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## *Chuck's Corner*

Greetings Minnesota Airstream Club members.

Much has transpired since my last communication with you. Covid-19 has increased dramatically, and we are looking at a slow roll out for vaccinations. Our politics in this nation has really taken a turn for the worse. As I put these words together, all 50 states have been warned about possible violence between now and the inauguration. All of this makes planning more difficult as our year begins.

I have decided to cancel the February Valentines luncheon and the two events in March, the convention center support for airstream sales and the St Patrick's Luncheon. In their place I will be doing another zoom party for all members to be scheduled sometime in March as a way of trying to stay connected.

Jane Carmichael, President of Region 7, conducted an informal board meeting over zoom January 7th. It was an excellent opportunity for those of us to put a face with a name and get a good general idea of what Region 7 board people and officers are up to. Jane and support members are planning a great time for all at

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<https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/>

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<https://region7.airstreamclub.net/>

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the Region Rally scheduled for August 2021. Joy and I are planning on going to our first Region Rally.

I remain optimistic about our spring rally at Maple Springs campground this May. Details will be forthcoming soon. I am assuming that all of us will be able to get vaccinated by the time this rally arrives.

I am guessing for now that the national rally in Lebanon, Tennessee will still be on this summer. Sign up if you are going on the national web site. Joy and I are also planning to go to this rally. Pete Yanke is putting together the Caravan from Minnesota to Tennessee.

I know this winter has been tough on all of us. I hope and pray that our members are staying healthy and safe. Before you know it, spring will arrive and the excitement of getting together will rush upon us.

My thanks to Chris Olsson for his work on this newsletter.

May your aluminum be leak free and shiny.

May your tires be round and always properly inflated and

May your days be filled with the exquisite pleasure of new adventures, fabulous destinations and excellent friendship.

See you down the road.

Chuck Dodd

President Minnesota Airstream Club

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## 2020 - 2021 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Christmas ZOOM Party	Zoom Online Meeting	Dec 11, 2020 5:30 PM	Chuck Dodd
<a href="#">Watch for a Zoom log in email as the date gets closer.</a>			
RV Show: Support Airstream	Minneapolis Convention Center	Cancelled	
Valentine's Day Party	Cancelled		
St. Patrick's Luncheon	Cancelled		
Spring Rally	Maple Springs Campground, Preston, MN	May 20 - 23, 2021	Chuck & Joy Dodd
<a href="#">Planned activities: National Trout Center, Historic Forestville, Mystery Cave.</a>			
Tech Rally	Minnesota Airstream Park	June 10 - 13, 2021	Linda Agre
<a href="#">Contact Linda if you have a presentation you would like to give. You can reach her by emailing me (Chris) @ <u><a href="mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net">055info@airstreamclub.net</a></u>.</a>			

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Caravan to International Rally	TBD	TBD	Pete Yanke
International Rally	Lebanon, TN Rally Information: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon">https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon</a>	July 17 - 24, 2021	WBAC
Region 7 Rally Anatomy of a Murder	Rippling River Resort Marquette, MI <a href="https://region7.airstreamclub.net/about-region-7/rally-schedule/">See Region 7 Website for details:</a> ( <a href="https://region7.airstreamclub.net/about-region-7/rally-schedule/">https://region7.airstreamclub.net/about-region-7/rally-schedule/</a> )	Aug 19-24, 2021	Jane Carmichael Region 7 President
Fall Installation Rally	Prairie Island Campground Winona, MN <a href="#">Planned activities: Installation of 2022 Club Officers, Visit the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN</a>	Sept 16 - 19, 2021	Chuck Dodd & Terry Pflagher

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## *New Treasurer and Membership Chair needed*

Craig McHenry and Diana McHenry have been our Treasurer and Membership Chair for 9 years and will have filled those roles for 10 years at the end of 2021, which is when they will both step down. The Club is looking for a new Treasurer and Membership Chair that can take over at the 2021 Fall Installation Rally.

If interested, please contact Craig or Diana to learn more about the two positions and how much fun they have had the last 9 years helping the Club and its members. They would like someone to step forward now so that they can spend time with them to "train in".

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## *Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members*

Cristofer & Donna Gears # 21352 - Poulsbo, WA

Lindsay Brice & Nancy Orr # 22005 - Saint Paul, MN

Peter & Danielle Reuss # 06317 - Rochester, MN

Marco & Kelly de Bruin # 21111 - Owatonna, MN

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

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## *Camping Medical Supplies*

Over the years we've camped, I've always put a lot of thought into what we need to have with us "just in case" someone gets sick or injured. I've tweaked this mental list depending on where we're going, how long we'll be traveling, what type of camping we're doing, and how much room I have for the stuff. I tend to take some different things to the Boundary Waters, than I store in the Airstream, but overall, not really all that different.

I ALWAYS have in the Airstream:

Band-Aids of several different sizes

2x2 gauze pads (a few) or Telfa pads

Medical tape (for the gauze pads)

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil)

Benadryl

Antibiotic ointment

Cortisone cream

Tweezers

Gas X (absolute must) (don't ask)

Anti-diarrheal medication (Lomotil, or Pepto Bismol type)

Cold medicine such as Sudafed

Eye drops - for flushing foreign particles out of eyes

Repair kit for glasses

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We carry our prescription medications in original containers (I save the previous month's bottles with accurate dosage) and keep a few days beyond our planned trip time with us. We replenish these as we pack each time.

I also keep an elastic bandage wrap of at least 3 inches wide on hand for those sprains, etc.

It's very important to replace supplies that can expire such as medications every year. Check expiration dates! Some, such as Aspirin, can degrade over time and lose effectiveness. I also do not leave medications in the trailer over the winter - freezing is also not good.

Most of the time, we use very little of these supplies (nor do we really WANT to), but the times we need them, we're very grateful we have them.

Other things you could possibly want to have with you include:

Emergency dental kit (I have one for Boundary Waters - no dentists out there)

Alcohol wipes (good for cleaning off those tweezers before and after use)

Benadryl cream

There are probably other things that you've found useful to have on hand. I'd love to hear them! It's always good to keep that medical kit up to date.

And, it's always a good idea to keep a current list of prescription medications you take with you. An emergency situation is not the time to try to remember them off the top of your head! We have a list of our meds stored in a text file on our phones, and one kept on paper in the refrigerator of the trailer.

Stay healthy!

Kay Olsson



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## *Your Airstream Pictures*

I asked you all for a current pictures of you Airstream, and I got many more than I was expecting! Thank-you for taking the time to send me a picture or two. Here they are in no particular order along with any notes provided.



Kay & Chris Olsson - She's hibernating for the winter (at home).



Jim & Linda Fisk - Sovereign in our driveway in the west metro.



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Cordell Woods - Tucked in nice and cozy for the winter.



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Jeff Janacek & Sally Colwell - Cottage Grove, MN



John Arechavala - Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Peninsula, WA



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Keith and Sheila Depre - Aurora, our 1971 Overlander, patiently waiting for warmer days.



Kevin Garrett & Cheryl McChesney - South Padre Island, Texas this morning.  
Cloudy but in the 70s.

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Jane Carmichael - Lake Havasu City, AZ

Eddy and I rent a home there each winter.

And — Yes, I backed it in — it took several attempts because it's a tight spot and a narrow shot from the road.

Eddy's direction was critical. Note where the Airstream steps are vs the Air Conditioner unit!!



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Jason Overman - I built the Argo a new shed just in time for snow.



Jeff & Diane Perkins

A frosty morning (23F!) taken last September at Vermillion State Park



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Kim & Jim Andrews - next to their house. Picture from October snowfall.



Mark and Mary Glasnapp - North Texas Airstream Community near Hillsboro, TX.

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Diana & Craig McHenry



Carole Jhung & Keith Morgan



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Mark Fawcett



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Dave & Pamela Rawn - December in Oklahoma at a Harvest Host.



Kathy & Pete Yanke - At home.



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Robin Smith with Larry & Lizzy



Shari & Larry Erickson - Moab, Utah at the Spanish Trail RV Park

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Stan Ross & Lori Gordan - BBQ lunch break in Texas



Tom & Carol Mungavan



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Terry & Steve Pflieghaar - At home.



Linda Agre - Both of her Airstreams are in storage, so she sent this snow globe pic.

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## *If you were wondering...*

Got a question about the Wally Byam Airstream Club (aka, WBAC or WBCCI) 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 email them. Your question may be forwarded to and answered by another member on the MN Airstream Club.

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I am always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Any topic is welcome, and pictures are always great!

For example, what modifications have you made or had done to your Airstream? Something simple like installing an extra shelf, replacing furniture with something that works better for you, etc.

Please email me any articles or ideas you have ([055info@airstreamclub.net](mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net)).

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.

Years ago, we were given a recipe booklet by Kay's mom. Her parents were at the 1983 International Rally in Duluth, and one of the things they brought home was this recipe booklet.

Following are two more recipes from this booklet.

## ***WBCCI 26th Annual International Air Stream Rally***



***Duluth Arena Auditorium  
June 29th and 30th, 1983  
Compliments of Minnesota Power***

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## Never Fail Fudge

1 lb. confectioners sugar	1/4 lb. (1 stick) butter
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa	1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup milk	1/2 cup chopped nuts

Lightly grease 8-inch pan. Combine sugar and cocoa. Add milk and butter. DO NOT STIR. Microwave for 2 minutes on High. Add vanilla and nuts.

## Yummy Mound Bars

1/2 cup butter or margarine	2 cups graham cracker
1/4 cup sugar	crumbs
2-2/3 cups (8 oz.) flaked coconut	1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
2 cups (12 oz.) milk chocolate pieces	

Microwave butter in 12 x 8-inch glass baking dish about 1 minute or until melted. Stir in crumbs and sugar until combined. Press mixture firmly and evenly into bottom of dish. Stir together coconut and condensed milk. Spoon over crust; spread evenly. Microwave, at 1/2 power, uncovered, 9 to 11 minutes or until heated through, rotating dish once. Microwave (full power) chocolate pieces in uncovered glass bowl 2 to 3 minutes or until softened. Stir until smooth. Spoon onto coconut mixture; spread to cover. Refrigerate to set chocolate, about 1 hour. Cut into bars.

About 48 Bars

### Tips:

- . Add 1/2 cup chopped, toasted almonds to coconut mixture for a delicious variation.
- . With full power (high), microwave in step 3 for 4-1/2 to 5 minutes, rotating dish twice.



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## *Newsletter Editor Ramblings*

Happy New Year! Looking forward to a much-improved 2021. Biggest plan on the horizon is I'm retiring at the end of the year! Very much looking forward to it.

Nothing much happening on the Airstream front lately. So, I'm going to digress to one of my other passions.

Some of you may remember that last winter, I started working on an insanity project of building a N-scale railroad bridge from scratch. I had talked about it in the March 2020 Newsletter. Well, I finished it finally, and I must say I'm extremely pleased with how it turned out.



Here it is on my layout. It's 74 inches long, making it 984 n-scale feet long.

On the next page are three closer pictures from left to right. As you can probably tell, I have a tad more work to do on scenery. 😊



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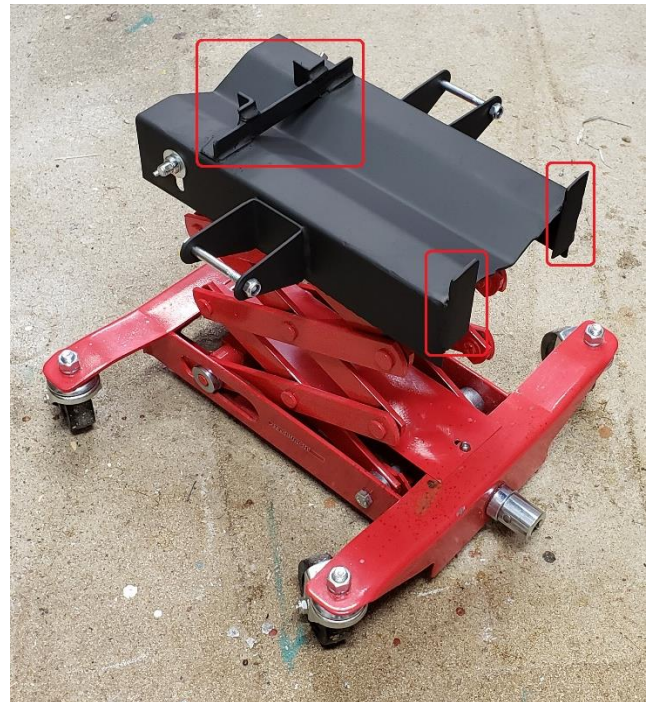




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Ok, I lied a tad. I do have something going on with our Airstream. Well, with the hitch we have anyway, which is an AirSafe hitch in conjunction with an Equalizer hitch. The hitch head weighs about 95 lbs, and Kay cannot lift it to slide into the receiver on the truck. As we found out last fall when I was going through my medical issues, I could not lift it then either. I have recovered enough to lift it now, but certainly not easily. We saw on the air forums where someone bought a transmission jack to move and lift their AirSafe hitch. So, we decided to do the same thing.

The only problem is that the hitch doesn't sit on the jack very well. Very tippy and on the verge of falling off all the time. So, to protect Kay's and my toes from 95 lbs. of dead weight falling on them, I welded some angle iron and two stops to the jack pad to hold the hitch in place as shown to the right. I plan on adding wooden dowels to the two side bolts to make handles for it so we can lift it in and out of the truck (without the hitch on it of course!).



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Here's the hitch head sitting on the tranny jack. It's pretty stable with the added angle iron and stops. The casters let us roll it around, and the scissors jack lets us raise and lower it, hopefully not needing to lift it into the receiver on the truck. Need to wait until spring to try it out.



The jury is still out on the size of the casters. We may replace them with wider ones I found at, of all places, on a music web site that sells storage cases for moving music and concert equipment outdoors on gravel and unpaved terrain.

Stop by at our next rally and I will be happy to show it off.

In the next newsletter, I hope to share names you all have given to your Airstreams and the reason for his/her name. Watch for an email from me late Feb or early Mar asking you to share.

Here's hoping 2021 is much better for everyone!

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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