REGION 8 AIRSTREAM CLUB NEWSLETTER







Hello EVERYONE — we missed the opportunity to get together at Region Rally in April due to the COVID. We know that a lot of Rallies, Luncheons, International and other events have been cancelled due to this Pandemic.

As your State starts to open Parks, camping locations, attractions, restaurants and other items — we ask that you be careful in your gatherings. We love our camping community and want EVERYONE to stay safe and healthy!





Kathy Denny #7339 -Iowa Club #46

Bruce & Beth Boyer #7412 Greater St. Louis #58

Jeff & Kimberly Alley #7428 Missouri-Kansas Club #59

Here is a Region 8 Rally hosted by the lowa Airstream Club. It will be held in conjunction with the lowa Irish Fest. This is one of the largest Irish Fests in the United States. Rally dates are July 30 - Aug 2. Fest dates are July 31 - Aug 2. Cost will be very reasonable. We can buy Fest tickets at discount, and camping is \$18 per night. We already have a reservation from some Florida Airstreamers! Email your reservation or questions to Norm Beu beu146@gmail.com or John Heckman jeheck@mail.com.



Looking for an Airstream Rally after so many were cancelled this year?

Here is one you can attend and enjoy the fun!

BRANSON MUSICLAND REVISTED - September 22-29, 2020 CONTACT GARY RUSH 573-280-0021 / GRUSH26209@MSN.COM

Community Service

Glenn Waters wants to remind us the Common Cents fund and aluminum tab tops collected this year should be kept and turned in at the 2021 International Rally. Other items that have been collected such as hats, blankets, stuffed animals can be donated to your local charities at any time.

Looking for Service?

Scott Jensen, a long-time Region 8 Airstream Club member (Iowa North) has started his own RV Repair Service - SPECIALIZING in Airstream trailers.

Work includes remodeling, plumbing, wiring, insulation, bearings, axles, etc.

All your repair needs.



Editors note: Scott really helped Denise and me out when we found ourselves in a pickle outside of Des Moines – ultimately replacing our axle and doing other body repairs. The work was great!. We were very glad we had met Scott at a Vintage Airstream Club Rally.

Got a VA Rating? You Can Get a Free Lifetime National Parks Pass

Submitted by Norm Beu

A little-known benefit from the Interior Department gives military veterans with any disability rating from the <u>Department of Veterans Affairs</u> a <u>free lifetime pass</u> to national parks and other recreation areas, as well as discounts on some fees.

The <u>lifetime Access Pass</u> is advertised as available to those who "have been medically determined to have a permanent disability ... does not have to be a 100 percent disability."

But a National Parks official confirmed to Military.com that any veteran with a disability rating from the VA should be able to access it.

"If a veteran has [a] disability paper that states they have a 10 percent disability, etc., the ranger would accept it," Kathy Kupper, a National Parks spokesperson, said in an email.

An <u>Interior Department website also gives examples</u> of proof of disability paperwork accepted from the VA, including awards letters and benefits summaries -- but the examples do not include "permanent and total" disability ratings.

The discrepancy between the Interior Department's "permanent disability" statement and what does and does not qualify as "permanent" to the VA is likely a matter of bureaucratic definitions.

While the VA defines a "permanent disability" as something 100 percent disabling that will not improve over time, the Interior Department defers to the Americans With Disabilities Act, which defines a disability as a "physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities."

Just like the annual <u>free military America the Beautiful Pass</u>, which is available to active-duty troops, Guardsmen and reservists and their dependents, the Access Pass will give free entrance to the pass holder and any other passengers at "per vehicle" locations. But unlike that military pass, the Access Pass is good only for the pass holder at "per person" locations.

The Access Pass also offers benefits the military pass does not, such as discounted "expanded amenity" fees. Those could include discounts for individual campsites, some guided tours and some in-park transportation or special use permits.

It can also be received by mail for a \$10 fee by filling out and mailing in a paper application

BRANSON MUSICLAND REVISITED RALLY Branson, Missouri September 22 - 29, 2020

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Rally fee includes 7 nights parking at ABC Campground. Enjoy 5 of Branson's best shows, a day at Silver Dollar City, a bus tour with lunch followed by a dinner show. A free day to explore the Ozarks on your own.

> Make checks payable to: Branson Musicland Rally Mail form to: Gary Rush Region 8 1490 Triple Cove Lane Climax Springs, MO 65324

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