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Kay's Kommunique

Another summer, almost gone. It has been a busy one for us with the trip to Oregon, another one to New York to see family, and Region 7 Rally coming up. I'm almost happy to see autumn so I can rest! Installation Rally is coming fast, too. We've got a fun 4 days planned in Rochester, so we hope you can join us.

We are officially the "MN Airstream Club" now. It was ratified at the IBT in Salem in June. Perhaps we should modify our logo? Is there any graphic designers out there who want to take a shot at it? Something to think about, anyway. I'll be bringing it up for discussion at our meeting at the Installation Rally.

Speaking of Installation Rally... I got a resignation from Lori Costello for her position of Recording Secretary for the Club. That means we are looking for a new Recording Secretary, and, in fact, need one for the Installation Rally as she will not be attending. Lori has been great at her job, and has kept me on the straight and narrow for meetings. I will definitely miss her. Thank you, Lori for your service to the Club!

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I'm thinking ahead to next summer, already, looking at spring and fall rallies. Lanesboro was fun last year, and there's an International Owl Center in Houston near there. I'm thinking Spring Rally in Lanesboro. And we got an invitation from the City of Iron Mountain in the UP to come visit their city park sometime. Perhaps we can cobble something together with the Wisconsin unit for Fall Rally there. I'll be working on those ideas soon.

See you on the road!

Kay

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2017 - 2018 MN Unit Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
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 5	Kay & Chris Olsson

You know, it's never too early to start thinking about getting together and eating good food. To that end, we are starting to be think about our Fall and Winter get-togethers. Looking for fun-loving folks to organize these events! We have been getting together 3 or 4 times over the Winter months the past few years for these events:

- Fall Left Behind Party
- Christmas Party
- Valentine's Party - Chris & Kay Olsson
- St. Patrick's Day Party

We (Kay and Chris) will do the Valentine's Party again. If you would like to organize one of the listed Winter events, or even a new one, please contact Kay.

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*Celebrated the MN Airstream Club's 60th Anniversary
at the Tech Rally*

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FALL INSTALLATION RALLY

SEPTEMBER 20 – 23, 2018

COME JOIN US FOR OUR FALL RALLY IN ROCHESTER, MN AT AUTUMNWOODS RV PARK! WE'RE PLANNING A FUN FILLED RALLY EXPLORING ROCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

FRIDAY MORNING WILL START WITH BREAKFAST SERVED TO YOU. I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT IT WILL BE YET, BUT I GUARANTEE IT WILL BE YUMMY!

WE WILL BE GOING ON A TROLLY TOUR OF ROCHESTER ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 21. LIMIT FOR TRIP WILL BE 32 PEOPLE, SO SIGN UP EARLY!

FRIDAY EVENING WILL INCLUDE A BONFIRE AND LOTS OF CONVERSATION!

SATURDAY WILL BE A "FREE" DAY FOR YOU TO EXPLORE ROCHESTER AREA FURTHER. WE WILL HAVE CROCKPOT "CHICKEN" BOOYA FOR SUPPER (ROADKILL AT IT'S FINEST), WITH CRUSTY FRENCH BREAD AND SOMETHING GOOD FOR DESSERT. THEN WE WILL HAVE OUR INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, AND ANNUAL CLUB MEETING WHICH WILL INCLUDE RATIFYING OUR CONSTITUTION FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. (IT'LL BE PAINLESS, REALLY!)

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH AUTUMNWOODS RV PARK BY CALLING AT 1-866-397-8489 OR BY EMAIL AT AUTUMNWOODSRV@GMAIL.COM. (THEY DO NOT TAKE CREDIT CARDS).

RALLY FEE PER PERSON: \$10

TROLLY TRIP PER PERSON: \$20

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FALL INSTALLATION RALLY SEPTEMBER 20 – 23, 2018

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL TO US:

NAME: _____

WBCCI #: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ \$10 PER PERSON

TROLLEY TOUR: _____ \$20 PER PERSON

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

KAY AND CHRIS OLSSON
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EMAIL: AUTUMNWOODSRV@GMAIL.COM
WEBSITE: <http://www.autumnwoodsrvpark.com/>

TELL THEM YOU ARE PART OF THE AIRSTREAM RALLY. THEY WILL TRY AND GROUP US TOGETHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

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THE 'FLAMINGO' TECH RALLY

from WagonMaster Linda Agre

WOW! What a Rally! The Minnesota Unit did it again! 101 Rallies goes soaked in a little of everything from what Toilet Tissue to use to Electric Issues to keep your water tanks and lines 'sweet' to Taking off the Clear Coat on your Vintage Unit to Making the Most of Your Space to Staying Connected to Why you need Sky Med when traveling. Add to that a little Craft of making Crepe Paper Flowers and the result is the Minnesota Airstream Park has never been so busy. The Round Table with Kevin from Shorewood RV started our rally off. This was a great time of asking questions and getting answers from an expert.

And of course, the food. We Celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Minnesota Unit with cake and Ice cream. Root Beer floats at the Sky-Med presentation. Grilled chicken at our Pot-Luck Dinner. Ron Dettmann's famous pancake breakfast. A big Thank You to Shorewood RV and Jeff Nobbe for the pizza party (note: all Minnesota Airstream Park members were invited whether or not they attended the rally) and Door Prizes. And to think I had thought about canceling this rally because I didn't think I could get a full schedule.

As most of you know Shorewood RV has sold out to Lazy Days RV. Papers were signed on Tuesday. We hope to continue our great Airstream friendship with the change in ownership and hope to repeat with a 4th Tech Rally.

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A note from the Region 7 1st Vice-President

Region Officers and the Fun They Have

Your Region 7 Officers have been having a lot of fun at the Unit, Region, and National levels of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. (WBCCI)

Our efforts, along with Region Officers from all 12 Regions, provide you with the environment to have safe, secure, and interesting events. We are here to serve you in the best way we know how.

How do we do this? Oh, let us count the ways!

At the Unit Level: Your Past or Present Region Officers conduct the installation of unit officers. The installation can be casual, solemn, or formal, whichever approach your incoming Unit President requests.

Region Officers provide information, encouragement, ideas, and support for recruiting and maintaining membership for the unit.

Sometimes, like now, a Region Officer will write an article for newsletters! An article is composed for each Blue Beret to keep unit members informed of what's going on.

Additionally, a Region Officer may arrange a multi-Unit Caravan for all unit members to enjoy.

At the Region Level: A list of your Region 7 Officers may be found at www.region7.wbcci.net. Please take a look at this site. There is a lot of information there.

The Region 7 Executive Board includes your Unit President, which assures your input at the region level.

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Your Region President hosts a Region Rally for you to attend. Typically, Region 7 has a Region Rally each year. This year your region rally will be in West Fargo, North Dakota. In 2019 it will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Special Event approved). In 2020 and 2021 it will be in Marquette, MI and Chippewa Falls, WI, respectively.

The Region 7 Rally provides another venue for you to discuss any questions regarding the Region and to suggest ideas for improvement.

The Region Membership and the Newsletter/website Chairs develop direct communication with members using the website, mail, emails, and newsletters. The Corresponding Secretary records and distributes minutes, plus receives the Region mail from Corporate Headquarters.

At the International Level: We serve as a liaison and seek input from your unit regarding Bylaws amendments. We reflect your wishes by casting a vote at the International Board of Trustees' (IBT) meetings.

The Region 7 President will do his/her best to vote your wishes at each IBT. Two IBT meetings are held in conjunction with the International Rally. (Douswell, VA in 2019; Loveland, CO in 2020; Lebanon, TN in 2021). The third meeting is held mid-winter (Robertsdale, AL in 2019).

Acting as a liaison between the Unit level and the International level, your Region 7 Officers, along with Region Officers from all 12 Regions, provide you with the environment to have safe, secure, and interesting events. We are here to serve you in the best way we know how. Please let us know how at anytime!

Jane Carmichael, R7 1st Vice President

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Flappings from your Region 7 Membership Chairperson

Linda Agre, #5628

What can I say but that our Airstream Family is growing in 'leaps and bounds'. 1084 New Members since January 1, 2018 bringing our Airstream Club membership to 7767.

Please Welcome the month of July's new Minnesota Unit members Brenda & Barton Schultz of Maple Grove, Teri & Phil Berkness from Savage, and Jim Southard from Golden Valley. Jim Southard and the Schultz's have a share at the Minnesota Airstream Park. Any of these new members live close to you? Give them a call and invite them to a rally or an event (Christmas Party, etc.) To our New Members if you have any questions about the benefits of the club contact me at agre5628@aol.com. Also, I will be going to Rochester and know the back roads to avoid the Twin Cities so sign up and join me for the Fall Rally.

With all our new members I would like to highlight information about the Membership Stars. You go down the road, your WBCCI Directory in hand to identify the big red number on the Airstream Unit you just met, and you see these red stars next to those numbers. So just what do they stand for? Each year at the Region 7 Rally the Region Membership Chairperson gives 2 red stars to all the members that have been in the club 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, etc. (One star for the front of the Unit and one star for the rear & each star represents 5 years of continuous membership in WBCCI). This year I will be giving stars to Steve & Susie Jedlund for 15 years of Membership. Stars to Craig & Diana McHenry for 10 years of Membership. Stars to Richard & Martha Freeman, Franklin & Barbara Zappa for 5 years of Membership.

So, Minnesota Unit Members make it a point to join us at a Unit Rally, if not the Fall Rally in Rochester then at the Christmas Luncheon, or in 2019 the Valentine's Day luncheon, our St. Patrick's Day social, or a 2019 Rally. We want to get to know you if you have never attended a Unit function. We promise you fun and fellowship.

Linda

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

David Brown & Lee Defries #05613- Bloomington, MN

Chris Lyrek #23588 - Loretto, MN

Jim Southard - Golden Valley, MN

John & Linda Blakstvedt #06280 - Delano, MN

Barton & Brenda Schultz #31475 - Maple Grove, MN

Dave & Sue Thune #05541 - Saint Paul, MN

Teri & Phil Berkness - Savage, MN

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

If you were wondering...

Got a question about the WBAC or the MN Airstream Club? 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.

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Sharon or Harry Ramler	320-253-1263	sharon.ramler5332@gmail.com

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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. cwolsson@comcast.net

Newsletter Editor Ramblings

It's August 15th, and I'm trying to figure out where June and July went... Between business travel, personal travel, and rallies, they have flown by.

One of the big highlights for us was going to the International Rally in Salem, OR. We met up with Peggy Egan our first night out, and we travelled together out to Salem. We had a blast, and I think Peggy did too. 😊 Since we both have Vintage Airstreams, we attended the VAC* Rendezvous for a couple of days before parading into International as part of the Vintage Airstream Parade. We had sooooo much fun this year, and we are looking forward to next year's International Rally, which we have registered for already.

While at International, we and Peggy entered the Vintage competition. As many of you know from the Tech Rally, Peggy won the Best of the 90's and we won the Best of the 70's.

Peggy's award is show to the right.



**Vintage Airstream Club*

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Our award has taken residence in our trailer.



While traveling either to or from Salem (I forget which day), DOD (Dear Old Dad - my dad) paid us a visit on the road and unrolled the paper towels. He always did like the harmless prank! 😊

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One of the Vintage trailers at International had a whole bunch of bumper stickers on it. Being the Sailor, I focused on ones with a Navy theme, some of which I remember from my youth:



And then there was this one:



I have no explanation.

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While on a business trip to Colorado, Kay sent me a picture of one of our cats, Nala. She looks quite comfortable. She's on a perch I built for the cats in our screened in porch.

On to getting everything ready for the Region 7 rally trip next week.

Safe travels,

Chris

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