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March 2019



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## *Kay's Kommunique*

It's not my fault! Really! I took down the "Let It Snow" sign as soon as I realized that Mother Nature was taking it as a challenge. Didn't help. Snow is so deep in our yard, that we'd lose the dog if we didn't keep shoveling out a spot for his bathroom. Poor baby can't see over the top of the drifts. At least March is coming in like a lion. There's hope for the end of the month.

One of the things I was charged with at the fall meeting was to buy a coffee urn and a hot water urn for the Club. The hot water urn was easy: 30 cups, easy to use. The coffee urn was another matter entirely. I have definitely learned a lot about coffee urns. I wanted to make sure I got something that would last a long time, and work well. I wanted one that made 50 - 75 cups of coffee, was stainless steel, and had really good reviews. I went to several sites, read many reviews, and finally made a choice which arrived and works. But, really, you think, how hard could this be? Well, let me tell you, there's a lot of thought that has to go into this. Did you know, for example, that a cup of coffee by some of these manufacturers, is 3.5 ounces. Really? How many people do you know that drink a 3.5

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ounce cup of coffee? There are definitely no Airstreamers I know that do. We drink 12 ounce cups. The bigger the better. So I had to factor that in as I'm looking at an urn that the manufacturer says makes 75 3.5 oz cups. That's really only 32 8 oz cups. You see what I mean. So, I ended up with a coffee urn that makes "110 cups" (at 5.3 oz per cup for this brand) but really makes 72.5 normal person cups at 8 oz., or 48.5 Airstreamer cups at 12 oz. It has 5 stars though and met all the other parameters I set up. It was also well within the budget I was given. I even have enough left over to buy plastic sealable bins to store them in at the Park. We will try them out at the Spring Rally along with the new griddles!

If the snow ever melts (I'm still hopeful it's "when"), I'm planning on spending a day at the Airstream Park, going through the Club shed, and making an inventory of the major stuff in it. I think that will help me now, and Presidents and rally organizers of the future, to know what's there. I will try out all the coffee pots to make sure that what's there works, and get rid of what doesn't. Other than that, I'm not planning on throwing anything there away. I'll leave that to future rummagers.

As a look forward, Fall Installation Rally is going to be at Hoodoo Point Campground in Tower, MN, Sept. 12 - 15. There are many things to do in and around Tower, including the Tower-Soudan Mine State Park, the new Lake Vermillion State Park, the international Wolf and Bear Centers in Ely, and Fortune Bay Casino nearby. Hoodoo Point Campground is on Lake Vermillion, and we have some primo sites on the lake reserved for us. We will send out a separate "Save the Date" flyer with information on reserving a campsite soon.

See you on the road!

Kay

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## 2018 - 2019 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Claddagh Irish Pub	3/10/19 11:00 am <a href="#">(See page 4)</a>	Caroline & Paul Munro
Spring Rally	Houston, MN	5/9 - 5/12/19 <a href="#">(See page 5)</a>	Kay & Chris Olsson
Folklorama National Event	Winnipeg, Manitoba	8/5 - 8/16/19	Region 7  <a href="#">Detailed information and rally updates will be on the Region 7 website at <u><a href="http://www.region7.wbcci.net">www.region7.wbcci.net</a></u></a>
Installation Fall Rally	Hoodoo Point Campground Tower, MN	9/12 - 9/15/19	Kay & Chris Olsson Joy & Chuck Dodd  <a href="#">A Save-the-Date email is coming out later today</a>
Fall Left Behind Party	Old Log Theater <i>A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder</i>	11/10/19	Cordell Woods & Marlene Anderson

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## St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Hosted by Caroline and Paul Munro  
Sunday, March 10, 2019

Claddagh Irish Pub  
7890 Main Street N.  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

11:00 am

Order from the Menu.

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner and so we have booked Claddagh for our annual St Patrick's Day Lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone and catching up on your Airstream adventures.

Please RSVP to Caroline Munro at [763-227-8009](tel:763-227-8009) or email: [paulmunro@comcast.net](mailto:paulmunro@comcast.net)

Online registration: [St. Patrick's Lunch](#)

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## SPRING RALLY 2019

MAY 9 – 12

SPRING RALLY THIS YEAR WILL BE IN HOUSTON, MN WHERE WE WILL VISIT THE INTERNATIONAL OWL CENTER, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPRING FLOWER/PLANT SALE, AND EXPLORE THE AREA. THERE ARE BIKING AND HIKING TRAILS AVAILABLE, AND THE CAMPGROUND HAS ACCESS TO THE ROOT RIVER FOR KAYAKING OR CANOEING.

WE WILL BE CAMPING AT: CUSHON'S PEAK CAMPGROUND  
18696 MN 16  
HOUSTON, MN 55943  
PH: 507-896-7325  
<http://cushonspeakcampground.com/>

IN A DIFFERENT TWIST FOR THIS WEEKEND, **DO NOT CALL THE CAMPGROUND FOR RESERVATIONS. YOU WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS THROUGH US, AND WE WILL NOTIFY THE CAMPGROUND PRIOR TO OUR WEEKEND. YOU WILL PAY FOR CAMPING WHEN YOU CHECK IN. COST FOR CAMPING IS \$27 PER NIGHT AND INCLUDES ELECTRICITY (50, 30, 20 AMP) AND WATER. THERE IS A DUMP STATION AT THE CAMPGROUND.**

THEY HAVE A BIG FIRE RING FOR OUR USE, AND A RALLY BUILDING.

THE INTERNATIONAL OWL CENTER IS LOCATED IN TOWN, AND HAS SEVERAL OWLS TO SEE AS WELL AS A LIVE OWL PROGRAM FOR US. COST IS \$7 PER ADULT, \$4 PER CHILD, NOT INCLUDED IN RALLY FEE.  
WE WILL TRY OUT OUR NEW GRIDDLES FOR BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING! ☺

WE ARE PLANNING A CHILI COMPETITION FOR SATURDAY SUPPER, SO BRING YOUR BEST CHILI RECIPE! THE GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO TASTE ALL THE DIFFERENT CHILI'S AND PICK THEIR FAVORITES. AND, OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE PRIZES! CORNBREAD, CHILI FIXINGS (SOUR CREAM, CILANTRO, CHEESE) AND CRACKERS WILL BE PROVIDED. (IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE CHILI, YOU CAN BRING A DESSERT TO PASS.)

YOUR RESERVATION NEEDS TO BE IN WITH US BY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>. YOU CAN MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO US, OR REGISTER ON LINE AT <https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/events/2019-spring-rally/>

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Spring Rally 2019 Registration – Mail to Kay Olsson, 9250 Dunlap Ave, Circle Pines, MN 55014

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING RALLY: \_\_\_\_\_

RALLY FEE \$15/PERSON. AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to MN Airstream Club)

SIZE OF TRAILER/MH: \_\_\_\_\_ (SO WE CAN TELL THE CAMPGROUND)

ARE YOU BRINGING CHILI? \_\_\_\_\_ (FOR FOOD PLANNING PURPOSES)

CAMPING CHECK-IN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF NIGHTS: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$27.00 / NIGHT PAYABLE AT CAMPGROUND CHECK-IN)

(PLEASE NOTE: OWL CENTER FEES AND CAMPING FEES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN RALLY FEE)

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*FROM YOUR REGION 7 OFFICERS  
Just a couple of things...*



From left to right: John and Terri Cooper, WI President; Pete and Kathy Yanke, Past Region 7 President; Jane Carmichael and Eddy Klein, Region 7 1st Vice President; Beth and Kenn Zelten, Region 7 2nd Vice President.

**GREETINGS!** We just wanted to let you know a little bit about the Winter International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting that was held January 21 - 25, 2019 in Robertsdale, Alabama.

John Cooper, Wisconsin Unit, took a photo of all the Region 7 members who were at the IBT. (see above)

You may recall that there are 13 Regions in the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Each region has a President and 2 Vice Presidents (VP). At the IBT, Region 7 was represented by 1st VP Jane Carmichael and 2nd VP Beth Zelten. Jane and Beth are members of the Wisconsin Unit and are Yoopers.

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Region 7 has 3 Units: North Dakota Peace Garden Unit; Minnesota Airstream Club; and the Wisconsin Unit.

Each Region 7 unit has updated their Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) documents. Congratulations to those who submitted the update to CBL Chair, Tom Smithson. Tom's work has been tireless as he continues to streamline the Blue Book and keeps all units in compliance.

You may wonder what value our Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy statements have. When it was explained to me, it made more sense by looking at it this way:

Constitution: WHO we are

By- Laws: WHAT we do

Policy: HOW we do

Stephen Piowtrowski, Wisconsin Member, is on the International CBL Committee, chaired by Tom Smithson.

During the IBT, your officers reviewed motions, discussed ideas for improvement of Blue Book language, and voted on several issues. Their work culminated in the approval to develop an improved website and internet communication. This project will start with Phase 1 and will improve the ease of finding information on the Wally Byam Airstream Club website.

A popular motion passed to allow all units to submit their requests to change unit names, unit badges, unit flags, directly to their Region President.

If the requested change complies with the Wally Byam Airstream Club requirements, our Corporate Manager, Lori Plummer will obtain approval from the Airstream Corp officers/legal team. The Airstream name is very protected and approval must be provided to use that name.

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Region Officers at the IBT involved the rally attendees in each workshop, education seminar, and training. Of course, there were some fine meals for all along with social hours. Due to the proximity to New Orleans, LA and Mobile, AL, beads were generously provided. The Excelsior band jazzed the Cajun and Mardi Gras spirit for all.

One of our IBT take aways: to solve problems, start with kindness

Jane Carmichael #3230  
Region 7 1st Vice President

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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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## *Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members*

Sarah & Hudie Broughton # 01568 - St. Paul, MN

Daniel Byhre & Katie Moriarty # 20137 - Minneapolis, MN

Kevin & Maureen Farrell # 07619 - Chaska,, MN

Jeff Janacek & Sally Colwell # 02145 - Stillwater, MN

Lorrie Madden # 01289 - Elk River, MN

David & Charlotte Sirianni # 01074 - St. Paul, MN

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



For those of you someplace warm, here's your chance to make those of us buried in snow jealous. Send me a picture of where you are and I will publish in the next Newsletter!

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.

Email: [055info@airstreamclub.net](mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net)

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## *Newsletter Editor Ramblings*

For those of you that pay attention to such things, you may have noticed that the email addresses of the MN Airstream Club Officers listed in this Newsletter are new. This goes along with the overall name change taking place that is moving from WBCCI (Wally Byam Caravan Club International) to WBAC (Wally Byam Airstream Club) in the US & Canada. I believe that the European Club will retain WBCCI.

Part of this change is to change all of the Regions and Individual Units web sites and email addresses. This is on-going. Our Unit made the change last month, but the Wisconsin Unit, the North Dakota Unit, and Region 7 have not made the change yet.

A few weeks ago, I sent an email out with the new email addresses for the MN Unit Officers. If you still have that email, please delete as I had the email addresses wrong due to miss-understanding information from HQ. The New email addresses are:

President (Kay Olsson)	<a href="mailto:055president@airstreamclub.net">055president@airstreamclub.net</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (Chuck Dodd)	<a href="mailto:055vicepresident@airstreamclub.net">055vicepresident@airstreamclub.net</a>
Membership Chair (Diana McHenry)	<a href="mailto:055membershipchair@airstreamclub.net">055membershipchair@airstreamclub.net</a>
Treasurer (Craig McHenry)	<a href="mailto:055treasurer@airstreamclub.net">055treasurer@airstreamclub.net</a>
Webmaster/Newsletter Editor (me)	<a href="mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net">055info@airstreamclub.net</a>

Going along with the new emails, our web site address has changed to:  
<https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/>

I have updated all of the links throughout the web site to reflect these changes, so everything should work. Having said that, I may have missed something somewhere, so if you find a broken link, please let me know.

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Another new thing is the addition of a PayPal account. My thanks to Craig McHenry (Treasurer) for setting that up. This provides the ability for the Club to accept payments for various fees (rally fees for example) using PayPal instead of mailing the rally organizer a check.

In addition to PayPal, I have also figured out how to create online registration forms. On our website, there are two online registration forms available, one for the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and one for the Spring Rally in May.

The Spring Rally online registration form includes paying the rally fees using PayPal. Please note that if you register online for the Spring Rally, you must pay the Rally Fees using PayPal. I still need to figure out how to make PayPal optional, and how to track who has paid and who hasn't, before you will have the ability to register online and snail mail a check to cover the rally fees. Working on it... So for now, Spring Rally registration is either online paying with PayPal, or mailing Kay the registration form and a check for the Rally Fees.

Sorry, no woodworking ramblings this edition. I could ramble on about snow, but I'd rather not. However, I did build a model of a Cape Cod house that my oldest sister gave me for Christmas. It has become a restaurant on my model railroad, named after her. Pink is her favorite color.

Safe travels,

Chris

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