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LAST WINTER LUNCHEON

The last of our 2021-22 Winter Luncheons is coming up on **Saturday, April 9th**. Chuck and Nancy Helle are hosting the gathering at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant in Vinton, IA. Gathering time is 11:00 AM, with dining immediately thereafter. The restaurant is located at 219 W. 4th Street in Vinton. Please contact Nancy at 319-270-1189 to let her know you are coming, so she knows how many to plan on and won't start eating until all are there.

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

MIKE'S MUSINGS



Greetings: We enjoyed the March Luncheon at the Sunrise Café in LeGrand. There was a large group in attendance. The meals were excellent and most of us had some food to take home. A thank you to our hosts, Tom and Shirley.

A reminder that the April luncheon will be on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton. Chuck and Nancy Helle are the hosts.

April 27 is the Region 8 Rally in Lincoln, NE. Linda and I plan to attend.

We welcome new members to the Iowa Airstream Club:

Heather and Marcus Fedler from Ainsworth, Iowa
Jamie and Michelle Dailey from Huxley, Iowa

The next news involves the September Rally at the Upper Iowa Resort. The host is Tessa and her husband. Linda and I met with her this weekend.

Our Club has blocked Sites #1 - 14. This means that no one, including our Club can make reservations at this time. We plan to unblock these sites starting May 1. If

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WE DO LIKE TO EAT AND VISIT

Your newsletter team received two written items concerning the March Luncheon at Sunrise Cafe in Le Grand. For this your team is extremely grateful. The only difference between the articles is the number of attendees, which is a minor concern.

President Mike wrote the following: We had 22 at our luncheon. A good group. Food servings were more than generous and very good. Amanda was our waitress and she was great. Sue (Storjohann) was there. She gave me some items for the auction at Region 8. For Region 8, we have Doug and Deb (Ford), John and Carol (Heckman) and Linda and me. There may be more, but that is what I have. (Ed. Note: Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka are also planning to attend the Region 8 Rally.)

Donella's (Watkinson) camper was brought to the meeting for transfer to Scott (Jensen) for repairs. Scott and Jodi advised me that I can bring our camper to them for minor repairs. A cold start at 4°, but warmed to 28. Photos were taken by Norm (Van Kloppeburg).

Shirley Herron, luncheon hostess, wrote the following: It was a sunny, but cold, day. Eighteen Iowa members joined Tom and me for a visit to Sunrise Café in Le Grand. Even a trailer parked in the parking lot brought a surprise visit for Carol (Heckman). We enjoyed good food, conversations and had excellent service from our waitress, Amanda. We all wish Mark Kvidera a speedy recovery from his Covid-19 journey. We also want to thank Mike Donahue for bringing a guest; his mother, Pam.

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APRIL FOOLS

In Norway: In 1987, after reading that the government was planning to distribute 10,000 litres of wine confiscated from smugglers, hundreds of citizens turned up carrying empty bottles and buckets.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED

If you haven't already made reservations for a camping spot for our May and June rallies, hopefully it is not too late. The May Rally is scheduled for Rock Creek State Park near Kellogg, IA for May 12-15, while the June Rally is June 9-12 at Pine Lake State Park, just outside Eldora, IA. You are referred back to the information provided in recent newsletters for preferable campsites, although choices may be limited at this late date. Hope to see a lot of you at the rallies.

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BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

5 - Mike Donahue
18 - Sharon Urich

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

2 - Maryjane & Dan Bamberry
10 - Shirley & Tom Herron
15 - Pat & Norm Van Klompenburg
25 - Wanda & Jeff Paine



The pictures from the Valentine Luncheon were sent to your Newsletter Team by Doug Ford. They were found after digging through older emails. You can figure out who took the photo above, maybe?

Everybody Look This Way!



HOW ABOUT A SHORT NOTE OR A PICTURE OR TWO?

Your newsletter team is sorry this newsletter is as short as it is, but the team did not receive many pictures or items for inclusion. The newsletter can only be as long and informative as the information and pictures received. Hopefully, there will be more to report in the next newsletter. It will depend upon you, the members.

The following was sent from Shirley Herron. **THANKS** so much Shirley.

HERE'S A LITTLE LATE, BUT VERY NICE TO HAVE, REPORT ABOUT THE DEC. LUNCHEON

Rickerts, Von Klompenburgs, Beus, Arden and Mike D joined Tom and I at Hickory Park in Ames Ia.. Fords had their plate full at home preparing for their move. The picture is from my (Shirley's) view point down the table.



Being a substitute host I forgot to submit a recap. December luncheon was proudly planned by our host, Kathy and Scott Allen till a nasty cold bug knocked them out of

attending, We all enjoyed the get together, celebrated President Mike R's birthday and enjoyed our food. Some of us even ordered Ice cream to complete our day. Thank you all who attended the luncheon.

BACK SURGERY FOR CHUCK CABALKA

As many of you may already have been aware, Chuck Cabalka has been suffering from pain in his right hip and upper leg since last September. The pinched nerve for his right leg became a problem in 2015 and three spinal injections took care of the problem at that time. When the problem again arose in 2017 and 2019, it took just two injections each time to quiet things down. However, when five spinal injections this time (between October and January) didn't solve the problem, the only thing left was surgery. So, on Monday, March 28th, he went to Desert Pain Institute in Mesa, AZ, where, as an outpatient, Vertiflex units were inserted between L3/4 and L4/5 vertebrae. These are small spreaders, similar to toggle bolts, that once inserted and spread open, keep the vertebrae from pressing on the nerve where it exits the spine. He reported in to surgery at 6:45 AM and was back to their mobile home by 9:30 AM. The first few days of recovery have been a little painful (however, not enough to require anything more than a few Tylenol) and recovery seems to be well on it's way. He will be very glad to get rid of the problem, hopefully forever.

In Denver, the members of a Sunday--school class were asked to set down their favorite biblical truths. One youngster laboriously printed: "Do one to others as others do one to you." —Lee Olson, The Denver Post

Two Hollywood stars ran into each other at the door of their psychiatrist's office.

"Hello, there," said one. "Are you coming or going?"

"If I knew that," said the other, "I wouldn't be here."

A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings.

Later, the girl's mom says, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy."

"Oh, please, Mom!" says the daughter. "If he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

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you plan to attend the Rally, you should mark, "May" for the reservations. If these sites fill up, then Sites #A, B, C, D and E can be reserved. These sites join #1 - 14, but are not on the river. Tessa said that they have expanded to over 140 sites for the 2022 season. The "block" for reservations is just to insure that our Club can stay together. The campground will not be crowded in September. Sites #1 - 14 and A - E are next to the shelter. To repeat, the "block" is required because the reservation system is a computer program and the program cannot ask if you are a part of the Iowa Airstream Club. The camping rate is \$38.00 per night. There is no charge for the shelter. Please call me if you have questions. (Phone-319-239-0646).

Our next Iowa Airstream Club Rally is at Rock Creek State Park on May 12. Hopefully everyone has their reservations. Mike and Marty are the hosts.

I hope to see many of you at the April Luncheon in Vinton.

THE ORIGINS OF APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Although not all April Fool's experts agree (yes, they exist), some argue [April Fool's Day originated](#) in 16th-century France, when Pope Gregory XIII mandated that the new year begin on January 1 instead of the end of March. Those who failed to follow the new calendar were dubbed "April fish." Others claim it originated from ancient spring festivals that included mischief-making.

When it comes to the best April Fool's pranks of all time, Great Britain is a world leader. Indeed, many believe a BBC

TV hoax, broadcast over half a century ago still comes in at #1. In 1957 the news show Panorama reported that, thanks to a mild winter, Swiss farmers enjoyed a bumper spaghetti crop. To prove this, it broadcast a [three-minute report](#) of Swiss farmers carefully plucking, or "harvesting," strands of spaghetti from trees. Legions of viewers were duped and many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their very own spaghetti tree. The BBC advised each caller: "Place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

You'll be glad these [embarrassing prank stories](#) didn't happen to you!