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Chuck's Corner

Greetings Fellow Airstreamers,

Wow, what a wonderful Tech Rally just held at Airstream Park in Clearwater MN. There were around 120 participants in our rally with both park members and non-park members joining in. There were several excellent seminars on maintenance, electrical and solar concepts, crafts, golfing, and events such as backing up your trailer. A favorite event was the open house by Chris and Kay Olsson on their renovated vintage airstream. Everyone who attended the rally had something of interest to engage in. There was also good social time to get together and renew and make new friendships.

Friday, we enjoyed a breakfast put on by our friend Stan Schwenke from SkyMed who presented a valuable seminar on this important product. Stan also presented a movie Friday evening portraying himself and family members about the acrobatics he worked in for 32 years. The movie *Vernon and Bumpy* was a real delight. Our thanks to Stan.

Our traditional Airstream oatmeal and ice cream breakfast on Saturday was a huge hit. Cooking steal cut oatmeal in crockpots overnight was a new experience

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for Joy and me. With the help of Brenda and Bart Schultz, the cooking and breakfast event went without any serious hitches and a lot of favorable comments. We also enjoyed a dinner of chicken, potato salad, and beans followed by ice-cream and special cake in celebration of Airstream Parks history. We watched with interest and much laughter a special movie of the history of Airstream Park. Two gentlemen who had grown up in the park shared their stories and thoughts about the park in this movie directed by Linda Agre. Our sincere thanks to Linda Agre for putting together the rally and leading it.

Summer and the relaxing of covid constraints is improving our ability to engage in Airstream activities. Our next two planned activities, the International Rally in Lebanon TN and the regional rally in Michigan are showing good signups and look exciting to attend. Our fall rally in Winona MN, the 16th thru 19th of September will arrive quicker than you know. Please reserve these dates on your calendar now. Lots of activities plus the installation of officers will keep you enjoyably busy. Sign up information via on-line registration will begin in July. Watch your email (and see page xx of this newsletter - ed).

It has been a happy and enjoyable time meeting with you at our rallies. Airstreaming is back and we look forward to seeing you soon. Keep safe. We will 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
Caravan to International Rally	Starting at MN Airstream Park See the Caravan Info on page 4.	July 10, 2021	Pete Yanke
International Rally	Lebanon, TN Rally Information: https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon	July 17 - 24, 2021	WBAC
Caravan to the Region 7 Rally	Starting at MN Airstream Park See page 6 for more information.	Aug 14 th or 15 th	Linda Agre
Region 7 Rally Anatomy of a Murder	Rippling River Resort Marquette, MI See Region 7 Website for details: (https://region7.airstreamclub.net/about-region-7/rally-schedule/)	Aug 19-24, 2021	Jane Carmichael Region 7 President
Fall Installation Rally	Prairie Island Campground Winona, MN See page 8 for more information.	Sept 16 - 19, 2021	Chuck Dodd & Terry Pflgebraar

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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

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.

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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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Minnesota Airstream Club Fall 2021 Rally

16 Thru 19 September



This year's fall rally will be held at Prairie Island Campground, 1120 Prairie Island Road, Winona, MN 55987. The following web site will give you excellent information on this city run park including maps and events in the area. Also Included is information on paddle boat and kayak rentals, fishing bait, and other park activities.

<https://www.prairieislandcampground.com/>

Reservations:

Please call the campground at 507-452-4501 and talk with any of the camp hosts. Our fee is a flat \$32.00 per night for electric and water. There is an excellent dump facility available, general store, and shower facilities. Jamie, the park manager, has arranged for us to camp together in a nice section of the park. That arrangement lasts until **August 31st** for reservations. Past that date, the hold on spaces will be removed. We have a certain number of spaces available. Please reserve your spot. CALL, do not use the parks' online system (except to check out park site map). Tell them you are with the Minnesota Airstream Club. They know our sites and will assign you one if you do not have a preference.

Preliminary Agenda:

Thursday – arrival noon on.
Happy Hour 5.30 pm
Dinner on your own

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Friday - **8.30 am** Breakfast with Stan Schwenke of SkyMed.
10.15 am Carpool to see National Eagle Center in Wabasha. Fee is \$10.00 per person payable at door for self-guided audio tour. No person led group tours are available at this time. We will self guide together.
5.30 pm Happy Hour, Dinner, election of Officers and Officer Installations at Whalen's at Westfield. Please indicate your dinner choice on the airstream club registration web-based form.

Saturday – **8.30** Coffee and donuts from Bloedow Bakery. Rated best donut shop in Minnesota in 2012. Established 1924. Saturday's choices are Bavarian Cream filled or Blueberry filled donuts.
9.45 am New President Terry Plfeghaar business meeting.
10.45 – rest of day. Time on your own (see tour options below)

Sunday – Coffee and rolls
Goodbyes

Tour Options:

There is so much to see and do in the Winona Area. You will be given a package of details at arrival from the good folks at the Winona Visitors center. I am asking for your input for an option on Saturday. Please indicate your preference on the registration web-based form. Based on responses, a tour may be arranged. Joy's and my preference are to leave plenty of open time on Saturday for individual forays into the area. Please note also that the Apple season will be in full force. You may want to take the Apple Blossom scenic drive and visit the Apple Festival in La Crescent which runs 9/16 thru 9/19.

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Registration:

Everyone must register online. The rally fee will be \$5.00 per adult (18 and older). Youth 17 and younger do not pay a rally fee. Exact event times and places including campfires along with a list of attendees will be provided to you upon arrival.

To register, use one of these two links:

- Registration Form – Pay with PayPal <https://form.jotform.com/210956018499162>
- Registration Form – Pay by Check <https://form.jotform.com/211855462836159>

Sign up soon. Hope to see you there.

Chuck and Joy Dodd

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New Website

The new MN Airstream Club website is now online. It's part of the new web stuff (technical term) that the AIC (Airstream Club International) has put together. You can check it out here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/minnesota>

If you have a link in your browser to the old website, it will automatically redirect to the new website. Part of this change is the new look and feel to the Fall Rally registration form.

If you think of anything we can add or change on the new Website, please send me an email: 055info@airstreamclub.net

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Leadership Opportunities

At the Fall Rally, we will be installing new leadership for the next year. The first VP, Terry Pflieghaar will become our new President. Likewise, our 2nd VP, Brenda Schultz and 3rd VP, Kevin Garrett, will both advance to 1st VP and 2nd VP respectively. This leaves the 3rd VP position open. The basic duty of the 3rd VP is to make coffee at rallies, although I have never known a 3rd VP that actually does that. 😊

There will be some other leadership changes made at the Fall Rally:

- Craig McHenry is retiring as the treasurer after 10 years. Steve Pflieghaar will take over as the Treasure with Cordell Woods as his backup.
- Diana McHenry is retiring as the membership Chair. Daryl Herrmann has volunteered to be the new Membership Chair.
- Judd Beattie and Chris Olsson have reached the end of their tenure as Trustees, and we are looking for a couple of replacements. Trustees serve as part of the Executive Board. They serve 2 year terms.

To learn more about each of the leadership positions, please read our Constitution by clicking this link: [MN Airstream Constitution](#)

Article II - Duties of Officers on page 5 provides an overview of each leadership position.

Our club is run 100% by volunteers. Please consider joining us in a leadership role. I can tell you from experience, it is a lot of fun and rewarding!

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Larry & Cindy Rice # 02733 - Willmar, MN

Patrick Southard & Matthew Stoffel # 03336 - Golden Valley, MN

Robert & Gayle Herr # 03615 - Lino Lakes, MN

Patti & Steve Payne # 09221 - Bloomington, MN

Phillip Park & Paul Sakry # 09601 - Oro Valley, AZ

Craig & Janet Peterson # 03844 - Inver Grove Heights, MN

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

Glamping Picture



This is a first for me. I've seen window a/c units mounted on the tongue of pop-up campers before, but never used with a tent.

Submitted by Cordell Woods.

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Tech Rally Report

June 10 - 13, 2021

The Fourth Tech Rally was a success. 60+ Rigs/140 signed up. 19 Units were from Florida, Wisconsin, and Michigan. All seminars were very well attended.

Harry Ramler did an outstanding job in sharing cleaning and polishing products that work for him. John Arechavala did information on Solar and along with Diana McHenry and Kay Olsson explained tank treatment, toilet tissue use, and new perks from the International Airstream Club about Michelin Tire Program, Harvest Hosts, and Passport America discounts. Chris Olsson for sharing his knowledge of electrical.

Thank you to Dave Rawn for the Park Tours. Pam Rawn the Welcome Committee, and Matthew Stoffel for the Fun Movie about the park history. Don and Chris (the stars of the show) were asked to join us for Saturday dinner but were unable to attend).

A big Thank you to the Airstream Park Board Members that 'went above and beyond the call of duty' to help me in moving picnic tables, cleaning the Pavilion and the Clubhouse, serving dinner, removing garbage, showing renters to their rental spots, sharing their knowledge at the many seminars. A big Thank You to the Minnesota Airstream Club who has always stepped forward without being asked to help put on this event. I could not and would not attempt to do a Rally of this size without them.

Two of the highlights were the Craft Show and the Back-up event. Jeff Nobbe thank you for your instruction. If you didn't stop in at the Craft Show I feel sorry for you as John Blakstvedt's snow shoe making was so interesting. The talent of Laura Stanke & Cheryl McChesney with their beautiful art work. Quilts, greeting cards, rug making, and custom made jewelry displayed. Wow, talented people our Airstreamers are!

On Kick-off night Sue Leroy and Mark (the dog in training) told us about Canine Companions. It was voted by the rally goers to donate any remaining rally fees to the Canine Companions. Because the Minnesota Airstream Club donated the oatmeal breakfast, the Minnesota Airstream Park let us use the clubhouse at no charge, and another shareholder donating the ice cream for the Birthday Cake, plus donations handed me totaled \$750.00 .

As you can tell it takes an army to pull off an event this size. Thank you all and Thank You to all the Rally Attendees who came, watched, and learned.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Agre

Note: No one asked for their rally fee of \$10.00 back.

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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).

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 July 5th. Much needed rain is falling, which we are both thankful for.



At the Tech Rally, we had a visitor wander through our campsite. We think it's a mom-to-be, looking for a place to dig a hole and lay her eggs. She was not overly impressed with me trying to take her picture.

As many of you know, I have a N scale model railroad layout in the basement. One day a couple of weeks ago, I was in my train room looking for something, and I noticed that Wanda now has a guard dragon to watch over her. Kay had followed me into the room and was giggling. She suggested that I look around some more. See the couple of pages...



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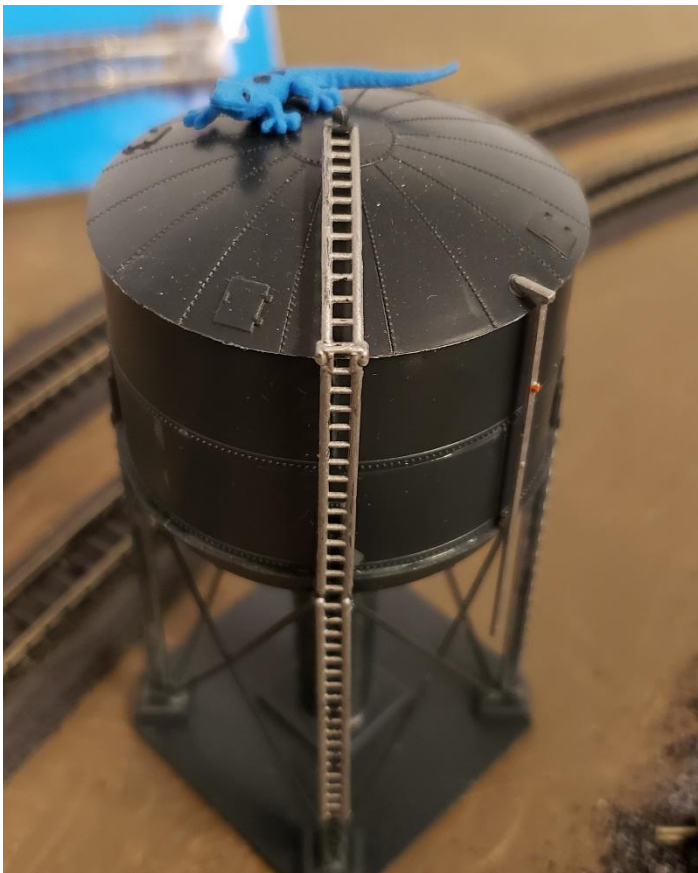


Dragons, lizards, and a couple of unicorns scattered around the layout.

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The last addition is this x-wing fighter model, made by our son-in-law Mike. He and our daughter (Eileen) came over one day while we were out of town camping, and added the decorations, and then waited patiently a few weeks for me to discover them.

The picture doesn't do the x-wing justice. It is really cool looking. Twaz a really nice Father's Day present!



On a different topic, it has been really nice to get out camping and going to rallies this year! It is soooo nice to see everyone!

108 working days 'til retirement - not that I'm counting... 😊

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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