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## *Terry's Tidings*

Hello, fellow Minnesota Airstreamers!

I hope this letter finds you well and itching for spring camping season!

I am writing this from Aunt Margie's house in Sierra Vista, Arizona. I am on my last day here of a (total of) three weeks in this beautiful mountain town. You must add this area to your camping list! Here you can enjoy plenty of hiking, birding, bicycling, history, and adventure! And, the people are so friendly!

I'd like to let you know that our 2nd VP, Kevin Garrett has resigned his post. He is planning to spend most of his year in Florida, and of course wouldn't be able to conduct his duties the way he would want to. Please wish Kevin well and thank him heartily for all of his hard work on behalf of our club! Verne Peterson, our 3rd VP, has graciously agreed to step into Kevin's vacant position. Thank you, Verne!

So...we are looking for a 3rd VP to join us this year. If you want to get just a bit more involved in your Minnesota Airstream Club, we would love to talk to you! This is a fun team of people, and you will be supported and helped all the way through your tenure. They say that the only thing the 3rd VP does is "make coffee", but I'd like to make use of your talents a bit more than that. 😊  
Disclaimer: you WILL become president of the club in 3 years, but by then you should be comfortable taking the ropes—especially, as I mentioned, there are so many amazing members who will help and guide you during your presidential year.

The Spring Rally in Fairmont, Minnesota is shaping up nicely. I have been in contact with the president of the Visitor's Bureau, and she is very excited to have us. Fairmont has 5 connected

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lakes, an historic Opera House, the Red Rock Center for the Arts (built from local Sioux Quartzite in 1898), an indoor shopping mall, cool little shops (include an ice cream shop), and hiking and biking trails.

Here are just a few plans for our weekend:

- Minnesota Airstream Club Meeting
- Region 7 Board Meeting (where our own Chris Olsson will be installed as 2nd VP of the region!)
- Pfliegaars and Pfriends\* will be making pancakes in the pavilion Saturday morning.
- Carry Ensign is planning a craft for Saturday afternoon (for a small additional fee payable to Carry at the rally).
- Flying Goose campground itself is on Lake Imogene, and they have canoe, kayak, and pontoon rentals. They also have a general store, and an 18-hole mini-golf course.
- You will have lots of time to explore Fairmont on your own.
- Fairmont is located in Martin County, which has created its own pork spice, Martin County Magic. Also, Martin County is the Bacon Capital of the USA, so, "Chefs, get it on your mind!" For Saturday Supper, we will be having "The Great Bacon Cookoff", complete with prizes! So, go out and buy some bacon, and see what you can do with it. Add it to the top of a salad, put it in some muffins, make a bean and bacon dish, add it to eggs, whatever you want to do. Use as much or as little as you like, but there must be bacon in that dish! That will be our potluck Saturday supper, and hopefully it will be a well-balanced meal for all of us. Tasters, it will be YOUR job to vote on the dishes, so get your taste buds in shape!

Keep an ear open for the proposed city rally in Northfield. Pamela Rawn has been VERY, VERY BUSY communicating with the city about the logistics of this. I cannot tell you how proud of her I am, and how thankful I am for her diligence and persistence. We still don't know when it will be, but we will let you know as SOON as we find out.

I just want to offer one word of encouragement to you who are new to the club, and are considering attending a rally. Of course we would love for you to participate in everything we are offering, but PLEASE don't feel like you have to. Especially if you are working fulltime, you probably want to RELAX on your camping trip (I've been there!). Please feel free to do so. However, do try to drop in on the meals, and the evening campfire and happy hours. This is where you are going to meet others who will really enrich your Airstreaming experience, and your life! Ask questions. Get advice. Listen to the stories. I am constantly amazed at all the fun, interesting, capable, smart, and helpful people we have in our club. We are so lucky!

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See you all in May, and please keep that belly pan parallel to the pavement!

Terry

\*Pfleghaars and Pfriends are a loosely organized group created for the purpose of helping at 2022 rallies. If you would like to be part of this special group (i.e., help cook pancakes or do clean-up for Saturday breakfast), please shoot me an email. If you don't, I'll probably just ask you at the rally!

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## *Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members*

Richard Narum & Sarah Priest #21040 - Duluth, MN

Bryon & Mary Day #02309 - Fairmont, MN

Virginia & Joseph Slattery #02041 - Marquette, MI  
(Virginia is our Region 7 1<sup>st</sup> VP)

Mark & Jacque Gleisner #31691 - Saint Cloud, MN

Alan Wichman & Rita Wilczek #03390 - Plymouth, MN

Kathy & Glen Thompson #30122 - Plymouth, MN

Fred Stratton #19775 - Buffalo, MN

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
Spring Rally	Flying Goose Campground Fairmont, MN <a href="#">See page 6 for more information</a>	May 12 - 15, 2022	Terry Pflgebraar
Caravan to International	TBD	TBD	Pete Yanke
Northfield City Rally	Northfield, MN	TBD	Pamela Rawn Terry Pflgebraar <a href="#">A city rally in conjunction with the Northfield Historical Society. Rally parking on downtown city streets. More details forthcoming.</a>
Fall/Installation Rally	Biwabic Campground on Vermillion Trail <a href="#">See page 8 for more information</a>	Sep 22 - 25	Terry & Steve Pflgebraar/ Brenda Schultz

[Camp site registration is open. Rally registration and details are forthcoming.](#)

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## *2022 MN Airstream Club Spring Rally*

Hosted by Terry Pflieghaar

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2022

Location:

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

Contact the campground for a campsite.

*Campsite registration deadline was March 1, 2022. But, if you want to attend, please contact them and see if they have any open campsites.*

Online Rally Event Information Link:

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

The Campsite contact form is also located in the online link above.

The rally fee will be 5.00 per adult, with youth under 18 free. Bring your kids and grandkids!

Please note that you need to reserve a campsite as well as complete the Rally Registration in order to be fully registered for the rally. Watch for an email today or tomorrow announcing that the online rally registration form is available.

A Rally Schedule is on the next page.

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## Minnesota Airstream Club Spring Rally-May 12-15, 2022



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

	5/12/2022	5/13/2022	5/14/2022	5/15/2022
TIME	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30		Coffee Ready	Coffee Ready	Coffee Ready
7:00 AM				
8:00 AM		Breakfast on your own	Bkfst-Pancakes in the Pavilion	
9:00 AM				
10:00 AM			Region 7 Meeting	
11:00 AM				Check out
12:00 PM		Lunch on your own	Lunch on your own	
1:00 PM		Explore Fairmont	Explore Fairmont	
2:00 PM				
3:00 PM	Check-In		Craft With Carry	
4:00 PM				
5:00 PM	Supper on your own	Supper on your own	Great Bacon Cookoff!!	
6:00 PM				
7:00 PM	Bonfire and Happy Hour	MN Airstream Club Meeting	Bonfire and Happy Hour	
8:00 PM		Bonfire and Happy Hour		
21:00				
10:00 PM				

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## *2022 MN Airstream Club Fall/Installation Rally*

Hosted by Terry & Steve Pflieger and Brenda Schultz

Dates: Sept 22 - 25, 2022

Location:

Biwabik Campground on Vermilion Trail

321 Main St.

Biwabik, MN, 55708

Online Event Information Link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/fallinstallation-rally>

To register for the rally, please complete the two items below:

### 1. Register with the campground.

Contact the campground directly to reserve a campsite for the rally. Use their contact form at the link below. This link is specific to our Airstream Club rally, and the campground will ensure we are grouped together.

[Biwabik Campground Registration Form](#)

On the registration form, scroll to September. There, you will see the rally dates of Sep 21 - 25 highlighted. You will need to click on your planned arrival and departure dates in order to actually reserve your site.

Cost is \$35.50 per night for Water & 30 Amp Electric. No 50 amp service available. Pay online using the campground registration form.

Rally Campsites are being held until July 1st. After that, they will be released and open to general public registrations.

### 2. Register with the MN Airstream Club for the rally.

Rally Registration will open in the next couple of months. The link will be on the Online Event Information Page shown above.



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## *New flag and logo*

The MN Airstream Club flag and logo are fully approved. Instructions on how to order a flag were sent in previous emails and copied below.

Flag (3 x 5 feet)



If you want to order a MN Airstream Club flag as part of our initial order, please do so by April 1st. Links to order forms:

MN Airstream Club Flag Order Form - pay by mailing a check

Direct link: <https://form.jotform.com/211044441788051>

MN Airstream Club Flag Order Form - pay using PayPal

Direct link: <https://form.jotform.com/220525807283152>

The order forms are pretty self-explanatory, but if you have any questions, please email me at: [055info@airstreamclub.net](mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net).

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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  
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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)

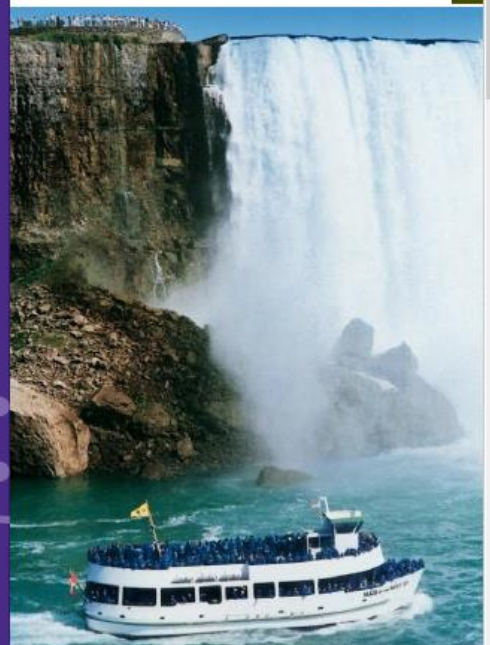
**Cost:**  
\$2200 per rig (includes 2 adults/rig)  
\$200 Deposit (non-refundable)

**Number of Rigs: 12-15**

**RSVP here:**  
<https://forms.gle/hgRZaMZRqLWzArx6>

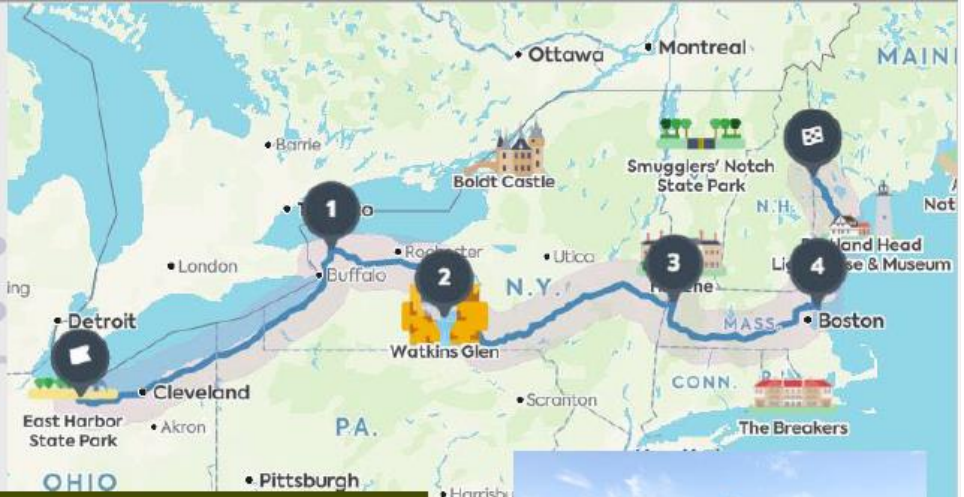
Note: please be aware - some sites we will  
be visiting are currently requiring proof of  
COVID vaccination

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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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## 2022 Valentine's Day Party

We had a wonderful time at the Valentine's Day party at *The Tavern Grill* in Blaine, MN. It was hosted by Chuck & Joy Dodd and Carry Ensign. Here are some random pictures from the party. Credits to Mark Fawcett and Carry Ensign for providing the pictures.



Kathy Yanke won a door prize, a framed, crocheted airstream doily.

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Cordell Woods won the break my heart "punch the cup" prize.. an airstream lodge cast iron pan.

Mark Fawcett won the valentines gifts game which was a gift basket with numerous useful odds & ends. Valentines crocheted tree, homemade shoulder seatbelt covers, koozies , key chain, poncho and more!



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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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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](mailto:055info@airstreamclub.net)).

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## *Newsletter Editor Ramblings*

Hard to work on the Airstream in the middle of Winter, so we are working on one of my "After Retirement" projects - the stairs. Replacing all of the treads, risers, and handrails going from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Like so many projects, this is taking longer than expected and costing more than expected. So, basically a normal project for us...

The two pictures below show our current progress.





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The new treads, risers, and wall attached handrail are all in place. Plus, the two newel posts I built, which is the real reason for sharing. The treads, handrails, and newel posts are all red oak stained with Provincial stain and varnished. Currently working on building the handrails that will attach to the newel posts as well as the landing floor and rest of the trim, which will also all be stained red oak. Hopefully I will have it all finished before the new newsletter!

On a warmer day last week, Kay and I went out and sat in the Airstream and talked about this coming camping season and projects we want to do. The big one is replacing or covering the curved front headliner. The current headliner is a PVC one we installed 12 - 13 years ago while we were remodeling the entire trailer. Last year, we discovered that it has developed a couple of cracks. Last Fall, we read in *Airstream Life* magazine that Colin Hyde Trailer Restorations sells Airstream Headliner kits. These are preformed (curved) and pre-drilled pie shaped sheets of aluminum, that all you have to do is rivet them together and then install. Sounds simple enough, right? 😊 Anyway, we will see exactly how easy it is once the weather warms up some. The kit is seven pieces of aluminum with many, many holes for the rivets (about every inch around the perimeter of each piece. In preparation, I bought another 50 Clecos (Google "cleco fasteners") giving us 75 total, and a few hundred rivets. I will include pictures of that project in a future Newsletter.

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Quick update - took a break from the newsletter and got started on the landing.



Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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