, and did not care to make another trip to the ground, he decided to stretch the amount of paint by adding some paint thinner to it.

When finished, he lowered himself to the ground and went about cleaning up. Then he looked up to see the results of his work and noted that the area with the thinned paint looked decidedly different.

He was pondering what to do about it when the sky turned dark and there was a lightning flash and loud thunderclap. Then in a loud, booming voice from the sky came the words:

"REPAINT AND 'THIN' NO MORE"