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LIVING THRU THE DERECHO

For those who didn't see enough news about the Derecho (the BIG, BIG wind-storm) on August 10th, there is a website that shows what two storm chasers went through while driving west of Cedar Rapids toward the storm, then turning around and heading back east. That website is "Chasing and Surviving the Iowa Derecho - Aug. 10, 2020". It is on Youtube.com. We just looked on the Internet and found that video. It is followed by a hand-held video shot by a homeowner through a window that becomes covered with rain as the storm intensifies. It looks like there are other videos in that "chain."



2020 VISION

The October rally is slowly becoming real--no longer just a hope, but an anticipation of pulling our silver week-end homes to a park among our friends and part-time neighbors. We already have 9 campers with reservations and are hoping for a few more.

The schedule is open to change during the rally as weather and other events require, but we are looking forward to having a good time again. Please consider

hosting a rally and/or a luncheon when our world returns to conditions to allow these events again.

John

OLD & NEW MEMBERS: AN INVITATION TO OCTOBER RALLY

To those new Iowa Club members, it is hoped that many, if not all of you, who have joined our club in the past 12 months, will be able to attend the October rally at Wilder Park in Allison, IA. Due to the virus, this rally will be our only 2020 rally. The "old" members would love to make your acquaintances and get to know you. This has been an extremely difficult year for all of us and probably more so for our "new" members. With rally activities and meals planned to take the virus into account, and mask wearing and social distancing being the rule, it should be possible to get together without much exposure to the "bug". For those who have never been to Wilder Park, it is a beautiful 78-acre city park at the SE corner of Allison. The park is located on the north side of Iowa Hwy. #3, about 0.3 mile east of the east intersection of Hwys 14 and 3 at the south edge of town. The campground has both water and electric and full service hookups – hurray! Let's hope for good weather and a good turnout. If you haven't made reservations yet, you can do so by phoning the office of the Allison City Clerk at 319-267-2245. Hope to see a lot of "new" and "old" members there.

For early arrivals, Hosts John and Carol Heckman plan to arrive at the park on Wednesday afternoon, October 8th. If you register and pay for three nights of camping and want to spend an extra night, ask the person in the Clerk's Office about a fourth night "free". If you decide not to bring your Airstream, there may still be rooms in the Lodge, where some of our activities will be held. You would need to check with the City Clerk's Office on the availability and cost. Sites 29 thru 40 are full-service, pull-through sites, while Sites 41 thru 52 are in the same area but do not have sewer hookups. John and Carol are in Site 39.

If you plan to attend the rally, John and Carol would like to have you contact them by October 7th, so they know how many to plan for. John can be reached by phoning 319-240-4880, Carol by 319-429-8716 and at home by calling 319-885-4413. Please help them out.

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BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

1 - Louise Mercer
3 - Kay Vaughn
14 - Dale Lafrentz
19 - Gary Urich
21 - Hobart Darbyshire
24 - Sandie Kiple

ANNIVERSARIES OCTOBER

13 - Scott & Kathy Allen
18 - Mark & Karen Kvidera

HEALTH REPORT

The following message was received from Lorraine Axtell. Lorraine was our First Lady during the 1991-92 club year.

"I fell in my back yard on June 11th and was taken to the hospital with a broken wrist, elbow and right shoulder. I spent one month in Northcrest, then one month living with my daughter and her husband. Now, I HAVE my home in Waterloo getting ready to sell. I am settled in a very nice apartment at Mallard Point in Cedar Falls. I moved in yesterday, July 31st. My new address is 2603 Orchard Drive, Unit 235, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613. I am taking physical therapy two days a week and am starting to get some movement in my right hand."

Ed. Note: It is still not too late to send a card to Lorraine. She'd probably appreciate them.

NEW OFFICERS

Recording Secretary Shirley Herron reports that the votes for the election for the 2020-21 Iowa Airstream Club officers were unanimously, "YES" for the entire slate presented to members for their consideration and vote. Any surprise? Those officers will be installed at the October rally in Allison in October. It is hoped that all those nominated and elected will be able to make the rally to be officially installed.

DEB FORD WILL BE LOOKING FOR DUES TO FILL HER MAILBOX SOON

As was pointed out in the last newsletter, this is the time of the year when dues are to be collected. The Iowa Club Executive Board decided to forego collecting any dues for the Iowa Club this year (with no rallies, there were very minimal expenses), so the only dues will be those for International. With a \$10.00 increase adopted by the International Board, those dues are now \$75.00, except for Life Members, who owe no dues this year. However, Iowa Life Members need to contact Deb to make sure she gets you on the list to send to Jackson Center. Treasurer Deb Ford would greatly appreciate it if you would get your checks to her as soon as possible. **You can mail them to her at 105 Rustic Lake Dr., Colona, IL 61241.** Please take pity on Deb and get those checks in the mail right away.

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR 2021 INT'L

It is not too early to get registered for the 2021 International Rally scheduled for July 17-24, 2021 in Lebanon, TN. By that time, vaccines should be available to reduce the likelihood of contracting Covid-19, so that should not be a problem. WBCCI has never had an International Rally in this area, so it should be a wonderful place to see and explore. The recent September issue of the Blue Beret had a registration form on page 43, or you can go on line and register there. To register on-line, simply go to **2021 WBCCI International Rally** and click on **Lebanon 2021 International Rally**. The registration form and instructions are there. Again, it is not too early to get registered. Should the rally be cancelled, as was the case with the

2020 rally in Loveland, CO, your rally fees will undoubtedly be refunded. A call to Headquarters on Friday, September 25, revealed that there were already 425 registrations for the rally. All sites will have 30-amp electricity (air conditioners can be run) and water, with holding tanks pumped on a schedule, as has been the case in the past years. Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka have already registered and, at this time, anticipate leading a caravan to Lebanon, if there is interest. The distance from our usual rendezvous site at Westlake County Park in Davenport, IA to Lebanon is about 583 miles. That's two moderate days, or three very easy days, of travel with most of it via Interstate highways. Keep it in mind. More will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

WINTER & WINTERIZATION COMING

Winter will soon be on us again (darn it) and many Iowa Airstream Club members will need to prepare their rigs for the cold weather. For those retired (such as your newsletter team), the best way to winterize the rig is to take it south to Florida, Texas, Arizona, etc. However, many Iowa Club members either can't do that (they are still working, (bless their hearts) or they don't want to go south. In either case, one of the most popular ways to protect the rig's waterlines is to use the pink RV antifreeze.

Tom and Shirley Herron utilized the latter method of winterization until recently. A couple of years ago, Tom purchased a container of the pink stuff and left it in the cab of his pickup. The temperature was forecast to drop and the wind chill was to get down to 50-60 degrees below zero.

When he went to get the antifreeze, with the temperature not even down to minus 20 degrees, he found the stuff frozen solid. His son had some of the same stuff in a jug in his garage and it had turned slushy. Either they got antifreeze from a poor batch or it may not be all it is cracked up to be. Needless to say, Tom now uses compressed air to blow out the trailer waterlines.

This article is not intended to trash use of the pink RV antifreeze, but simply to call Iowa Club members attention to a possible wintertime problem. If you opt to use the antifreeze protection, it might be a good idea to go into the trailer following a severe cold night and crack the cold water faucet just enough to make sure the water-antifreeze solution is still liquid. No fun to find water running out on the floor next spring when you are getting ready to go camping.

STORM REPORT

These are a few more of Marilyn Mulbrook's "missed" pictures of the results of the derecho that passed through central and eastern Iowa on August 10th. Marilyn, we are sorry they weren't included in the last newsletter. Better late than never. Right?

"As my renter says if he even has a crop, he won't know where to put it. He lost his whole, new state of the art, grain set up. The crops in my area were damaged at the worst time. They are starting to disk them under. Not many farmers today even have a plow.

The worse thing is my other buildings. And every business is very very busy. Morton buildings company lost their own roof." *Marilyn*



Inside every older person is a younger person wondering "What the Hell happened?"

Sign in the Doctor's Office

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RALLY SCHEDULE

INSTALLATION RALLY

**Wilder Park, Allison, Iowa
October 9-11, 2020**

The following is the tentative schedule for the rally. Bear in mind that changes may be necessitated due to events.

Thursday, October 8:

6:00 PM: Bring your own sandwich and beverage and join the group at the campfire

Friday, October 9:

7:30 AM: Breakfast at the Lodge. A “serve yourself meal”. There will be coffee, tea, cocoa, muffins, cereal, juice and fruit. Bring your own dishes and utensils;

Noon: Lunch is on-your-own. The day is set aside to explore the area on your own, with restaurants in Allison, Clarksville, Shell Rock, Waverly and Charles City. The Amish stores, about 50 miles east and south (NW of Independence), will be open for the sale of bulk foods, home-baked goodies, discounted groceries, etc. The Little Brown Church of musical fame is located NE of Nashua, about 33 miles north and east of the campground.

Supper: Fish Fry Supper at the Riverside Café in Shell Rock. Entrees are walleye, salad and potatoes of your choice. Cost is \$10.00 each. Departure time will be announced..

Following supper, there will be visiting around another campfire, weather permitting.

Saturday, October 10:

8:00 AM The same breakfast as Friday is scheduled. However, that may be changed, so keep your ears open.

9:30 AM: Line up to head for a tour of Bolin’s Automated Dairy and Bed and Breakfast east of Clarksville.

Noon:Lunch is again on-your-own.

Supper: Weiners, buns, condiments and chips. Bring your own dishes, utensils and beverage. The time will be announced at one of the gatherings.

Installation of our new officers will be after the supper, with dessert to follow the installation.

Sunday, October 11:

Rolls and beverages, with time and location to be determined.

For those leaving on Sunday, have a safe trip home. For those staying over another night, there will be visiting and another possible campfire.

Sign Seen in the Newton Lumber Yard

