

Happy Holidays and Welcome to 2022!

Some Club members head to warmer climates for the winter, while some stay put here in the beautiful heartland of America. I'll take a one-week trip in January to Savannah, GA for the Airstream Club's International Board of Trustees' winter meeting. The rest of the winter we spend enjoying the time with our daughters and grandchildren right here at home. Frances and I stay busy working, caring for our 20-month-old granddaughter and driving our grandson to and from work. Our days are full.

2022 looks bright with many activities on the calendar. For us, the new year brings our Region 8 Rally in Lincoln, the Springtime in the Rookies Caravan, the International Rally in Fryeburg and then all the Region 8 club rallies and installations in the fall. Planning is in full gear for the year!

Our wish for you this season –

May your days be full of joy and love for family and friends.

See you next year!

- Greg Vadner, Region 8 President

REMINDER: It's time to renew your WBCCI Membership!

If you haven't yet renewed, please do so **before December 31st** – or risk not being listed in the 2022 Blue Beret Membership Directory. Renew online at <https://airstreamclub.org>

Club	Members	Non-Renewals	Percent Renewed
Greater St. Louis	86	17	80.2%
Iowa	47	13	72.3%
Iowa North	20	9	55.0%
Missouri Greater Ozarks	29	8	72.4%
Missouri-Kansas	85	21	75.3%
Nebraska	33	8	75.8%
Region 8 Total	300	76	74.7%

Our Airstream Club International Website Comes to Life!

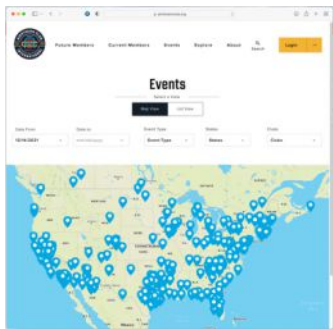
The Airstream Club International Website is really taking shape. If you have not registered on our website, *you should do so.*

Keep your email and postal address up-to-date. This is especially important because your membership information is in your portal and you are in charge of updating it. Make sure you get emails and mailings by updating your profile when things change. Review your profile and explore the website. You can search for events, get club information, check out exclusive member benefits and get other great information. Go to <https://airstreamclub.org/>



Events, Rallies, Caravans

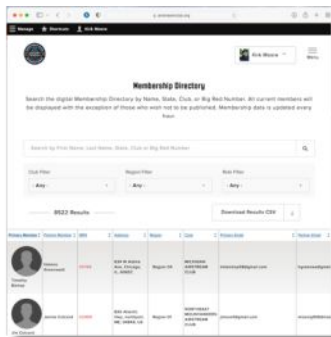
This listing is amazing. All the activities going on in the Club across North America are right here. You can sort by club, region, type of event, time frame. Exciting things galore, including registration and contact information. With more to explore you get your monies worth right here in the Events section of the website.



As a member, you can log in to your Airstream Club International portal and pull up a current **Membership Directory**. You can filter your request to just get specific Club or Region members. This database is kept current so you can generate a current membership listing.

The listing includes names, addresses, big red numbers and emails. It does not include phone numbers. One nice feature, you can download your listing into a spreadsheet for printing, for mailing labels, and for a great email listing you can use for individual or group mailings. Check out the on-line membership directory.

<https://airstreamclub.org/> -- Choose "Member Log In" -- Choose "Membership Directory" -- Set your selection filters and away you go.



Did you realize Club members now have some **Membership Benefits** with more on the way? And some stuff now requires a membership.



In our members section you can find information on all these **topics and discount programs:**

- Harvest Hosts
- Passport America
- Griot's Garage
- Michelin Tire Advantage
- Blue Beret Magazine
- Member Directory
- Courtesy Parking Directory

Log in at <https://airstreamclub.org/>
-- Go to "Current Members"
-- "Club Benefits"
-- "Member Only Benefits"
Scroll down for information on all our benefits and resources.

Unique things you've seen or done in 2021

(as reported to Region 8 President Greg Vadner)

"Momma Bear playing with her cubs in the Grand Tetons."

"The Native American Deer Dance."

"A Bison Round-up - with over 1,300 bison running towards us!"

"Alligator at a KOA, with a fence in the water to keep the gator on one side while allowing dogs in the water on the other side!"

"The February freeze in South Padre Island. No electricity for 4 days, no city water, no cell service, no internet and thousands of cold shocked sea turtles."

Favorite camping story, saying or joke

"Take the byways
Won't you try 'em
You'll be traveling
Like Wally Byam"

"We sleep around!"

"On the Road, Again."

"Amish Pole Dancers- they wear clothes!"

"Welcome to our campfire, where friends and marshmallows get toasted!"

"When ducks fly they assume a "V" shaped formation. One side always seems longer. Do you know why? There are more ducks on that side!"

The Greater St. Louis club honored **Joe Bubliss** at their Holiday Luncheon in December. Joe was a 42-year Airstream Club member, former International Treasurer and served for countless years doing the Greater St. Louis club's member directory. In 2020 Joe finally retired as health prevented him from driving.



A Job Well Done!

A special "thank you" to **Jodi Jensen** for her years of service in guiding and editing our Region 8 newsletter for the past several years.



Know a Region 8 Member you think needs honoring, or a story or suggestion you'd like to add to the Newsletter? Be sure to let Region 8 President Greg Vadner know! gvadner@riversongspa.com

Let's Get Ready for the Region 8 Rally!

Where: Lancaster Event Center
Lincoln Nebraska

When: Arrival in the afternoon of Wednesday 27
Departure Sunday morning, May 1

Fun things on the agenda:

Tour and luncheon at the **International Quilt Museum**, part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Check them out on line:

<https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org>

Enjoy an evening with the **Near Normal band**. A local classic rock band that sometimes dips into the modern country sound.

Check them out on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WeAreNearNormal/>

Game room for your relaxing pleasure.

Interactive seminars packed full of real world stories.

Live auction for Common Cents for kids. Bring your stuff wanting a new home.

Tour and luncheon at the **Museum of American Speed**. Three floors of amazing cars..., but wait, there's more... Check them out on line:

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

Watch for more information and registration information coming in late January.

