



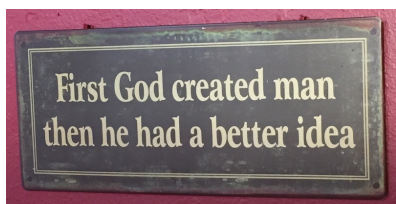
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Seen in a Restaurant

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

2020 VISION



Here we are: The end of summer and the camper is still parked at home. We have our masks for trips for groceries and a few other places, trying to minimize risks to us and our families. I got a notice in the mail recently to report for jury duty on September 10. This may be an interesting Fall.

We were fortunate with the windstorm that did so much damage around central Iowa. We lost phone and internet service for 2 days, but had no strong winds. Some of our family had their farm buildings and crops destroyed.

With email and telephones to communicate, the Club Board of Directors has decided not to charge dues for 2021 Iowa Club membership. We still must pay the \$75 International dues, so send those to Deb Ford, our Treasurer.

We still have the lodge at Wilder Park in Allison reserved for the second weekend in October and plan to have the rally there, including the installation of our 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 around campfires and enjoy a chance to be in our Airstreams and with our friends again. We have tentative arrangements for a tour of a modern computer-operated dairy available for those interested. The park has hiking/bicycling trails and a small lake, stocked with fish. Our (Butler) County has a few smaller towns of around 2,000 population each, and no major highways, so we do not have a stop light in the entire county.

If you plan to camp with us, please make your own reservations for the campground with the Allison City Clerk, 319-267-2255. The daily rate is \$22.00 for full hookups. Please contact me so we will know who to expect and how many to plan on for the rally. We plan to have a "bring-your-own-sandwich-and-beverage" supper on Thursday evening.

Highway 3 has a bridge out just east of Dumont, or west of Allison, and the detour will take you north through Dumont and east to Highway 14, then back south on Highway 14 to Highway 3. Wilder Park is on Highway 3 at the SE corner of Allison.

Hope we can have the rally and that we will see many of you there.

John

Ed. Note: The hiking/biking trail just north of the campground is an abandoned railbed that has been paved, so hiking or biking would be on a gentle grade with no hills or valleys.

IOWA CLUB DUES REDUCED

Amid all the 2020 bad news, the Iowa Club Executive Board has some good news for Iowa Club members. Since, due to the COVID-19 pandemic there have been no rallies or other club activities this year, there have been no appreciable expenses. Our club treasury has sufficient funds, so **the Board decided to forego the \$10.00 club dues for the 2020-21 year.** Unfortunately the **International Board decided to raise International dues by \$10.00.** Conse-

quently, the total dues for the upcoming year will remain the same as each of us paid last year, namely \$75.00. Life members owe nothing. In order to keep our Treasurer, Deb Ford, from having to bill and remind each of us, please help her out by sending your check, in the amount of \$75.00 (payable to Iowa Club, WBCCI) to her at 105 Rustic Lake Dr., Colona, IL 61241. She will then combine all the checks into one and forward the names and money to Jackson Center. PLEASE help her out and get those checks into the mail promptly. She'll thank you.

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BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST (Belated)

3 - Sue Storjohann
12 - Marijane Bamberry
12 - Pam Walker
14 - Kenneth Platt
15 - Deb Blaha
17 - Wanda Paine
22 - Marilyn Mulbrook
26 - Carolyn Haller
27 - Cindy Ulveling

SEPTEMBER B-DAYS

7 - Ed Pauley
9 - Scott Jensen

11 - June Ryan
20 - John Heckman
27 - Deb Ford
30 - Charlene Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST (Belated)

18 - Ed & Eileen Pauley
19 - Tom & Donna Koskamp

SEPTEMBER ANNIV.

2 - Larry & Pat Dellamuth
5 - Norm & Linda Beu
7 - Gary & Sharon Urich
8 - Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka
24 - Gene & Carolyn Haller

HEALTH REPORT

Deb Blaha underwent gall bladder surgery on Wednesday, September 2nd. She has been having several health problems this year and it is hoped that the surgery may ease some of those problems, as well as correct the gall bladder problem. Her recovery is doing well, although she is still sore, as can be expected. Keep improving Deb; we are all pulling for you.

Doris Jean Cabalka is scheduled for several visits to doctors in the near future. Surgery to remove a squamous cell carcinoma spot in front of her right ear is scheduled for September 11th, while cataract surgery on her left eye is scheduled for September 10th and on her right eye on October 1st. Her vision should be greatly improved once that surgery is finished.

Don Storjohann is still undergoing therapy following the TIA he suffered in late June, but is doing well. In talking to him, he sounds like the old Don, but is suffering a little weakness on one side. He's hoping the therapy will take care of that.

NORM BEU'S FAMILIAR TALE

The following article was received from Norm Beu on August 25.

Arrived at the Grundy Lake Campground this morning. Route 20 just west of Dike. Five RVs here. Fairly new campground. Some day the oak trees will provide shade. Only \$15 per night. Our first camping in a year. Learning a lot. Scott (Jensen) fixed our electric stabilizer jacks. What an improvement. No water to the toilet. Don't know why. Passenger door window in truck won't go up. Don't know why. As humid as it is, and still 91 degrees, we should be getting water from the AC drain tube. No. Water is dripping beneath the refrigerator. Don't know why. Have an appointment at Payne's RV in Waterloo in two weeks. They did some AC work for me last September. With Covid, this is the first use of the AC since that work was done. Oh, well. Like I said, we're learning a lot. And having a good time.

Ed. Note: Norm, welcome to RVers most oft-spoken words. "Don't know why."

INSTALLATION AT ALLISON

At the latest check, the October Installation Rally in Allison, IA is still a GO. However, there are still several weeks before the second weekend in October arrives, so changes may still occur. Keep your fingers crossed that we will have at least one rally in 2020. We plan to get more information out to everyone in the next newsletter.

BETTY SULLIVAN: OKAY!!!!

Through erroneous information received prior to the last newsletter, Iowa WBCCI Club members were informed that Betty Sullivan (Past Region 8 President and past Iowa Club affiliate member) had passed away. THAT IS NOT TRUE!! At last word, Betty is still alive and kicking. Two retractions were sent out via internet and, hopefully, this newsletter article will put the problem to rest. BETTY IS ALIVE!!! GO BETTY!!

ANNA RICHTER

We are welcoming a new member to our Iowa Airstream Club. She is Anna Richter of Des Moines who recently purchased a 2021 - 16 ft. Bambi Airstream trailer. Any Iowa Club members in the Des Moines area may contact her to welcome her into our Airstream family by getting in touch with your newsletter team. They have her phone number and address. Anna, congratulations on your purchase of an Airstream trailer. We sincerely hope, once COVID-19 calms down, that you will be able to attend our rallies and winter luncheons. Several new 2020 members have not been able to attend our "non-existent" rallies this year. Hopefully that will change and things to get back to normal in 2021.

ONE WAY TO ESCAPE A DERECHO

Your newsletter team recently made a “car trip” to Denver, CO to visit their children, grandchildren and great grandsons. Leaving on Friday, August 7th, they were in Denver on Monday, the 10th, when the big wind blew through central Iowa. Based on reports, they were quite glad they weren’t home when Mother Nature displayed her “wind power”. The trip was occasioned by the purchase, made by their son and his wife, of a home about 20 miles up into the mountains. The home is surrounded by pine forests, with plentiful wildlife. One morning, looking out the



ground floor bedroom window, they spied a buck deer about 20 feet away. Nearly every morning there were one to three deer in the backyard and one morning, they counted five velvet-antlered bucks in the backyard. Several fox and a black bear were spotted by the driveway and once, before Chuck and Doris Jean visited,

their son and daughter-in-law heard a mountain lion “screaming” during the night. There are also elk in the area, so it appears the “kids” have a built-in zoo. It will be interesting to see what happens once the fall rut commences.

While in the Denver area, it was impossible to see any mountains, due to the forest fires burning in Colorado and California. The winds were such that the California smoke was blown into Colorado to join the smoky Colorado fires and everything was in a constant haze. It wasn’t until they had driven about 75 miles east on the way back to Iowa before blue skies were visible. Interstate 70 was even closed east of Glenwood Springs for a couple of weeks. It takes a severe problem to close an interstate highway, but it happened!



STORM REPORT

Whoa, Betsy!!! Prior to Monday, August 10th, how many of you were familiar with the word “derecho”? By now, a lot of you, from Ames to the Mississippi River, are probably very familiar with the word. That was quite a storm that passed through Iowa on that day! If you lived north of Hwy. 20 or south of I-80, you were lucky and maybe just experienced a gentle breeze. However, a goodly number of our Iowa Club members live within that band and they experienced a (hopefully) once-in-a-lifetime wind storm. A check with some of our members revealed that varying amounts of damage were incurred when straight-line winds of 80 to 140 mph blew for upwards of an hour. Some of those who were contacted provided the following information.

Chuck and Nancy Helle, from Vinton, were on the northern edge of the storm and didn’t suffer much damage, at all. They were without power for just 4 or 5 hours. However, when they drove to Cedar Rapids to see their son a few days after the storm, Nancy reported seeing extensive damage, including many high-voltage power transmission poles blown down, trees uprooted and farm storage buildings collapsed on top of stored machinery

Marilyn Mulbrook, when called, indicated that she (on her farm outside Marion) suffered damage. Her garage was damaged, although the house didn’t suffer much. She totally lost one metal grain storage bin and had another one damaged. Roofs on outbuildings were damaged, a door on a machine shed was torn off and a machine shed collapsed on some equipment. Although she was without power for 9 days, fortunately she had a generator and was able to

use it for lights and to keep her refrigerator and freezer going. Unfortunately the generator wasn’t powerful enough to handle her air conditioner. With 90+ temperatures, Marilyn said she may correct that in the future. She was prepared to handle winter storm-caused outages, but wasn’t prepared to handle a power outage during hot summer temperatures.

When **Don and Sue Storjohann**, living south of Gladbrook, where called, they indicated that they didn’t suffer much damage to any buildings, but the windbreak grove of trees on the west of their building area really took a beating, just like it was supposed to. Don did report that one large limb broke off a tree but hung onto the tree with the outer end of the limb laying on a shed roof. He said he was thankful that the limb bridged like it did, since it was directly over their Airstream. Otherwise, the big limb would have dropped directly on the trailer. With his tractor and a log chain, he got the limb removed, so the trailer is now safe. Neighbors up the road were not as lucky, as they had a big barn collapse and other buildings damaged.

Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka had numerous tree limbs blown down into their backyard, with one or two branches lodged on the house roof and several others hung up in the trees. Fortu-



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nately the huge pile of branches fell in a "wind row" between the house and the metal storage shed, a tree and the satellite dish along the back lot line. By the time they got home from Denver, the fellow who mows the yard and removes the snow in the winter had everything cleaned up and the city had loaded and hauled all the debris away. The yard had even been raked to remove the "million" walnuts that had been blown off the trees. Everything looked great when the couple arrived home on Wednesday, the 26th, except the walnut trees along the west lot line looked like they had taken a real beating.

SPECIAL TO THE IOWA NEWSLETTER

The following is the very personal story of the derecho submitted by **Donella Watkinson**, 5009 Midway Dr., NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa at 12:56 PM Mon 8/31/2020

On Monday, August 10, 2020, the weather forecasters were predicting rain and heavy winds to come. As it moved across Iowa they kept warning us it was coming.

I had just finished lunch and had poured a cup of tea and a piece of cake to enjoy. All of a sudden the electricity went out. The sump pump in the basement started beeping so I grabbed a flashlight and went to shut it off. By the time I got downstairs and had the switch off, the Derecho hit. I was going to go back upstairs but I looked out the door and could not see anything but rain so decided I should go back downstairs. It was so noisy with things hitting the roof and house I was sure the roof was gone.

I stayed in the basement until it sounded like the storm was over. I think it lasted almost an hour. When I went

upstairs and looked out the roof was still on and I could not see any damage in the house.

Looking outside, there were trees, branches and leaves all over the place. Up the street a couple of houses a tree

was completely out of the ground and blocking the whole street. It knocked the tree across the street into the house and totally damaged that end of the house.

People started getting out with their chain saws, anything they had and moving the trees and branches to the curb of each street. It was amazing how fast they started working with each other.



With all the shingles laying around I figured I would have to at least re-shingle. My trailer looked like it was alright despite the tree branches all around it. The power lines were down, laying on my garage. I could plug my dial phone in and then had phone service. Of course, I could not push buttons to get to various choices of service. The cell towers were down, too. I did find a hole in the roof of my garage.

They say that over 23,000 city-owned trees were demolished plus the trees at all the homes in the city were demolished or at least had some damage.

Workers came from all over America and Canada to help the electric companies, do debris pickup, and other work. They came from working out East on storm damage. There were 3,400 power poles down that had to be replaced, plus lines on all poles still standing were down.

People came to help locate places to stay for those whose homes or apartments were destroyed. They brought food aid of all kinds. They are still giving food distribution for all who lost their food and those needing meals. It is amazing.

On Tuesday, the lady who cleans my house came and moved all the tree limbs around my trailer. We found that the rear left upper panel on my trailer is badly dented in. The vent and fan for the bathroom were damaged and blown away. We had a sizable pile of tree branches at the curb. Of course, everyone else did too.



My granddaughter and her boyfriend came over. He put a tarp over the hole in my garage roof and also one over the vent in the trailer. He checked the roof on the house and it appeared to be just fine.

I was without electricity for 13 days. At first people were driving up to 100 miles a day to get ice but after that people started to get generators. Many people lost most of the food in their freezers and refrigerators. After a few days I got my generator and was able to freeze ice in milk bottles and use it in the freezer of my refrigerator as an ice chest. I changed ice in the refrigerator and freezer each day. That way I didn't have to walk around an ice chest. About everyone in the neighborhood had generators running making it very noisy sleeping with windows open because of the heat. After people got electricity and could use their air conditioners it was much quieter.

Truck-loads of tree branches were going every day, clearing the streets enough to at least be able to drive through them. It has taken at least 3 weeks for trucks to get all around town to clear every street enough for at least one-way traffic.

It looks like a war zone, but we survived, although it will take years to half-way recover from the damage.

