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# IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

## MIKE'S MUSINGS



Everyone should mark their calendar for December 11, 2021 at 11:15 AM for the next luncheon. Scott and Kathy Allen are the hosts and it looks like a great choice. The luncheon will be held at the Hickory Park Restaurant, 1404 South Duff Avenue, Ames, Iowa. So, make a reservation by contacting Kathy at 515-473-0256.

For those members that have not met me, I offer a brief sketch. I have lived most of my life in Reinbeck, Iowa. I attended college at Morningside in Sioux City. I met my wife, Linda, in 1963 and we were married in 1965. I attended law school at Iowa and practiced law in Reinbeck for 46 years. We have two children and four grandchildren. We bought our 25' Flying Cloud in 2011. Camping and the Airstream Club are great additions to our recreation calendar.

The November luncheon at Landmark Restaurant in Williamsburg was attended by many members as you can see by the photo below. (Ed. Note: Norm Van Kompburg and Doug Ford both sent nearly identical photos. We looked at them so many times we're not sure which one was printed. Thanks to both Doug & Norm!) We had an excellent meal and fun conversation. Thank you to Lavonne.

Hope to see many of you on December 11.

### Mike Rickert

Edit. Note: If you love apples and pears, talk to Mike. He says he had the biggest crop that he has ever seen. He thinks this year the trees tried to make up for all the apples that the 2020 derecho removed from his trees. Mike has probably already eaten and canned all that fruit. Just kidding.

## LUNCHEON CLOSES OUT THE YEAR

The time is rapidly approaching for the December Iowa Airstream Club's **YEAR END LUNCHEON**. It will be on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Park Restaurant in Ames, Iowa**. Gathering time is 11:15 AM, with the lunch at 11:30. Scott and Kathy Allen have volunteered to be your hosts. The restaurant's address is 1404 S. Duff Ave, about 0.3 mile north from the US 30 & 69 interchange at the south side of Ames. The GPS co-ordinates are 43°30'35.57"N and 93°36'36.81"W. The restaurant needs to know how many to expect, so **please let Kathy know by Tuesday, December 7 if you plan to attend**. Her phone number is 515-473-0256 and email address is [kathyallen3534@gmail.com](mailto:kathyallen3534@gmail.com). Let's hope the weather behaves itself and everyone can safely drive to the luncheon. This is a great way to usher in the holiday season, so don't miss it!



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If any of you have received a "demand" email from Deb Ford asking that a large amount of money be deposited in an unnamed account, you should **delete** that email immediately. I spoke with Deb today and she said they have been getting many calls about that scam attempt.

## A Christmas Gift

**A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.**

**After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."**

**"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"**

## IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

### BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

1 - Pat Dellamuth  
5 - Jim Bateman  
12 - Michael Rickert  
13 - Jodi Jensen  
15 - Shirley Herron  
15 - Deb Gass  
15 - Pat Vann Klompenburg  
29 - Scott Allen

### ANNIVERSARIES DECEMBER

12 - Nancy & Chuck Helle

## NEWSLETTER TEAM MISSED NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Word was received that there were 22 attendees at the November luncheon at Williamsburg. It was good to hear that so many were able to make it. Absent any written information, all that can be included in this newsletter are the pictures provided by Doug Ford and Norm Van Klompenburg, for which your newsletter team is very grateful. Pictures and some written information about each luncheon would be greatly appreciated for future newsletters, since it is a quiet time of the year and anything for the newsletter is **GREATLY** appreciated.

Due to doctor's appointments (yes, Chuck is still fighting the sciatic nerve problem), and repairs needed to the Airstream, your newsletter team was about one month later than normal heading for Arizona. Your newsletter team was still in Iowa when the November luncheon was held at Williamsburg. Their plans had been to attend their very first winter luncheon, but Chuck had a sister-in-law pass away about a week before the luncheon and services for her were in Dubuque on that Saturday. Gathering with family was deemed more important than the luncheon, but missing out on seeing and visiting with our Airstream family was still a bummer! Oh well, maybe some day fate will allow attendance for a luncheon.

## WINTER LUNCHEONS ARE SCHEDULED

President Mike has the rest of the winter luncheons scheduled and we are providing the information here so you can mark your new 2022 calendars. As has been the tradition for the past number of years, there is **no luncheon in January**. However, there are luncheons scheduled for February, March and April, before our rally season begins in May. You will be reminded in each newsletter about the upcoming dates, but this is provided now so you get a head start.

February 12, 2022: **Sweetheart Luncheon**

Perkins Restaurant (meet at 11:30 AM – room reserved)  
4045 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, IA  
Hosts: Milk and Linda Rickert  
319-239-0646 (Mike)

March 12, 2022: **Lucky Luncheon**

Sunrise Café (meet at 11:00 AM, meal at 11:30)  
908 W. Main Street, Le Grand, IA  
Hosts: Tom and Shirley Herron  
515-556-9339 (Shirley)

April 9, 2022: **Spring Luncheon**

Pizza Ranch (meet at 11:30 AM)  
219 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Vinton, IA  
Hosts: Chuck and Nancy Helle  
319-270-1189 (Nancy)

Also, mark those new calendars for April 27-May 1, 2022 for the Region 8 Rally to be held in Lincoln, NE. This may be a preview for the 2024 International Rally, since the rumor is that the International will be held there.

### **WE ARE HERE**

Your newsletter team had a somewhat uneventful drive to their winter home in Apache Junction, AZ. Leaving Newton on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, they drove to an RV park at Junction City, KS. Day 2 involved the drive from Junction City to Stratford, TX, (in the panhandle, just south of the OK-TX state line). The drive on Day 3 was from Stratford to an RV park about 50 miles south of Albuquerque, NM. The final day, Day 4, was the drive from that RV park to the winter residence in Apache Junction, arriving there about 2:30 PM on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. In time for the Thursday Thanksgiving Dinner. Now, the upper 70's and lower 80's are very enjoyable.

The only exciting portion of the drive was when, on Days 2 and 3, semis tried to force the rig off the road. On Day 2, while in south Kansas and driving south at the 65 mph

speed limit on a two-lane highway, a semi decided to pass. Only problem was that there was a pickup truck headed north in the other lane. Needless to say, Chuck took the right shoulder, while the pickup took his right shoulder, and the semi headed right on down the middle of the highway, never looking back. On Day 3, while driving the portion of I-40 between Tucumcari and Santa Rosa, NM, a loaded car transport decided to pass. No problem until he got right along side the trailer and van. Then he decided to pull to the right. Obviously, your team had no choice but to take to the shoulder (still at a speed of 65 mph) while the semi proceeded on his merry way. They used to talk about courteous truck drivers, but no more. Seems like it is now, "Here I come. Get the H \_ \_ \_ out of my way!" At any rate, and in spite of thoughtless semi drivers, your team finally arrived safely.

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful.

He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry.

"Well, what do you think?" I asked.

"Oh, Mom, it didn't work!" Callum replied. —Lynn Thibodeau, Ajax, Ontario From Reader's Digest

## **To All Employees From Management Subject Office conduct during the Christmas season**

**Effective immediately, employees should keep in mind the following guidelines in compliance with FROLIC (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).**

**Running aluminum foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.**

**Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phone is forbidden (it runs up an incredible long distance bill)**

**Work requests are not to be filed under "Bah humbug."**

**Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house.**

**All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.**

**Egg nog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.**

**In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Happy Holiday.**