



# INLAND NW INSIDER

*Newsletter of the Inland NW Airstream Club*

Welcome to 2022!

As I write this there is about a foot of snow still in the yard outside and, although it's starting to melt, snow still covers the roof. But like all Airstreamers, we can stay warm by focusing on the upcoming camping season and the opportunities we will have to see our friends. 2021 was a very successful year for your Club, thanks to our terrific members and a hard-working Board, and we're working diligently to make 2022 even better.

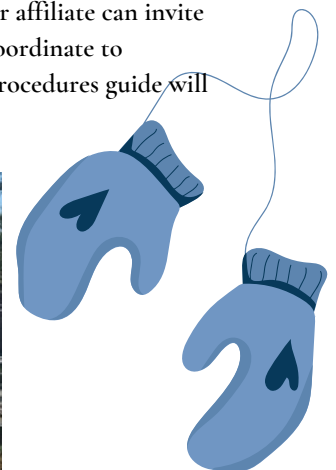
At the same time that we've all been looking forward to spring and the 2022 camping season, the officers of your Club have been focused on consolidating the gains the Club made in 2021 and laying the foundation for growth in the future. Here are some key things that we've already done and are working on to accomplish both of those goals:

- We've added, by vote of the Members last fall, a 2d VP position to ensure continuity of leadership. Steve Tabacek was elected to this position, and, together with 1st VP Russ Lea gives us what I believe to be extraordinary leadership for the future.
- Based on lessons learned during 2021 and the need for overall management of our rallies, we added a new Rally Coordinator position. Becky Soth is this year's Rally Coordinator. The Coordinator is responsible for overseeing all of our rallies and working with each of the rally hosts to ensure that our rallies are well-planned, consistent and achieve the level of quality our members have come to expect. To that end, we have also tasked Becky, along with Trustees, Robin Lea and Diane Taylor, with developing a processes and procedures guide (including checklists) to make it easy for members to host a rally.
- To ensure smooth transitions for new officers in the future, we are creating an online shared directory via Google Drive that will contain all of the necessary information for board members to manage the club's activities.
- Financial - First, I'm glad to report that the Club's financial position is excellent, particularly for a club of our relatively small size. We use these funds mostly for rally-related expenses and administrative costs for mailing, printing, etc.
- Rallies - Signups for our 2022 rallies have been very strong and many are already full. We are still hoping that we can generate some additional "pop-up" rallies this summer, and of course any member or affiliate can invite others to camp with them. Looking further out, I will be asking the Board and our Rally Coordinate to consider adding a few more rallies in 2023. We're hoping that our new rally processes and procedures guide will encourage members to host a rally

Now, let's get on the road!

*Brian Soth*

President, Inland Northwest Airstream Club





Good Cheer to end the year!



We came together for our first annual Holiday Luncheon in December at Shawn O'Donnell's Irish Pub in Spokane. A warm buffet of salmon, chicken and all the trimmings was served as well as a pint or two of Guinness. It was perfect for a snowy afternoon and Santa had a few presents under the tree as well!



# We're going where, for what?

In June of 2021, we rallied at Kootenai River Campground in Troy, Montana at members Steve & Debbie Tabacek's suggestion. We were not disappointed. It was a great place to stay in the center of beautiful country, with good fishing, hiking, and more. The owners were so much fun and so helpful. We talked of returning in 2022 and the owners were quick to suggest we might want to come back for the chainsaw carving competition. For WHAT? Every September chainsaw carvers come from all over the country to compete in a four day competition. Twenty of the world's finest chainsaw artists are selected to come to Libby, Montana to test their skills against each other in the Kootenai Country Montana International Chainsaw Carving Championship. The competition is an intense, four-day affair with the artists carving not only their competition masterpieces, but also engaging in several hour-long "quick carve" events during scheduled breaks. It's held on the street, allowing the public to watch the artists at work. You bring your chair, snacks and beverages and stake out your favorite carvers and watch their creations appear.

There will be food and beverage areas throughout the event as well as other vendors, with local shops and restaurants catering to event-goers. If you want a chance at owning one of the masterpiece creations, be sure to be downtown on Sunday afternoon when they go up for auction. There will also be \$15,000 in prizes will be given away to the competitors. We are really looking forward to this fun weekend!

Do you know of an event that we may want to rally at or around? It's never too early to start planning 2023! Let us know!



# Airstreamers Love Their Dogs!

If there's one thing we have learned about finding a rally site, it's that a site had better allow dogs. Airstreamers, (and RVers and campers, in general), love to travel with their dogs.

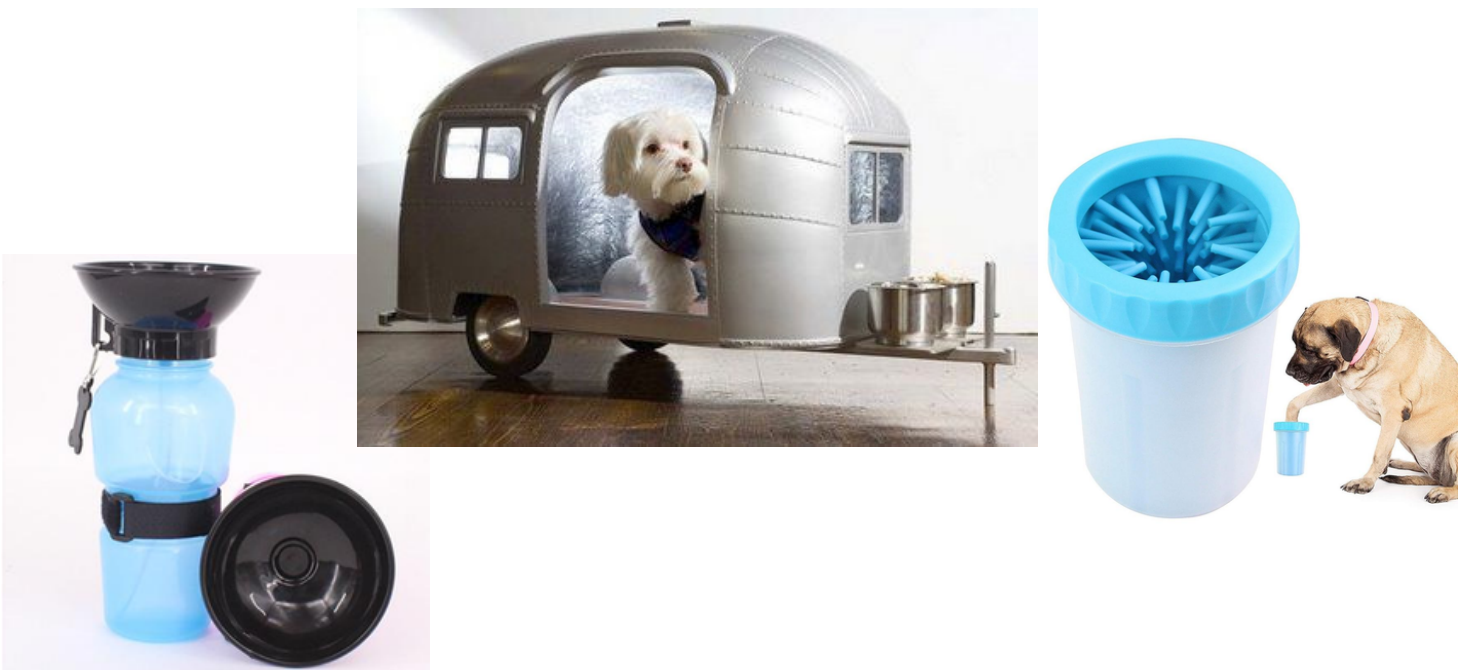
I recently read an article in which an Airstreamer told of traveling to Canada in 2016 with their pup. Canada didn't seem to care if they brought a dog across the border but when returning to the US, they were required to show proof of Rabies vaccine. Note to self!!! Carry proof of vaccine with us! Many RV books now include chapters on how to travel with a canine companion providing just this kind of information.

It's no secret that we not only have to pack for ourselves but for the dog. Our dog has his bin of toys and such, a blanket for cold nights, a rain coat for the misty morning walks, a supply of dog waste bags, food, treats and his own towel to clean the paws after a hike. But a quick Google search reveals that there is quite a market for the traveling pups.

One can find collapsible bowls, weighted bowls, and spill proof bowls. Place that bowl on a silicone pet mat with raised edge to keep spills contained and the bowls from traveling around the floor. Then there are paw washers to clean paws after walks and outings. Doggie water bottles come in a variety of designs now so you'll never have to find a way to share yours.

Collapsible playpens are very popular to allow a dog some freedom while in the campsite. And last but not least...one can also find a perfectly sized Airstream for their pup. What next? A canine rally at a canine campground?

We look forward to seeing all of our beloved canines on the road this summer!



# Cooking on the road



**The holidays over, some of the coldest weeks of our winter are here.  
A pot of chili is often on our menu.**

Robin Lea offers ways to take that pot of chili with you and make it into easy meals while traveling during the week.

Cook up a pot of your favorite chili.

Day 1: Chili as your main course

Day 2: Chili over baked potatoes

Day 3: Chili in burritos

Day 4: Walking nachos- Chili over individual bags of Fritos

Day 5: Chili over pasta or rice

Day 6: Chili over hot dogs

Day 7: *Sick* of chili!

Add your favorite condiments-extras to each meal.

I bet Robin makes awesome chili. (I'm going to be looking for it this summer. I'll bring some cornbread, Robin!)

***Members Russ and Robin Lea live in North Bend, WA.  
Russ is currently our 1st VP and Robin is serving as a trustee.***

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## 2022 Rallies

May 13-15  
Wine Country Rally  
Prosser, WA;

June 1- 5  
Region 10 Rally  
Lynden, WA

June 9-12  
Riverbend Rally  
Twisp, WA;

July 14-17  
Elk Meadows Rally  
Trout Lake, WA;

August 4-7  
Elk Ridge Campground  
Naches, WA

Sept 8-11  
Carve Montana Rally  
Troy, MT

OCTOBER --- TBD

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