



# IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

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## PREZ SEZ

Hello, everyone. Time is finally moving quickly toward FUN! There is so much coming up. We hope everyone is fine and looking forward to our upcoming adventures; the April Luncheon in Walcott, IA, the Region 8 Rally in the Amana Colonies and the May Rally in Minnesota. We should soon have more details on the June rally.

We will have directories with us at the April Luncheon and will mail out directories for those unable to attend. The Iowa Club has Parking and Welcoming duties for the Region Rally and it will be fun to meet everyone as they arrive. Each club is to bring items (for Glen Waters) to the Amana's for the Community Service Program; blankets, hats, stuffed animals, aluminum pull tabs, women's shelter items, or just good old cash donations for local charities. There is to be a basket provided by each club. Due to the lack of get-togethers, we have prepared Iowa's auction basket. This should be a fun fund raiser, with plenty of opportunity to score a treat.

Be sure to get your reservation in for the May rally at Blooming Prairie, MN and let Wanda know you will be attending so she can plan accordingly.

Excitement continues growing as we (Shirley and I) will be attending our first International Rally this year in Lebanon, TN. There is still time to get your reservation in for this amazing event. There is also an opportunity to step up and host an Iowa Club rally for either August or September. It is extremely easy. Just invite us to a favorite park and we'll all bring our fun with us.

See you all soon *Tom*

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***A couple of pranksters broke into the local police station and stole all the lavatory equipment.***

*A spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."*

## PLAN TO ATTEND "ALMOST SPRING LUNCHEON"

Doug and Deb Ford are hosting our Iowa Club Luncheon (The "Almost Spring Luncheon") at Granma's Checkered Flag Restaurant in Walcott, IA on Saturday, April 10th. The address is 3408 N. Plainview Road. The restaurant was previously known as Grandma's Kitchen. It is located just north of I-80 Interchange No.284. The time is 11:30 AM and you will order from the menu. In order to know how many plan to attend, **PLEASE** let the Fords know by phoning them at 309-781-4057 or via email at [rdford5055@gmail.com](mailto:rdford5055@gmail.com). There will undoubtedly be some discussion about the upcoming Region 8 Rally later in April, in addition to some excellent food. So, plan to attend! Since your newsletter team will not be at the luncheon, (still in Arizona) they would greatly appreciate it if someone/someones would take some pictures and send them to [cdjcabalka@juno.com](mailto:cdjcabalka@juno.com) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Also, any written information would be appreciated.

## NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Be sure to open both attachments to this newsletter. One contains information about the Region 8 Rally. The other is the full article about the electric-powered catamaran boat being built by Ed & Eileen Pauley.

## REGION 8 "MAIFEST CELEBRATION" RALLY

The time is rapidly approaching for the Airstreams to gather at the Amana Colonies RV Park for the Region 8 Rally. The rally is being held in conjunction with the Maifest celebration and promises to be a fun and enjoyable time. The rally dates are Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with general parking on the 28<sup>th</sup>. However, one of the duties assigned to the Iowa Club by Region 8 President Mike Sisk, was the parking of the Airstreams as they arrive

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## DEALER SPOTLIGHT

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Phone: 515-280-1026

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Specializing in Airstreams



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Location: Adel, IA

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### BIRTHDAYS

#### APRIL

5 - Mike Donahue  
18 - Sharon Urich

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### APRIL

2 - Dan & Maryjane Bamberly  
10 - Tom & Shirley Herron  
15 - Norm & Pat Van Klompenburg  
20 - Jim & Margaret Bateman  
25 - Jeff & Wanda Paine

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on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. As a result, President Tom needs several of the Iowa Club members to volunteer to show up a day early (on the 27<sup>th</sup>) so everything is ready to park the rigs as they arrive the next day. If you can at all come early, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you do come early, that Tuesday night camping will be on your own, with the nights after that being covered by your rally fee. To come early, you will need to phone the campground and make your own reservation for that night. The phone number is 319-622-7616. Make sure you tell them you are part of the Airstream group when you

make that reservation so you will get the rally nightly rate. Region 8 Treasurer June Ryan will accept reservations and checks at her winter address, so long as they are mailed and received by April 10<sup>th</sup>. After that date, the paperwork and checks are to be mailed to her at her Birmingham, IA address. The **Arizona mailing address is** 11313 E. Boise St., Lot 48, Apache Junction, AZ 85120 and the **Iowa address is** Box 232, Birmingham, IA 52535. As of March 26<sup>th</sup>, there are 40 registered, so it looks like we will have a rally. It will be great to see our friends from the Iowa Club, as well as those from the other clubs in Region 8.

## HEADIN' HOME

Your newsletter team will be leaving Arizona around April 20<sup>th</sup> and be back in Iowa a few days before the Region 8 Rally. They are already registered for the night of April 27<sup>th</sup> and plan to help with parking at the rally. If any of you have anything to include in the next newsletter, get it to Chuck and Doris Jean at their email address listed in the April luncheon article. They would greatly appreciate getting articles and pictures.

## DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL? LET US KNOW

As the winter is coming to an end (finally), most, if not all, the Iowa Airstream Club members will be getting their Airstreams out of mothballs to start camping and going places. After being cooped up in quarantine due to the virus, it will be great to get out and start doing things and going places. As you do that, let your newsletter team know. A short article and some pictures will greatly enhance future newsletters and your Airstream family will enjoy what you provide. Heck, you might even give somebody the idea to go visit where you went.

## ED & EILEEN PAULEY ARE ADVENTEROUS

Ed and Eileen Pauley (Iowa residents and Iowa Club Affiliate Members) are making headlines with their newest project. They are building an electric-powered boat to cruise the inside passage to Alaska. The following is an email note Ed posted to members of a group to which he and Eileen belong. Your newsletter team trusts that they have no objection to including the note and the **detailed attachment** about their project that was written up in the February/March issue of Professional Boatbuilder magazine. Marilyn Mulbrook sent your newsletter team the information. **THANK YOU**, Marilyn.

"Here is the article I promised describing the boat we are

building in Olympia, WA. Professional Boatbuilder is a small trade magazine for the boat building industry. Some parts of the article are not completely accurate but changes we suggested did not make it before publication (particularly areas about the motors and propellers). By and large, the article gives a pretty good idea of what we are building. Planned completion is sometime in April and we will be spending virtually all of March and April in Washington working on the boat and then the rest of the summer cruising in Puget Sound (it does not look like Canadian waters will be open, at least at the start of the boating season). Needless to say, we will not be doing a trip to Alaska this summer." Ed Pauley

**IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB**

Jeff and Wanda Paine have organized and will be hosting a Iowa Airstream Club Rally at the Brookside Campground in Blooming Prairie, MN from Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The following is the information concerning the rally. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Jeff and Wanda for volunteering to host the event. This will be at least the second time they have hosted a rally in Minnesota. Hopefully, there will be a great turnout. It looks like there will be lots of fun and activities. **Please pay particular attention to the need to register with the RV park to reserve a space.**

## Iowa Airstream Club May Rally in Southern MN Thursday May 13 – Sunday May 16, 2021

Come and join the fun at our Rally in Southern Minnesota as we Explore MN

Please let your hosts Jeff & Wanda Paine know that you will be coming to the rally.  
Contact email [jnwpaine@aol.com](mailto:jnwpaine@aol.com) or call/text Wanda cell 608-658-3036

Make your Camping Reservations by calling Brookside Campground and let them know that you are with the Iowa Airstream Club so we can be put closer together as a group.

We have **20 sites reserved until April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Reserve your spot as soon as you can. Pet friendly.

They will take your Credit Card information when you call to reserve your spot. You can pay by cash or check upon arrival, if you leave it on the CC there will be a 4% process fee.

**For a Reservation, Please Call Brookside Campground at:  
507-583-2979**

Brookside Campground  
55917 320th St  
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 (Hwy 218 Between Owatonna & Austin)

30-50 amp w/water & electric	30-50 amp w/water & electric & sewer
Sunday –Thursday \$32.00 per night	Sunday –Thursday \$35.00 per night
Friday –Saturday \$42.00 per night	Friday –Saturday \$45.00 per night

Activities:

- We will be exploring Austin, MN on Friday. We will tour the SPAM Museum at 10:00 and the rest of the day is open to check out some unique attractions at your leisure like Sweet Reads, Rydjour Bike Shop Museum, Art Works Center, Jay C Hormel Nature Center, Historic Hormel Home, Paramount Theatre, Super Fresh Garden and Produce Center
- Enjoy the outdoors with kayaking, canoeing, and fishing in Cedar River edge at Brookside Campground.
- We will plan some meals, fun and fellowship at the Campground Pavilion

There will be no additional Rally Fee, just come and enjoy the fun in Minnesota.

If you are planning to attend, please reserve a campsite before April 15th and let your host know you will be joining the fun in Minnesota.

**WE MISSED IT IN 2020, LET'S GO THIS YEAR**

There is still plenty of time to make a reservation to attend the **International Rally in Lebanon, TN**, just 20 miles east of Nashville, so, stop putting it off. Get it done now!! At this time, Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka are willing to organize and lead a **caravan to the rally**, if there are any Iowa Club members interested in joining them. By July, all of us should have been vaccinated for the virus, so catching the bug shouldn't be a concern. It is only about 575 miles from Davenport, IA (our usual rendezvous spot) to Lebanon, so it should only be a two or three day drive with one or two over-nights, and interstate travel for most of the way. So, give it a thought. There will be more about this in upcoming newsletters.

**GOOD EATING AT INTERNATIONALL**

For those going, or planning to go, to the International Rally in Tennessee, we have good news. First Vice-President Mike Rickert has already made arrangements for the Iowa Breakfast. **It will be at 7:30 AM on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Building "E"**, right there on the rally grounds. Mike reports that the menu for the catered meal looks great and the price will only be \$10.00 per person. When Mike sends the menu, it will be included in a future newsletter. Sandy Anderson will be our caterer. Congratulations, Mike, for getting this event scheduled. It is always a great time for Iowa members to get together at the International Rally, along with most of the Region 8 officers, and, occasionally, some of the International officers. So, mark this date and time on your calendar. Another "don't miss it" reason to go to the International.

**A MARCH LUNCHEON IN THE WOODS**

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to **Kathy Allen** for providing the following information concerning the March Luncheon of the Iowa Airstream Club.

The March Luncheon of the Iowa Airstream Club was held at the Ledges State Park's Oakwood Shelter on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The weather co-operated, with some sun, a little wind and a temperature of about 50 degrees. Overall, a great day for March in Iowa! Scott and Kathy Allen organized and hosted the gathering. When they arrived,



Scott & Jodi Jensen and Scott & Kathy Allen enjoying the fireplace.

they found Terry and Louise Mercer already there and the fire was roaring. A special **THANK YOU** to the Mercer's for doing this. Several other Iowa Club members also brought wood to keep the fire going and a big **THANK YOU** goes out to them also.

There was plenty of food! There were two picnic tables filled by our members with a crockpot of hot sliced corned beef, a big bowl of coleslaw, a pan of brownies, ham and

beans, cornbread, cheesy potatoes, deviled eggs, vegetables, pickles and much, much more. Yum! Then the sweets – banana bread, donuts, iced cookies, a fruit pizza and dip and green tortilla chips cut into the cutest sham-rocks.



Seventeen Iowa Club members attended, including our newest members, John Moder (on left) and Derek Etnyre, and long-time-no-see and good-looking Mike Paul and Pam Walker. Arden Taube even brought his new girlfriend, Heidi; an eight-month old mini schnauzer. For those members

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Drone picture of luncheon site taken by John Moder.

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who couldn't join the group, you were missed. As hosts and locations for the rest of the year are made known, Kathy Allen will get them onto the WBCCI website and will add them to the calendar at <https://airstreamclub.org/iowa/iowa-airstream-events>.

Scott and Kathy would also like to thank a couple of outstanding DNR State Park Rangers! First, Anne of Springbrook State Park, who researched open-air pavilions that had working fireplaces. Her job was especially difficult as so many state parks are closed for derecho repairs. Second, Andy at Ledges State Park helped with plans for the luncheon and made sure the parking area was clear of snow, the shelter fireplace was safe to use, the electricity worked and the autumn leaves and winter debris were removed. He even left a huge pile of firewood for the group to use. Due to their efforts, those attending enjoyed a clean, welcoming shelter and a great time together.



Most of the pictures in this article were taken by **Norm Van Klompenburg**. So many pics came in we may have lost track. **Thank you** to all who helped show this unique rally.