



INLAND NW INSIDER

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From the President's Desk

Dear Fellow Airstream Club Members:

A week ago Becky and I were at the Elk Ridge rally in Naches, Washington, hosted by Russ and Robin Lea and Liz and Don Reynolds. I think anyone who was there would agree that it was a terrific rally, with a Southwest theme that included a margarita filled, chips and salsa happy hour, a chili cook-off, and a trip to the little town of Tieton to see some incredible art. While there we had a truly wonderful dinner with interesting flavors and combinations of foods.

This was the first INWAC rally hosted by someone other than the Johnsons or the Soths and that caused me to reflect on how far we've come since our earliest days barely three months pre-COVID. The number of members who are active and contributing to the club has expanded significantly in the last year or so, and our membership numbers are solid at 36 full members and 18 affiliates. We are getting toward the latter stages of our most robust rally schedule ever, this year several of us attended the Region 10 rally in Lynden, Washington (a first for the club), we hosted a joint rally at Elk Meadows with the Oregon club, and the Theodors and the Leas have organized an INWAC group to attend the Albuquerque International Balloon Festival in October.

Going forward, our rally schedule for 2023 is shaping up with some interesting new places to visit (as well as a couple of previous favorites). Steve Tabacek and Suzanne Caron are organizing two caravans to attend the 2023 International Airstream Club rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Like I said, we've come a long way.

I'd like to put in a word here about renewals. As your anniversary date approaches, Airstream Club International (ACI) will send you reminder notices. I encourage you to renew promptly so that your membership doesn't lapse. And, as long as we're talking about memberships, I would also ask you to talk with other Airstreamers you meet in the Eastern Washington/North Idaho area and encourage them to become part of our club. While we have no ambitions to become a large club, some growth is necessary in order for the club to remain vibrant and active.

This is also a time for some transitions. As you know, member voting for new club officers was just completed. We will have a members' meeting on August 23d to (among other things) certify the election, with the new officers taking office in mid-September. That also means I will have served my one-year term as President of INWAC and will move on to the role of Past President. You may recall that I was sort of an "accidental" president, as I was nominated at the last minute to fill in for someone who had to step away due to business commitments. It's been a happy accident – I've enjoyed seeing the club grow and mature, and it's been a pleasure to have worked with many of you on club business as well as to have rallied with all of you.

Brian

RALLIES

update

We opened the season with 23 Airstreams returning to rally in Prosser, WA. Dave and Linda Johnson's hospitality, along with good food and fine wine started our season off right. Dave provided a wine tasting accompanied by wood fired pizza, we toured Domanico Winery, enjoyed Whitstran Steakhouse, had dinner in the garden at Prosser House...I truly believe it needs to be renamed the FOOD and Wine Rally. Decadent start to our 2022 season!

Off to Twisp! When fire kept us from the Okanogan last August we picked up the rally and moved it to June 2022. 26 Airstreams lined the center of Riverbend RV Park. Thursday evening charcuterie and Happy Hour got us acquainted. Sunday morning coffee was accompanied by the famous cinnamon twists from the Cinnamon Twisp Bakery. We were treated to a tour of the North Cascades Smoke Jumpers Base and were able to see the rookies suiting up for a jump before we went into Winthrop and wandered the Schafer museum, shops and eateries. We even celebrated the Sefranak's 50th wedding anniversary!

July took us to Elk Meadows in Trout Lake, Washington, a joint rally with the Oregon Club. We enjoyed hot weather but shaded, treed sites and a fabulous view of Mt. Adams. We wandered into White Salmon, WA, and Hood River, OR. Huckleberry ice cream and milkshakes were found. Some rafted the river, some hiked the foothills of Mt. Adams and some kayaked and fished the lakes. Great new friendships were begun with Oregon members and affiliates around late night camp fires.

In August we headed east to Elk Ridge Campground in Naches, Washington on the Naches River. Elk Ridge has so much personality. Russ and Robin Lea, along with Don and Liz Reynolds, hosted a great weekend beginning with margaritas, tapas and a corn tortilla cooking demo. YUM! A Friday hike to the Bat Cave, walks by the river, followed by a rowdy chili cook-off and all the accompaniments. A float down the river on Saturday, a tour of the artistic Tieton and an amazing farm-to-table dinner at 617 Nomad. The fire pit was something to see, both morning and evening. There were movies in the 'garage' and firefly lights by the river. Such fun!





Winery Tour
Prosser, WA

Tour of smokejumpers
base, Winthrop, WA



Riverbend Rally,
Twisp, WA



Dinner in Tieton and an amazing
fire pit -Elk Ridge Rally

The Perfect Caesar Dressing

From new member and professional home chef,
Kevin Kok

I never thought I could make a delicious caesar dressing like the ones we would enjoy in restaurants, but this is definitely the best we have ever tasted. It is a constant desire at meals now in our home and on the road.

DRESSING:

- 1 cup of Best Foods Olive Oil Mayo or Hellmann's).
- 1 Tbsp of Dijon Mustard.
- 2 tsp of Anchovy Paste
- 2 tsp of Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Cloves of Garlic, grated (not shown)
- Juice of 1/2 Lemon
- Pinch of Salt and Pepper (*White preferred)



Shake up in pint jar and then add:

- 1/2 cup of Parmesan
- 1 + Tsp of Water optional - (* if too thick add 1/4 tsp at a time or it quickly becomes and stays runny.)

FIRST:

Put all ingredients into a wide mouth mason jar as listed above, except for the grated Parmesan. Shake well until blended. I use a small ziplock bag on top of the jar between lid to keep it from discoloring over time.

Then add the Parmesan and shake again. If too thick to your taste, adjust accordingly with water bit by bit. (I rarely add more than a touch)

SECOND:

For the Salad:

- 1 Head of Romaine, washed, dried and chopped
- Hard Boiled Egg(s)
- Croutons

Add the diced hard-boiled egg to the chopped or sliced romaine and then add the dressing. If it is just the two of us, I usually use one egg, but if more than that I will mix in two eggs. As you mix the egg into the salad, the egg yoke and dressing blend into a very flavorful taste.

Next, add croutons to taste.

ADDING PROTEIN:

- Grilled chicken or salmon - whatever you have left over.



We enjoy this simple and quick dish as dinner with grilled chicken and a baguette weekly. If I don't want to cook the chicken, I pick up the frozen grilled chicken strips from Costco in advance of a trip and voilà! The salad is absolutely delicious.



Didn't make the International Rally 2022?

You can still get some of the information shared.
Check out <https://airstreamclub.org/presentations>

Here are a few of the topics;

Airstream Toolkit - Mike Miller, BRN 4167

All About Batteries, Chargers and Converters - Elliot Actor, BRN 4488

Dutch Oven 101: Tools and Techniques for Dutch Oven Cooking -

Leslie Lovett, BRN 22659

- Temperature Chart
 - Biscuit Recipe
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We've grown and we need your help!

We could use some help with rally hosting, the newsletter, reaching out to new members and staying in touch with current members, planning off season activities like coffee meetups, holiday lunch...etc.

Please let us know where your passion lies!

Please email Brian at **Bsoth17@outlook.com**
and let him know where you would like to contribute.





International Rally 2023

Rock Springs, WY

Have you considered attending the 2023 International Airstream Club Rally? We currently have 16 members and affiliates from the Inland NW unit registered and planning two different caravan routes. If you are interested, please let us know and we will get you on the list for information about the caravans and/or where you might connect along the way.

Many thanks to our outgoing officers for all their hard work this year!

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Thank you!

***Where are we going in 2023?
Here's what we're working on...***



**Walla Walla, WA
Twisp/Winthrop, WA
St. Regis, MT
Naches, WA
Troy, MT
North Idaho...
Canada?**

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