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Chuck's Corner

Greetings fellow Airstreamers. Can you believe it is 46 degrees outside as I write this (March 6th)? And the forecasters predict we will hit 60 before middle of next week. I sure do hope all of you are taking advantage of this weather and enjoying it.

I took our airstream to Lazydays yesterday. Plan is to have both axles replaced with full complete axle units (brakes, bearings etc.) probably from Dexter. Also having both dump valves replaced. After 33 years, it is time for some serious maintenance on the unit. It will probably take them a month to get parts and do repairs. Better parked in their lot than my drive. I was amazed at how friendly the service writer was and helpful in getting my trailer parked. A hopeful sign for the dealership.

So far, the International rally in Lebanon, Tn is still on. The caravan to the rally headed by Pete Yanke is forming nicely with plans in the works for a 4-day trip. If you want to join the caravan, you are quite welcome. Call Pete Yanke for details and where to make your reservations. I am so excited I have already reserved my 3-night spots and am looking forward to the trip. This will be Joy's and my first International Rally. Newbies for sure.

Minnesota Unit Website

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

Region 7 Website

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

Minnesota Unit Facebook

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I have scheduled a new activity:

ZOOM GET TOGETHER Friday 9th April 5 pm

Get your favorite cocktail ready and join in on the zoom get together on Friday 9 April 5 pm. I will have Chris email everyone a login for zoom in early April. The process is easy.

Please mark your calendar and prepare to join in. I am anxious to hear how everyone has been doing. Sure hope that everyone by then has gotten their vaccination for Covid-19. We have truly been blessed with 3 vaccines available now with plans to have the country vaccinated by the end of May.

Chris invited everyone to send him information about their Trailer Name. Well after 6 years Joy and I have not thought about naming our silver lady. So, I challenge you to think of a possible name we might use and send it to me. Would like to get it registered with International and get that plaque...

Plans are in full motion for our May rally at Brookside Campground in Blooming Prairie. Will have details as to costs and how to reserve your spot soon via email.

Stay Healthy

See you on zoom in April.

Chuck Dodd

President Minnesota Airstream Club

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2020 - 2021 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
ZOOM GETTOGETHER	Zoom Online meeting	April 9, 2021 @ 5:00 pm	Chuck Dodd
	Watch for a registration email in early April.		
Spring Rally	Brookside Campground Blooming Prairie, MN	May 20 - 23, 2021	Chuck & Joy Dodd
	Online Registration: https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/events/2021-spring-rally/ Also, see the rally flyer on pages 5 & 6.		
Tech Rally	Minnesota Airstream Park	June 10 - 13, 2021	Linda Agre
	Contact Linda if you have a presentation you would like to give. You can reach her by email @ agre5628@aol.com.		

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Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Caravan to International Rally	Starting at MN Airstream Park See the Caravan Info on page 7.	July 10, 2021	Pete Yanke
International Rally	Lebanon, TN Rally Information: https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon	July 17 - 24, 2021	WBAC
Caravan to the Region 7 Rally	Starting at MN Airstream Park	Aug 14 th or 15 th Contact Linda if interested. agre5628@aol.com	Linda Agre
Region 7 Rally Anatomy of a Murder	Rippling River Resort Marquette, MI See Region 7 Website for details:	Aug 19-24, 2021	Jane Carmichael Region 7 President
Fall Installation Rally	Prairie Island Campground Winona, MN Planned activities: Installation of 2022 Club Officers, Visit the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN	Sept 16 - 19, 2021	Chuck Dodd & Terry Pflieger

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Minnesota Airstream Club - Spring Rally 2021 Thursday 20 May thru Sunday 23 May **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION**

For a Reservation, Please Call Brookside Campground at:

507-583-2979



Brookside Campground

52482 320th St.

Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 (Hwy 218 Between Owatonna & Austin)

Call and let Don or Carla know that you are with the Minnesota Airstream Group. We have **15 sites reserved until 1 April**. Reserve your spot as soon as you can. They will take your Credit card when you call to reserve but not charge until you arrive. Pet Friendly.

30-50 amp w/water & electric

Su - Th - \$32.00 per night

Fr - Sa - \$42.00 per night

30-50 amp w/water & electric & sewer

Su - Th - \$35.00 per night

Fr - Sa - \$45.00 per night

Rates include 2 adults and children or grandchildren 18 and younger (or active college kids under 21) from the family of the paying adults. Additional guests pay \$5 per person per day. No charge for guests under 2.

Agenda: Now being formulated. Will include visit to Spam Museum and Historical House near Austin. Fishing, canoeing in Cedar River edge of park.

Rally Fee in addition to campground fee: \$5.00 per trailer.

Rally Registration information will be coming soon (this weekend).

If you want to attend, please reserve a campsite before April 1st.

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Minnesota Airstream Club - Spring Rally 2021

To register by mail, please complete this form.

If you select to send a personal check, please ensure it arrives prior to May 1, 2021.

Mail your check **payable to WBCCI MN Unit** (not Chuck) and mail to:

Chuck Dodd
9104 Jackson Ave.
Lexington, MN 55014

Registration Info:

Name: _____

Total Number Attending Rally: _____

Rally Fees payable to WBCCI MN Unit: \$5.00 per Unit

Please select your payment method:

Sending check for \$5.00.

Will pay Chuck at the Rally.

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Caravan to International

The MN Airstream Club caravan has a caravan parking date at the International rally. It is July 15th. The intent is to leave July 10th or 11th from Airstream Park in Clear Lake, MN. This will be a hop on / hop off travel caravan designed to get us there on the 15th. You will be free to join or leave us at any stop. I will lay out a route and stops and forward the info to you. You will be responsible to make your own reservations.

If you wish to park with us, or near us (even if you do not join the Caravan), at the International I will need your:

Name:

Email:

BRN (Big Red Number):

Phone:

I will send this to the WBCCI to get us all a parking date of the 15th. I indicated a caravan of 10 units. I may be able to fudge a little if needed. If you are considering it, please send me the info.

Send me an email with the info. Put "Lebanon" as the subject. I will respond.

Travel Safe,

Pete Yanke

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Email: pyanke@aol.com

See next page for a map showing an overview of the route.

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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".

Diana McHenry - 055membershipchair@airstreamclub.net

Craig McHenry - 055treasurer@airstreamclub.net

Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Jan & Guy Wikman # 02047 - Minneapolis, MN

Anita Ruth & Joan Griffith # 07650 - Minneapolis, MN

Janis & Charles Chell # 21993 - Saint Louis Park, MN

Misti & Mark Roach # 06912 - Lake Elmo, MN

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

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Editor's Note: The following is a letter from Steve Lee in the Michigan Unit. I've been to the Gilmore Car Museum a couple of times in my youth, and it is well worth the stop. So, even you can't make this rally, if you are ever in SW Michigan, stop by the museum. If you like vintage cars and trucks, you won't be disappointed.

Gilmore Car Museum Vintage Camper Rally

May 15, 2021

Hello WBCCI area leaders,

I want to help get the word out for a great event in SW Michigan on May 15th '21.

The Gilmore Car Museum is hosting a vintage camper rally featuring (any year) Airstream. This was the result of a small Airstream gathering we held on the museum grounds last year.

I would appreciate if you could share this information in your regions to help get the word out!

Thanks so much and we hope to see you there.

Rally Information:

https://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event-detail/vintage-travel-trailer-rally/?glm_event_from=2021-05-15

Thanks,

Steve Lee

WBCCI 6462

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Editor's Note: I have been asked to include this caravan information. Sounds like fun!

I would appreciate any help you can offer for promoting the Old National Road Caravans [beginning April 29, 2022](#), and departing from Ramblin Pines Campground in Woodbine, MD.

Come with us, as we explore the historic National Road, on a journey through the lives and fortunes of the men and women who built America.

The National Road runs from Baltimore, MD to Vandalia, IL

There are three caravans covering this route, with each a nine day format. This will allow younger club members with jobs and families to experience what the Airstream Club was founded to do. The former name, Wally Byam Caravan Club International says it all- the Caravan experience, traveling to enjoy the history, hospitality, and friendship of our host communities, and making new friendships as part of Airstream ownership.

Old National Road East starts in Baltimore and ends in Washington, PA.

[Start April 29, 2022 End May 7, 2022](#)

Old National Road Central starts in Washington and ends in Richmond, IN.

[Start May 7, 2022 End May 15, 2022](#)

Old National Road West starts in Richmond and ends near Vandalia, IL.

[Start May 15, 2022 End May 23, 2022](#)

The segments are each a full nine day caravan, and run consecutively, making it possible to enjoy just one segment, two segments, or all three.

Register online at <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/caravans>! There are a total of only 22 units for each segment, and the online enrollment process time stamp decides the order of the wait list after the available spots are filled.

Once you register online, you will be contacted by email regarding kitty fee payment dates and amounts. Please note, the \$25 caravan administration fee the club charges will be charged once if you are booking two or all three segments as the administration fee, and credited to the kitty fee for the other segment(s).

The link to the Facebook group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516515115215585/>

Thank you, and hope to see you down the road!

Tom Ketchum

Vicki Ketchum

#5809

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Editor's Note: I have also been asked to include this Wisc-UP Club rally information.

I'm Rod Fierek, affiliate member of the MN club and President this year of the Wisc-UP group. I am writing to extend an invitation to join the Wisconsin-Yooper gang for some fun, and to ask that you make this invite known to your membership.

I will particularly note two relatively close to home events:

- Rally in Chippewa Falls, WI, 24-27 June at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, about a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile walk from the Leinenkugel Brewery and the Leinie Lodge. Chippewa itself is a nice little town. They've done a nice job with the riverfront, and there's lots to do around the area. Close-ish to Minnesota, something a little different. And there's just tons of space. Virtually no limit that I could imagine on how many rigs we could host.

- Stillwater (the one here in Minnesota), where we'll spend three nights at the Washington County Fairground, 21-24 September. Opportunities for a river cruise, dinner in town, antique shops, local beers, and such.

Please share this info with your membership in case they're looking for something "Airstreamie" that's close-ish to home. Best as I can tell, neither of these overlap your scheduled events.

There's more info in the Wisc-UP section of the Airstream Club website:

<https://wisc-up.airstreamclub.net/>

Cheers!

Rod

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Your Airstream Pictures

A few more pictures from our club members:



Susie & Steve Jedlund - At a KOA on Pine Island, near FT Myer.

Sharon & Harry Ramler in front of their Park Model at Paradise RV Resort in Sun City, Arizona, where we are spending this winter. Our Airstream is spending the winter in storage in MN.



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Your Airstream Bios

Wow! I am very pleased with the number of you that shared your Airstream Bios. This is fun to learn more about everyone. Here they are in the order I received them, starting with us of course. 😊

Kay & Chris Olsson

1. Our airstream is a girl (from Navy days - all ships are female).
2. Her name is Little Girl.
3. When we picked her up in Mississippi, she was in need of lots of TLC. Kay said, she's like a little girl that needs lots of love, attention, and affection. The name instantly stuck.

In case you are not aware (we weren't for years), you can register your Airstream and they will send you a certificate and badge as shown to the right. The link to register your Airstream is:

<https://www.airstream.com/name-your-airstream/>



Carol & Greg Hanson

1. Our airstream is a girl.
2. Her name is Sally.
3. We named her after my (Carol) grandmother who loved to travel. She got a little pickup truck, threw a twin mattress in the back and traveled all over the country visiting her kids and grandkids. She started doing this in her 60's. We thought she was the coolest grandma ever.

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Terry & Steve Pflgebraar

1. Our airstream is a boy.
2. His name is Winston.
3. Steve is a World War II history buff, and Terry is a citizen of the British Commonwealth (Canada), so we both greatly admire Sir Winston Churchill, one of the most incredibly brilliant men who ever lived. Like our own Winston, in his later years Sir Winston was round, graying, and sported a balding pate. Even that cigar is reminiscent of an exhaust pipe. That's probably where the comparison ends. Churchill was such an accomplished world leader, yet with his unmatched cleverness with words, and witty sense of humour-I bet he wouldn't mind having an Airstream named after him! 😊

Susie & Steve Jedlund

1. Our Airstream is an inanimate object so therefore it is an "it".
2. We unofficially call it "Plan B".
3. It gets this name from the fact that you always need something to fall back on if Plan A is unsuccessful. Someday we may petition for a name change.

Danielle Peabody Reuss & Peter Reuss

1. Man. He's definitely a burly man.
2. Cousin Eddie
3. We had inherited the given name of our 1st new-to-us 23' CB Airstream, the "Aluminum Falcon". Clever, but since we're not the biggest Star Wars fans in the world it wasn't quite as meaningful to us as it was to her prior owner. So when we hit the jackpot this fall with another new-to-us 27' Eddie Bauer edition, we were thrilled to name it ourselves....we're more "Christmas Vacation" kinda movie fans, so it had to be "Cousin Eddie"!

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Ellen & John Arechavala

1. She is a lady.
2. Her name is Ibai, which is Basque for River.
3. We are pretty big fans of Doctor Who, and Dr. River Song a character from the series. My family heritage is Basque. So, River became Ibai. Fitting for our vehicle of adventure through time & space.



Mary & Mark Glasnapp

1. Our Airstream is a girl.
2. Her name is Matilda (Tilly).
3. Mary and I lived in Australia from 1980-86 and always really enjoyed the Australian folk country ballad "Waltzing Matilda" written by Banjo Patterson in 1895. "Waltzing" is Australian slang for traveling on foot with all of your belongings in a pack called a "Matilda" slung over your shoulder. Thus, the name for our Airstream.



Diane & George Schember

1. It's a she.
2. Her name is Idaho.
3. She is an Airstream special State Parks Edition (Idaho model), and her first trip was to visit our daughter who lives in Idaho.

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Brenda & Bart Schultz

1. A girl.
2. Meet "Quaesitor" or Quaes for short.
3. Her name means seeker in Latin. We hope she will help us to always seek...



Jane Carmichael & Eddy Klein

1. My current Airstream is a 2019 girl.
2. She is named Ginger.
3. Named after a dog that I like (owned by Pat and Laurie Jones). It is coincidental that the Region 7 Secretary is also named Ginger... although I love her dog, too.

My first Airstream was a 2012 girl named Stardust (after Hoagy Carmichael, musician, no relation, no royalties).

My second Airstream was a 2019 boy named George. It just sounded strong, which he was! Plus, I LOVE George Strait.

Caroline & Paul Munro

1. Ours is a girl.
2. Her name is Bella.
3. she was inspired by the character Bella in the Twilight series. She is not a vampire, but she is beautiful.

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Carol & Greg Hanson

1. She's a girl.
2. Her name is Sally.
3. We purchased her in February of last year at the beginning of the Covid pandemic with certain amount of concern. We named her "Sally" after my wife's grandmother who had a propensity for jumping in her truck and heading out to go "visit" when the mood struck her. So, following in her footsteps, we keep our "Sally" prepped and ready so that at a moment's notice we can head out for the roads less traveled ourselves. Our International Signature 27 FB has been perfect for us and our pooch Baxter. Over 10,000 miles last year and looking forward to more adventures on the road in '21! Happy Trails all!

Chris and Ron Lyrek

1. She's a girl.
2. Her name is Schatzie.
3. Schatzie means "darling/Sweetie" in German. I am German so a nod to my heritage. She's a 1961 Safari.



Carry Ensign & Vernon "Bob" Petersen

1. Girl.
2. Her name is Gypsy Gray.
3. My husband and I are on our 4th Airstream in seven years. At one brief moment in time, we had three at the same time! We now only have one, a 2018 27' Signature Series.

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Our first was "Moaning Myrtle" a 1975 Tradewind. She got her name because the ball and hitch made an awful sound when turning and we were reading the Harry Potter book series at the time. Moaning Myrtle is a character from that series, so it just stuck.

Our second trailer was a 1996 34' International Front Kitchen. I loved the layout as a woman and the major cook but the center living room did not have adequate floor space for all my husband's music equipment he sets up to play and record music so... onto number three trailer. We left number two in Minnesota and took Moaning Myrtle on the road. In Florida we found a wonderfully kept 1995 34' International at the RV Park we resided in. So, the 3rd Airstream entered our family. As a family of only two we decided we didn't need three trailers, so we sold Moaning Myrtle to a very nice young couple who drove down from Georgia to pick her up. Since they were just starting out and we already had all the amenities we needed because the trailer we were buying came fully loaded we decided to offer a fully stocked trailer to the young couple. They drove off very happy new campers. Our "new to us" trailer got the name "Gray Gables" from a book series I was reading at the time, 'something' in the attic. A once-a-month book club series about a lady from Texas that inherited her Grandmother's house on a bluff in Maine overlooking the ocean. The house was an old Victorian called Gray Gables. I loved the series, but I finally stopped it after approximately 25 books (I think) and they can now be found at the library of the Minnesota Airstream Park. We left Gray Gables in the RV Park in Florida. The next summer we bought the brand new 2018 27' FB Signature in Minnesota because we wanted something easier to park and tow than the 34-footer. That winter when we got to Florida again, we decided to sell our Florida lot in the park and Gray Gables. It went to a nice lineman from Arkansas that said he wanted something for his buddies and himself to live in (rather than hotels) when they travelled to do line repairs all over the US. Since I was missing Gray Gables and we were on the road again the new trailer got the name Gypsy Gray. She resides mostly in Minnesota but this summer she's headed to the International rally in Lebanon Tennessee and to TCPC,

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Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground after that. We are #1573 and we hope to see you all down the road..

Cordell Woods

We do not know the gender of our Airstream.
We have yet to turn it upside down to check. 🤪.

Carol Keers & Tom Mungavan

We started referring to our Airstream as the "Silver Linings Playbook" and shortened it to just "Silver Linings." We had this plaque made.



Denise & Judd Beattie

1. Boy.
2. This is Seymour ❤️.
3. He's a 2006 Safari who has gone on a lot of adventures and is still excited to see more of our great country. Seymour is pictured here at the Outer Banks and right over the sand dunes is the Atlantic Ocean. When Seymour is not at the MN Airstream Park he travels from Key West to Alaska and many places in between. He also likes to hang out with Miles his best Bud tow vehicle. Seymour and Miles have a goal to one day become members of the vintage Airstream Club.



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Lorie & Jim Costello

1. Girl
2. Her name is Marlisa Rose.
3. Our Airstream is a girl when I take it on my solo trips with my Sister's on the Fly group. Her name is Marlisa Rose. She is named after two of the kindest women you could ever meet--my mother, Marlis, and my ex mother-in-law Rose. When Jim and I go together, we just call her the escape pod.

Daryl Herrmann

1. Lady
2. Her name is Sapphire.
3. My 17' Caravel is an old lady in her mid-50s. I wanted her name to be lovely and strong because her previous owner called her "Tin Wieney". I just couldn't let that image remain!

John & Britney Stark

1. We don't have a gender for our Airstream.
2. Its name is See-Shell; here is its logo.
3. We plan to See the continent in our little shell.



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Name Badges

Did you know you can order new name badges from Airstream Club International? They have 3 different logos (show below) and cost \$1.50 each (plus shipping). Your name and Club name are printed on the badge instead of on a paper strip slid into a slot on the badge. They have Officer badges as well, including the Blue Stripes for Local Club President and Past President as well as Red Background for Region Officers and Past Region Officers.

Link: <https://store.airstreamclub.org/>



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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).

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

As I start writing this, it's snowing. So, it's Sunday, March 14th. Fortunately, the snow won't stick around too long. As I finish this, it's 61 degrees outside and sunny, but a tad windy. Amazing how much difference a week can make.

Still nothing much happening on the Airstream front. So, I'm going to share some other passions.

Most of you know that I have a N scale model railroad that I'm building. My current project is a Battleship Barrel load that is shipped on 3 flat cars. Here's a work in progress picture.



The flat cars still need couplers and trucks put under them (the wheel sets that railroad cars ride on), but there are two stories about the gun barrel.

The first one is that I ruined the barrel that came with the kit. Not intentionally, but ruined it nonetheless. But, I have a grandson that has a 3D printer. I gave him the ruined barrel, and after a couple of weeks, he texted me that the new barrel was ready. So, the barrel in the picture above was printed by my grandson Brennen. Pretty cool in my book!

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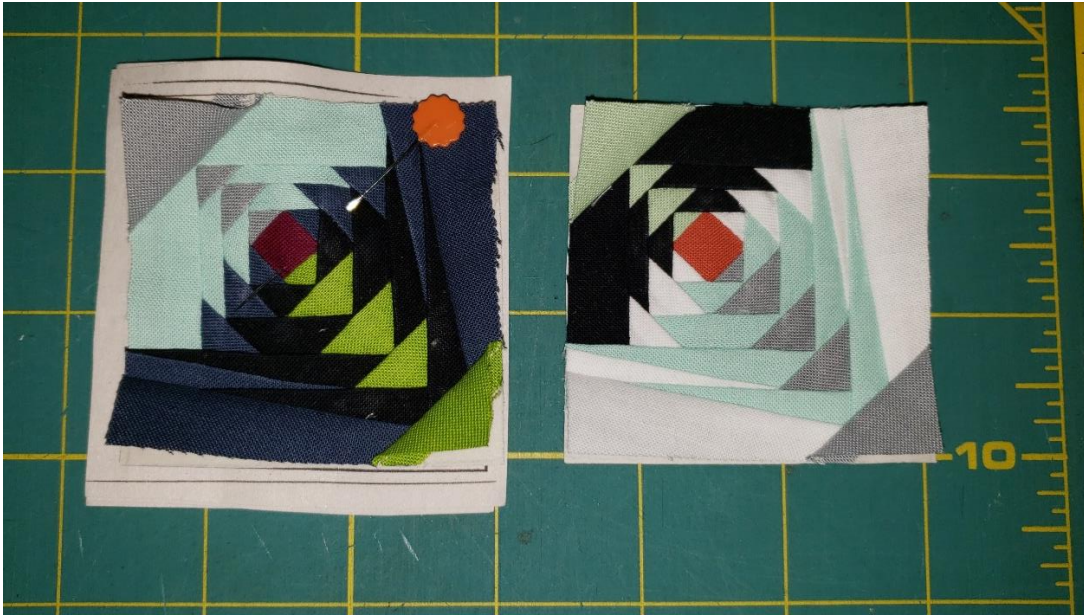
The second story is the DO NOT HUMP sign. Yes, this is a real railroad sign that is put on cars that have more sensitive items in/on them. A Hump is a small hill at the end of a railroad yard. Cars are pushed to the top of the hill, released, and gravity takes over. They go down the hump and into yard where they are switched to the correct track to build up the train. Some cars, like the 3 flat cars that carry the barrel, should not go through this gravity fed process of building up trains, so they get a "do not hump" sign on them.



Here is the current woodworking project. Do you know what it's a picture of? If you are a Doctor Who fan you will know (hopefully).

It's maple and walnut, and it will be the centerpiece of a butcher block countertop I'm making for my daughter. I will include a finished picture in the next newsletter.

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The picture above is one of Kay's quilting projects. There are 35 fabric pieces per $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. I think they are really cool looking, especially since they are so small. She has made a dozen of the right-hand square, and I think she has 3 more to make of the left-hand square. Then a bunch more other shaped blocks.

Kay's quilting friends call her projects "insanity projects", because most of them would never ever attempt them! The final piece will finish at 20 x 20 inches.

I need an idea for the next newsletter! Last time I asked for pictures of your airstreams, and this time I asked about the names of your airstreams. What else would you like to know about your other club members?

Please email me any ideas you have!

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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