



November 2020

Spring Rally

Are you ready for the 2021 Region 8 Rally in the Amana Colonies, Amana, IA? Mark your calendars for **April 28 to May 2, 2021**. There are seven Amana Colonies and with the schedule thus far, it appears you will be busy but have time to enjoy the Colonies on your own. There will be three evening meals and three breakfasts provided. Lunches will be on your own. We are trying to line up tours but due to the pandemic, businesses are not able to schedule large group tours at this time. Activities include: Airstream Olympics, Ticket Hunt, Dutch Oven cooking demonstration by the Mountain Man, a First Timer seminar, maintenance discussion, and the Maifest Celebration in Amana. There is a smart phone app for the Amana Colonies that Jodi Jensen will describe for you in this newsletter. The Maifest begins Saturday, May 1 and there will be a parade in Amana at 10 am. Maifest Pole dancing will be held at several locations throughout the day. On Sunday, May 2, if you plan on staying an additional night, there is the Wine, Chocolate and Beer Walk. You will need to register and pay a small fee. Once the walk is completed, you will receive a complimentary glass to commemorate the occasion.

Very soon we'll get the registration coupon out. The campground is the **Amana RV Park and Event Center 3850 C St Amana, IA 52203** and you will have **full** hookups. Your registration includes four nights of camping April 28 – May 1. If you want to come in early or stay a day later, you must make your own reservation by calling **319-622-7616**. Let them know you are with the Airstream Rally and you will get the Rally rate.

NOTE: For the Airstream Olympics feel free to wear team shirts. Medals will be awarded for each event. Also, there is no smoking permitted in the buildings. We will have containers outside for disposing of cigarette butts.



Cheryl and I look forward to seeing you all.



Iowa Club #46

Anna Richter #15720

Kathy Denny #07339

Cynthia Vorhees # 31275

Greater St. Louis #58

Peter & Calie Hartman #14144

Missouri-Kansas #59

Steve & Patty Wyne #09963

Monty & Tonja Sowder #01695

Nebraska #62

Don & Bonnie Smith #09808



Have something you want to include in the Region 8 Newsletter?

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TAKE A TOUR OF AMANA

AN INSIDERS LOOK AT WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

Visiting the Amana Colonies in Iowa? Need a handy app that will help you get around the 7 villages of this National Historic Landmark? You can take a driving tour and learn about the historic sites in the 7 villages or a walking tour of the largest village, Amana. This is the official app provided by the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau and includes a listing and description of the major businesses and visitor attractions.

Our FREE app has interesting photos and information about the Amana Colonies' communal past along with current photos and information. Take a tour or search for business/attraction information. When you are in the Amana Colonies you'll want to be connected with this app.

If you are on your smartphone, click the links below to find the app on Google Play or the App Store! If you are on a computer, you can [click this link](#) and use your smartphone to scan the QR codes on the PDF to download the Amana Colonies App.



- 1 The **first stop** is at the main campus of the [Amana Heritage Society](#). An award-winning video that helps explain our history and the communal era (1842-1932) will set the tone for the tour. You will have some questions about life during this time or how things have changed or not change and your guide will gladly explain.
- 2 The **second stop** is in Middle Amana at the only surviving intact communal kitchen. Here you'll learn about shop street and then enter the kitchen and discover how 40 people were fed 5 times a day, what the meals were like, and how nothing was wasted. It is a fascinating look at something we all take for granted, dinner time. A special sampling tour is available on Friday's (11 am only) that includes a light sampling lunch of traditional Colony foods.
- 3 Our **third stop** is to the [High Amana General Store](#). This is a trip down memory lane. The store seems frozen in time, tin ceilings, old display cases, in fact, it's like walking back in time 100 years. Everything is original except the products that are sold and the clerk.
- 4 The **final stop** is at the old Homestead Church. Each village had its own church but today the Homestead Church is no longer used for services and has been given to the Amana Heritage Society. You'll be able to enter the church and learn about the Amana Church Society religion. Sit on the plain pine benches that are still used today and learn about the beliefs of the church members and how it is different or similar to your religion.