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IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB



MIKE'S MUSINGS Greetings! We enjoyed the April Luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton that was hosted by Chuck and Nancy Helle. We had a good crowd and three new members joined us.

I am writing this newsletter from Lincoln, Nebraska where we are attending the Region 8 Rally. There were 45 units in attendance. The Rally was enjoyable and we made new friends. The weather was a big topic because it was cool, wet and a tornado watch continued on Friday night.

We thank Doug Ford for posting photos of the event.

The plans for the May Rally at Rock Creek State Park are progressing. Mike and Marty are the hosts. Norm Van Klompenberg has arranged for a tour of the Vermeer Plant 7. This is the plant that manufactures the machines that install underground fiber optics. You have likely seen the machine shooting the conduit from one location and the conduit come out of the ground a great distance away. We ask, "How can they do this?" The Vermeer Museum will also be visited. Before the Vermeer tours, you can visit the bakery and pastry store in Pella.

Planning is underway for a visit to Grinnell for another event. These plans will be announced.

Mike and Marty will have meal surprises as usual. The Rally promises to be very enjoyable. We hope to see you there.

Mike

LOTS OF MEETING AND GREETING AT THE REGION 8 RALLY

On the windy afternoon of Wednesday, April 27th, your newsletter team, along with 44 other Airstreams, rolled into the Lancaster County Events Center, in northeast Lincoln, NE, the site of the 2022 Region 8 Rally. Upon getting parked (right beside John and Carol Heckman), it was time to find the Exhibition Hall to get registered. That evening, dinner was fried chicken (furnished by Region 8) and assorted dishes brought by rally attendees. Region President Greg Vadner opened the rally and made several announcements.

Our welcome bag contained a booklet listing the many possible places to visit in Lincoln, as well as the rally schedule. There were two off-site attractions for which tours had been arranged. These were the International Quilt Museum and the Speed Museum. Your team elected to only go to the Quilt Museum on Thursday afternoon. And, were glad they made that decision!

The museum, on the campus of the University of Nebraska, is a 3-story building housing over 7,000 quilts from more than 50 countries, dating back as far as the 1600's. It is the world's largest collection of publicly-owned quilts. The Joanna Rose Red and White collection was highlighted at the time of the rally. This collection was donated to the museum in the fall of 2021, so it is about the most recent acquisition. If you



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BIRTHDAYS MAY

1 - Paul Ryan
9 - Karen Kvidera
10 - Michelle Cortesio
17 - Norm Van Klompenburg

ANNIVERSARIES MAY

None

(Quilts-Continued from Page 2)

wanted to see red and white quilts, this was the place to go. It was mind boggling! Even without the Red and White display, there were numerous galleries displaying hundreds of fantastic works of quilting art. The patience those ladies had in order to create the beautiful quilts was amazing. There was a small gallery displaying quilts from the Hopi Indians of Arizona. These quilts were painted instead of being quilted, as most quilts are. ED Note: Nancy Helle, you'd go bonkers if you had been here.

Following dinner-on-your-own on Thursday evening, and with no activity scheduled, most rally attendees retired to their trailers where, about 10:00 PM, where they were entertained by a brisk thunderstorm. There was rain, wind and thunder off and on through the night. On Friday morning, a total of 2.1 inches of rain had been registered. True to form: bring an Airstream rally to town and it will rain! Fortunately, everyone was parked on rock, so there were no problems getting around.

There were only two Friday activities scheduled, prior to 7:00 in the evening. One was a mid-morning tour to the Speed Museum. Although your newsletter team did not opt to go, those that went indicated that it was a very interesting event. The museum is dedicated to preserving and displaying artifacts of the American automotive history. The museum, started in 1992, has racing vehicles dating from the 1920s to recent vintage Indy cars, classic midget cars, Go carts, motorized toys and antique and rare cars, along with a lot of automotive memorabilia. The second activity, scheduled for 3:00 PM, was a discussion of the proposed changes to the WBCCI International Constitution and Bylaws. (Ed Note: That will be covered in a separate article in this newsletter.)

Following a rally-provided evening meal, everyone was entertained in two different fashions. First, the five-member Near Normal Band, including Mike Sisk (Nebraska Club member and Region 8 Immediate Past President) played a number of songs that were hits in the 50's to 70's. Several of the "younger" members even got out and danced. The second item of entertainment? was the weather. With watches and warnings out in the area for severe thunderstorms, large hail and possible tornados, pretty nearly everyone was keenly aware of the possible need to head for safe shelter. Fortunately, the line of storms seemed to split and go around Lincoln and all the rally site received was rain, lightning and thunder and no one complained about that!

There were no activities scheduled for Saturday. Attendees were encouraged to visit some of the sites and locations in Lincoln. Several Iowa members did just that. Your newsletter team had planned to visit the tall State Capitol. However, with 30+ mph winds and temperatures in the lower 50's, it was decided to remain in the Airstream and work on this newsletter. When it came to supper time, however, the Iowans gathered at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant about a mile south of the rally grounds. President Mike had made reservations and he and Linda, along with 10 other Iowa Club members ate together. The Saturday evening activities consisted of the auctioning of numerous items with the proceeds going to Common Cents. Several hundred dollars were raised. The evening wrapped up with door prize drawings.

Overall, the rally was pretty laid back, with lots of free time. The weather ranged from warm and windy on Wednesday to cold and windy on Saturday. The temperatures varied, but the wind was a constant.



Whole Cloth Quilt

Maker unidentified

1930-1950

Cotton; hand quilted

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This bright yellow whole cloth quilt from Thessaloniki, Greece went on a big, important journey—with a family who immigrated to the United States in 1951. It was part of the limited luggage this Greek family could bring with them to start their new American lives. What

CHANGES ARE PROPOSED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF WBCCI

Rather monumental changes are proposed in two (2) amendments to be voted on at the Delegates Meeting at the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME in July. A primary effect of the **first proposed amendment** is that the Delegate Meeting will be eliminated. Instead, through electronic or paper ballot voting, all WBCCI members will vote on any future proposed amendments. The **second proposed amendment** would result in a much greater change in what we have experienced in the past decades. Under this proposal, there would no longer be the three Vice President positions. A new ten-member Executive Council, would be established. These ten members would be elected for two-year terms by the entire WBCCI membership. This ten member Executive Council, along with the twelve Region Presidents, would then make up the International Board of Trustees (IBT). The IBT would then, from the 10 member Executive Council, elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It appears that neither of these proposed amendments, if adopted, will have any effect on the operation of local clubs or the regions.

Each Iowa Club member is **VERY STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to read these proposed changes for themselves, since our delegate to the International Rally will be voting on them on behalf of the Iowa Club. To read, or download, print and read, perform the following computer steps:

1. On the internet, enter 2022_EC_Restructure Information.
2. Scroll down to Airstream Club International - Home | Facebook and click on it.
3. Scroll down to the black area containing the blue rectangles listing the officers.
4. Just below that area, you will find the bold entry **2022_EC_Restructure Information Site | ACI**
5. Click on that line.
6. You will then get a screen reading Proposal to Reorganize Into An Executive Council.
7. Scroll down to reach the four versions (two long and two short).
8. You can then select whichever ones you want to review. Hint - the short versions contain the meat of the issues, without all the records of the actions taken by the committee to advance the proposed changes.

A ballot is included as part of this newsletter for member completion and the Iowa Club delegate will vote the results at the International Delegate Meeting.

MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR SEPT. RALLY

Pres. Mike has informed your newsletter team that the Upper Iowa Resort, near Dorchester, IA is now open to accepting reservations for our September rally. The team has made their reservations for Space 30 by following these next listed steps:

1. On the internet go to Upper Iowa Resort and scroll down to Arrival and Departure spaces. Chuck and Doris Jean entered September 8th and 11th.
2. Enter dates and click on Check Availability.
3. Scroll down to Resort map and locate desired spot number.
4. Scroll down to that site in the listing and click on Select
5. Complete forms.

6. After providing all the information, find the small box at Accept Terms and Conditions.

7. Click on box and you should receive a message that your reservation has been accepted.

8. That message indicates that you will receive an email conformation of your reservation within a few days.

Note: Under Special Requests, your newsletter team entered "Part of Mike Rickert's Airstream Group". Also note that the deposit is non-refundable. The Resort does not answer phone calls, but says they will return your call. Good Luck!

PLAN TO ATTEND THE SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY

September is still several months away, but it is not too soon to be thinking about going to the Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH during the last week of September. At this time, your newsletter team is planning to go again. This will make about the 10th time and we still love it. Not only is it the longest running WBCCI special event rally, but it is the greatest. Those who have been there before have enjoyed the week. The route, covering a little over 600 miles, will take 3 days. The second night will be at the terraport in Jackson Center, where it is hoped a tour of the new Airstream plant is possible. If you haven't been to this rally before, just Google the site 2022 Swiss Festival Rally, WBCCI, and you will get lots of information. You can go and still make the October Iowa Club rally. If there is interest, Chuck and Doris Jean will lead a caravan. Just let them know. Dale and Joan Lafrentz have already indicated an interest in going.

CHUCK'S BACK SURGERY REPORT

As was reported in the last newsletter, Chuck Cabalka had out-patient surgery on his lower back in late March. Two Vertiflex units were inserted between three vertebrae in his lower back. He is very very glad to report that all pain has gone away. A little exercising to strengthen his lower back is all that remains and that can begin on May 9th, after the 6-week doctor-ordered recovery period. The units that were installed were basically spreaders to hold the vertebrae apart so the nerves exiting the spinal column weren't pinched. If any of you are interested in seeing what the small units are like and how they work, just Google, Vertiflex Surgery and scroll down to Vertiflex Procedure - Boston Scientific. There you will find a short video that shows the units and how they are inserted. You may find it quite interesting. At any rate, all the pain is now gone for the first time since last September. Hallelujah!!!

ALMOST SPRING , WINTER IS GONE?

A big **THANK YOU** to Nancy Helle for providing the following information concerning the April Luncheon in Vinton.

Twenty-four Iowa Airstream Club Members and one Affiliate couple gathered for **The Almost Spring Luncheon** on April 9th at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant in Vinton, IA. This was the final Winter Luncheon for 21-22. The "old" members were glad to welcome five "new" members to the gathering. They were Jamie and Michelle Daily, Marcus Felder and Pat and Barbara Johann. The "old" members in attendance were Scott and Kathy Allen, Doug and Deb Ford, Chuck and Nancy Helle, Tom and Shirley Herron, Marilyn Mulbrook, Jeff, Wanda and Amanda Paine, Mike and Linda Rickert, Lavonne Sandersfeld, Arden Taube, Norm and Pat Van Klompenburg, and Donella Watkinson. Affiliate Members Scott and Jodi Jensen were also in attendance. Norm and Linda Beu and Gary and Sharon Urich had planned to attend, but had to cancel due to illness. It was **GREAT** to see some of our new members with us.

President Mike reminded everyone of the future rallies and their dates. It was a nice luncheon and everyone ate their fill. There was a lot of good conversation before everyone headed back home.



ROCKIN' AT ROCK CREEK

RALLY SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 12th:

5:30 PM Supper @ campground. Hamburgers provided. Bring salad, dessert or whatever and your own table service and beverage.

Friday, May 13th:

8:00 AM French Toast, juice and coffee @ campground. Bring own service.

9:30 AM Line up to travel to **Maasdam Wagon Wheel Tree Sculpture** at S. 48th Ave. E, Grinnell. Take Hwy. T-38 South to S. 48th Ave. E., then West on gravel road about 1.5 miles.

Next, to **Wagaman Mill**, East St., Lynnville, IA (Go back to Hwy. T-38 and South to Lynnville). Tour outside grounds at Mill.

Lunch on your own: Coffee Cup Café, 616 - 4th St. In Sully, IA (south side of square, about 4 miles West of Lynnville) or at various restaurants in Pella, IA.

1:15 PM Gather at **Vermeer Corp.**, near Plant 7 at 1210 Vermeer Road, Pella, IA for tour beginning at 1:30 PM. Tour will include Plant 7 (recently rebuilt after a tornado hit) and the Vermeer Museum, if you choose.

Remainder of the afternoon is on your own to explore the Pella area. **Jaarsma Bakery** (727 Franklin St.), **Vander Ploeg Bakery** (711 Franklin St.) or **Cranberry Stone Bakery** (605 Franklin St.) are good possibilities, while the **Ulrich Meat Market** (715 Franklin St.) is a good stop for Pella bologna and real dried beef. The Pella Historic Village is another possibility. If the weather co-operates, there may still be some tulips in bloom in Pella.

5:00-6:00 PM Dinner location to be determined @ restaurant in Pella.

Saturday, May 14th:

8:00 AM "Eggs in a Bag", juice and coffee @ campground.

Morning: Suggested tours of **Uhlenhopp Arboretum** (2706 E. 146th St. N., Grinnell) and **Sugar Creek Nature Preserve** (14630 N. 30th Ave. E., Grinnell). These are in the same area.

Tour **Rock Creek State Park** attractions, including tree stump carvings.

Lunch on your own.

1:30 PM Line up to travel to visit **Grinnell College Museum of Art** at 1108 Park St., Grinnell. See a Special Exhibit of Student Art and permanent displays. Guided tour planned.

On your own, explore Grinnell including the college campus, the Jewel Box Bank, the historic area and explore downtown Grinnell.

5:30 PM **"Make Your Own Pizza"** @ campground. Mike D. will have the fixin's and oven. You will make your own pizza. Bring anything you have left from Thursday evening or bring something new. It's up to you. Following dinner, a movie with popcorn for the evening entertainment. Bring your own chairs. Movie will be outdoors.

Sunday, May 15th:

8:00 AM Rolls and coffee

8:30 AM Short business meeting before heading out.

HAVE A SAFE TRIP. SEE YOU IN ELDORA NEXT MONTH!!



BALLOT ON AMENDMENTS

This ballot is for voting on the proposed changes to the International Constitution at the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME in July, 2022

Amendment No. 1: Dropping the Delegate Meeting and putting all future amendments up for a vote of the entire WBCCI membership.

YES _____ NO _____

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Second Ballot for Spouse or other

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