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Terry's Tidings

Hi fellow Minnesota Airstreamers,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and that you are enjoying our snowy winter here in Minnesota -or- a snow free one down south. Steve checked our Airstream this week, and so far, no signs of mice! Yay!

Brenda (and Bart) did a great job of planning and hosting our Christmas gathering. What a hoot! Those two know how to throw a party! Thanks, you two! It was so good to see and catch up with everyone, as well!

For those of you who are itching for spring, there are some definite signs it is on its way:

1. Every today is longer than yesterday.
2. The Cardinals have started singing (they start in January), and Chickadees have changed their winter tune to a spring one, in response to the longer days.
3. Red Oak leaves, which have been attached since last year, are finally starting to fall (in readiness for new ones!)
4. Plus, as of this writing in mid-January, we have seen the sun nearly every day-last year it hid for the entire month of January and half of February!

There is not much we can do in our Airstreams right now, but there are a lot of fun podcasts, websites, and YouTube channels that can provide inspiration for our upcoming summer travels.

Minnesota Unit Website

<https://airstreamclub.org/minnesota>

Region 7 Website

<https://region7.airstreamclub.net/>

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Many of them are worthwhile to look up, because they provide discounts on products and services we campers use daily.

Here are some of my favorites:

1. **RV Lifestyle**: Mike Wendland is an award-winning journalist who, with his wife Jennifer, and their dog, Bo, travel the country, attend RV shows, and interview industry leaders, etc. Their excellent podcasts, website, newsletter, eBooks, and YouTube channel are full of up-to-date industry news, how-to's, product and campground reviews, and fascinating interviews. I love their "Off The Beaten Path" segment. They are based in Michigan and travel in a Class B van (they used and promoted RoadTreks for a while). They often have 'meetups' with fans, and encourage winter camping.
2. **Girl Camper**: where they "go places and do things". Janine Pettitt gears her podcast, website, YouTube channel, and now magazine, to women, but my hubby also enjoys her show. She conducts great interviews with fascinating men and women, and she's upbeat and inspiring. Her hubby doesn't like camping, but he encourages her to go, and she has fun with her tiny trailer!
3. **Carolyn's RV Life**: Carolyn travels fulltime alone with her dog in an older Class C RV, and vlogs (video blogs) about her adventures. She takes longer summer trips (like the one to Alaska, where she went right through my tiny home town!), and then winters on BLM lands in the southern US. (She was in Minnesota last summer.) She's vegan, independent, gutsy, opinionated, loves to hike, and boondocks nearly everywhere she goes. She's a great videographer, as well. I don't always agree with her opinions, but I've been inspired by and learned a lot from her: how to repair things; how to relax if things don't go as planned; how to be adventurous and move out of your comfort zone. Her motto is "Be Happy, be free, be kind".
4. **Cheap RV Living**: One of my favorites, Bob Wells interviews people and tours their camping arrangements. He has made me really appreciate the camping lifestyle. He is a soft-spoken, encouraging man who has helped breakdown expectations of what camping (and living) 'should' be. Some of his interviewees have had tough life experiences and live in their car. Others live in old camper vans, homemade RVs, and some in actual purchased RVs! He likes to find out how they live day to day, and is respectful and affirming. I have watched him for years, and was surprised to see he inspired an award winning film called "Nomadland". Good job, Bob! (You will glean lots of tips and tricks from this series.)
5. **Keep Your Daydream (KYD)**: Marc and Tricia's YouTube channel was recommended by a friend, and I haven't watched many episodes yet. However, what I really like about them is that they have been trying out several types of RVs (including an Airstream!). They, with their three

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children, travel full time in them, and then review them. They are fun to watch, and now Tricia has put out a cookbook, called "Small Space, Big Taste".

6. **America's National Parks**: podcast (part of the RV Miles Network of Podcasts, which also includes the RV Miles and See America podcasts): This is one of the best travel podcasts I've ever heard. Jason and Abby Epperson give details on how to get to a park, but they also dig up fun facts and histories of each park, and present them in an engaging manner. They do a fantastic job! (They travel full time with their three boys, and are on social media as "Our Wandering Family".)

7. **Aluminarium**: I had to throw in a blog by people who actually live in an Airstream. Leigh and Brian lived over 10 years full time in their Airstream. They seem to have been sheltering in place on property they own in Washington state since 2020 (and have stopped blogging), but their website is still there with tons of inspiration!

I'm sure there are a zillion more great people out there promoting the RV life, so if you know of (or ARE) one we should hear about, please let us know!

Have a great early spring,

And keep your belly pan parallel to the pavement (it's probably frozen to it right now, anyhow),

Terry

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Thomas & Pamela Keul #01304 - Roseville, MN

Jedd & Stephanie Braunwarth #23760 - Waconia, MN

Jeffrey Kaiser #25284 - Grand Rapids, MN

Mark & Justy Hammerstrom #01710 - Victoria, MN

Mark Fawcett #06864 - Saint Paul, MN

Scott & Beth Madson #30166 - Gilbert, AZ

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members when you see them!



MN Club Directory

Usually, it goes out in January to Club members. However, I'm unable to work on it right now due to cataracts that I will have surgery on in March. Vision on computer is not good enough right now! I promise I will get it done in April when I can "see" again.

Kay Olsson

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2021 - 2022 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Valentine's Luncheon	The Tavern Grill Blaine, MN See page 6 for more information	Feb 5, 2022	Chuck & Joy Dodd
Spring Rally	Flying Goose Campground Fairmont, MN See page 7 for more information	May 12 - 15, 2022	Terry Pflieghaar
Caravan to International	TBD	TBD	TBD
Northfield City Rally	Northfield, MN	TBD	Terry Pflieghaar
A city rally in conjunction with the Northfield Historical Society. Rally parking on downtown city streets. More details forthcoming.			
Fall/Installation Rally	Biwabic Campground on Vermillion Trail	Sep 22 - 25	Terry Pflieghaar/ Brenda Schultz
Link to Event: https://airstreamclub.org/fallinstallation-rally Details and registration information forthcoming.			

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2022 Valentine's Day Luncheon

Hosted by Chuck and Joy Dodd

Date: February 5, 2022

Time: Noon

Location:

Tavern Grill

10950 Club W Pkwy NE #280

Blaine, MN 55449

(763) 398-8100

Happy Hour starts at Noon. Lunch will follow.

Order from menu.

Door Prize!!!

Registration Link (**register by February 1st**):

<https://airstreamclub.org/mn-airstream-club-2022-valentines-day-luncheon>

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2022 MN Airstream Club Spring Rally

Hosted by Terry Pfleghaar

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2022

Location:

Flying Goose Campground
2521 115th Street
Fairmont, MN, 56031

Contact the campground for a campsite.

Campsite registration deadline is March 1, 2022.

Campsite contact form is located in the Information Link below.

Online Information Link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/mn-airstream-club-spring-rally>

In the Spring, we will have Rally Registration open. Please note that you need to reserve a campsite and then register for the rally once we have the rally registration form available.

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I received the following from John & Ellen Arechavala

We have just three spots open, so we are giving the Region 7 first chance to join the inaugural launch of the newest National Caravan, Discovering Cascadia.

Keep the shiny side up!

John & Ellen Arechavala
WBCCI #7299
Caravan Leaders, Volunteer
Ph. (414) 915-4687

Please see the following pages for more information.

DISCOVERING CASCADIA

AUGUST 14 – OCTOBER 21 2022



The Discovering Cascadia Caravan focuses on the forces that collectively define the Pacific Northwest (PNW) region as it is today. We will investigate the major elements that has had an influence, from the Ice Age to modern times. We will explore environmental, cultural, social, geophysical, and economic forces through different periods in our past and peek into modern influences at work today. Along the way we will sample the foods, wines, music and traditions of many cultures that have contributed to PNW vibe. We will travel through the wilderness, see firsthand the challenges of the geography and its contribution to agriculture and industry. The caravan's participants will see how the region is influenced by the indigenous people, and the socioeconomic events that served as the catalyst in forming modern PNW society today.

The journey begins in Boise, where we will get our first glimpse of the Geological forces that shaped Cascadia, Visit the infamous Idaho State Penitentiary and dive into the culture of the Basques who migrated to Idaho from Spain. We tour a Basque Boarding house and the Basque Museum. We have a Basque dinner with Tapas and Txakolina in the “Basque Block” of Boise.

The caravan then moves into NE Oregon visiting Baker City, (hometown of Wally Byam), and Haines Oregon where we take a quick peek at the beginnings of the Oregon Territory. From there we navigate our way down Dead Man's Pass into Pendleton. Here we will visit the Tamastslikt Culture Institute and learn the story of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla people. The indigenous tribes that call the Pendleton area and Walla Walla Valley home. We will also visit Pendleton learning a bit the towns rough and tumble past as it grew in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. We will learn of Pendleton's surprising contribution to WWII. Caravaners will have an opportunity to visit and shop at the Pendleton Wollen Mills.

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We move on to Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater where we visit the Fort Walla Walla Museum, visit a Cider house, a College of Viticulture learning a bit of what makes this area one of the great wine regions of the world. We will visit multiple startups from an Vinter incubator center and spend an afternoon at Spring Valley, one of the pedigree wineries of the region.

From there the caravan swings NE crossing the Palouse region enroute to Spokane and the Inland empire. There we will see the Museum of Art & Culture, Bing Cosby House on the Gonzaga Campus, visit the River walk public space which includes the Spokane Falls viewed from a Gondola, the few remaining carousels still operating (Group Photo), and see a Pow Wow which occurs every year in the city on the West end of the Spokane River Falls. Leaving Spokane we will cross the Scab Lands, visit Grand Coulee and Dry Falls the remnant of the largest Waterfall in North America. We will briefly sojourn into the wilderness of the North Cascades, visit the 3rd deepest lake on the Continent, a western revival town and a Bavarian Village before crossing the Cascades.

Our caravan will try to find the soul of the metropolis of Seattle in its eclectic neighborhoods and markets, tour the Wing Luke Museum, Museum of History and Industry, a Sound Garden, and Boeing to name a few. Then we venture further North to Anacortes and the Salish sea. Where we board a ship and set sail on the hunt for whales (Orca and Humpbacks), Sea Lions, Seals and Otters. We cross the triangle of fire by Ferry. This is the entrance of Puget Sound once protected by 3 forts (Worden, Casey and Flagler), and explore the Olympic National Park. We will hike on Hurricane Ridge, the Hoh Rain Forest and camp on First beach on the Pacific Ocean, located in La Push. We then head to Raymond, Washington on the Willapa river, boondock in town and visit the NW Carriage Museum for a personal tour by the owner and curator.

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Next, we are heading back inland to Castle Rock for a look down the throat of Mount St. Helens from the Johnson Ridge Observatory before we head to the coast and Astoria, Oregon. The mouth of the Columbia River, where it spills into the Pacific Ocean creates some of the most treacherous waters in the Pacific Ocean and North America. Explore Fort Stevens, learn a bit about Lewis & Clark, the early history of

Astoria and Maritime's volatile relationship with the mouth of the Columbia River. We will move on from there into the Willamette valley visit wineries, olive orchards, and an Air & Space Museum affiliated with the Smithsonian.

We continue south via land and back along the Oregon coast, just for fun. We fly kites, ride dune buggies, watch the sun set from Heceta Beach, and hike. We will drive along Siuslaw (See-Slaw) river as we begin to head East to Eugene tour at a brewery that is a model of the PNW work-lifecommunity culture. Visit the Cascade Raptor Center and wildlife hospital. Then we Travel further East and North to Redmond and Bend Oregon. We will visit the High Desert Museum, tour breweries (there are 21), and hike along the Deschutes River. Our journey will end near Government Camp with a tour of the National Historic Treasure, Timberline lodge and our Farewell banquet dinner at Timberline Lodge on Mt Hood. <https://airstreamclub.org/form/2022-discovering-cascadia-carava>



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New flag and logo

The MN Airstream Club approved the new flag and logo during the Holiday Party on December 18th. Region 7 has also approved and forwarded our request to International for their approval.

Flag (3 x 5 feet)



Logo



We will provide flag ordering information once the approval process is complete.

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Ohio Caravan to International

Received from Elyse White:

I'm running a southern Michigan unit-sponsored caravan from Northern Ohio out to the International Rally in Maine this summer. We live in southwest Michigan, but the caravan will start near Sandusky, OH, as this could be a collection point for people coming from all different parts of the country.

If you're planning to go out to Maine yourself, we'd love to have you join us!!

Here's a link to the sign-up form (this is also listed in brochure):

<https://forms.gle/hgRZgMZRqLtWzArx6>

Thank you for your help with this and let me know if I can answer any questions for you!

-Elyse White (#8139)

734-945-2528

Please see the brochure on the next two pages - ed.

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STARTING AT LAKESIDE MARBLEHEAD, OH AND STOPPING AT:

- 01** Niagara Falls: Tours via bus and boat; Erie Canal: Evening Cruise on the locks of the Erie Canal
- 02** Finger Lakes: Waterfalls and Hiking in Watkins Glen on Seneca Lake; Wine Tasting at a regional vineyard
- 03** Berkshires: See the Boston Symphony Orchestra @ Tanglewood (pending summer schedule); Hiking on Appalachian Trail
- 04** Boston area: Waterside camping in Salem; Whale watching boat tour; Visit Revolutionary War sites

Caravan from Lake Erie in Ohio to the Airstream Club International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine

Dates of travel:

Saturday July 9, 2022 →
Wednesday July 20, 2022
(*tentative*, based on Rally
Parking Schedule)

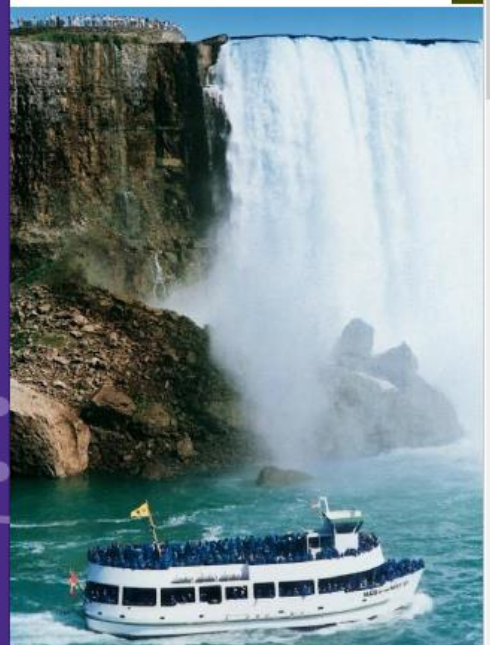
Cost:
\$2200 per rig (includes 2 adults/rig)
\$200 Deposit (non-refundable)

Number of Rigs: 12-15

RSVP here:
<https://forms.gle/hgRZgMZRqLFWzArx6>

Note: please be aware - some sites we will
be visiting are currently requiring proof of
COVID vaccination

(INLAND) SEA TO SHINING SEA



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Join us as we make our way from the fresh waters of the Midwest to the saltwater of the Atlantic Ocean and the 65th Airstream Club International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine! We have planned an exciting adventure to see new places (or old places in a new way!), with something to appeal to everyone: exploring the wonders of nature, the greats of American literature, landmark historical sites, world-class live music, and scrumptious regional food and drink. We would love to have you be a part of this adventure!



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About Us

Steve is a Mechanical Engineer and Elyse is a Neuroscientist and we travel with our boys, Oscar (10) and Theo (8). We've been a part of the Airstream community since 2013 when we adopted "Cece", our 1976 28" Argosy. Our first (and only - so far!) caravan was in Mexico in Feb/Mar 2020 - what an adventure that was! - and we've been attending the Airstream Club International Rally since 2017 in Escanaba, MI. We can't wait to lead our first caravan and explore this part of the country with new and old friends alike!



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2021 Holiday Party

As Terry mentioned, we had a great time at the Holiday Party run by Brenda and Bart Shultz. Here are some random pictures from the party. Credits to Cordell Woods and Carry Ensign for providing the pictures.



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If you were wondering...

Got a question about the Wally Byam Airstream Club (aka, WBAC or WBCCI) or the MN Airstream Club? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to email them. Your question may be forwarded to and answered by another member on the MN Airstream Club.

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Webmaster	Chris	055info@airstreamclub.net

I am always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Any topic is welcome, and pictures are always great!

For example, what modifications have you made or had done to your Airstream? Something simple like installing an extra shelf, replacing furniture with something that works better for you, etc.

If you have recipes to share, please email to me and I will include in upcoming newsletters. It does not need to be a food recipe. For example, one time I published a bug repellent recipe.

Please email me any articles or ideas you have (055info@airstreamclub.net).

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Newsletter Editor Ramblings

Hitch Caddy Version 3

Version 1 worked well, but Kay cannot lift the hitch head and put it in the receiver on the truck as it weighs ~95 lbs. That's the only disadvantage of the AirSafe hitch we have. On the plus side, it decouples the trailer from the truck and provides a much smoother ride over rough roads and highways.

In 2019, we saw on the Air Forums where someone modified a transmission jack to raise and lower the hitch head. Looked like a really good idea, so last winter I did my own modification to a transmission jack that I showed in the Jan 2021 newsletter. Here's a couple of pictures, both with and without the hitch:



Version 2 of hitch caddy

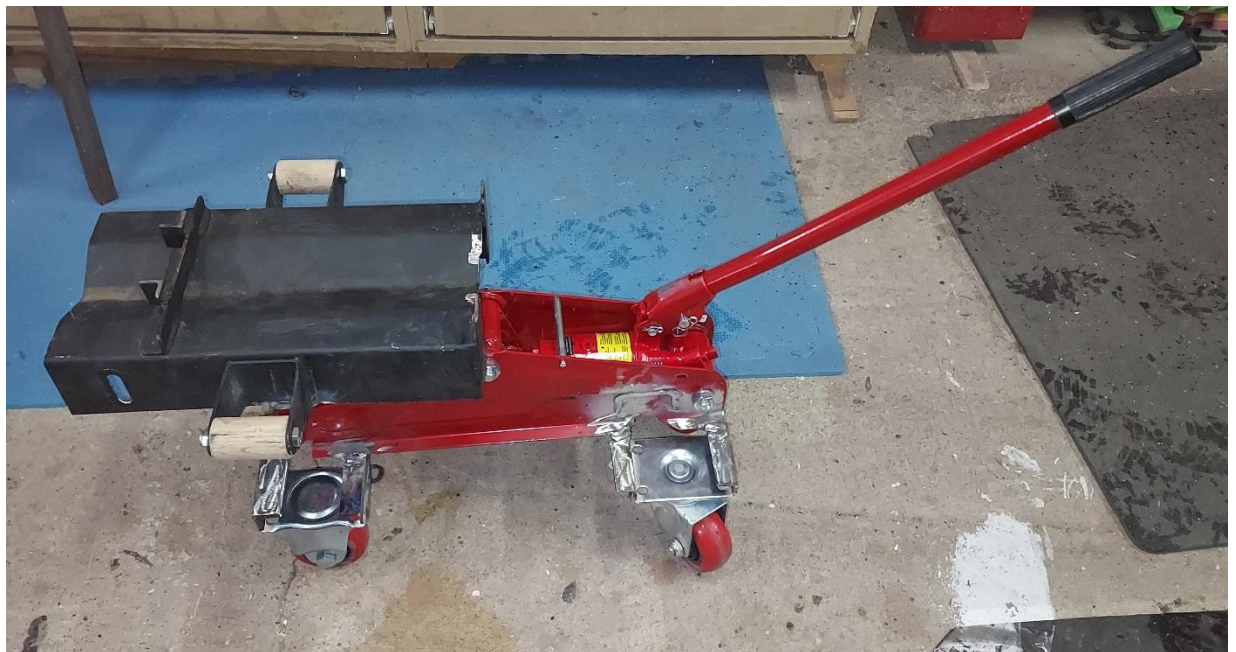


In the right-hand picture, you can see Version 1 of the caddy in the background.

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Version 2 failed the first time we used it. 😞 Seems the screw lift mechanism did not like being over-tightened with a torque wrench, and it came apart. I cobbled it back together enough to continue using it for the year, but knew we needed something different. Kay asked about using a floor jack instead of the transmission jack, which seemed to make sense. So, I bought one last fall and started working on it a few weeks ago.

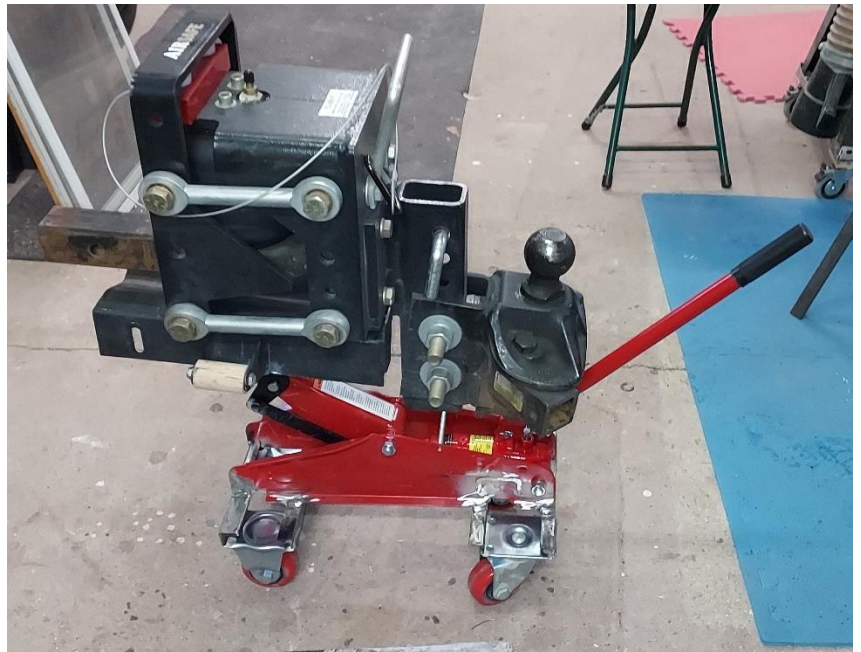
Here's version 3:



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I removed the tiny little casters and welded on larger ones with a wider stance to keep it from tipping over. I re-used the black plate that the hitch sits on and bolted it to the top of the jack. Needs to be painted, but that will wait until spring.

With the hitch:



It raises and lowers with the hydraulic jack much easier than the transmission jack did and seems pretty stable. This spring will be the test when I try to roll it over gravel and grass.

On a different topic, most of you know I retired Dec 31st. Tiz great! I have not missed work at all...

Some of you also know we went to Hawaii. Part of the trip was spent on the Big Island of Hawaii and we rented a camper van for 5 nights. We did a circle tour of the island and had a great relaxing time.

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The reason we rented the camper van is so we can add Hawaii to our camping map. I could not wait until spring, and stuck Hawaii on it yesterday. 😊



One of the coolest things we saw was the Kīlauea volcano, which is actively erupting. We went to the crater viewing area at night and saw red lava.



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We have lots of other pictures we can show and share at the Spring Rally.

That's all for now.

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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