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## *Chuck's Corner*

Hello fellow Airstreamers,

Time to turn off the Hallmark channel and get busy on our newsletter. So much has taken place with the elections now over and the transition in process. I am more hopeful of an active 2021 season, especially with the news of a potential vaccine for covid-19 near. As Thanksgiving fast approaches, I am truly thankful for this club and its membership for just being there and supportive to each other during this past pandemic year. I hope you and yours have a healthful Thanksgiving.

On our calendar next is Christmas zoom time on Friday 11 December at 5.30 pm. Instead of asking for signups, I am instructing our web master to send out the zoom "log in" to everyone in our member email list. I will run the event from 5.30 until all interested members have logged in and participated. Choose any time desired between 5.30 and 7.00 and stay for as long as you like. Wear something festive, have your beverage handy, and bring your smile and conversations.

Minnesota Unit Website

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

Region 7 Website

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

Minnesota Unit Facebook

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Dr. Fauci thinks that vaccinations for the public will be well underway by end of April. This gives me great hope for our spring rally. Will keep you informed about our planned luncheon activities prior to the 20-23 May rally in Preston Minnesota. I am open to creative ways to do a luncheon get together in this COVID-19 time. A suggestion was made to try a bowling alley event which is being investigated.

Joy and I did enjoy our fall trip to Kawaishi River national forest campground. We had family along and were also able to enjoy the company of Terry and Steve Pflagher and their most lovable dog Hank in their newer airstream. We had a great time over campfires, meals, hiking, catching up on memories, and thinking about 2021. I mention this because it is my desire to see all of us have these opportunities of travel and getting together in this next year. First Vice Terry and first mate Steve are already thinking about 2021/2022.

Want to pass along good vibrations about the upcoming region 7 rally in Michigan. I have had good conversations with Region President Jane Carmichael who is planning a great time for all. Check your calendar. Still room to come.

Peace be with you and your family as the holidays approach. We wish you a joyful, happy, and healthy season ahead. Hope to see you down the road soon.

See you down the road...

Chuck Dodd

President Minnesota Airstream Club

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## 2020 - 2021 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Christmas ZOOM Party	Zoom Online Meeting	Dec 11, 2020 5:30 PM	Chuck Dodd
		<a href="#">Watch for a Zoom log in email as the date gets closer.</a>	
RV Show: Support Airstream	Minneapolis Convention Center	Feb 11 - 14, 2021	Tim Belfang
		<a href="#">Free admission to RV Show if you participate.</a> <a href="#">Watch for sign up information as the date gets closer.</a>	
Valentine's Day Party	TBD	TBD	Joy & Chuck Dodd Kay & Chris Olsson
St. Patrick's Luncheon	TBD	TBD	Caroline & Paul Munro
Spring Rally	Maple Springs Campground, Preston, MN	May 20 - 23, 2021	Chuck & Joy Dodd
		<a href="#">Planned activities: National Trout Center, Historic Forestville, Mystery Cave.</a>	
Tech Rally	Minnesota Airstream Park	June 10 - 13, 2021	Linda Agre
		<a href="#">Contact Linda if you have a presentation you would like to give. You can reach her by emailing me (Chris) @ <u><a href="mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net">055info@airstreamclub.net</a></u>.</a>	

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Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Caravan to International Rally	TBD	TBD	Pete Yanke
International Rally	Lebanon, TN	July 17 - 24, 2021	WBAC
	Rally Information: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon">https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon</a>		
Region 7 Rally Anatomy of a Murder	Rippling River Resort Marquette, MI	Aug 19-24, 2021	Jane Carmichael Region 7 President
	<a href="https://region7.airstreamclub.net/about-region-7/rally-schedule/">See Region 7 Website for details: (https://region7.airstreamclub.net/about-region-7/rally-schedule/)</a>		
Fall Installation Rally	Prairie Island Campground Winona, MN	Sept 16 - 19, 2021	Chuck Dodd & Terry Pfliegaar
	<a href="#">Planned activities: Installation of 2022 Club Officers, Visit the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN</a>		

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## *Time to Renew your Membership*

If you have already renewed your membership for 2021, you can skip over this page.

You should have received a post card from the International Airstream Club office asking you to renew online a few weeks ago. There is also a new Members-Only Web Site that you can log into to renew your Membership. The Link for that Website is:

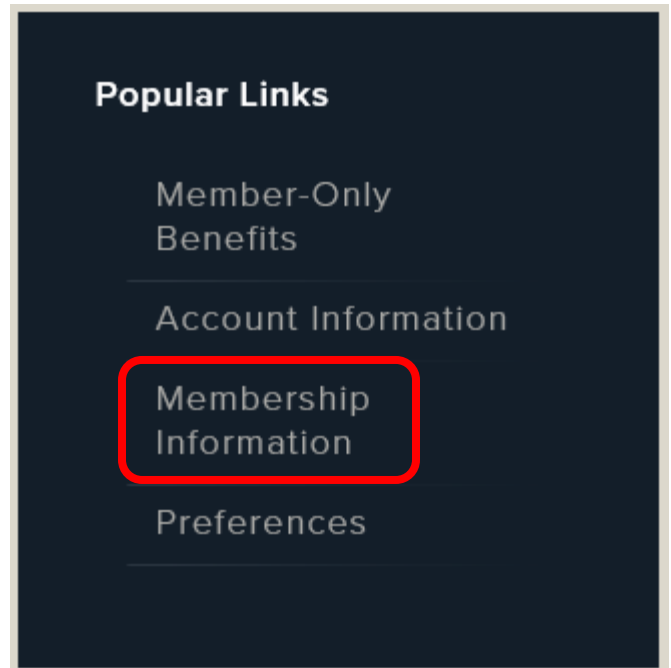
<https://airstreamclub.org>

The first time you access the web site, it will prompt you to click on the "Forgot Password" link. The web site will send you an email to reset your password. Once you go through that process, you can log into the new web site.

In the black Popular Links box (shown to the right), click on the Membership Information link to renew your membership.

While on the web site, you can also explore the other three links in the black box, and update some of your personal information in the Account Information and Membership Information sections.

If you have an Associate Membership with the MN Club (or any other Airstream Club), you will need to contact the HQ International Office in order to renew your Associate Membership (see next page).



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Here is some additional information I copied from the email announcing this new web site:

If you are unable to access your account, HQ may not have the correct email on file. If that is the case, email [assist@airstreamclub.org](mailto:assist@airstreamclub.org) or call 937-596-5211 for help getting logged in.

Explore your profile and see the sites. All of the data did not come through the import into the new database as cleanly as we would have liked. HQ has taken on the task of cleaning up this data. Membership history, Club history, Caravan history, and Officer history will be the next phases of updates.

For those members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN), we do not have an electronic process to renew yet. Also, due to bylaw changes this past summer, members can only have one home club. If you have not yet renewed for 2021, you can contact HQ and a staff member will walk you through the process.

If you find problems within your data profile that you cannot update, please email [assist@airstreamclub.org](mailto:assist@airstreamclub.org).

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## *Twining Rugs*

Submitted by Harry Ramler:

Looking for something to do during the winter months I started twining rugs. The rugs are made from bedsheets cut into strips 1 inch wide. Vertical strips are installed on dowels (or nails) on the top and bottom of the frame. Then strips of bedsheets are woven through the vertical strips from right to left. Colors of bedsheets and different patterns give an infinite amount of interesting rugs. Using u-tube, ("rug twining"), will give instructions on making or buying a frame, and instructions on making a rug. Below are some pictures of the rug making process and finished rugs.



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## Tagalong Camping at Big Sandy Lake Corps of Engineers

Here are some pictures from the Tagalong Rally held Aug 30 - Sep 3, 2020.  
Pictures submitted by Sharon Ramler.



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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".

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## *Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members*

Renee & Jason Rawn # 02151 - Eden Prairie, MN

Hai Truong # 19952 - Saint Paul, 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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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](mailto: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.

Years ago, we were given a recipe booklet by Kay's mom. Her parents were at the 1983 International Rally in Duluth, and one of the things they brought home was this recipe booklet.

Following are two more recipes from this booklet.

***WBCCI  
26th Annual  
International  
Air Stream Rally***



***Duluth Arena Auditorium  
June 29th and 30th, 1983  
Compliments of Minnesota Power***

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## Oatmeal Wheat Bread

1 cup whole wheat flour	1/4 cup warm water
1/2 cup quick-cooking rolled oats	1-1/2 to 2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup dark molasses	Corn meal
1/4 cup shortening	Milk
3/4 cup water	Rolled oats
1 packet dry yeast	

Combine whole wheat flour, oats, molasses and shortening in mixing bowl. Microwave water (full power) until boiling. Stir into bowl; cool to warm temperature. Stir yeast into warm water. Blend into cooled mixture. Stir in flour very gradually to make a very stiff dough. Knead on well-floured surface until smooth, about 5 minutes. Return to greased bowl. Cover. Let rise in warm place until light and doubled in size, about 1 hour. Shape into ball; cover with bowl. Let rest 15 minutes.

Butter a 10-inch pie plate or microwave baking sheet. Sprinkle with corn meal. Shape dough into a 15-inch strip. Brush lightly with milk. Roll in oats to coat heavily. Shape into ring on prepared pan. Pinch edges together. Place greased glass in center. Let rise in warm place until light, 45 to 60 minutes. Sprinkle top lightly with corn meal.

Microwave at 1/2 power 6 minutes, rotating 1/2 turn after 3 minutes. Change power level to full power. Microwave 4 to 6 minutes, until top springs back when touched lightly. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove bread; cool on rack.

Makes 1 Loaf

## Quick Pecan Breakfast Ring

1/2 cup butter	3 pkgs. refrigerated
1 cup dark brown sugar	Buttermilk Biscuits
1 cup chopped pecans	

Microwave butter and sugar to a boil on High for 2 minutes. Pour half of syrup and pecans in bottom of angel food cake pan. Stand the biscuits on edge around tube pan. Cover top with the other half of syrup and nuts. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until done. Let rest in pan 5 minutes. Invert on platter. Serve warm.

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## Pumpkin Nut Bread

1 cup all-purpose flour	2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon
3/4 cup sugar (half packed brown sugar if desired)	1/2 cup cooking oil
1 tsp. baking powder	2 eggs
1 tsp. soda	1/2 cup chopped nuts, optional
1 tsp. salt	1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin

Blend ingredients in mixing bowl at low speed 15 seconds; beat at medium speed 1 minute. Spread batter in 8 to 10 cup ring pan. Center pan on inverted saucer in oven. Microwave at 1/2 power 6 to 9 minutes, rotating 1/4 turn every 3 minutes. Increase power to full power. Microwave 2 to 5 minutes. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before removing from dish.

### Variations:

Carrot Nut Bread: Substitute 1-1/2 cups shredded carrots for the pumpkin.

Zucchini Bread: Substitute 1-1/2 cups shredded, unpared zucchini for the pumpkin.

Applesauce Bread: Substitute 1 cup sweetened applesauce for the pumpkin.

Nut Bread: Mix 1 T. lemon juice and enough milk to make 1/2 cup; substitute for pumpkin. Increase nuts to 1 cup.



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## *Newsletter Editor Ramblings*

While heading out to the truck to go to a Doctor's appointment several weeks ago, we discovered one of the aluminum propane tanks on Little Girl was sitting on the ground, and the other one was missing (as in stolen). During the night, someone took both tanks off the trailer, discovered that one was empty, and that other one had propane in it. We figure it was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. So, they took the full tank and left the empty one sitting on the ground. Someone interested in the propane and not the aluminum tanks apparently...

Completed a police report, and the officer told us that in general, the crime rate for stolen property was up over the last few months. He asked us if we had any security cameras, and of course we did not. So, ...

Over the next 2 weeks, we installed a dusk to dawn security light on the shelter where we park the Airstream. It's located on the front of the shelter, and lights up the side yard and front of the trailer quite nicely. We also installed a pair of security cameras. One covers the front of the trailer and the side yard between the driveway and the trailer, and the second one covers the starboard (curb side) side of the trailer, which is the side away from the house. They both work quite nicely, and trigger when we walk into range, but for the most part, do not trigger on Ricky (our puppy) or bunnies. If Ricky prowls around the tongue of the trailer long enough, the camera will trigger on him and start recording, but that only seems to happen if he is there moving around for 30 seconds or longer. And like most security camera systems, we get an alert on our phones when they detect motion. We chose the Blink system from Amazon as it has local storage without a need to subscribe to a cloud service to store video clips.

The bright spot here (if there is one), is we were given the aluminum propane tanks a few years ago. And, we were thinking about replacing them anyway to get

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tanks with built-in gauges so we can keep a better eye on how much propane we have. To that end, we decided to buy two new 30 lb aluminum tanks with built-in gauges for our joint Christmas Present to each other. Rest assured; they will be locked onto the trailer once we install them in the spring. We already have the new padlock!



Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Until next time, safe travels.

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