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Chuck's Corner

Hello Minnesota Airstreamers,

As we approach the first day of spring a few days from now, I am feeling optimistic about the coming airstream season. We have a spring rally planned that should provide a good start of fun and fellowship for our club. I wish to thank Terry and Steve Pfliegaar for taking over as hosts and putting together the flyer you should have received by now. Registration is approaching fast so check out the flyer and our web site for details. Chris Olsson, our webmaster, has done a great job on setting up the web site for easy registration. If you have any questions, please contact Terry at 612-889-7420.

As most of you now know, the Loveland International Rally has been canceled. I will make a final decision about the spring rally and our June rally next month as the corona virus updates come in.

Minnesota Unit Website

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

Region 7 Website

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

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As some of you know, we found out in early January that Joy has stomach cancer. Joy is currently undergoing chemotherapy. We will learn more on the 30th of March. Until we know more, we will be constrained on event participation. Fortunately, most details for the year have been already planned.

I am looking for host/hostess for our fall rally in September. If you feel you would like to step up to the challenge, I can give you all the details for this rally in Winona including our campground and contacts. Please contact me at 763-443-8628 if you feel up to the adventure.

Chris has updated our website for the spring rally, June tech rally, and fall rally. The July rally has been canceled. Please check our web site out at:

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

With the corona virus rearing its ugly head, we have much to temper us during the next few months. I am optimistic that we will get through this time with lots of adventures to enjoy after it's over. Meanwhile, we hunker down and spend quality time at home. Take good care of yourselves and be safe.

AS Always

See You Down the Road

Chuck Dodd

President Minnesota Airstream Club

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2019 - 2020 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Spring Rally	Maple Springs Campground Preston, MN 25 trailer limit on-site. Overflow is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away at State Forestville site. See page 4	May 14-17, 2020	Terry & Steve Pfleghaar
Tech Rally	MN Airstream Park See page 6	Jun 4-7, 2020	Linda Agre
Caravan to International	Cancelled		
International Rally	Cancelled		
Caravan to Region 7 Rally	TBD	Aug TBD	Linda Agre
Region 7 Rally	Rippling River Resort See page 8 and the Region 7 Website for details (https://region7.airstreamclub.net/)	Aug 20-25, 2020	Jane Carmichael Region 7 1 st VP
Fall Installation Rally	Prairie Island Campground Winona, MN Visit to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN.	Sep 17-20, 2020	Joy and Chuck Dodd

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Minnesota Airstream Club Spring Rally!

May 14 – 17, 2020 * Preston, Minnesota * **Register by May 1, 2020**

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING RALLY IN PRESTON, MN AT MAPLE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND NEAR FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK.

High points of our rally will include:

- ❖ A Scenic Tour of Mystery Cave.
- ❖ A tour of Historic Forestville (Historic Forestville was once the center of a thriving rural community until it fell into decline after the railroad passed it by in 1868. The historic town includes a fully-stocked general store, farm and homestead with original artifacts.
- ❖ Dinner out on Saturday evening at the Branding Iron Restaurant.
- ❖ **Optional activities:**
 - Visit the **National Trout Center** where they have offered to teach a group of us to fish (form your own group).
 - Go **trout fishing** (The Minnesota Trout Association has laid out a self-guided 9-hole trout fishing course along a .8 mile reach of blue ribbon trout water in the South Branch Root River).
 - Visit **Amish Country!** Preston is 11 miles from Harmony, home to Minnesota's largest Amish settlement, where you can take tours and purchase from Amish shops.
 - Go **bicycling** on Preston's 60 miles of paved trails in Bluff Country.
 - Go **kayaking or canoeing** on the Root River.
 - **Visit** the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.

We will gather on THURSDAY, MAY 14TH at Maple Springs Campground, where most sites are \$35/night for water and electric (a few sites also have sewer for \$40/night). Please call in your campground reservations to Andy at 507-951-8876. PLEASE TELL HIM YOU ARE WITH THE AIRSTREAM RALLY GROUP so he will place you in the right area. NOTE: Cell service is spotty in this area, so we will try to provide you with pertinent information (maps, etc.) ahead of time.

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH will be a day to spend on your own or in groups, enjoying the above optional activities, or whatever else you'd like. Bring food to share for potluck supper that evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH We will tour Historic Forestville and Mystery Cave then have supper at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Preston (Pay for your own and order from the menu – they serve everything from steak to burgers to chicken to fish).

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH we will start the morning with our famous crockpot oatmeal breakfast, then head home after goodbyes.

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RALLY FEE: \$5 PER PERSON.

MYSTERY CAVE FEE: \$12 per person

HISTORIC FORESTVILLE VILLAGE FEE:

- \$10 for adults,
- \$8 for seniors (65+) and children ages 5-17,
- free for MNHS members.

PLUS a \$7 one-day [or \$35 annual] Minnesota State Parks vehicle permit per vehicle (or carpool with someone who has this).

REGISTER BY MAY 1, 2020. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE (link below). You have the option to pay with PayPal or send a check to Terry after registering online.

Link to online registration: <https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/events/2020-spring-rally/>

If you prefer, you can fill out the registration form below.

If sending a check, make it payable to ***MN UNIT WBCCI.***

Mail checks and registration form to:

Terry Pflgebraar
6997 90th Ave.,
Princeton, MN 55371

NAME: _____

WBAC (WBCCI) NUMBER: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING RALLY: _____ (\$5/PERSON)

NUMBER PEOPLE ATTENDING MYSTERY CAVE: _____ (\$12/PERSON)

NUMBER ADULTS/SENIORS/CHILDREN ATTENDING HISTORIC FORESTVILLE: _____ (\$10/ADULTS;
\$8/SENIORS [65+] AND CHILDREN [AGES 5-17])

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ (make checks payable to ***MN UNIT WBCCI***)

(Registration form is not needed if you registered online)

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JUNE 2020 4TH BIENNIUM TECH RALLY

JUNE 4-7, 2020

MINNESOTA AIRSTREAM PARK

8795 82ND ST. SE

CLEAR LAKE, MN 55319

The MN Unit of the Airstream Club together with the Airstream Park Board Marketing Liaison Tim Balfanz and Lazydays RV are planning our 4th Biennium Tech Rally. So put aside the weekend of June 4-7, 2020, bring your golf clubs and swimming suits, and join us for a learning and fun filled rally.

As the wagon master or rally chairperson or whatever you want to call me, I need your help and expertise as I can't do it alone. So far I have Airstreamers who have stepped up to make sure you have a great weekend.

So far the schedule will include:

Harry Ramler - Maintenance of your Airstream

Peggy Egan - Removal of Clear Coat on a Vintage Airstream

Sue Hager - Golf Pro Betsy Larey

John Arechavala - Sky Med and Solar seminar

LazyDays RV - New Trailers

Susie Jedlund - Crafts while traveling

Chris Olsson - Electric issues and more

Pete Yanke is putting together entertainment so contact him if you are willing to get involved.

Kevin Volk of Lazydays RV will be holding a 'Question & Answer' Session. Remember no question is 'dumb' if you don't know the answer. So start writing them down or email them to me: agre5628@aol.com.

Sign-up sheets will be at the check-in table for help with a meal or with clean up. Volunteering is where you meet and get to know club members. Registration Form is on the next page.

Our Minnesota Unit has so many talented people and I hope you are willing to share.

All this and more for a \$15.00 rally fee.

Linda Agre #5628

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**MINNESOTA UNIT TECH RALLY
AT THE MINNESOTA AIRSTREAM PARK
8795 82ND ST. SE; CLEAR LAKE, MN 55319
JUNE 4-7, 2020**

Join us for a week-end of what and how to's. Rally fee **INCLUDES** cost for all events and some meals. It **Does NOT** include Camping fee.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: Airstream Park **320-743-2771** (Credit Cards accepted)

Cost for Rally Site - \$20.00 per night + tax

Cost Full Hook-ups - \$42.00 per night + tax

REPAIRS: Call Jim 763-421-2505 ext. 5621 or Kevin 763-421-2505 ext. 5641 at Lazydays RV to schedule on site Service appointment:

QUESTIONS: Call Linda Agre 320/295-1117

Call the Airstream Park for camping reservations after April 1st.

TECH RALLY REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

WBCCI MEMBER #: _____ (if applicable) PHONE#: _____

RALLY FEE:	NUMBER	RATE	TOTAL
ADULTS	_____	\$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
CHILDREN	_____	\$10.00 EACH	\$ _____

TOTAL FEE INCLUDED (do not include camping fee) \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LINDA L. AGRE

MAIL TO: Linda Agre, 8795 82nd St. SE Unit #2; Clear Lake, MN 55319

Before May 26, 2020

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Region 7 Rally

Rippling River Resort

Here is your access to information about the 2020 Region 7 Rally being held in Marquette, MI August 20 - 25, 2020. <https://region7.airstreamclub.net>

We have 55 campsites already spoken for-- so the next step for those Airstreamers will be to pay the rally fee.

You may pay your Rally Fee by going to the Region 7 website and selecting one of the listed options.

You will receive a confirmation for your payment, a duplicate of the information you entered, and a great big Thank You from your Region Treasurer, Gail Harrower.

It is an easy way for you to pay and definitely makes our work as rally planners much easier.

So, pay and relax. Check out the R7 Website where the Rally flyer is available to download. More info with details will be posted as we get closer to the event.

Here's a taste: One Yooper has offered to donate wood for our community campfires. Guess who? The Minnesota Airstream Club has agreed to provide coffee urns. Wisc-UP Airstream Club will serve dessert one night. And, a member has offered to perform for us.

Just a taste. Please stay tuned for more info at the Region 7 website!

Your Region 7 Rally Organizers
Volunteering for You

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Valentine's Day Luncheon

We gathered at The Tavern Grill in Blaine on Saturday Feb 15th for lunch to celebrate Valentine's Day. The Luncheon was hosted by Joy and Chuck Dodd, and Kay and Chris Olsson. Really good food (my opinion, anyway ☺). Chuck and Joy provided the door prizes, and Kay made chocolate lollypops. Here's a few random pictures.

Door prizes.



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While traveling, Pete and Kathy Yanke found an Airstream Bowling alley in Las Vegas. Looks like a really looooooong Airstream!



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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Donna and David Ferrier # 18974 - Fridley, MN

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

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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New Airstream Service Center

Long time Airstream Club member of the North Iowa Airstream Club has started his own RV Repair Service - SPECIALIZING in Airstream trailers. Work includes - remodeling, plumbing, wiring, insulation, bearings to axles, etc.

He is located in Adel, IA (near Des Moines).

New RV Service

Specializing in Airstreams



DJ's RV Service
515-979-0694

Contact: Scott Jensen
Email: djsrvservice@gmail.com

Location: Adel, IA

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

Ramble number 1 - the ongoing saga of the bumper repair. Actually, we installed it last weekend on the 65degree sunny Sunday afternoon, so I guess it's no longer qualified as a saga... We're quite pleased with how it turned out. I'll include pics of the dent removal process once we get there.



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Ramble number 2 - I have not done any woodworking over the winter this year for all sorts of reasons including having a bad cold and pneumonia for an extended period of time. Certainly seemed like a really, really long time. On the plus side, I have been spending time on my model railroad. I've built a decrepit barn and a gas station among other things.



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I have set up a campground with a couple of Airstreams of course. To put things in perspective, those airstreams are about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long.

This is all work in progress. The ground is 2" pink foam insulation board with brown paint on it, so it's kind of a Mars landscape right now.



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I just finished building 3 little houses, shown below sitting on my hand.



They, like every other building, have a temporary place on my layout.

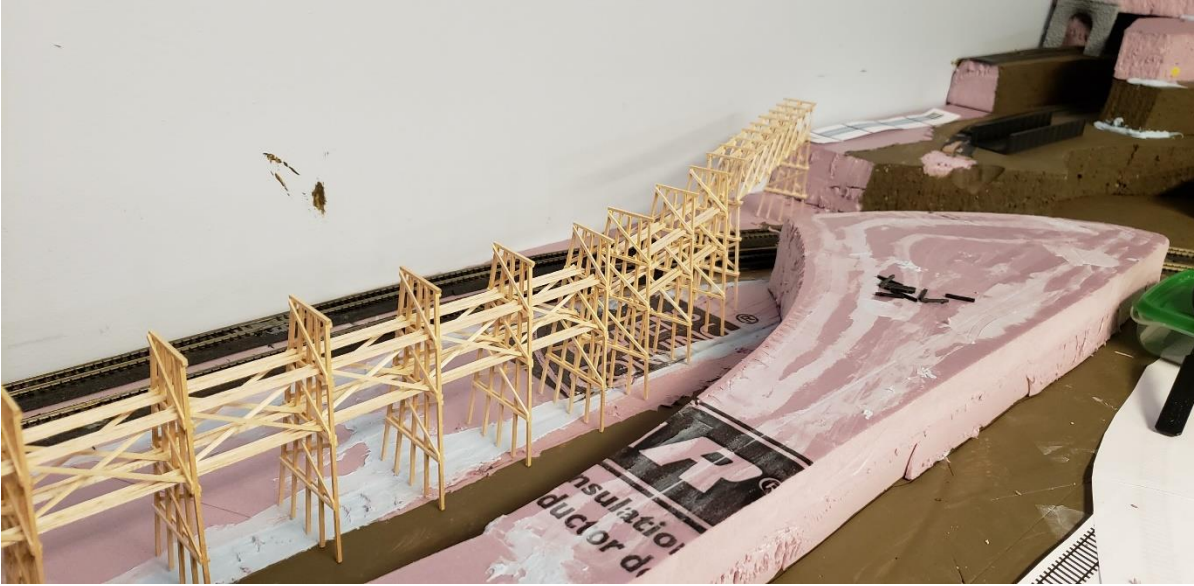


The shingles are individual rows of laser cut adhesive backed paper that took about an hour per house to apply.

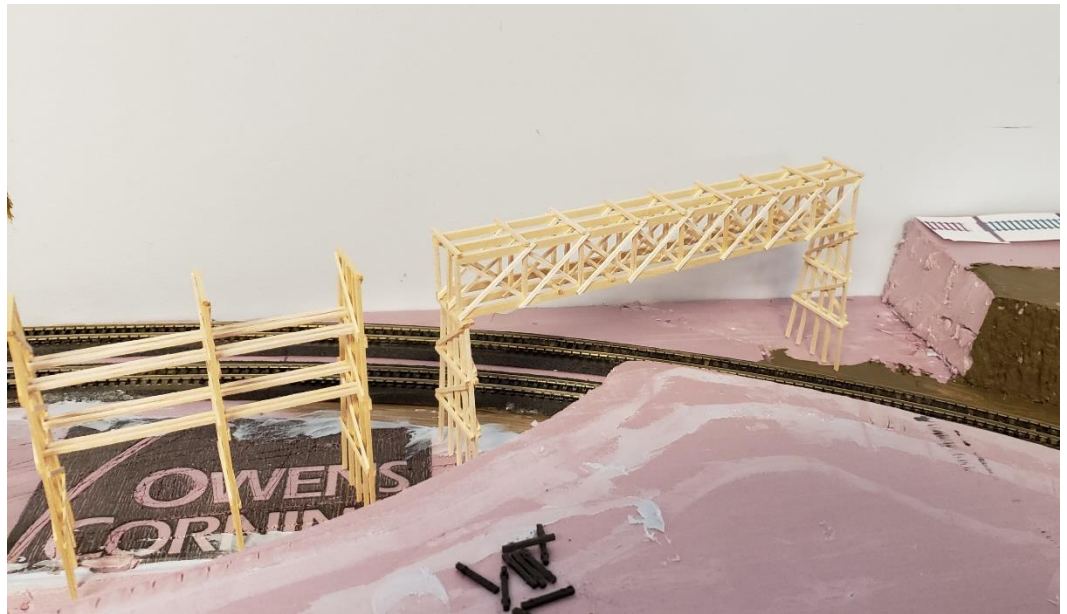


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Kay has insanity quilting projects, and I now have an insanity bridge building project. I'm hand building a trestle bridge out of itty-bitty strips of wood. 1/8" x 1/16", 1/8" x 1/8", and 1/8" x 3/32" thick.



Eventually, track will run over the top of the bridge. Not quite there yet...



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Here's a picture of my fingertips to show the size of the bridge. I made two of these, one for each end of the trestle to span over the two tracks it needs to cross.



Ramble number 3 - I'm scheduled to travel to Pennsylvania for work to do an install the week of April 6th. I'm wondering if that will really happen or not. And if it does, will I be flying or driving? Sounds like if I fly, the plane will be pretty empty. Update - trip is cancelled. 😊

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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