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Kay's Kommunique

Greetings Friends!

Wow, we made it through a loong hard winter this year! Now that we're hopefully into actual **SPRING**, we can finally get started on our activities for the summer months. First up is the Spring Rally in Pipestone May 17 - 20. We've had a phenomenal response to this rally with 21 Airstreams and 2 buddy units signed up to go. There will be several new members there too. We're looking forward to the rally and warmer times. More info will be emailed in early May to those coming. We will have a short member meeting during the rally to designate delegates for International. Stay 'tooned.

Next up will be the International Rally in June. It will be my first International, and we're very excited to be going. Pete Yanke is organizing a tag-along caravan to the International, and said he has about 8 units signed up.

Next is a Tech Rally July 19 - 22, hosted by Linda Agre in the MN Airstream Park. There will be presentations about many aspects of Airstream maintenance and repair.

August brings the Region 7 Rally Aug. 28 - Sept 2 in West Fargo, hosted by Don Thomson. Information just went out for this rally. MN Unit will be doing

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breakfast on Thursday: I'm thinking sausage gravy and biscuits. Chris promised Don donuts too!

September brings the Fall Rally in Rochester, MN at Autumn Woods Park Sept 20 - 23. I'm planning a trip to the Eagle Center in Wabasha. There are many things to do in Rochester also. More info will come out for this rally in June.

All in all, it's looking like a fun, busy summer. As always, any thoughts you have are always appreciated. Just give us a call or email us. See you on the road!

Safe travels!

Kay

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2017 - 2018 MN Unit Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Spring Rally	Pipestone, MN Pipestone RV Park	5/17/18 - 5/20/18 See page 6	Kay & Chris Olsson
Tech Rally with Shorewood RV	MN Airstream Park	07/19/18- 07/22/18	Linda Agre
Tag-along Caravan To International	St. Cloud Area	6/9/18 See page 8	Kathy & Pete Yanke
Caravan to International	TBD	TBD	TBD
Casino Caravan (Wisconsin Unit)	Copper Harbor, MI to West Fargo, ND	8/26/18 - 8/28/18 See page 9	Jane Carmichael R7 2nd VP
Region 7 Rally	West Fargo, ND	8/28/18 - 9/2/18	Don Thomson Region 7
Installation Rally	Autumn Woods RV Park Rochester, MN	9/20/18 - 9/23/18 See page 11	Kay & Chris Olsson

Not really MN Unit activities, but enough of you are also members of the Airstream Park:

Clean the Screen House	Airstream Park	May12th
Welcome Back Potluck	Airstream Park	May29th

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St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

We got together at Claddagh Irish Pub in Maple Grove, MN on Sunday, March 11th for our annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Our thanks to Caroline and Paul Munro for organizing another great luncheon at the Pub. Here are a couple of pictures from the luncheon.



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MN UNIT SPRING RALLY

PIPESTONE, MN

YOU ARE INVITED!

SPRING RALLY IN PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA MAY 17 TO 20, 2018 AT PIPESTONE RV PARK LOCATED IN PIPESTONE. WE WILL BE CAMPED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ENTRANCE TO PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE RALLY INCLUDE:

VISIT TO PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT ON 5/18

PIPESTONE CARVING CLASS WITH NATIVE AMERICAN CARVERS ON 5/18

VISIT TO PIPESTONE COUNTY MUSEUM (2 STORY BLDG)

BREAKFAST 5/19

CATERED DINNER 5/19

OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE: BISON VIEWING AT NEARBY BLUE MOUND STATE PARK

CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL

ANTIQUÉ SHOPS GALORE

QUILT SHOP IN LUVERNE ☺

VISIT TO PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT WILL BE 5/18 IN THE MORNING, AND IS \$7 PER PERSON. IF YOU HAVE THE NATIONAL PARKS STICKER/PASS, IT IS FREE.

PIPESTONE CARVING CLASS WILL BE HELD ON 5/18 IN THE MID AFTERNOON FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS AT THE KEEPERS OF THE SACRED TRADITION OF PIPEMAKERS IN PIPESTONE, WITH COST OF \$15 PER PERSON. YOU WILL HAVE A CARVED PIPESTONE NECKLACE AT THE END OF IT. ALL MATERIALS AND CARVING TOOLS WILL BE SUPPLIED.

PLEASE CALL PIPESTONE RV CAMPGROUND AT 507-825-2455 BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND APRIL 1 FOR CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS. WE ARE AIMING FOR CAMPSITES 6 THROUGH 24. THESE ARE WATER/ELEC SITES. FULL HOOKUPS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE NEAR THE PAVILION. PLEASE BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE RESERVING FOR THE AIRSTREAM RALLY AND ASK FOR THE 10% DISCOUNT.

WE ARE DESIGNATING THIS A BUDDY RALLY, SO IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHAT THE CLUB IS ALL ABOUT, PLEASE INVITE THEM! THEY DO NOT NEED TO OWN AN AIRSTREAM TO ATTEND A BUDDY RALLY. ALL RALLY FEES AND CAMPING RESERVATIONS PERTAIN TO THEM ALSO.

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SPRING PIPESTONE RALLY MAY 17 – 20, 2018

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL TO US:

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ \$15 PER PERSON

CARVING CLASS: _____ \$15 PER PERSON

TOTAL AMT ENCLOSED: _____ (CHECKS PAYABLE TO KAY OR CHRIS OLSSON)

KAY AND CHRIS OLSSON
9250 DUNLAP AVE.
CIRCLE PINES, MN 55014
PH: 763-786-4217

CAMPGROUND INFORMATION:

PIPESTONE RV CAMPGROUND
919 N. HIAWATHA AVE.
PIPESTONE, MN 56164
PH: 507.825.2455

WWW.PIPESTONECAMPGROUND.COM

The campground may be full as there is another group holding a rally on the same weekend. If you want to attend our rally, please call the campground and make sure you can get a camp site, and then let us know.

For those who are registered, Kay will send additional information about the rally early May.

TELL THEM YOU ARE PART OF THE AIRSTREAM RALLY FOR THE 10% DISCOUNT.

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Tag-Along Caravan

For those of you that are interested, I will be planning a pay as you go caravan to the International rally in Salem. It will be a 10 day trip with 2 day stops in Medora, ND, West Yellowstone, MT and Boardman. OR. An afternoon will be spent at Craters of the Moon National Monument. We will be leaving the St Cloud area on or about June 9 or 10. If you would like more information, send me an email at pyanke@aol.com or give me a call at 320-260-7803.

Pete Yanke, Region 7 President.

Campground Hosts

It's official. We are the campground hosts at Charles Lindbergh State Park this summer starting May 24. The park is in Little Falls.

We have committed to stay as hosts thru July 8 but may be there longer. We hope you will come visit, even if it's just for a day.

All the electric sites are already booked for the Memorial Day weekend and the weekend after the 4th. Several sites are still open on the weekend before the 4th. There are LOTS of non-electric sites all the time.

Reserve a site and let us know. We will be ready for you.

Come see us, y'all!

Marlene & Cordell Woods

Unit 5148

(C) 320/533-0533.

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Wisconsin Unit Announces Casino Caravan to the West Fargo Rally

Any WBCCI member from Region 7 (Manitoba, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) or a nearby area, is invited to join this 2018 Caravan. Please read for details to decide if this Casino Caravan is for you!

The Casino Caravan starts on Sunday, August 26, 2018 in Copper Harbor, Michigan. This is a short and sweet 3 day 2 night Caravan that will culminate with your arrival at the Region 7 Rally held in West Fargo, ND August 28 - September 2, 2018.

You may join us along the route at any point. This route will be US 41/26/45 via Bruce Crossing, MI to US 2 with an overnight in Odanah, Wisconsin. (Bad River Casino). We then proceed along US 2, I 35, MN 210 (Black Bear Casino for lunch) to overnight in Brainerd, Minnesota at Crow Wing Campground.

Cost: Pay as You Go & Your Camping Fees

Reserve Your Campsite: Bad River 715 682-7121 (Smoke Shop)

Reserve Your Campsite: Crow Wing 218 829-6468 (August 27)

August 26: Bad River Casino \$20 W/E dump station

August 27: Crow Wing Camp \$54 W/E/S

1. Reserve by calling each campground and showing up somewhere along the way!
2. Please register for the Region 7 Rally (www.region7.wbcci.net) once registration opens.
3. Please let Jane Carmichael know if you are joining this Casino Caravan! (Contact info next page)

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Snow Picture

If you were here in MN the first part of April, you know that we got snowed on. Certainly nothing compared to what's coming down today (Sat, April 14th). The sun came out the next couple of days and melted a bunch of the snow. We have a pergola over our deck, and the sun shining through the slats melted the snow on the deck into waves, which I thought looked pretty cool.



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Tech Rally in July

Want to be rich and famous? Well, maybe just famous...

Linda Agre is looking for people to do sessions at the Tech Rally in July. If you are interested, or even just thinking about it, please contact Linda.

Linda Agre

320-295-1117

agre5628@aol.com

Ok, so this would be limited fame, but still, fame is fame. 😊

Installation Rally

The Installation Rally now has a confirmed campground. It's Autumn Woods RV Park in Rochester, MN. Dates are September 20th through the 23rd, 2018.

Campground information:

Autumn Woods RV Park

1067 Autumn Woods Circle SW

Rochester, MN 55902

Ph: 507-990-2983 / 1-866-397-8489

www.autumnwoodsrvpark.com

You can call anytime to make a reservation. Kay and I have one already. 😊

We will include more information in the next Newsletter.

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Welcome New MN Unit Members

Carol Korda & Bruce Dalgaard #19882 - Northfield, MN

Brianne & Robert Tounsley #03036 - New Brighton, MN

Nancy & Tom Wick #03042 - West St. Paul, MN

Kirk Stevenson #31000 - Marshalltown, IA (associate member)

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members when you see them!

If you were wondering...

Got a question about the WBCCI or the MN Unit? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to call or email them.

Linda Agre	320-295-1117	agre5628@aol.com
Diana McHenry	651-245-6680	diana@cdmchenry.com
Kay or Chris Olsson	763-786-4217	cwolsson@comcast.net
Judy Parizek	651-636-7338	judy.parizek@gmail.com
Sharon or Harry Ramler	320-253-1263	sharon.ramler5332@gmail.com

I am always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Any topic is welcome! And pictures are always great. Please email me any articles or ideas you have.

If you have recipes to share, please email to me and I will include in upcoming newsletters. It does not need to be a food recipe.

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Newsletter Editor Ramblings

Sat, April 14th. 'Tiz snowing. Actually, the radio says we're having blizzard conditions. For the most part, the snow is coming down more horizontally than vertically. Good day to stay inside, drink hot chocolate, read a book, and eat chocolate (snow caps of all things). For some reason, Ricky (puppy) doesn't really want to go outside and frolic today. I'm supposed to fly to Boston tomorrow evening. Wonder if I'll make it... Kay is off at a quilt retreat. I'm glad she took the truck and not the Mustang. She'll be home in time for me to use the truck to get to the airport if I need to. Some days, retirement can't come soon enough! ☺

In the last Newsletter, I mentioned that I was building a crib for a close friend.

Here's a picture of all the pieces rough cut to size. Still a fair amount of milling to be done.



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Here it is set up in our living room:



This is crib number 9. Made from maple with cherry accents.

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Kay has been busy sewing as well. One thing she made were potholders for an auction for the Robotics Team our oldest granddaughter is a member of.



She also made some eggplant potholders as a gift:



Happy Spring! Hopefully it will really be here soon enough for us to complete the 3 projects we want to do on the trailer before the International Rally.

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