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TRAVEL SAFELY

By the time you receive this newsletter, a few of you may have already packed up and headed south for the winter, while others are getting ready to go. To all of you,

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MIKE'S MUSINGS



First, I wish to say "Thank You" to several of our members. To Tom & Shirley Herron for their leadership during the past year; to Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka for their journalism in the newsletter and other communications; to all hosts of the luncheons and rallies; and to my wife, Linda, for all her help and support and her events calendar.

The 2021 Rallies were really amazing and the hosts deserve recognition. I am still haunted by the Anamosa Prison Museum and the small prison cells. We saw the National Motorcycle Museum (475 motorcycles). We ate dinner at Stone City. We were immersed in the prairie at the Neal Smith National Wildlife refuge. In Newton, we toured a great museum and learned about the tradition of four sculptors of the city and, of course, the history of Maytag washing machines. And what about the astronomy that we learned at the Ashton Observatory! There were many other points of interest. The point I wish to make is that I likely would not have seen all of these interesting sites without our Iowa Airstream Club membership.

The Rallies offer friendship with each of the members. We share conversations about our campers and the tow vehicles. The conversations are like an encyclopedia.

In conclusion, I will try my best to imitate the quality of leadership of the past. And everyone, please mark your calendar for **the first luncheon of my term on November 13 at 11:30 am. The luncheon host is Lavonne Sandersfeld and the location is the Landmark Restaurant at 128 W. Evans Street, Williamsburg, Iowa, near the Tanger Outlet on I-80.**

Mike Rickert

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER LUNCHEONS ARE PLANNED

As was pointed out in President Mike's article, the **November "Veteran's Day" Luncheon** (our first of the winter) will be on Saturday, November 13th at the Landmark Restaurant. Gathering time is 11:30 AM. It is located on the west side of Co. Rd. V-77 just north from the Williamsburg I-80 Exit (No. 220). Although President Mike did not mention it, it would probably be a good idea to let either him or Lavonne Sandersfeld know if you plan to attend. That way they can give the restaurant a count on how many are expected.

So you can plan ahead and reserve the date for the **December "Year End" Luncheon**, it will be on Saturday, December 11th at the Hickory Park Restaurant in Ames. Gathering time is 11:15 AM, with lunch at 11:30. Scott and Kathy Allen will be hosting this event. There will be more on this luncheon in the next newsletter.

DUES, DUES, DUES

This will probably sound "old hat" to all of you, but your newsletter team thought it might be a good idea to remind all of you again that the 2021-22 dues are payable. You received a reminder in the last newsletter and it is hoped that all of you got your checks to our treasurer, Deb Ford. It is not too late to get that job done and make Deb's task a lot easier. According to Deb's report at the October business meeting at Central City, this should be

the last time you will be contacted and reminded locally. In the future, Headquarters in Jackson Center will be contacting each WBCCI member via email and you will be submitting your local club and International dues directly to them. They will then send the Iowa portion of the dues to our treasurer (Deb, in this case) along with a list of those members making payment. With the International annual dues remaining at \$75.00, this means the total membership fee for upcoming 2021-22 will be \$85.00. Make your

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check out in that amount, payable to the Iowa Club, WBCCI and mail it to Deb Ford, Treasurer, Iowa Club, WBCCI, 105 Rustic Lake Dr., Colona, IL 61241.

PLEASE, PLEASE, do this as quickly as possible so Deb won't have to send you more reminders. Deb will then see that the International portion is sent to Headquarters in one check.

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your newsletter team wish you a safe, happy and boring trip. Stay safe, stay healthy and we will see you next spring. If any of you do, or see, something interesting on your drive, drop the team a note and picture, (if you have one or two). Items from club members are **ALWAYS** welcome, as we are approaching the quiet time of the year so far as club activities are concerned. Also, if you do something interesting once you have arrived at your winter home, send it along. The same goes for you "non-migrating snowbirds". You send it – we'll include it.

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BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER

2 - Steve Cochran
11 - Margaret Bateman
11 - Chuck Helle
11 - Chuck Kiple
11 - Donna Koskamp
15 - Tom Whitehouse
21 - Chuck Cabalka
23 - Arden Taube

ANNIVERSARIES NOVEMBER

4 - Trudy & Bruce Van Wyk
7 - Charlene & Bryan Nelson
18 - Deb & Earl Gass
18 - Lynette & Kurt Rasmussen
19 - Derek Etnyre & John Moder
19 - Sandie & Chuck Kiple
20 - Linda & Michael Rickert
24 - Carolyn & Gene Haller

CENTRAL CITY RALLY

As was noted in the last newsletter, your newsletter team was unable to attend the full rally in Central City because their trailer was in the "hospital". And, it still is, although several of the "operations" have been successfully completed according to Scott and Jodi Jensen. The team drove to the rally Saturday afternoon and were there for the business meeting and the installation of the 2021-22 Iowa Airstream Club officers. Not being there to take part in the wonderful tours Tom and Shirley had arranged was a bummer. And, the request for information from those who were there did result in nice photos but hardly any explanations, so this write-up of the rally will be pretty short. The team does want to give a big **THANK YOU** to Doug Ford and Norm Van Klompenburg for providing photos for this article, however.

When President Tom Herron called the business meeting to order and the roll call of officers was taken, it was a pleasant surprise to see that 100% of the 2020-21 officers were present. Due to various conflicts, this had not happened previously in 2021. During the business meeting, President-Elect Mike Rickert presented information concerning the winter luncheons and 2022 rallies that he has lined up, with several events yet to be finalized. It appears that he has 2022 pretty well in hand, although he still needs several members to step up and volunteer to host a few gatherings. If you feel inclined to help him out (and we sincerely hope some of you do), you can reach him by phone at **319-239-0646** or by email at mlrick@reinbeck.net. Minutes of the meeting are not included in this newsletter since the Iowa Club will not have a business meeting until next May. The minutes will be included in the newsletter just in advance of that rally and meeting, so the information will be fresh in everyone's mind.

Following the business meeting, Region 8 First Vice President Rick Everson, assisted by his wife, Berta, installed the 2021-22 Iowa Airstream Club Officers. It appears



From left: Linda & Mike Rickert, Shirley Herron, Chuck Cabalka, Mike Donahue, Pat Dellamuth, Deb Ford, Linda Bue, Tom Herron, Norm Van Klompenburg, Mark Kvidera and Rick & Berta Everson. Everyone looks amused because Doris Jean was having a hard time replacing a dead camera battery.

the Iowa Club is in good hands with President Mike and First Lady Linda in charge and everyone wishes them well during their term of office.

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HERE ARE SOME MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CENTRAL CITY RALLY.



Most of the group gathered in the lodge, waiting for dinner.



Grant Wood's painting interpreted as a statue.



Installation of Mike Rickert by Rick & Berta Everson.



Observation tower seen on the drive to the lodge.



Chuck & Nancy Helle



Entrance to Museum

BEAUTIFUL IOWA



We are in the “beautiful season” in Iowa, when trees provide many and various colors to brighten up our days. Unfortunately, the colorful season doesn’t last long



enough. Fortunately, we can look forward to a return of the color each fall. When God created the earth, he was thoughtful enough to give us a burst of color just before we go into the drab, cold, colorless (unless you like brown and white) winter. These pictures were just a few of the trees your newsletter team found in their hometown of Newton.



SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY WITH SWISS CHEESE AND AMISH FOOD

Five Iowa Club trailers made it to the 58th Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH. Four (Cabalka's, S. Allens, Lafrenz's and Helle's) arrived after lunch on Friday, September 24th, while Norm and Linda Beu arrived a day later due to Norm's dental problem (as reported in the last newsletter). For the first time in the memory of your newsletter team (back to 2005) this was the first Swiss Festival Rally they can remember where there was **NO RAIN!!** Blue skies during the day, cool nights (in the 50's) and moderate daytime temps (in the 70's) made for 8 great days in Sugarcreek. As has usually been the case, on arrival night, the four couples noted above went to Der Dutchman Restaurant in Walnut Creek for a buffet supper to celebrate their arrival. The food was excellent, tasty and filling.

Three days of touring Amish and Mennonite businesses and two Amish schools provided plenty of interest and activity for the first 3 days of the rally (Mon., Tue., and Wed.). The drives on the tours took everyone through the rolling Ohio countryside, with numerous Amish farms. Unfortunately, the festival was about 7-10 days too early to catch what promise to be a very colorful countryside, as leaves changed color. With 5 different day-long tours, of which attendees could only take 3, the Iowa Club attendees did not all choose the same ones. Each couple could relate a different story concerning the ones they went on. Among the places your newsletter team visited were Pioneer Equipment Co. making horse-drawn farming equipment, a shop making leather items (such as belts, etc.), Keim Lumber (a lumber yard that is a whole lot more than lumber), Pearl Cheese (multiple winner of the best Swiss cheese in Ohio), Warther Carvings (where David Warther displays sailing ships of all kinds that he has carved from wood and ivory) and a broom-making business owned and run by a young Amish lady. An additional stop was the Amish & Mennonite Center (a building where

the history of the Amish, Mennonites and Hutterites is told in a round painting, standing 10 feet tall and 265 feet in length) which took artist, Heinz Gaugel, 14 years to complete. An Amish school with 37 students in a one-room country school was another very interesting stop. And, no trip to Sugarcreek would be complete without a stop at



Lehman Hardware in Kidron, with items you won't find anywhere else and a room full of beautiful wood carvings.

Evening programs consisted of a group of teen-age Amish youth singing for us, an elderly Amish gentleman explaining the Amish way of life, the Cambridge, Ohio Municipal Band (watching the director was a hoot), an excellent male vocalist (Kenny Evans), Crystal Gage (the female vocalist who those attending the Lewisburg International Rally will remember as the young lady who loves to rub the heads of bald men), the Joey Tomsick Polka Band and, as a last minute fill-in due to a cancellation, the Cambridge, Ohio Vocal Chorus. As you can see, there was a great variety of entertainment.

On Thursday, several Amish ladies brought a huge assortment of baked goods to the park for sale with the funds going to the schools on the tours. The gasoline-powered putt-putt ice cream maker was there, another Amish gentleman spent all day cooking apples into apple butter, free buggy rides were available, a six-mule hitch pulling a hay-rack gave free rides, the children from the Amish schools



that were on the tours were in the park for lunch and the traditional ham and bean soup supper was prepared and served. All in all, it was a busy day at the rally site.

The parades in town Friday and Saturday completed the festival and by Sunday morning, everything was back to

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Happy hour at Lafrentz' trailer. From RIGHT to left: Chuck & Nancy Helle, "Byam" with Scott & Kathy Allen, Dale & Joan Lafrentz, Mary Rose (white hair), Doris Jean Cabalka (pink visor) and Dave Rose (red cap).

being quiet and peaceful in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Several trailers left the rally on Saturday, with most of the rest leaving on Sunday, as did your newsletter team. They arrived safely back in Newton on Monday afternoon. It was an uneventful round-trip (just the way one always wants it) and a very enjoyable rally. Those who didn't go need to mark it down on their calendar for 2022. You won't be sorry that you did.

REGION 8 RALLY

Although April may seem a long way off, it is not too early to mark April 27 to May 1, 2022 on your calendars. That period is the Region 8 Rally in Lincoln, NE and we would hope there will be a large contingent from the Iowa Club. More information will be forthcoming as the event nears, but your newsletter team wanted to give everyone a heads-up.

Contrast in transportation, one horse-power vs 362 HP.



FRYEBURG, MAINE, CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

It certainly is not too late to get registered for the 2022 WBCCI International Rally in Fryeburg, ME, running from July 23-29. A quick check of distances finds that it is just 1,205 miles from Davenport, IA to Fryeburg, compared to 1,410 miles to McAllen, TX, 1,342 miles to Punta Gorda, FL, and 1,554 miles to Apache Junction, starting from that

same beginning point. As you can see, Fryeburg is closer than many in the Iowa Club drive to spend their winters in warmer climates. So, you can't use the distance as an excuse not to go. Four moderate driving days of about 301 miles or five days at 241 miles would get you there. So, get that registration form filled out, write that check and plan on going to the rally. You'll find much to see along the way (either going or coming home), as well as lots to take in once you arrive in Maine.