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## *Kay's Kommunique*

It's RALLY TIME! I'm so excited to be heading out camping with all my Club friends again this year! Now, if the weather cooperates.... I can't control that, though (much as I'd like to). We'll be trying out our new coffee pot, griddles, and hot water pot at the Spring Rally.

It's another busy summer for us coming up with a granddaughter graduating high school, International Rally, and all the yard work to do. As I write, we are having 5 large trees taken down in our yard. There'll be lots of lawn repair to do when they're done due to the heavy equipment. Oh well. We're not obsessive about our lawn. When it comes to dandelions, it's live and let live. It's all in what one calls a wildflower, besides, the bees like them. We're good at justifying having dandelions.

We have lots of new members as Spring advances. We send everyone new a welcome email including the latest newsletter, and upcoming activities information, as well as an invitation to join us and try it out. It's always helpful for everyone to wear their nametags to events

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(hint, hint). I used to hate those things, but I have come to recognize the importance of them.

Well, it's back to packing the trailer in between bouts of wood chipping (the chipper is parked next to the trailer. I have zero desire to re-clean the trailer inside because of wood dust).

See you on the road!

Kay

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## 2018 - 2019 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Spring Rally	Houston, MN	5/9 - 5/12/19	Kay & Chris Olsson
Folklorama National Event	Winnipeg, Manitoba	8/5 - 8/16/19	Region 7
Detailed information and rally updates will be on the Region 7 website at <a href="http://www.region7.wbcci.net">www.region7.wbcci.net</a>			
Installation Fall Rally	Hoodoo Point Campground Tower, MN	9/12 - 9/15/19	Kay & Chris Olsson Joy & Chuck Dodd
<a href="#">See page 4</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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## *Fall Rally 2019 September 12 - 15*

*Our fall installation rally will be held at Hoodoo Point Campground in Tower, MN.*

*You will need to call them at 218-753-6868 to reserve a site.*

*We have a block of campsites reserved on the point. All sites include electricity and water, and there is a dump station at the campground. Price per night is \$42. You will need to call to reserve a campsite as they are already reserved for us on the website, so you will not be able to reserve on line. Pay when you arrive. Mention the Airstream Rally when you call. (They do have a very nice website including being able to look at pictures of each individual campsite along with a description of many of them.)*

*Installation of new officers will most likely be at a restaurant in the area: TBD. (in other words, I haven't set that up yet!)*

*There are many attractions in the area including Tower/Soudan Underground Mine State Park, Ely with all its attractions including an International Bear Center and Wolf Center, and Fortune Bay Casino nearby.*

*We will set up registration soon.*

*We hope you can join us!*

*Kay Olsson*

*MN Airstream Club President*

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## *Pics from Traveling Members (Please send more!)*

We've been in Osprey, FL (just south of Sarasota, on the Gulf Coast) since 1/15. Along with friends from the Twin Cities, Cheryl and I attended a spring training game in Ft. Meyers in early March.

See you soon.

Kevin Garrett

Editor's Note: There was snow on the ground when this picture popped into my inbox...



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From Joe and Ellen Chovan:

We have been in Texas since the end of January and will come home at the end of March if most of the snow is gone.

See you you in the spring.



Joe by sandcastles on South Padre Island



Ellen at Port Isabel Lighthouse

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## Following the Natchez Trace 2019

by Pete and Kathy Yanke

When planning our trip back to Minnesota we decided to take the Natchez Trace. The Trace is a dedicated historical highway covering 441 miles from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee. The speed limit is 50mph. It makes for a leisurely drive. All along the way there are historical turnouts. Most you can get into with a trailer. We took time to get out and do a little hiking at some of the stops. We were traveling in the middle of March as there were appointments at home. I would recommend waiting till at least early April. There would be more foliage in bloom.



The trip started in Natchez. We camped right across the river in Vidalia, LA. In fact part of the campground was underwater. A trip to the visitor center to learn about the history of the area and grab a hop on/off bus tour. We toured Stanton Hall. A beautifully restored mansion. It was used in the mini-series "North and South".



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After two nights in Natchez we moved North and took a side trip to Vicksburg, MS. I have always wanted to see the Military Park. We were not disappointed. The park nearly surrounds the city. It took a full day with a lunch break to get through it. The display of the USS Cairo (KAYrow) was worth the trip. This was an ironclad gunboat that sunk after hitting a torpedo (mine). It was buried in river silt, discovered and dug up in the 1960's. It is displayed in a cut-away format. You can walk inside the ship. Visited a little museum where Coca-cola was first bottled. Stayed at the Ameristar casino campground for 3 nights. Dinner one evening was at the Waterview Casino for crawfish and steak on the buffet.



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Next stop was Trace State Park near Tupelo, MS for 3 nights. On the way we stopped to walk through a cypress bog trail. This was a great state park. What do you do in Tupelo.... spend a couple of days with the King of Rock and Roll. Did a tour of the Elvis Presley birth place museum and a day trip into Memphis to see Graceland.



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After leaving Tupelo we worked our way North. Made a number of stops on the way to Nashville. Visited the site where Meriwether Lewis died and was buried on his way to Washington to deliver his report on the Lewis and Clark expedition. He spent an evening at an inn on the Trace

and that was the end of his trail. Kathy and I also walked part of the original Trace.



Finally made it to Nashville, Tennessee. Once there we met up with Ray and Judy Nickel, past president and first lady of the MN unit. On Friday Ray provided a tour of Nashville. Boy has it changed since we were there some 30 years ago. Lunch was at a food court in a farmers market. The gyros were great. The day concluded with a trip to the "Grand Ole Opry". Saturday was a road trip day. South to Murfreesboro and a tour of the Stones River National Battlefield.



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Then on to the oldest legal distillery in the country in Lynchburg, TN....Jack Daniels. Got to sample some of their wares. The evening concluded with a great dinner prepared by Judy.



All things considered, a good way to start home.

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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*

Carole Jhung & Keith Morgan #02343 - Mound, MN

Jeffrey Herman & Caryn Zembrosky #02411 - Minnetonka, MN

Richard White #02810 - Shoreview, MN

Thomas Mungavan & Carol Keers #04151 - Minneapolis, MN

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



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*

Imagine this: 80,000 High School kids in one room (big room), all cheering for their team! Talk about noise! Deafening at times. And even in the lulls, you still need to yell to talk to the person sitting next to you. This is the First Robotics Worlds Competition in Detroit, and where we were 2 weeks ago cheering on Katie's (oldest granddaughter) robotics team from New York. Three days of watching how these kids come up with so many different robots to do the same two things - load balls into spaceships and attach hatch covers to the space ships to keep the balls from rolling out.

This is Katie along with their robot. She was looking for her teammates (they were supposed to be with her by now).



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Here they are waiting for their match to start. The yellow and black disks are the hatches to be attached to the space ships.

The pic below shows their robot in a match, carrying one of the balls.



This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> year going to Worlds to cheer them on. This year that did very well, coming in 16<sup>th</sup> out of 68 in their division. There are six divisions, each with 68 to 70 teams, all in one big arena. Loads of fun, and we hope that their team continues to go to Worlds, although starting next year, it will be Erik (grandson) and not Katie on the team.

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And now for something completely different... As some of you know, Kay retired December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. So, she has been home pretty much full time since January 1<sup>st</sup>. I work from home, and to be honest, I was wondering how this was all going to work out. I can happily report that it has been great! She has been doing a lot of sewing, quilting and reading as well as catching up on all those little things that pile up as you near retirement (saying things like, I'll do that once I retire). Lately, she has been doing outside projects since the weather is warmer.

One outside project we did was to build a new raised bed vegetable garden, removing the three low beds we had before. I need to build a gate for it to keep the bunnies out. So far, she has planted radishes, and they are up already.



I now find myself saying "I'll do that when I retire." or "That's a retirement project." I have several in the retirement queue already. 18  $\frac{1}{2}$  months, but who's counting. Wow, I just released that I have been with Optica for 4 years in June. One really nice thing about Optica (small company - 10 people) is that I can work anywhere, which allows us to take several trips over the summer. Two weeks for New York and Katie's graduation, and three weeks for the International Rally in Doswell. Both are a combination of vacation days and working from the Airstream. Now, I just need to build a shelf on the steering wheel for my laptop so I can work while driving... Maybe I can get on an Esurance commercial as the bad driver!

Yes, I'm joking. 😊

Safe travels,

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