

*Newsletter of the Inland NW Airstream Club***FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Hello, Inland Northwest Airstream Club Members!

I'm Brian Soth, President of the Inland Northwest Airstream club this year. My wife, Becky, and I are proud owners of a 2011 20' Flying Cloud and have been enjoying it immensely since we bought it, used, in 2018.

In our family we have a saying to describe something we never thought we could afford, or which is so special that it continually provides us with joy. We say that 'something' is "too wonderful to have". We feel that way about our Airstream, of course, but even more so about the terrific friends we've made in the Airstream Club. Truly, we look forward to each and every time we get to see you and we can hardly wait until we see each other again.

That's what our Club is about. We have our rallies in interesting and beautiful places and have terrific meals together, but in the end it's about the people who are there. There are no strangers at our club events, just friends we haven't met yet. Our club prides itself on inclusiveness and the desire to make everyone welcome – no elitism here.

This tone was set by our first president, Dave Johnson, and the previous Executive Board. We owe them a heartfelt thank you for guiding us through the formation of our club in the fall of 2019, just in time for the onset of the COVID pandemic which forced us to cancel most of our first camping season in 2020. As a result, 2021 was the first year that we were able to proceed in a mostly "normal" manner with successful rallies in Washington, Montana and Idaho.

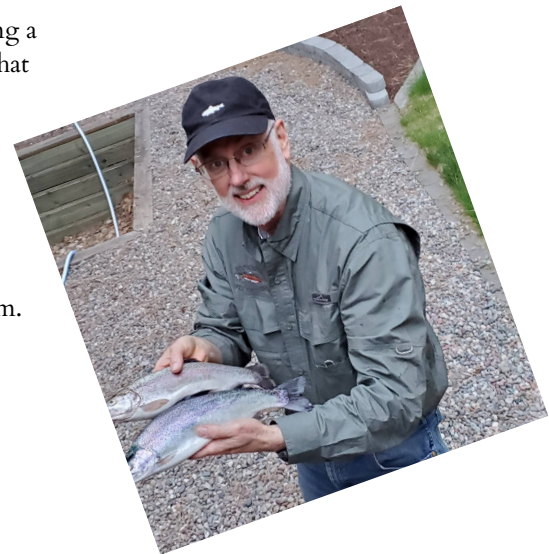
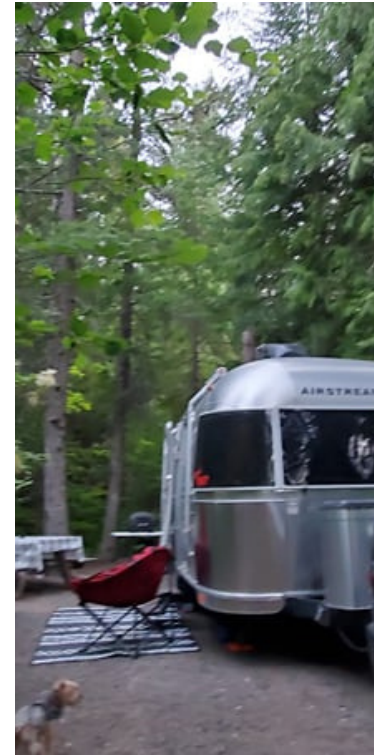
We look forward to another successful camping season in 2022. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a listing of Club rallies that are being planned for next year. You'll notice that although the locations for most are already identified, we still have a couple of "TBD" rallies and we would welcome your thoughts on where we should hold those.

As well as our rally schedule, we are working on several other fronts on behalf of our members. Some of these activities include making sure our tax status is secure, establishing a solid relationship with the new Airstream dealer in Spokane, creating a "rally guide" so that it's easy for members to host rallies, upping our game in the area of providing technical information, and maintaining an active website and social media presence. We're also looking at ways to maintain contact during the non-camping months, including a December holiday lunch.

If you have comments about any of the above, or if you have some ideas about what else might be beneficial to our members, please feel free to email me at bsoth17@outlook.com. I guarantee that I will read your email with eagerness and will respond promptly. I'd like to thank all the members who have made this Club so exceptional. These experiences are, indeed, "too wonderful to have."

Brian Soth

President



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

RALLIES IN THE WORKS FOR 2022!

Wine Country Rally
Prosser, WA; May 13-15

Riverbend Rally
Twisp, WA; June 9 - 12

Region 10 Rally
Lynden, WA ; June 1- 5

Elk Meadow Rally
White Salmon, WA; July 14-17

AUGUST --- TBD

Carve Montana! Rally
Troy, MT Sept 1-5

OCTOBER --- TBD

MORE TO COME!!!!!!

*Members will receive registration information in
late December so open that 2022 calendar
and start planning!*



A Little shared knowledge

Affiliate members Tom and Marilyn Usselman recently shared a scary experience they had with an interior propane leak. They solved it with the help of an experienced Airstreamer.

Their propane odor was intermittent which was puzzling. Another Airstreamer shared their propane sniffer with them. When they used the propane sniffer, the alarm went crazy on their range regulator. Their range had a slow leak.

They learned some very important things:

- 1) The Unit President of the rally they were at carried a gas sniffer that is available to those who want to check their trailer regulators while on a rally. The sniffer is passed down from president to president. (We are thinking this is a tradition we might want to adopt!)
- 2) Regularly check both your interior and exterior regulators with a sniffer.
- 3) Replace your propane detector inside your trailer every 7 years when it expires. Check the date on it annually. (Theirs was 13 years old)
- 4) Your very own propane sniffer can be purchased at Amazon for around \$30.

They carry their own now.

Thank you, Tom and Marilyn for sharing this very valuable experience!



Have you visited the Airstream Academy?

I didn't know this existed!

Airstream has some great resources on topics like towing, packing, safety, power.....

I found a great departure checklist, videos on how to open and close the awning, (we always seem to need a refresher!) and there is so much more! Power system conversion, solar, maintenance. Good reading while we are waiting for spring.

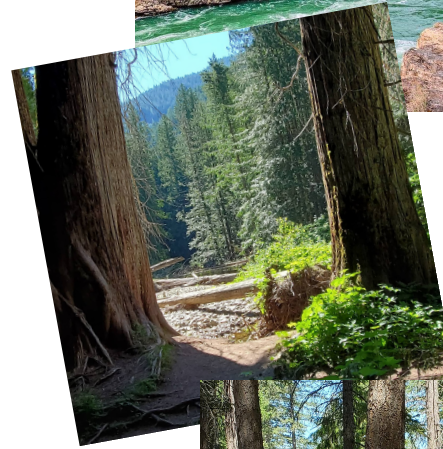
Check out the content and let me know what you discovered!

www.airstream.com/academy



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Trustee	Diane Taylor
Past President	Dave Johnson



TROY, MONTANA

Ross Creek Cedars, Kootenai Falls Suspension Bridge, Fly fishing.....



CATALDO, IDAHO

We did a little business, installed some new officers but most of all, we ALL played!



Cooking on the road

One of the subjects we discussed at rallies this summer was meal planning. Foil packet meals are easy to throw on the grill, over the campfire, or in the oven. Easy to clean up and simple to put together. Try this one or Google 'foil packet meals' to find more recipes!



Foil Packet Low Boil

Ingredients

- 1lb small red potatoes, quartered (should be bite sized, small so they cook quickly)
- 4 pieces corn on the cob, (quarters)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Old Bay™ seasoning
- 1 lb uncooked peeled deveined extra-large shrimp (16 to 20 count)
- 1 lb fully cooked andouille sausage, sliced in bite sized pieces

Instructions

1. Preheat your grill to high OR preheat your oven to 425 degrees.
2. In a large bowl add all ingredients and toss to combine and equally coat in oil and seasoning.
3. Layout 4 16-inch long pieces of foil and divide the mixture equally and put into the middle of each piece of foil.
4. Wrap up the foil so that there are no holes. If you have super thin foil or there is too much to adequately close the pouch tear off another piece of foil and double wrap your packet.
5. If cooking on the grill add the packets to the grill and cook for about 15 minutes, flipping the packet halfway through cooking.
6. Remove one packet and test the potatoes for doneness. If done remove all packets, if not fully cooked add back to the grill until done.
7. If cooking in the oven add your packets to a large baking sheet and cook for about 15-20 minutes at 425 degrees or until everything is fully cooked in the packet.
8. Once cooked sprinkle the contents of the packet with a little fresh parsley and a squeeze of fresh lemon if desired.

Have you got a favorite recipe that you like to make while traveling in your Airstream? Please share! Send it to beccasoth@gmail.com for our next issue!



A beautiful ending to a great season

When we booked our final rally of the season at Blackwell Island, someone said, 'too close to home!' We knew what fire had done to us the year before in Cataldo - we were covered in smoke. We could easily move our yearend festivities, if needed, to October. Blackwell Island was close to home for some but not all and even Brian and I spend little time over in Couer d'Alene so would enjoy the adventure. If the weather cooperated it could be a beautiful weekend, even if it was in our own backyard, and with a rally room available to us, even the rain wouldn't keep us down.

We were 14 Airstreams and a whole lot of fun. The weather was gorgeous. We started each morning together in the well equipped rally room over coffee, oatmeal and yogurt. We rented electric bicycles, kayaked, shopped, traveled up to Kellogg a busy group. Brent and Karen Strecker, new members, shared with us the journey to restoring their 1957 Airstream. We got to tour their labor of love. It's beautiful. (I hope to share more and pictures and details in the next newsletter.)

We stood around the fire, we talked and talked and picked up dinner Saturday from Tomato Street. It was great fun. We had new members and we had affiliates and we had some members from other units. Doesn't seem to matter, we all speak 'Airstream'.



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