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PREZ SEZ

Wow, what a month it's been! It was kick-started with the Amana Region Rally. Then, Shirley and I hosted the Spring Vintage Rally in the Keosauqua area, followed by the trip to Minnesota for the Spring Spam Rally. I don't remember ever having Spam before, but after samples at the museum, plus the delicious simple meals our Hostess Wanda prepared for us, we came home with cans of Spam. I want to thank Wanda and Jeff for the great weekend we had in Minnesota. Two very busy people took time out to host a fantastic event.

Now, we have a couple of weekends off, but anticipation is building for our next event; the rally at Lake Iowa. I am looking forward to seeing more of our members and hoping for great weather. Get your name to one of our hosts for the June weekend if you can make it. Farm to Table promises to be a sweet relaxing time.

There is so much info coming our way now for our trip to our first International Rally in Lebanon. Plans are finalizing for our family outing on the way to Lebanon. I hope to have perfect weather for July, as I will have two of my sons on motorcycles with us in the mountains.

Hope to see you all in June. *Tom*

"FARM TO TABLE RALLY" SET TO START JUNE 10TH

Hurrah!!! Get ready for the second 2021 rally of the Iowa Airstream Club. Pat and Larry Dellamuth and Lavonne Sandersfeld will be hosting the "FARM TO TABLE RALLY" on June 10th to 13th at Lake Iowa County Park near Ladora, IA. Directions to the park are as follows: From Exit 211 on I-80, go south about 1 mile to the stop sign. Turn right to the first road to your left and turn left. Lake Iowa is about 3 miles south and on your left. Upon entering, drive straight ahead (east) to the campground. GPS co-ordinates for the park entrance are N41°38.187' and W92°10.964'. Twenty spaces have been reserved for our club. If you haven't already done so, **PLEASE** get in touch with Pat as quickly as possible and let her know you plan to attend. She can be reached by phone at 319-330-2899 or by email at ljdell@gmail.com. We would dearly like to see some of our new members join us. There are several new Iowa Club members who joined through the International Office and we have never met them to welcome them into our Iowa Family. So, okay, new members, **JOIN US AT LAKE IOWA!!**

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My wife sat down by me as I was flipping channels. She asked "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started..

CARAVAN PLANNED TO INT'L RALLY

At this point in time, it appears there will be at least two Iowa Club members attending the International Rally in Lebanon, TN in July. Dale and Joan Lafrenz have informed Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka that they have pre-registered and plan to join them for the trip to the Volunteer State. As was pointed out in previous Iowa Club newsletters, the trip (starting from Westlake County Park in west Davenport) is about 592 miles and, since most of the route will be via interstate highway, can be driven in three very easy days of about 200 miles per day (less than

4 hours), or two longer days of about 300 miles per day (less than 6 driving hours). Not knowing how many will be traveling with Chuck and Doris Jean, overnight stops have not yet been determined. However, campgrounds have been located and will be contacted as soon as it is known how many to plan on. Therefore, if you plan to go to International and want to travel with the Cabalka's and Lafrenz's, get word to Chuck as quickly as possible. At this time, word of the exact parking date has not been received, so the exact departure and arrival dates are still

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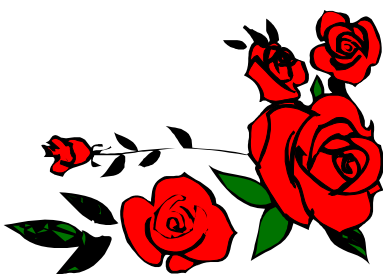
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BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

3 - Doug Ford
9 - Tom Herron
20 - Toni Whitehouse

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

3 - Eli & Kay Vaughn
13 - Dale & Joan Lafrenz
16 - Doug & Deb Ford
26 - John & Carol Heckman
26 - Paul & June Ryan

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undecided. Indications are that with the pandemic easing, there will probably be lots of people traveling this summer. Therefore, campsites may be somewhat more difficult to get, compared to 2020. Consequently, Chuck is setting June 5th as the deadline to reserve a spot on the caravan. Not only will he need to know that you want to join the caravan, but which you prefer – two days or three days of travel. The majority will rule. Then, he can see about reserving campsites along the way. So, make up your mind to go to International, get your registration sent in, and get in touch with Chuck and Doris Jean, either by telephone at 480-216-8096 or email at cdjcabalka@juno.com. The two couples would love to have another three or four couples join them for the trip, so think about it, get registered and plan to go.

ANOTHER CARAVAN? YOU BET!

HEY, the caravan to the Swiss Festival Rally is still on the agenda and growing. The number of Iowa Club members who have already registered is up to four (the Beu's, Helle's, Lafrenz's and Cabalka's), but there is still room for two or three more. As was pointed out in previous newsletters, this is a fantastic rally to attend. This is the oldest National Rally, with the 2021 rally being the 59th! You won't be bored in this article with info about the rally (just look back at recent Iowa Club newsletters or look the rally up on the internet at WBCCI, Swiss Festival Rally, 2021. It is hoped that by late September, the Airstream Company will have started tours through the new factory in Jackson Center. If so, a tour through that facility will be a must. The caravan will start from Davenport, IA on September 22nd, getting to Sugarcreek about noon on Friday, the 24th –roughly 200 miles per day. So, make plans to join several of your fellow Iowa Airstream Club friends for an enjoyable two weeks. You won't be sorry you did!

WELLNESS REPORT

Several of our Iowa Club family are recovering from recent surgeries and we are very pleased and thankful to report that all are doing quite well in their recoveries

Joan Lafrenz had her left knee replaced and, according to Dale, she is already getting around much better than she did prior to the surgery. In fact (or so he says) she is rarin' to get the trailer out and go camping. She is going to therapy two or three times per week, as well as daily doing a number of exercises at home. If you know Joan, you know she will be back to better than normal very quickly.

Dale Lafrenz underwent out-patient surgery recently to get rid of a couple of kidney stones that were creating problems. One stone was small enough that it was removed in entirety, while the other needed to be broken

into pieces prior to removal. A stent was inserted as a temporary measure and it will be removed shortly, if it isn't already gone. A small spot was detected on the bottom of one kidney and that will require further investigation and possible treatment.

June Ryan had right shoulder surgery on May 11th and reports that she is doing quite well on her recovery. She has to wear a brace during the night while sleeping and finds that to be her worst problem. However, she hasn't had to take any prescription pain killers, getting by with over-the-counter meds. She isn't able to



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drive but has family she can depend on to either get her essentials or drive her to appointments, etc. She is looking forward to June 18th, when she is supposed to be done with therapy. Knowing June, she'll probably be ready to end therapy before then.

To those three, and any other Iowa Club members we are not aware of, who are recovering from surgeries or illness, we wish all of you the very best and sincerely hope the worst is now behind you.

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THOSE WHO WENT CERTAINLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Jeff and Wanda Paine for hosting the May Rally in Blooming Prairie, MN and, particularly to Wanda, for the following article and pictures about the rally.

UFDA, what a fun time we had at the May rally in southern Minnesota at the Brookside Campground. The Rally was attended by the Paine's, Doug and Deb Ford, Norm and Linda Beu, Scott and Kathy Allen, Norm and Pat Van Klompenburg, Tom and Shirley Herron and Mike Donahue. It was great to see all the smiling faces, when we didn't have our masks on.



On Friday, we explored the sights around Austin, MN, with the SPAM Museum being the main feature. Our president and first lady were found in the SPAM Shack – what happens in the shack stays in the shack. Did you know that there are over 15 flavors of Spam, with Bacon Spam being highly recommended by our Spam-bassador, as she told us about the Hormel family and the Spam industry. It wouldn't be an Iowa rally meal without featuring wild rice in a Chicken Wild Rice Casserole (hotdish) and fried Spam; just a few of the products made in Minnesota.

While in Austin, many members of our group enjoyed visiting the Rydjour Bike Shop, with several antique bikes on display. Attendees also enjoyed visiting other places, including Sweet Reads Bookstore, the historic Hormel home, Paramount Theater, Tendermaid Sandwich Shop (a popular lunch stop), the Nature Center and Observatory, and the Superfresh Garden and Produce Center (complete with a bakery, plants galore and a venue to promote local foods, such as Nick's Meat Market, Spring Grove bottled beverages and lefse).

Open Your Taste Buds!



Mike Donahue thought he had received a parking ticket on his B-Van while parked at the Spam Museum, but it was just a note from Brenda and Rocky Lasseter, new owners of an Airstream B-Van. Mike invited them to join us at the campground for a meal on Friday evening, introducing them to the Iowa Airstream Club. We enjoyed a meal from Piggy Blue's Bar-B-Cue – awesome pulled pork, cole slaw and cornbread. Thank's, Mike! Our guests stayed and joined the fun in Minnesota



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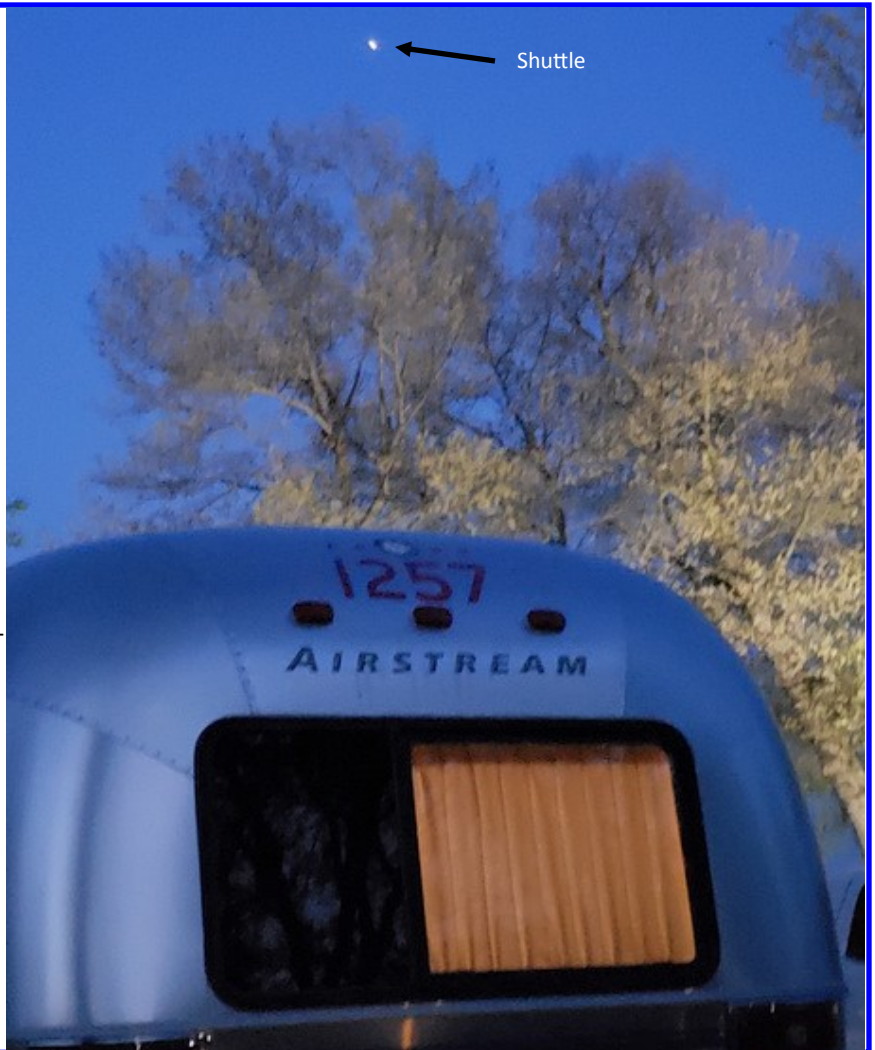
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trivia and prizes.

We got everyone ready for their Saturday Adventures with Oatmeal Griddle Pancakes. This recipe has been a favorite of the Paine family since their first Iowa rally back in 1996, when Gene and Sandy Teggatz hosted a rally in Hampton, IA. Yes, the Paine family have been Iowa Club members for 25 years. Due to the number of requests, the recipe is in this newsletter for all to make and enjoy.

During the “free” time, some had fun exploring Minnesota: visiting Ikea by the Mall of America, Cabela’s in Owatonna, the Norsland Lefse Bakery in Rushford and surrounding towns such as Albert Lea. Norm Van Klompenburg shared stories about the observatory and what we can all see in the night sky. For those who stayed up on Saturday night, we were able to see the International Space Station, capturing a photo of a bright object moving across the clear Minnesota sky over our Airstreams.

Yeah, you betcha, we all had a Spamtastic time at the rally in Minnesota!!



Chicken Wild Rice Casserole

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| 1/3 cup butter | 4.5 oz. canned sliced mushrooms, drained |
| 4 cups cubed chicken | 14.5 oz. can of chicken broth |
| 1/3 cup all-purpose flour | 2 tbsp chicken base flavor (Watkins chicken soup and gravy base) |
| 4 cups cooked wild rice | 1 small onion, chopped |
| 1/2 tsp salt | 1 cup half and half milk |
| 1/2 tsp pepper | |

In a large skillet, saute’ the onion in the butter until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until blended. Gradually, stir in the broth and chicken base flavor and bring to a boil. Boil and stir for 2 minutes, until thickened and bubbly. Stir in milk, chicken, rice and mushrooms and heat thoroughly. Transfer to a greased 2 ½ quart baking dish. In a 350 degree oven, bake for 30-35 minutes or until bubbly.

Oatmeal Griddle Pancakes

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| 1 cup milk | ½ cup flour |
| 1 cup quick oatmeal | 2 tbsp vegetable oil |
| 2 tbsp. sugar | 1 tbsp baking powder |
| 2 eggs | 1/4 tsp salt |

Combine milk and oatmeal, mixing thoroughly. Let stand for 5 minutes. Add oil and eggs. Mix well. Stir in flour, sugar, baking powder and salt until moistened. Bake on hot, lightly greased griddle.

If you have any questions on either of these recipes, we’re sure Wanda won’t mind if you gave her a call at 608-658-3036. Make and enjoy.

GOOD EXCUSE FOR MISSING A RALLY

Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka greatly regretted missing the Minnesota rally, but had a family commitment that took precedence. A granddaughter got married in Arvada, CO in mid-January, prior to Chuck and Doris Jean getting vaccinated, and while Colorado restricted gatherings to a maximum of 12 people. They watched the wedding via Zoom, while remaining in Arizona. In hopes that the group-gathering size would be increased, the newly weds decided to postpone their receptions until mid-May. That happened and the receptions were then scheduled for Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th, right in the middle of the rally weekend. A bummer!! Couldn't be helped.

However, by making the trip to Colorado for the receptions (there were two -- acquaintances and family and church family), Chuck and Doris Jean were treated to a snowfall while at their son's residence in the mountains. That very wet, heavy snow (about 8 inches) resulted in a beautiful landscape on the morning of May 12th, with snow covering the branches of the trees in their area. The clear, sunny morning even allowed a view of Pike's Peak, some 70 miles to the south. That was a reasonable substitute for missing the rally.



BEN WOOLLEY

As many of you may already know, Ben Woolley passed away recently, on May 8th. At the time he was a resident of a care facility in Cedar Falls, IA, suffering from Alzheimer's. He and Marcia were loyal members of the Iowa



Airstream Club for over 17 years, after joining in 2002. Older members of the club will remember Ben, among other things, for his trumpet playing in the Airstream Band at numerous International Rallies. He and Marcia were married for more

DAVE SHAW A Celebration of Life/Memorial for Dave will be held Saturday, June 19th in Humboldt, IA. Dave passed away on April 19th. He and Pat were briefly members of the Iowa Club, and have been stalwart members of the North Iowa Club for years. Any Airstream Club member is invited attend the service. Several plan to camp at Frank A. Gotch State Park, southeast of Humboldt. If you can attend, please phone Jodie Jensen at 515-321-0703 or email her at jo1213c@gmail.com. Campground hosts will save first come - first serve spots for the group. The evening of June 19th ribs are being prepared for the campground meal, attendees should bring side dishes.

than 51 years. About two years ago, he and Marcia had to give up trailering due to his health problems. Ben taught drafting at Independence High School for many years, before retiring. and spending winters in south Texas. His funeral and burial were at Independence on May 19th. Please keep Marcia in your thoughts and prayers.

“FARM TO TABLE” RALLY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, June 10

6:00 PM Supper. Bring your own brown bag supper and beverages. We will sit around the campfire and eat; enjoying the food, each other’s company and the fire.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

8:00 AM Breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and sweet breads. Bring your own beverages and table service.

9:00 AM Naturalist will speak to the group.

11:00 AM Leave for the Genoa Bluffs Strawberry Farm, where we will learn the history of Genoa Bluffs. Kettle corn and strawberries will be available for purchase (If it ever warms up enough to ripen the berries).

Noon: Catered lunch at the farm, to be paid in rally fee.

After lunch: Back to Lake Iowa for Business Meeting.

Rest of the afternoon free to visit, nap, hike or whatever you would like to do. A possibility would be to visit the Tanger Outlet Mall at I-80 Exit No. 220.

6:00 PM Pizza Dinner, with strawberry shortcake, (included in rally fee) around campfire. Bring your own beverages and table service.

After dinner, sharing time around the campfire.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Breakfast on your own.

8:00 AM Leave for Homegrown Grace at 2026 B. Ave, Victor, IA. Directions to the site are to return to I-80 at Exit 211, go west to the next exit, No. 205, then north about 1 mile to the final location, on the curve This is a flea market with 30 vendors. Rolls and coffee are available for breakfast, should you so desire. There are very interesting items for sale. The farmer has a welding shop and creates unique outdoor ornaments.

10:00 AM Leave to travel to Cooks Meat Market in Parnell, IA, where smoked meats, cheeses and fresh meat are available. Directions to Cook’s are to drive south to I-80, then return east on I-80 to Exit 220. Drive south through Williamsburg to Parnell. At the first intersection on the north side of Parnell (Co. Rd. F-52) turn left (east) for about two blocks and the meat market is on your right, set back off the highway. Hint: If you think you might want to purchase any meat, it would be wise to bring a cooler.

10:30 AM Leave Parnell and drive south on Hwy. 149 to North English for lunch (on your own) and brief shopping.

Following lunch, we will drive to 2976 Kk Ave., North English to an organic bean and potato farm, with fresh butchered chicken. Meat and produce are available for purchase, if so desired. Directions to the farm from downtown North English are as follows: Go north on Main St. to Washington St. and turn right (east) on Washington St. to Hwy. 149. Turn left (north) on Hwy. 149 for 3 miles to 305th St. Turn left (west) on 305th St. for 1.75 miles to Kk Ave. Turn right (north) on Kk Ave. for 0.75 miles to the farm. When ready, head back to Lake Iowa.

6:00 PM The evening meal will be a furnished chicken dinner, included in the rally fee. Bring your own table service and beverages. Following the meal, join around the campfire for visiting.

SUNDAY, June 13

8:00 AM Donuts at the park before heading for home. Bring your own table service and beverages.

SAFE TRAVELS AND WE’LL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT RALLY!!!