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## *Chuck's Corner*

I suspect there are others like me who experienced some pangs of loss while winterizing our airstream. The process is not long and difficult, but it signals the end of trailering for us for the rest of this year. Good news is that there are some upcoming events that will bring us together through these cold weather months. Please consider joining us in these airstream lifestyle events.

Our recent event at the Old Log Cabin in Excelsior MN was a really good time for all in attendance. We began with an informal social hour followed by a good dining room lunch and then a comedy musical Play "A Gentlemen's Guide to Love and Murder". The singing was grand, the characters were intense, the stage sets and costumes replicated the early 1900's time frame dramatically, and the comedy throughout the 2-act performance was a much needed and welcome relief. I enjoyed meeting and talking with everyone there, particularly those I had not seen in over a year. Lots of good stories about travel adventures and the airstream way of life. My thanks to First Vice-president Terry Pflgebraar for stepping in and working as our host for

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this event. Also, thanks to our Treasurer Craig McHenry for collecting and making payment to Old Log Theater. The ability to use PayPal has made the process much easier.

Next upcoming event is our Christmas Luncheon hosted by Brenda and Bart Schultz and Sharon and Harry Ramler on the 15th of December at Dehn's Country Manor in Maple Grove. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I have a brief announcement to make. Our 2nd Vice President has turned in a resignation letter which opens this position for the coming year. If anyone has an interest in taking over as 2nd VP please contact me or any board member. Your participation would be deeply appreciated.

In just a few days, Thanksgiving arrives. Joy and I wish all of you a happy healthy time with family and friends on this festive important holiday.

A final note of appreciation for our Webmaster Chris Olsson for his outstanding work on getting our website updated. I think we will all find this tool a welcome communication channel for keeping informed. If you have not been there lately, please check us out at <https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/>.

See You Down the Road

Chuck Dodd

MN Airstream Club President

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## 2019 - 2020 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Christmas Party	Dehn's Country Manor Maple Grove	12/15/19	Brenda & Bart Schultz Sharon & Harry Ramler
	<i>Note November 24<sup>th</sup> was the deadline to register.</i>		
RV Show	Minneapolis Convention Center	Feb 6-9, 2020	Steve Jedlund will coordinate volunteers
Valentine's Day Luncheon	TBD	Feb TBD	Kay & Chris Olsson Joy & Chuck Dodd
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	TBD	Mar TBD	Caroline & Paul Munro
Spring Rally	Maple Springs Campground Preston, MN	May 14-17, 2020	Joy and Chuck Dodd
	25 trailer limit on-site. Overflow is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away at State Forestville site.		
Tech Rally	MN Airstream Park	Jun 4-7, 2020	Linda Agre
Caravan to International	TBD	June TBD	Kathy & Pete Yanke

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International Rally	Loveland, CO	Jun 20-27, 2020	
July Rally	Rothenberg Campground Springfield, MN	Jul 16-19, 2020	Joy and Chuck Dodd
			Will be seeing the Laura Wilder Pageant and Jeff's Petroglyphs.
Caravan to Region 7 Rally	TBD	Aug TBD	Linda Agre
Region 7 Rally	Rippling River Resort	Aug 20-25,2020	Jane Carmichael Region 7 1 <sup>st</sup> VP
			See page 5 and the Region 7 Website for details ( <a href="https://region7.airstreamclub.net/">https://region7.airstreamclub.net/</a> )
Fall Installation Rally	Prairie Island Campground Winona, MN	Sep 17-20,2020	Joy and Chuck Dodd
			Visit to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN.

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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  
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## *Old Log Theatre Luncheon*

We met at the Old Log Theatre for social time, lunch, and the play *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, which was fabulous. Here's a few random pictures.





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## 2019 SW Adventure Caravan

by Pete and Kathy Yanke #7528

Our adventure started on August 10<sup>th</sup> as we headed for New Mexico. Dick and Kathy Hedquist were traveling with us. We were joined along the way by Kurt and Mary Jorgensen from Wisconsin for a couple of days. It was hot and it stayed hot for 3 weeks. I only had to make trailer repairs twice before we got there. An extra day was spent in McPherson KS and Tucumcari, NM to do a little exploring.

As with almost any WBCCI event, we got to see and do some amazing things. We would like to commend and thank our leaders, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson along with Winston and Carol Montague, for a job very well done. The caravan was just as advertised, a 51 day adventure, as Carol would occasionally remind us. Between the scheduled and optional events you could stay as busy as you wanted. We managed to visit 17 National Parks and Monuments, not all of them on our itinerary.

We arrived at the rally point in Albuquerque a day early. The temp was a balmy 94 degrees. I would recommend an early arrival for a caravan. We took the extra time to visit the Petroglyph Nat'l Monument in Albuquerque. The first official day included a meeting and dinner prepared by our hosts. The caravan operation and expectations were presented and we were off and running. The following days had us visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the Turquoise Museum. There was the first of many social events that included a jam session by some of the musically inclined caravan participants.

Day 4 had us travel to the Santa Fe area. This stop included a trolley tour of Santa Fe with some time to shop and explore the old downtown. On the fifth day we car pooled to the church of the "Holy Dirt" in Chimayo and lunched at Rancho de Chimayo. After lunch there was a stop at Ortega Weaving. We received a lesson in hand weaving a rug. On our free day we joined John and Kathie Walker for a trip to Taos. Took in the Taos County fair.



A real high point in the trip was the stop in Durango, CO. Of course there was the trip to Silverton, CO. on the narrow gauge railway. The line has been in operation since 1881 and still uses steam engines. It follows the Animas River climbing 2,800 feet to 9,305. At times the rock walls are close enough to touch as the rail-bed was cut out of the rock. After a lunch in Silverton and a walk thru the town, it was onto a bus and back to the campground.

Mesa Verde Nat'l Park was the first dry camp site. This stop provided us with a look into the past. A bus tour showed us many of the ancient cliff dwellings and a ranger guided tour of the Cliff Palace. This required a hike down a stone staircase to the site and climbing out on a series of ladders. Before going to Cortez, CO. for some shopping, on a free day, we took the opportunity to travel to the Canyon of the Ancients Nat'l Monument. It was an interesting museum and an easy uphill hike to take in some ruins close up.



There were a couple of fabulous driving tours at the stop in Bluff, UT. The first included a trip through the Valley of the Gods and up the Moki Dugway. This road is not for the faint of heart. The road is carved into the side of the Cedar Mesa. The view from the top was magnificent. We stopped at the Natural Bridges Nat'l Monument on the way to the campground. Temps were still in the mid-90s. A trip into Monument Valley gave us a view of rock formations that served as the backdrop



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to many western movies. On the drive to Monument Valley we saw a famous movie backdrop, Can you say “Run Forest Run”. When presented with a chance to see the Four Corners Monument on our next travel day we had to stop.

Moab, UT. Had us right outside Arches Nat’l Park. There was some serious hiking available here. Some of the group hiked the Fiery Furnace in Arches. It was about a 2 mile trek in 98 degree heat. One day the owners of the campground took those interested on a slick rock jeep ride. We climbed up and down rocks at a 65 degree angle.

Capital Reef Nat’l Park was a short scenic drive from our campground in Hanksville, UT. The area was settled by the Mormons in the 1800s although there have been people living there to thousands of years. The Mormons cultivated orchards, some of which are still being tended by park staff. You could pick the fruit from the trees and pay \$1 per pound. We had fresh peaches and apples. A few individuals tried their hand at a repelling excursion. On the last day in Hanksville the heat finally broke, as did our air-conditioner.

Utah Highway 12 is considered one of the most spectacular drives in the USA. It is a National Scenic Byway. We followed this route to Bryce Canyon. The weather here was actually cool enough that we had a large gathering at a campfire. Bryce Canyon is known for the crimson colored hoodoos (spiked shaped rock formations). We took a couple of short hikes along the rim of the canyon.

Our next stop was near Pipe Springs Nat’l Monument. From here we spent the day in Zion Nat’l Park. It sure was crowded. We had to get there early to get a parking spot. Late comers had to park in Springdale and bus into the park. Our hiking here was on easy trails. We covered about 3 miles. While here some of the folks took in the Blacksmith Adventure class in Kanab, UT. Some others found Grafton, which is a ghost town.



Kathy and I were part of the parking crew at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. It was an interesting job as we parked in an area shared with a herd of cattle in the Kaibab Nat’l Forest. We were about 25 miles outside the Grand Canyon dry camping. The temp one morning was about 20 degrees. A bit cool. As expected the vistas were amazing. We shared dinner at the lodge with other Region 7 members Dick and Kathy Hedquist, and Kurt and Mary Jorgensen.

On the way to Page AZ we stopped at the Navajo Bridge visitor center to see the California condors. It was a great stop. A BBQ dinner was provided on arrival day at the campground. A version of the newlywed game was played by the 4 couples that had an anniversary date near. There was supposed to be a boat trip on Lake Powell the following morning. It was to be about 3 hours up to the Rainbow Bridge Nat’l Monument. It had to be rescheduled as the boat was taking on water. A song kept coming to mind. We took the time to tour the Glen Canyon dam. There was a floating raft trip below the dam on the Colorado River. A few adventurous souls decided to take a swim. We were given a privately owned slot canyon tour that was out of this world. International President Mona Heath joined us at this point for the rest of the caravan. It was good to see her.

Chinle, AZ was a dry camping stop to see the Canyon de Chelly Nat’l Monument. We were treated to a jeep tour of the canyon by a local company. Some of the guides still have relatives that reside in the canyon. They pointed the ancient ruins of their people.

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To reach our next campground we had to traverse a short portion of Rte 66. The next day we joined Stan and Andrea Patterson on a trip to the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest Nat'l Monument. During a tour of Richardson's Trading Post we learned how the local people use the pawn. We also got a lesson in Navajo rugs. A few folks purchased rugs. They were all beautiful.



Our next stop had us visiting what is considered the oldest continuously inhabited community in North America. The history of the people reaches as far back 100AD. Acoma NM, or Sky City, sits atop a high mesa 370 feet above the desert floor. Until 1959 the only access was by a foot-hole path.

Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM. We have come full circle as we join the rally. It was truly an amazing site to see the atmosphere. We were dry camped a short walk from the launch field. After parking with the rally, we toured the Albuquerque Balloon Museum.



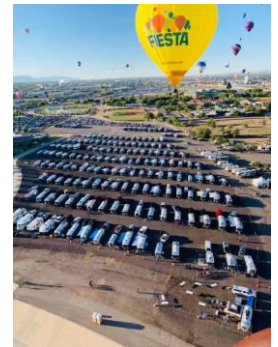
On the first morning Kathy and I were on the launch field by 5:45 watching the launch of the "Dawn Patrol". They were the only balloons to launch that day. It was the first time in the history of the fiesta that they were shut down by fog. It was a potluck/pig roast by the rally organizers for dinner. There were skydivers in the evening that were detonating

aerial fireworks followed by a huge fireworks display.

Morning number 2 was the same thing. Down among the balloons as they launched. We took our chairs down to the field and watched the mass ascension of hundreds balloons. They would go up in shifts. There was an opportunity to work as crew member for some of the balloons as they were short-handed. The evening again ended with skydivers and fireworks.

The third morning we fired up the coffee pot, put out the chairs and watched the mass ascension from in front of the rig. The balloons were flying right over us. We also had the caravan final banquet. The entertainment was great. A number of fun awards were given out for caravan happenings. No expense was spared. We were visited by Archie and Edith Bunker as well as the Captain and Tennille.

As we were told at the beginning, it was an adventure. A great adventure. We would do it again in a heartbeat. Can't wait for the next one.



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## *Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members*

Timothy Doherty & Connie Kupferschmidt # 27507 - St. Paul, MN

Danna Mackenzie & Jack McDonnell # 05127 - Grand Marais, MN

Gregory & Rosa Ridderbusch # 11113 - Maple Grove, MN

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

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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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## *Name Badges*

Everyone should have a name badge with your name and the MN Airstream Club name on the badge. If you do not have a name badge, or have lost it, please email me and we will get you a new one. If you joined more than two years ago, your badge may say MN Unit on it instead of MN Airstream Club, which is very ok. 😊

Chris

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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*

It's cold and rainy here today. That's how I started my ramblings last newsletter too. Kinda makes me feel like Snoopy writing his book ("It was a dark and stormy night..."). However, even though it's only ~37 °, it feels warmer than two months ago. And it's currently not raining, but it has been raining off and on. Took advantage of the "heat wave" and put Christmas lights up outside. Not turning them on yet, but they are all prepped and ready to go.

I've been spending time in my workshop again now that's getting colder and the day are getting shorter. Current project is making 3 snow man bowls.



These are the bowls with the centers roughed out using a 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " forstner bit. The pencil lines show the outline of the template I bought and use with a router to shape the insides of the bowls.

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Here's the three bowls finished. To my dismay, the bowl on the right has a crack in the maple that went all the way through the wood. However, I filled the crack with CA glue (super glue), and it's all solid now. I tend to celebrate wood defects and not try to cover them up in my wood working. Two bowls are presents and one is for us.



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For those of you that were not at the Fall Rally, you did not see the owies I gave Little Girl pulling out of her shelter in the rain. Cut to the left too soon, and clipped the shelter post with the back corner of the airstream. Nice dent and bent the bumper back, almost 90 degrees. I straightened the bumper out some before leaving home and taking this picture.



The bumper is now off and in my workshop. Going to try and straighten it out the rest of the way over the winter, and braze it back together. Not sure how well it will turn out, but it's gotta be better than it is now.

I also bought a new toy (I mean tool...) to fix the dent. It's a pneumatic dent puller. We'll work on pulling the dent out in the spring on a nice warm sunny day where the sun has warmed up the aluminum. Wish us luck!

Watch for pictures showing how the repairs went.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Until next time, safe travels.

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