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SNOWBIRDS LEAVING, REGION RALLY

It is with some sadness that snowbirds are leaving their winter residences and heading back to northern climes. Even though the recent weather in Iowa has been warmer than usual (at least some of the time), it has been still warmer in the South. Some of the "birds" have already flown north, hoping that winter is truly over. Your newsletter team plans to leave Arizona on April 13th to drive to Denver to visit children, grand-

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MIKE'S MUSINGS



Greetings! The February Luncheon was very enjoyable. We had a nice room at Perkins and Marie was an excellent waitress. Since it was the Valentine's Luncheon, I gave a few facts about 1965, when Linda and I were married. For example, gasoline was \$0.31 per gallon and stamps were \$0.05.

A reminder that the March Luncheon will be on Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 am, with dining at 11:30. The location is the Sunrise Café in LeGrand. Tom and Shirley are the hosts. The Region 8 Rally is April 27, 2022 at Lincoln, NE. It is time to sign up. Linda and I plan to attend.

May 12th is the date for the Rock Creek Campground Rally that is hosted by Mike and Marty. Mike has a pizza oven that he is anxious to use. This sounds like fun. I have offered to help make the dough. Reservation information was included in the last newsletter and it is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible to assure a spot.

June 9th is the "No-Host" Rally at Pine Lake Campground near Eldora. Linda and I are familiar with the area, so we can make suggestions for activities. Some of our club members are looking forward to a "laid back" rally. The earliest date for reservations (91st day) is March 10. If you want a better chance for reservations, try March 9 and add an extra day. We recommend the lakeside sites at #63-71. Note: 72, 73 and 74 are in the 20' range. After lakeside, a second chance are the drive-thru sites at 35 to 54 (except 49 and 50 are back-in.) The campground has been recently remodeled. All electric is 50 amp. The campground is located on a recreation trail. There is no shelter.

I have designated two "Buddy Rallies". The first will be at Pine Lake State Park on June 9th and the second will be at the Upper Iowa Resort on September 8th.

I have been communicating with Justin and Stacy Douglas of Denver, Iowa. They made the front page of the Waterloo Courier recently. The story was their purchase of two vintage Airstreams. They are the owners of "TBD Camper Rental and Repair LLC". I hope to meet them in the near future.

Mike Rickert

MARCH LUNCHEON

Although all of you received the Luncheon and Rally Schedule in the last newsletter, this is just a reminder that the next luncheon is coming up on Saturday, March 12 at the Sunrise Café in LeGrand, Iowa. Over the past number of years, the club has had a luncheon at this location several times. Gathering time is 11:00 AM, with the meal at 11:30. Hosts are Tom and Shirley Herron. In order to know who and how many to expect, it is requested that you contact Shirley at **515-556-9339** and let her know you are coming. If you haven't been there before, the restaurant is located on the west side of Hwy. 146, about 2,000 feet south of the US Hwy. 30 - 146 Interchange. Hope the weather is nice so you can join the group for a good meal and lots of visiting.

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Some of the food in the igloo.



Church friends around the front door fire pit.
John and Carol at right end.

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BIRTHDAYS MARCH

2 - Gary Burrows
2 - Marcia Woolley
4 - Gene Haller
5 - Michael Allen
12 - Linda Beu

ANNIVERSARIES MARCH

2 - Toni & Tom Whitehouse
5 - Louise & Terry Mercer

Ed. Note: Sorry new members, the newsletter team does not have your special date info yet. You can contact us at cdjcabalka@juno.com and we will add you.

IT DOES SNOW IN ARIZONA

Just to make sure Arizona snowbirds didn't feel left out, Mother Nature (on February 23rd) decided to bless Arizona with a storm that provided more than 2/3 of an inch of rain in Apache Junction and put snow on the mountains to the east and northeast. Four Peaks, at an elevation of about 6,500 feet and some 20 miles NE of Apache Junction (where your newsletter team and Paul and June Ryan winter), for the first time since 2013, had snow that was visible from our park. Superstition Mountain (just east of Apache Junction, with an elevation of about 5,100 feet) got enough of a dusting that the snow was visible. Although the overnight temperatures got down into the 30's, it wasn't long lasting and the weather returned to normal in a day. In fact, by March 2nd, it reached 86 degrees. Talk about temperature swings!



HECKMAN'S ENJOY IOWA WINTER

Our area has had unusual winter weather this year. We had gone over a month with no significant snowfall. That changed on February 24th, when it began snowing around noon and didn't stop. Pretty fluffy flakes accumulating everywhere; the stuff we have come to expect. Why, on February 24th, though? We had plans! A group of friends from church had, for a long time, planned an outing to a unique restaurant in Cedar Falls (20+ miles away), to have our evening meal in an IGLOO! George's Local at 4th and Main in Ce-

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dar Falls has four clear plastic domes in their courtyard, providing an unusual experience for the adventurous diner. Not letting a little precipitation interfere with the plans, our group made the trip and were rewarded with the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and our meal in an igloo during a snowstorm. Can it get any better than that? NO! We also were celebrating February birthdays, making Carol's birthday memorable, capping off a month of events. It was 19 degrees outside, but a small electric heater kept the diners in relative comfort and a good time was had by all.

A big **THANK YOU** to John and Carol for this item.

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children and great grandchildren, before heading for Lincoln, NE for the Region 8 Rally. It is hoped that a goodly number of Iowa Club members will be joining them for a few days of fun and fellowship in Lincoln. If you haven't already registered, it is not too late to do it. The registration form can be downloaded from the WBCCI Region 8 website.

Pat Delamuth sent this picture and note to tell those stuck up north how winter is spent "down south."



Larry and 3-6 guys come and enjoy coffee mornings by our trailer, soaking in the sun. They call themselves "brothers from different mothers". They never run out of things to talk about! I do a 2.3 mile walk around the perimeter of our park with 6-9 other gals while the guys do coffee.

Pat

GETTING ON-THE-ROAD HELP

Norm Beu sent this note to us after reading a Newsletter.

THANKS, NORM:

Saw your comment about ideas. Here's something that might benefit someone.

We were 20 minutes from being parked at the International Rally in Lebanon, TN and having lunch, when the Tire Pressure Monitoring System alarmed. I found a suitable place to park the rig and felt the tires and wheels on the Ford pickup. TPMS indicated that the left front wheel was 40 degrees more than the others. Yes, it was hot to touch.

Lesson #1 was - buy and use a TPMS. Turned out to be a brake hanging up. Not good.

Lesson #2 was - do not try to locate a towing service by yourself. I called at least four towing companies, and basically got the same reply. Fully scheduled until about 5 PM. I started recalling the same companies, and one said that customers who used Roadside Assistance had priority, so I would be helped when their list was completed. Oh really? I called my insurance company and asked for Roadside Assistance. No kidding - I had a tow truck hooking up to the Ford pickup within 20 minutes! Use Roadside Assistance.

The rest of the story is that fellow Airstreamers John and Rita Green were already parked. I called John, and he came to our rescue. He arrived, hooked up to our trailer, and took us to our spot. Thank you John!

This picture and note were sent by Doug & Deb Ford.



We have moved 18 miles south. We are in Cambridge IL. Our cell phones & e mail are the same. No land line. We missed the last luncheon because that was moving week.

THANK YOU, Doug & Deb, for letting us know.