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## *Chuck's Corner*

Greetings Minnesota Airstreamers,

Our May 2021 Rally at Brookside Park was a very welcomed relief from the days of Covid-19. We visited the Spam museum which was a vivid trip back into history of canning, spam products, and the support Hormel gave the country during war efforts. The renewed museum gives a remarkably interesting display, and our tour guide was quite knowledgeable on the people, history, and politics of spam and Hormel. It is amazing how widespread around the world spam is sold. It was a surprise to me to find out that Hawaii still leads the world in spam units sold each year. Our happy hour and dinner at Bella Victoria restaurant were most enjoyable. The Italian food was well prepared and tasty and service was great. Campfires Friday and Saturday evening were a huge hit and welcomed return to summer. Hats off to Harry Ramler for being our fire attendant and popcorn maker. I was somewhat concerned that not enough activities had been planned for the weekend but to my surprise, everyone commented on just how much they enjoyed the spare time to meet and greet and renew friendships through conversation and side trips to Austin. Our weather for the most part was good with rain getting in our way

Minnesota Unit Website

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

Region 7 Website

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

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mostly during sleep times. For many of us, the joy of meeting new members out their first time was exciting. I think our Newbies enjoyed their time. Total attendance was 17 units and 32 members, a good showing for spring rally.

Much to look forward to this summer with the Tech Rally in June at the Airstream Park, the International Rally at Lebanon TN. in July, the Regional Rally in the Upper Michigan Peninsula in August, and our fall rally in Winona on an island in the Mississippi river in September. Details for all of this to follow. Most importantly, be sure to register for the upcoming Tech rally. Linda Agre has an excellent agenda planned. Call the Airstream Park at (320)743-2771 for a reservation. (Editor's note - see the event schedule on page 3 for more information.)

My thanks to all who participated in our rally and supported the efforts of the Club. Your volunteer efforts are what make our Airstream Club success so special.

Chuck Dodd

President Minnesota Airstream Club

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## 2020 - 2021 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Tech Rally	Minnesota Airstream Park	June 10 - 13, 2021	Linda Agre
		<a href="#">See pages 5 - 7 for more information.</a>	
Caravan to International Rally	Starting at MN Airstream Park	July 10, 2021	Pete Yanke
		<a href="#">See the Caravan Info on page 8.</a>	
International Rally	Lebanon, TN	July 17 - 24, 2021	WBAC
		Rally Information: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon">https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon</a>	
Caravan to the Region 7 Rally	Starting at MN Airstream Park	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Agre
		<a href="#">See page 10 for more information.</a>	

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

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## *Tech Rally Information*

### AIRSTREAMS,

Come join us for a weekend of learning and fun at the Minnesota Airstream Park at Clear Lake, MN. Together with the Minnesota Unit of the Airstream Club and Airstream Park we have put together a comprehensive program for the care and maintenance of your Airstream.

Learn how to take care of your:

1. Electrical systems
2. Detailing your Airstream
3. Peer to Peer RV Rental
4. Removing Clear Coat from your Vintage Airstream
5. Crafts Show and Garage Sale

As an added plus the MN Airstream Park's golf pro will be here to help you sharpen your golf game on Friday. Golf scramble on Saturday so bring your clubs.

### NOTE:

THIS RALLY IS OPEN TO ALL AIRSTREAM OWNERS REGARDLESS OF WABC/WBCCI MEMBERSHIP. SO, YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A WBAC/WBCCI MEMBER TO ATTEND THIS RALLY.

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR INFORMATION & THE REGISTRATION FORM. FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOT USED FOR FOOD.

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**MINNESOTA UNIT TECH RALLY  
AT THE MINNESOTA AIRSTREAM PARK  
8795 82ND ST. SE; CLEAR LAKE, MN  
JUNE 10-13, 2021**

Join us for a weekend of what and how to's. Rally fee **INCLUDES** cost for all events and some meals. It **DOES NOT** include Camping fee.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: Airstream Park 320-743-2771 (Credit Cards accepted)  
Cost for Rally Site - \$20.00 per night + tax  
Cost Full Hook-ups - \$42.00 per night + tax

QUESTIONS: Call Linda Agre **320/295-1117**

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## TECH RALLY REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI MEMBER #: \_\_\_\_\_ (If applicable)

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

RALLY FEE:	NUMBER	RATE	TOTAL
ADULTS:	_____	\$10.00 EACH	\$ _____
CHILDREN (5-12):	_____	\$ 5.00 EACH	\$ _____
Children Under 5 Free			

TOTAL FEE INCLUDED (do not include camping fee): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LINDA L. AGRE

MAIL TO: Linda Agre, 8795 82nd St. SE Unit #2; Clear Lake, MN 55319

**Contact Linda (phone number above) if you wish to register to make sure there is still room.**

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## *ATTENTION Tech Rally Attendees*

### GARAGE SALE

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 during the Tech Rally (June 10-13, 2021) shareholders and renters will be hosting a Garage Sale. You will display your wares on your site starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Some space will be available in the Circle A Pavilion. You are responsible to bring your own table, you will be responsible to man your table and clean up after.

Please contact Brenda Schulz email address: [b2schultz@comcast.net](mailto:b2schultz@comcast.net) AFTER you know your Circle or Rally Site Number. Brenda will take your Name and Site number for an Information sheet that will be given out at check-in on Thursday afternoon.

Rally Check-in will be at the Circle A Pavilion at 4:30 pm.

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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

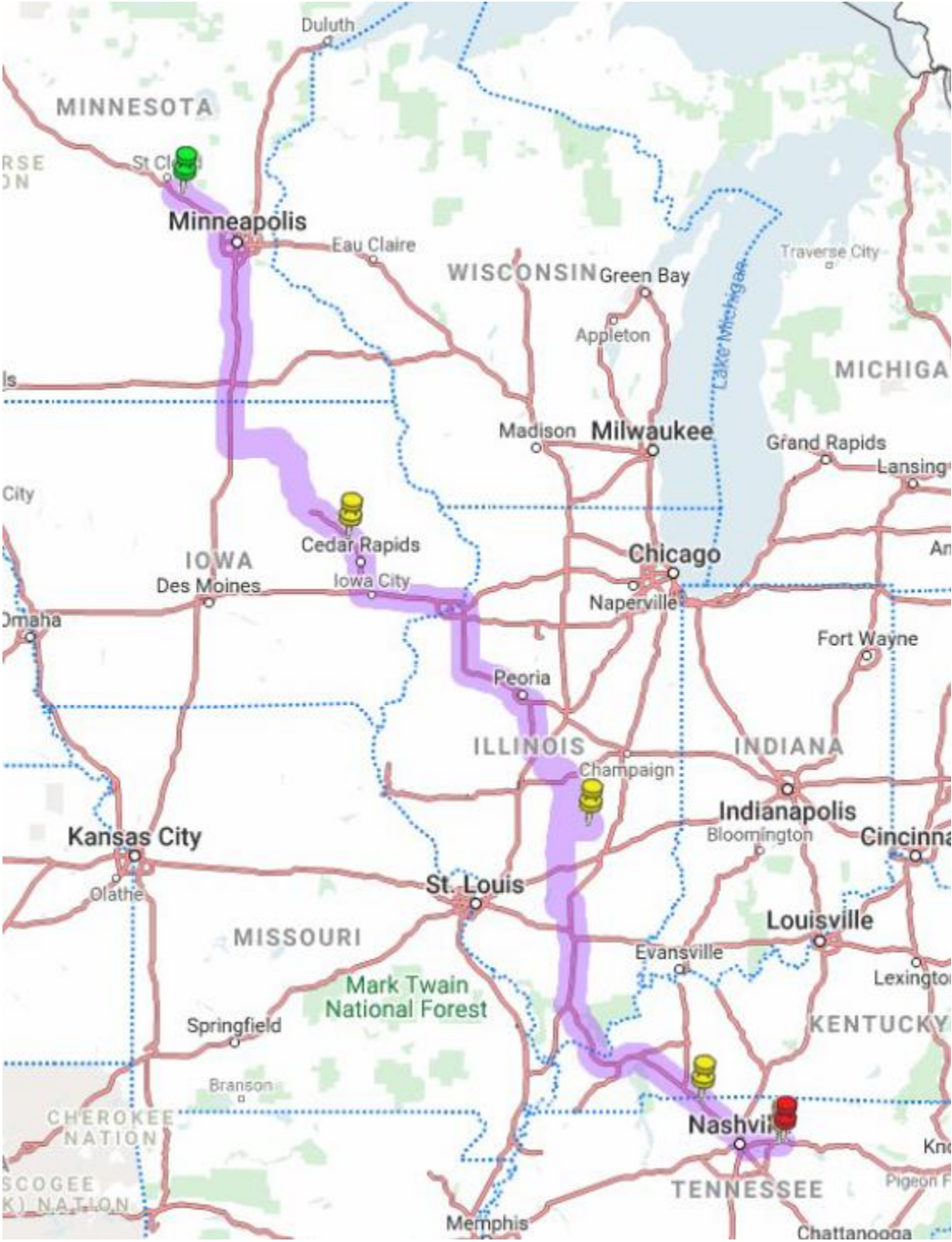
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Email: [pyanke@aol.com](mailto:pyanke@aol.com)

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



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## *Caravan to Region 7 Rally*

I'm sitting in Paynesville, Minnesota wishing I was in Arizona with my Excapees friends out 'Jeeping' in the dessert or wishing I was back in my 34' Airstream at the Minnesota Airstream Park. As anyone who knows me it's really hard for me to sit still. So, in my spare time I'm planning a caravan to the above designation and need your input.

For our new members WBCCI Numbered Caravans have to be 10 days or longer. So, I'm thinking a shorter caravan of 5-6 days (not numbered) leaving Saturday, August 14th or Sunday August 15th from The Minnesota Airstream Park in Clear Lake arriving at Rippling River Resort the afternoon of August 19th between 2 and 4 (have to arrive in time for Social Hour).

The caravan would be led by myself and Pete Yanke, Region 7 Caravan Leader. The caravan would be open to all members of Region 7 but limited to 10-15 units. The route we would travel would be thru some beautiful country along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Cost? Unknown at this time but plan on camping fees of \$50.00 per night.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the caravan or contact me with any questions.

Linda Agre 320-295-1117 or email [agre5628@aol.com](mailto:agre5628@aol.com).

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## *Region 7 Rally Pet Show*

### *CALLING ALL PETS! from Linda Agre, #5628*

Are you one of those traveling Airstreamers who has a pet or pets that take over the Airstream? It may be the sofa or the bed or the hallway. I once asked an Airstreamer where his Great Dane slept in his Bambi? The answer I received was "Any where he wants to".


Planning a rally and finding things to do safely, especially the past two years has been a challenge. Our Wagon Master, Jane, asked about having a Pet Parade, which I agreed would be fun. So, get ready to 'Highlight' your pet, be it in costume, tricks, or just being a pet. Prizes will be awarded. So put on your thinking cap, warm up your sewing machine, and help us make a fun night of entertainment. Sign up at registration table when you come in.

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## Scam Email

The WBAC office has asked that you be made aware of a scam email that is being targeted toward Club Members. A sample of the scam email is copied below:

**Membership Suspension Notice**

 **ARNOLD LIN** <arnoldlid60@gmail.com>  
To

Retention Policy Junk Email (30 days)

 This item will expire in 29 days. To keep this item longer apply a different Retention Policy.  
Links and other functionality have been disabled in this message. To turn on that functionality, move this message to the Inbox.  
This message was marked as spam using a junk filter other than the Outlook Junk Email filter.  
We converted this message into plain text format.

**ATTENTION,**

Membership Verification alerts - Your account recovery email is Out-OF Date and need to be email address and email password to validate account information.

You have 24 hours to complete these steps to avoid service suspension.

Thank you  
Arnold Lin  
Assistant of Administration

If you receive an email that looks like this, please do not reply or click on any links in the email. Just delete it.

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## *Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members*

Steven Chirco # 03878 - San Jose, CA

Marvin Seppanen # 03111 - Winona, MN

Arne & Carolyn Larson # 02564 - Golden Valley, MN

Ada Dong # 28888 - Edina, MN

Kurt & Nancie Klitzke # 05357 - Memphis, TN

Simon Diaz # 29088 - Arden Hills, MN

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

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## *Your Airstream Pictures*

Another picture from our club members (I missed this one last time):



This is our "Classy Lassy" & yes that makes her a lass. Cheri came up with the name the day we picked her up.

Airstreams are classy by nature and being a 20 ft Flying Cloud, a Bambi, that makes her a lassy, not a lady. We love her so much especially the kitchen floor plan. Since we bought her in 2016, we've camped in all but 10 of the 50 states and 6 provinces. In April we will add 2 more states. July we'll add Tennessee at the International.

See you on the road or at a rally,

Dan & Cheri Stinnett

#4866

Lakeville, MN



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## Spring Rally Brookside Campground Blooming Prairie, MN

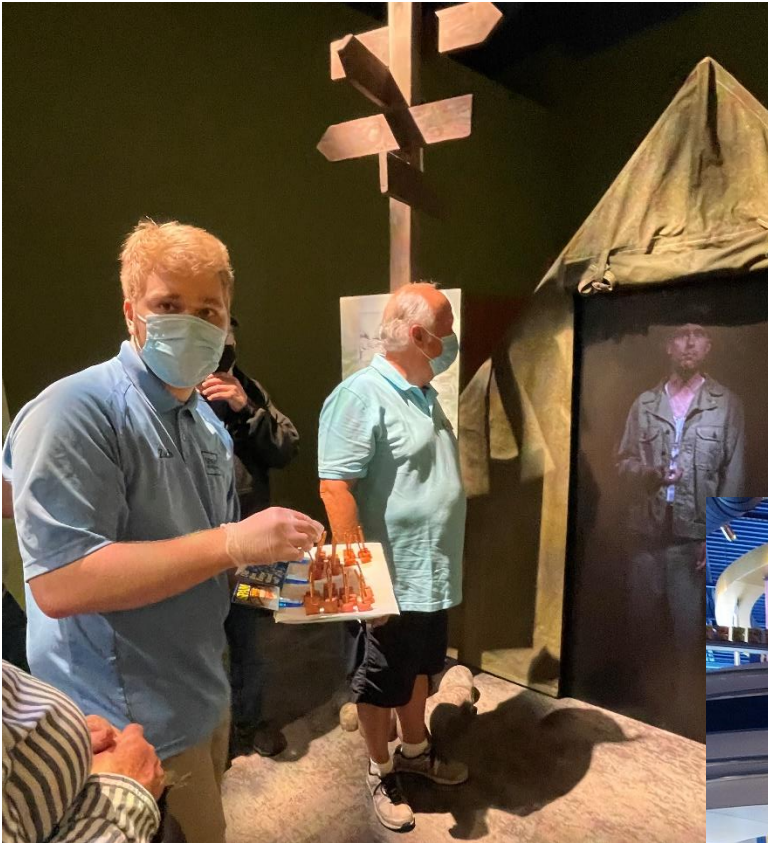
The Spring Rally was held Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brookside Campground. Shown on the next several pages are random pictures taken by several different people throughout the rally and tour of the Spam Museum. My thanks to Denise Beattie, Terry Pfliegaar, Linda Agre, and Chuck Dodd for sending me pictures.

### Spam Museum Tour





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Samples! 😊



## How SPAM Got Its Name

Jay Hormel's New Year's Eve parties were always exciting, but his party in 1936 had a special twist. Jay had just developed a new luncheon meat, and that night he offered \$100 to the person who came up with the most creative name for it. An actor by the name of Kenneth Daigneau, brother of Hormel Vice President Ralph Daigneau, came up with the name SPAM during the party, and left 100 dollars richer! There is widespread speculation as to how he came up with the name SPAM. Many believe it was the simple combination of 'Sp' from "Spiced" and 'am' from "Ham"... But will we ever know for sure?



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## SPAM® CATAPULT

This is a scientific instrument created to assist in studying the aerodynamic principles of SPAM® meat products! There is nothing quite so majestic as a cube of SPAM® Classic arching through the skies on its way to knocking down a pyramid of empty SPAM® brand cans! This SPAM®-A-Pult was built and donated by Arizona Camp Sunrise & Sidekicks.



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Thank-you from Austin.



Thank you for making  
Austin, MN a trip with your  
Airstream Trailers. We hope you  
have a SPAMtastic trip!

Thanks Again -  
Discover Austin Crew



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## Rally Pics





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Meeting of the minds  
with Hank supervising.



Coffee & breakfast.

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Dinner at the Victoria Restaurant



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Brookside painted their propane tank!

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## *Name Badges*

Repeating this since so many asked about our new name badges at the rally and where we got them. We picked the logo on the left.

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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Webmaster	Chris	<a href="mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net">055info@airstreamclub.net</a>

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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.



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## *Newsletter Editor Ramblings*

Today is Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow is Memorial Day - a day to remember our veterans that no longer with us.

We are at Bear Head Lake State Park (by Ely, MN). It's our favorite state park, and we try to come here every Memorial Day weekend. Have been coming up here for at least 30 years. First time up here we had a fold-down (pop-up) camper and Eileen was 2 or 3. She is 34 now, and we are on our 9<sup>th</sup> camping vehicle. Started with a Dodge Cargo van we bought when we got married in 1977 and converted to a camper van, then 2 pop-ups followed by five SOB trailers (all loved and used) and then finally Little Girl, which we have owned for the longest time span of any of our other campers.

Last newsletter, I showed a picture of my current woodworking project. I was building a butcher block countertop for my daughter and her husband. Ok, mostly for my daughter, but don't tell Mike (her hubby) that! I finished the countertop, and it is now installed in their kitchen and being used every day. 😊



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I have also talked in prior newsletters about the new jack caddy I was building. Got it finished a few weeks ago and did a trial run in our driveway.



Looks good in theory, but we have run into a couple of issues with it. One is that we broke it at the Spring Rally. A shear-pin broke, which kept it from going up and down. Fixed that, but still it's not working as well as I would have hoped. Going to continue using it this summer and see what I can maybe do better next winter.

On the door of the airstream, we have a dent and slight burn mark from the furnace exhaust which has bugged us for a couple of years. At the International Rally at Doswell, we picked up this aluminum flamingo (it's a Christmas tree ornament), and I riveted it over the dent. All better now. We thought about painting it pink, but decided not to as paint has to be renewed every so often.





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While at the rally, we went out to the BBQ restaurant just down the block from the Spam Museum. They have a whole bunch of retro metal signs hanging on the walls, and I noticed that they had price tags on them. Asked the waitress about them, and to make a long story short, I bought one for my train room.

Kay does not like Spam. I do. At the Spam Museum, they were handing out samples, and one of the samples was Bacon Spam. To my surprise, Kay liked it! So much so, that we bought 4 cans of it!! Two are in the trailer and two are at home. Going to fry it up with eggs for a few future meals.



Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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