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IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

MIKE'S MUSINGS



The August Luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Newton was well attended. This was a special meeting to vote on two issues: 1) The amendment to the Iowa Club Constitution; and 2) To approve the nomination of officers and directors for the September election. The minutes of the meeting are included in this Newsletter and show the adoption of both resolutions. The Iowa Club Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to International for review. I will re-type both documents and submit.

The Past Presidents of the Iowa Club met for their annual reunion and lunch at Amana on September 20. Linda and I attended as the current President and First Assistant.

The September Rally agenda will include the election of officers and directors for the Iowa Club for 2022-23. This Rally is at the Upper Iowa Resort at Dorchester, Iowa. The complete rally schedule is included in this Newsletter. This September Rally reminds me of the "September Song" by the Brothers Four, circa 1960, 'The Fantasticks'.

Try to remember the kind of September - when life was slow and oh, so mellow.
Try to remember the kind of September - when grass was green and grain was yellow.

Try to remember the kind of September - when you were a tender and callow fellow.

Try to remember and if you remember, then follow, follow, follow.

Some of the leaves in northeast Iowa will start to turn yellow. The evenings will start to chill and the wood fire will feel good. The smell of fall will follow the fog as it descends into the valley of the Upper Iowa River.

A reminder that the October Rally will be at "The Grove" near Liscomb. This will be the installation rally and President Greg Vadner from Region 8 will conduct the installation. For reservations, contact Nancy Helle at 319-270-1189. This will let Nancy and Chuck know how many to plan on.

Mike

ROUTE TO UPPER IOWA RESORT

The following is the route President Mike suggests for you to get to the Upper Iowa Resort for the September Rally. The Resort address is 578 Lonings Dr., Dorchester, IA 52140.

Make your way to West Union, IA either of 2 ways; **1)** North on IA Hwy 150 thru Independence, Olewein and Fayette; or **2)** North from Waterloo on US 63 to US 18, then East thru Fredericksburg. **Note: Mike says the road between Fredericksburg and West Union is bumpy due to botched repairs.** Take Hwy. 18 East from West Union thru Clermont to Postville, about 17 miles. **CAUTION: Mike says the railroad crossing in Postville is very rough!** In downtown Postville, turn left (North) on Hwy. 51 and drive North about 11 miles to Hwy. 9, turning right (East) on Hwy. 9 to Waukon, IA. At the 4-way stop in downtown Waukon, turn left (North) on Hwy. 76 for about 12 miles to the campground at the bottom of the hill and on your left, just before the bridge over the Upper Iowa River. Your campsite is on the right at the Airstream Rally sign. Mike and Linda will be there to welcome you.

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17 - Brian Cortesio
20 - John Heckman
27 - Deb Ford

ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER

2 - Pat & Larry Dellamuth
5 - Linda & Norm Beu
7 - Sharon & Gary Ulrich
8 - Doris Jean & Chuck Cabalka
24 - Carolyn & Gene Haller

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Incidentally, for those of you who utilize GPS co-ordinates in your travels, here are the campgrounds numbers: 43°25'12.79"N and 91°30'32.05"W.

Mike's Additional Comments: **1)** Postville is fun. There is a settlement of Hasidic Jews who are ultra conservative. There are also Latinos and Somalis that work in the kosher meat packing plant. The Casey's in Postville is camper friendly with a lot of room. KwikTrip that is downtown has room for campers, but it is very busy. **2)** At the Resort, there are many sites yet available. Campsites A, B, C and D are near the shelter. He encourages everyone to look at the Allamakee County road maps that will be provided and take a drive in the hills. The hosts can give you some suggestions. **3)** The campground is in a valley, so your cell phone may not have a signal. There is WiFi in the campground, but they have not tried it. **4)** Kayaks and canoes are available for rental with shuttle upstream on the river. Generally, 2.5 hours of kayaking or canoeing (depending on the water level and your skill level) will get you back to the Resort. **5)** It may be chilly during the night because the cold air fills the valley, so be prepared. **6)** Firewood will be provided.

HISTORY AND NATURE AT PINE LAKE

On Wednesday, June 8th, four Iowa Airstream Club rigs made their way to Pine Lake State Park, on the east edge of Eldora, Ia, as early attendees for the June rally. They were joined by nine more rigs on Thursday, for a total of 13 trailers and 25 members. Rally attendees were provided several options of places to visit in the area, but the only scheduled tour was to the Boys State Training School on Friday morning. Your newsletter team took advantage of the clearing skies on Thursday morning to drive about 5 miles north, past the town of Steamboat Rock, to the Sac & Fox Overlook, where they got a beautiful view of



the Iowa River valley and the US Hwy 20 bridge spanning the valley. The bridge is a 1,510-foot long steel girder bridge, with 5 - 302 ft. long spans and is approximately 137 feet



bridge over the Iowa River is a 1,510-foot long weathering steel I-girder structure. It has five (5) 302-foot (92-meter) spans supported by four (4) concrete piers and two (2) end abutments. The bridge is a 66-foot (20-meter) precast concrete bridge to the roadway approaches. The bridge is 137 feet above the Iowa River. The bridge is called launching. It opened in 1964.

above the river. The bridge utilized a very unique method of construction. As spans were assembled on one end, they were jacked out and another section was attached to the end, only to be jacked out until the entire bridge had been pushed across the valley. This was caused by a desire to preserve the valley's "green belt" and natural features and wildlife as much as possible.

On Thursday afternoon, Chuck and Doris Jean visited the CCC-POW Museum. On the site of the present Hardin

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County Fairgrounds, the location was home to a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp in the 1933-41 period. Young men, hard up due to the Great Depression, could enlist in the CCC and had a great impact on the building and upgrading of state parks in Iowa. They were responsible for the construction of the dam creating Upper Pine Lake (the larger of the two lakes in the park), as well as numerous buildings in the park. When WWII came along,

the CCC ended, but their camp in Eldora was then used to house



German and Italian prisoners of war. That continued until 1947, when the camp was closed. The prisoners of war worked on farms in the area, since labor was in short supply and the farms needed workers to provide food and fiber. One of the needed crops was hemp, used to make the heavy rope required by the US Navy. Pictures at the museum showed that the hemp would grow to heights of 12-15 feet. The museum, although somewhat small, was extremely interesting and there were numerous artifacts and pictures from the CCC-POW era.

After light showers throughout the night, the rally attendees awoke to a light rain that persisted through most of Friday morning. However, that did not prevent the group from driving to the Iowa State Training School for Boys on the west side of Eldora. Once there, two gentlemen on the staff took the group on a tour of several of

the buildings on the campus, presented a lot of information and answered numerous questions. The school presently has 46 boys between the ages of 12 and 18 and can handle a maximum of 64. There is vocational training in three disciplines for those wanting that training, as well as regular high school classes that can earn graduation and a high school diploma. The diploma shows graduation from Midland High School so there is no stigma that would be associated with a diploma from the State Training School. The tour was quite interesting and very informative.

Friday evening most attendees gathered in the group room at the Fire House Bar and Grill for supper. It was prime rib night and many Airstreamers enjoyed that. Others ordered different entrees from the menu. The portions were stupendous! Nearly everyone took food home in the provided foam boxes. The tenderloins in the sandwiches were so large that they overhung the sides of the platters on which they were served. Needless to say, no one went away hungry.

Saturday was a "free" day with rally attendees visiting the various places in Eldora and the surrounding area. The Sac & Fox Overlook and the CCC-POW and Railroad Museums were among the places of interest. A light rain fell off and on, throughout the day until late afternoon, which put a damper on many outdoor activities. It resulted in the club business meeting, originally scheduled outdoors for 4:00 PM on Saturday, being moved to 5:00 PM in the party room at the Pizza Ranch, where we were scheduled to meet for supper at 5:30 anyway.

At the business meeting, President Mike reminded everyone about the upcoming rally at the Upper Iowa Resort in September and advised everyone that there was still plenty of space to register and attend. John and Carol Heckman will be helping Mike and Linda organize that rally. Reservations **MUST** be made on-line. Kayaks and canoes can be rented at the Resort and the Resort will transport anyone up the Upper Iowa River so they can float back downstream to the campground. Detailed information concerning the route to drive to get to the Resort is included elsewhere in this newsletter. If you haven't already made your reservation, the following steps will get you there:

STUDENT PROFILE

- 16.53 average years of age at time of admission
- Approximately 68% convicted of a felony.
- Averages over seven out-of-home placements.
- Frequent history of child abuse in the family.
- Average 9.79-month length of stay at the Training School.
- 52% qualify for special education.
- Students relate numerous experiences with both drugs and alcohol, and they attribute at least part of their problem to substance abuse.
- Extensive arrest record over at least the last two years.

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1. On the internet, go to Upper Iowa Resort and scroll down to Arrival and Departure spaces.
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. It is NOT too late to join the group, so GET IT DONE!!!

Everyone was also reminded about the October rally at "The Grove", formerly Fiscus Grove, south of Liscomb, Iowa. Nancy and Chuck Helle and Marilyn Mulbrook will be hosting that rally. Following the close of the meeting, everyone was free to "Pig Out" on pizza, fried chicken, salads and other tasty food; and THEY DID!! Then, it was back to the campground, where several gathered around a campfire to close out the day.

Breakfast on Sunday morning consisted of assorted pastries, orange juice and coffee at Mike and Linda Rickert's



trailer. The last gathering at the rally was the perfect time to check out Hobe Darbyshire's new Base Camp trailer. It was a beautiful sunny morning and, after enjoying the rolls and coffee (and lots of good conversations) it was time to hook up and head for home. Although the weather didn't really co-operate for most of the rally, everyone still had an enjoyable time and, after all, that is what we gather for.

Ed. Note: It is just too bad that we aren't seeing more members at our rallies, especially some of the new members who we have never met except on paper. C'mon folks, join us. We promise not to bite.



WANT TO HEAR GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA?

Your newsletter team wants to thank Carol Heckman for the following interesting article concerning their activities following the June rally at Pine Lake State Park in June..

John and I extended the weekend a little. We very much enjoyed "discovering Eldora" with our Airstream friends. Great little campground and lots of things of interest in the town. We especially enjoyed learning about the part Eldora plays in rehabilitating male juveniles and the history of housing POW's during our country's involvement in WWII. After waving goodbye to the rally participants, we hung around until early afternoon and then moved north to Wilder Park in Allison. The Glenn Miller Orchestra performed there at 6:30 for a receptive crowd gathered

around the open air venue. Beautiful instrumental and vocal renditions of the big band era delivered by a talented group of performers. Three food vendors were set up for our Dinner Theatre evening. The orchestra plans to return next year, so perhaps we could pencil in a rally at Wilder Park to coincide?? We thought it would be nice to sleep in Monday morning but a thunderstorm a little after 7 am changed that. Great weekend! Special thanks to Mike and Linda Rickert for an unstructured rally!

Ed Note: Carol's idea of a possible June rally in 2023 sounds interesting. It would mean staying over Sunday evening to attend the concert, but that might not be too much of a problem since many rally attendees are retired. Let Chuck know your thoughts.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY REPORT

Your newsletter team drove 1,467 miles to the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME, taking six days to do it. The drive was trouble-free, just the way one wants it to be, although the traffic going through Cleveland, OH and Corning, NY was interesting. Arriving at the rally grounds about 4:30 pm on Friday, July 22nd (the assigned parking date), we got there just in time to catch the tail-end of the Vintage Airstream Parade. Although we were not part of the parade, with the age of our trailer and since we were following the last official unit in the parade, spectators along the parade route thought we were part of the parade. They applauded as we went by and, since we didn't want to disillusion them, we just waved back.

The most memorable thing about the rally was the heat. One would normally expect a place like Maine to be somewhat cooler, since it is about 300 miles further north than Newton, IA and only about 50 miles from the seacoast. Not to be. For the first several days, the highs were in the mid-90's, with lows in the mid-60's and typical Iowa humidity. It was a good thing the power was on and the air conditioners were working in the trailers. Not so in the build-



ings! With the annual Fryeburg Fair being held on the first week of October, air conditioning was not needed and only one of the buildings hosting rally activities was air conditioned. Nothing like sitting and listening to a seminar presenter or an evening program and sweating!

The opening ceremonies on the morning of July 23rd went



Pres. Eric McHenry & wife, Region 8 Pres. Greg Vadner & wife, Chuck

off without a hitch and we trust your carrier of the Iowa flag (Chuck) did not embarrass anyone. It was reported

that there were 915 Airstreams on the grounds and 12 staying off-site. The total was the largest since 2007, when there were 1,017 rigs at the Perry, GA International Rally. Among the 915 there were 357 First Timers. As usual, there were a great variety of seminars throughout the rally, ranging from solar powering of trailers, to grilling food on the road, line dancing classes, traveling with pets, and much, much more. If you have ever been to an International Rally, you know there are many seminars you would like to attend, but you have to make choices due to conflicting times. And, it always seems that the two you would really like to attend are scheduled for the same time! Just means you will have to come back next year and hope they repeat.

The Region 8 Breakfast on the morning of Tuesday, July 26th found approximately 80 Region 8 members gathered for a bountiful buffet-style meal. President Greg Vadner and 1st VP Rick Everson made a few short comments, welcoming the attendees to the gathering. Your newsletter team discovered that they weren't the only Iowans at the rally, when Kurt and Lynette Rasmussen from Johnston, IA introduced themselves. Your team also was glad to renew acquaintances with Ian and Carolyn Muir, previous Iowa Club members now in the Greater St. Louis Club.

Later that same morning, Justin Humphreys, Airstream Vice President for Sales, gave his annual report on the condition of the Airstream Company. Things are going so well that they are about 3,000 units behind where they want to be in order to fill customer orders and to provide a supply for dealer lots. Every Airstream going out the door is already sold. He indicated that if it wasn't one item that was in short supply, it was another. Right now, air conditioners are the bottleneck; windows were previously. Among the slides he presented was one that showed an extremely sharp rise in Airstream orders and sales in the past three years. The Jackson Center operation currently employs 1,486 people and are trying to hire even more.

Justin's presentation was followed by a presentation by Samantha Martin, the young lady in charge of the Airstream Heritage Center. She covered some of the items they have on display, including Wally's gold Airstream, his white Airstream that he used on the Capetown to Cairo Caravan, as well as several other memorable Airstream trailers and a lot of memorabilia from Wally and from other donors. Last year your newsletter team donated an orange beret that was given out at the Antelope Rally years ago and Samantha said it is on display. It is the only au-

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thorized beret that is not blue. Tours are now being given at the new plant in Jackson Center. There is still no cost, but now reservations must be made ahead of time.

With nothing of interest to your newsletter team on the schedule for the afternoon of the 26th, they decided to take a drive and visited four of the eight covered bridges in Maine. All four appeared to be in pretty good shape, with two still carrying traffic.



The Delegate Meeting was convened at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 27th with 102 of the total 115 local clubs or units answering the roll call, including 12 Member at Large and 8 virtual units. Constitution and Bylaws Chairman Tom Smithson, as well as the International Parliamentarian, tried to explain how amendments to the two motions sent out to the local clubs and the actual voting on the proposed motions would be handled, but it didn't seem to do much good, since there was plenty of confusion when it came to the actual handling of the votes. Nonetheless, the meeting progressed rather faster than had been anticipated and was done before 11:00 AM. Both motions sent out from the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee were passed with the total affirmative votes each surpassing the 2/3 requirement. Consequently, in the future, any proposed constitutional amendments will be voted on (either electronically or by mail-in ballot) by ALL WBCCI members. There will be no Delegate Meeting. Also, next year ALL members will be voting on a 10-member Executive Council, who, along with the 12 Region Presidents, will select a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from the Executive Council. In other words, members will no longer vote for those offices, but the 22-member International Board of Trustees (12 Region Presidents and 10 Executive Council) will be doing that. For your information, the Iowa Club voted **11 Yes** and **16 No** on the first

proposed amendment and **10 Yes** and **16 No** on the second. That is how the Iowa Club members voted in June. Incidentally, if all the members in WBCCI had voted, the total would have been 15,416. Actually, only 3,566 (just 23%) took the time to vote at their local club or unit. The minority ruled again.

Late Wednesday afternoon, July 27th, Region 8 President Greg Vadner hosted a social gathering at their trailer. In addition to enjoying munches, renewing friendships and good conversation, the ranking officer in attendance from each club in Region 8 voted on a Second Vice President for the Region. Naturally, the nominee was elected unanimously. As a result, our Region 8 2nd Vice President is now Ed O'Connor (BRN 12632) of the MO/KS Club.

Thursday found your newsletter team joining 97 other rally attendees at 8:15 AM for a bus excursion to Boothbay Harbor, ME for a 5-hour cruise to see whales and puffins. It was a little costly (\$254.00 for two), but what the heck; we probably won't be back to the East coast again.

The boat ride on the Atlantic went about 30 miles out from

the harbor and was quite nice, with just a little chop on the waters.

We did get several quick sightings of minke

whales as they rolled their backs out of the water, but no one had any idea of where they would appear and when they would surface. They certainly didn't show their backs for long. In fact, it was impossible to take any photos, since the exposure time was so short. The boat did cruise around Easter Egg Island, where a puffin colony had been re-established about 25 years ago, after all the



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puffins had been killed for meat back in the 1800's. The boat was far enough off the rocky shore that it was not possible to see any puffins without binoculars. However, it was possible to see some of the gulls and cormorants that also make the island their home. Then, it was back to Boothbay Harbor, boarding the bus and the 2 ½-hour ride back to the rally grounds, arriving about 8:30 PM. A long day, nice cruise, but whale and puffin photography somewhat of a bust.

After attending the Flea Market on Friday morning, your team thought they would drive the auto road to the top of Mt. Washington, just 45 miles from the rally grounds. Arriving at the toll booth, they discovered the cost to drive to the 6,288-foot crest would be \$53.00, the crest was in and out of the clouds and the wind was blowing 40 mph. Considering all three factors, they decided it wasn't worth it. They had been to the top some 15 years ago and decided probably not much had changed, so they enjoyed a nice drive back to the fairgrounds.

Friday evening saw the installation of the new International Officers and the closing of the rally. Based on the results of the balloting at the Delegate Meeting, these officers will be the last elected by the membership of WBCCI. Then, it was time to hook up and head out. Your newsletter team was in no real hurry to leave on Saturday morning, since they were only going about 160 miles to Brattleboro, VT to stop



and see a cousin of Chuck's that he hadn't seen for at least 8 years. All in all, Chuck and Doris Jean felt the rally was somewhat below average, with the meeting facilities leaving a lot to be desired.

This being the 39th International for Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka, they had a few to compare it against and, on a scale of 1 to 10, they would rate it at about a 3 or 4. Even with that, they registered for the 2023 rally in Rock Springs, WY, where the rally will be at the Sweetwater Events Complex, where all RV sites will have full hookups and the buildings are all air conditioned. It is only 883 miles from Des Moines to Rock Springs, so keep that in mind and plan to go. Four easy days of driving will get you there. Registration forms can be found on-line or they will be appearing in the *Blue Beret* magazine shortly. If there is interest, an Iowa caravan can be organized for those going.

At the July 24th Sunday morning non-denominational worship service at the WBCCI International Rally, the following humorous comments were made by Bob Standsbury, prior to the receiving of the morning offering.

"It seems there were a ragged and tattered one dollar bill and a somewhat worn twenty dollar bill traveling down the conveyor belt to be burned. They got to talking about where they had been during their periods of usage.

The twenty dollar bill said that he had been so many places – Las Vegas and Atlantic City casinos, concerts by famous singers, Saturday night poker games, beer and wine affairs, and the such. The one dollar bill said, "You have certainly gotten around." The twenty dollar bill then asked the one dollar bill where he had been, to which the one dollar bill replied, "the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church, and such."

The twenty dollar bill then asked, "What's a church?"

These comments must have struck home, since over \$1,000 was raised from the approximately 100 people attending the service. Oh, by the way, the service was excellent, with wonderful music from the WBCCI Choir, twin pianos and the solo vocalists. Bob did a good job with the sermon. It was just too bad that more had not attended.

HOME....AT LAST

Leaving Freyeburg, ME on Saturday morning, July 30th, Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka drove about 160 miles SW to Brattleboro, VT to visit one of Chuck's cousins that they hadn't seen for several years. On Sunday, the couple drove on to a campground in Duncansville, PA (on the outskirts of Altoona, PA) with no problems, other than the twisting, winding, narrow, up and down roads. No roads go straight in the NE! Upon pulling out of the campground on Monday morning, they drove about 13 miles west and up a long grade, when all of a sudden, they heard a pop and the engine sounded as if there was no exhaust system. It really roared! Pulling off at the next interchange and driving about 1/4 mile, they found a parking lot at a small village market. From there they phoned AAA and a towing company, with the final result having both the trailer and van towed back off the mountain; the trailer (with DJ) back to the same space in the campground they had just left and Chuck, in the truck hauling the van, to a repair shop. The problem was diagnosed as a plug falling out of the EGR valve (part of the anti-pollution system). It was explained as a plug with a tube attached that sent unburned fuel back to be run through the engine again. It wasn't until Thursday, August 4th that the repair shop finally received the

needed part and got the van back to running. **AT LAST**, on Friday, the 5th (the original day expected to get home in Newton), the van and trailer headed west again. This time the drive was successful, with overnight stops at campgrounds in Orrville, OH and E. Peoria, IL before arriving in Newton on Sunday, August 7th – only two days late. Although the delay was not appreciated, the problems could have been much, much worse; happening on one of the narrow, no-shoulder, winding roads in the middle of nowhere or the repairs much more costly. The missing part cost only \$42.50, with the towing of the trailer and the extra-mileage towing cost for the van making up the bulk of the slightly over \$300 cost. Even though the arrival back in Newton was greeted by 90-plus temps, high humidity and a heat index of nearly 100 degrees, it was still good to be home.

Incidentally, for those who had been concerned about fuel prices out east, the average price for gasoline used on the entire 3,523-mile round-trip (including about 200 miles searching out the four covered bridges in western Maine and driving the 12 miles into Conway, NH for groceries several times) was \$4.05 per gallon, ranging from \$3.60 to \$4.85. The costs of diesel fuel were not recorded, but, obviously, would have been higher.

SPECIAL MEETING IN AUGUST

Although there was no rally scheduled for August, President Mike Rickert called a meeting of the Iowa Airstream Club for 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 13th at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant in Newton, IA. This called meeting was necessary for the purpose of receiving the Nominating Committee report concerning those who had agreed to serve (if elected) as our club officers next year and to approve the updating of our Iowa Club Constitution to conform with International. Twenty-six Iowa Club members showed up for the luncheon and meeting. The original notice that had gone out to members indicated that Nancy Helle had agreed to the nomination for Recording Secretary. However, prior to the luncheon on the 13th, she informed President Mike that, due to health concerns, she

was going to have to decline that nomination. Upon asking for someone to volunteer for that position for the 2022-23 year, Doris Jean Cabalka reluctantly agreed to accept nomination for Recording Secretary. That means that the only unfilled position for the 2022-23 year is that of Second Vice President. If anyone is willing to serve in that position, **PLEASE** let President Mike know. As of now, the slate of nominees for office are: President - Chuck Cabalka, First Vice President - Mike Donahue, Recording Secretary - Doris Jean Cabalka, Treasurer - Kathy Allen, Corresponding Secretary - Doris Jean Cabalka and 2-Year Directors John Heckman and Hobart Darbyshire. Remember, if married or living with a significant other, each of you has a vote. You may mail your completed ballot/ballots to Recording Secretary Shirley Herron or bring them to the September

SWISS FESTIVAL NAT'L RALLY IS CALLING US

Again your newsletter team is asking Iowa Club members to consider joining them for a fun caravan to an extremely enjoyable rally in late September. The 580-mile trip, broken down into three days, means a leisurely drive with friends. Starting with the rendezvous at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, IA on September 20th, the first night stop is at the city campground in Earl Park, Indiana (just across the IL-IN state line), with the second night at the Airstream Terraport in Jackson Center, OH. We normally arrive there in time to take a tour of the Airstream plant in the afternoon, which now would be through the new plant. The third day of travel gets us to the rally grounds in Sugarcreek about noon or shortly thereafter, following coffee and rolls with the WBCCI Headquarters staff in Jackson Center before pulling out.

Once at the rally, Saturday and Sunday are free time to explore on your own. Canton is only 30 miles away and among its attractions contains the Professional Football Hall of Fame and the President's First Lady's Inaugural Gowns Museum. Starting on Monday, the first three days of the rally involve day-long tours of various Amish and

Mennonite businesses and historic locations with lunches at various restaurants along the routes or driving around the picturesque countryside on your own (sometimes the leaves have already started to turn color). There are two tours that include visiting Amish schools that are in session during the visit. On Thursday, the Amish visit the rally grounds with free buggy rides, baked goods, home-made ice cream and apple butter. Friday sees a children's parade in Sugarcreek, with the BIG parade in town on Saturday. and you'll never forget the wonderful home-cooked meals awaiting rally attendees at numerous restaurants in the area. And, don't forget the big Ham and Bean Soup Supper (the only meal included in the rally fee) on Thursday evening. The dates, including the driving days, are September 20 (rendezvous day) thru October 1, with driving home on your own. Registration forms can be found on-line at **WBCCI Swiss Festival Rally 2022**, clicking on [Swiss Festival National Rally ACI](#) and scrolling down to either register on-line or print out the form to register via mail. Really pretty simple. Dale and Joan Lafrenz have already registered to travel with the Cabalka's, so why don't you join them? You won't be sorry that you did. That's a guarantee!!

BEU'S AND COVID

Your newsletter team received word that Norm and Linda Beu have recently had Covid but are recovering nicely. Apparently they contracted the disease while attending a doll convention in St Louis about 3 weeks ago. Linda's symptoms consisted of a temporary loss of voice and difficulty in swallowing as well as feeling very tired. In fact, the swallowing problem was severe enough that, for a few

days, she had to use a straw to drink water. Norm, even though he was diagnosed as also having the virus, had nearly no symptoms and, according to Linda, hardly knew he had it. Fortunately both of them had been vaccinated and boosted, probably saving them any hospitalization. They have quarantined for the required days and should be back among society soon. All our thoughts and prayers go out to the couple, and we are thankful the problem was not more critical.

PUP's ENJOY AMANA

On Saturday, August 20th, ten Iowa Club Past Presidents, our current president Mike Rickert and their spouses or friends (totally 19 people) gathered at the Millstream Brau Haus Restaurant (formerly the Colony Inn Restaurant) in Amana, IA for the annual PUPS (Past Unit President's) Luncheon. Second Past President John Heckman had made the reservations. The Past Presidents in attendance were Chuck Cabalka (1974, 2011 and 2017), June Ryan (2002), Lavonne Sandersfeld (2005 and 2014), Nancy Helle (2006 and 2010), Marcia Woolley (2007 and 2016), Paul Ryan (2008 and 2015), Doris Jean Cabalka (2009), Mike Donahue (2018), Tom Herron (2019 and 2021) and John Heckman (2020). In addition to the luncheon and conversations, the group was also treated to a gathering of Ford Model A cars. There were approximately 60 restored Model A's lined up along the street in front of the restaurant. It made quite a sight! Although a light shower fell during the luncheon, it had quit raining by the time the



Back: Marcia Woolley, John Heckman, Nancy Helle. Middle: Mike Rickert, Tom Herron, Chuck Cabalka, June Ryan, Paul Ryan, Mike Donahue. Front: Lavonne Sandersfeld, Doris Jean Cabalka.



group disbanded and started back to their homes. All in all, it was a great reunion of those who have served the Iowa Club over recent years. For those of you who would like to join this select group, all you need to do is say "Yes" when asked to accept nomination for Second Vice President. Saying "Yes" to that nomination, as well as the next two years (1st Vice President and President) and you are in. We are looking for a 2nd Vice President at this time, so there is no better time to start your run to Past President.



IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Saturday, June 11, 2022,

Pizza Ranch, Eldora, IA 50627

President Mike Rickert declared meeting open at 5:09 pm.

Officers present were President Mike Rickert, Vice President Chuck Cabalka, Recording Secretary Shirley Herron, Corresponding Secretary Linda Rickert, Past President Tom Herron, Directors Norm Van Klompenburg, Linda Beu and Mark Kvidera.

President Mike requested minutes from last meeting to be approved as published. Proposed to accept approval by Shirley Herron and Linda Beu. Yeas declared approval.

Request for any ballots not cast be turned over to Recording Secretary.

Motion made for audit of votes presented by Marilyn Mulbrook, seconded by Norm Beu. Discussion for Kathy and Scott Allen to get together with Tom and Shirley Herron to audit ballots.

Motion made by Norm Beu, seconded by John Heckman that vote results be carried to International by our Vice President Chuck Cabalka and as our delegate he should cast vote as declared by audit and if any other votes be required vote in the best practice of the club. Passed by yeas.

Motion for addendum to minutes for publishing Vote audit proposed by Doris Jean Cabalka, seconded by Dale Lafrentz. Passed unanimously.

Request for Nominations to be by Email to Mike Rickert. Proposal that there should be a August luncheon or no host rally. Tabled for lack of participation.

Mike Rickert mentioned there are still some openings for September at Upper Iowa.

For October Helle's still looking for members on attending.

Mike Rickert also requests for Suggestions to Simplifying Rallys to be submitted to him. Preferably within 30 days.

5:34 pm Meeting declared over.

Respectively submitted

Recording Secretary Shirley Herron

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Saturday, August 13th, 2022,
Pizza Ranch, Newton, IA 50208

President Mike Rickert called meeting to order at 12:24 pm

Welcomed our new members Karen and Dave Cole from Council Bluffs, IA
Mike Rickert moved to have the following amendment to constitution approved and change completed for Article 3, Section 7.

“A co-owner, defined as one of two WBCCI Members who own a single Airstream recreational vehicle and where each pays International and club dues, shall be deemed to include the spouse or partners of each co-owner. Each shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including voting.”

Seconded by Norm Van Klompenburg. Approved by members of the Iowa Airstream Club present unanimously.

Request for approval of Nominations President Chuck Cabalka, V President Mike Donahue, Corresponding Secretary Doris Jean Cabalka, Recording Secretary Nancy Helle, Treasurer Kathy Allen, 2-year Directors John Heckman and Hobart Darbyshire. Motion by Doug Ford, seconded by John Heckman. Discussion regarding Nancy Helle's request to withdraw from recording secretary nomination. Chuck Cabalka nominated Doris Jean Cabalka.

Motion to amend ballot to Doris Jean as recording secretary by Kathy Allen. Seconded by Tom Herron. Motion carried.

Report on International Rally just completed in Fryeburg, Maine. Attended by Chuck and Doris Jean. Sadly disappointed by facilities, entertainment lacking. 927 units in attendance, Voting from Units passed on both motions, no need for delegate meeting during international, and change number and method in which international officers are elected. Recommends consideration of attending Rock Springs, Wyoming for the 2023 International Rally. Registration already open.

Nancy Helle gave introduction to the October rally in Liscomb, IA. Don't want to miss the Matchstick Museum. Also sent around a sign up sheet for attendance.

Mike Rickert gave a reminder of upcoming September rally on Upper Iowa River in Dorchester and promised itinerary for next newsletter.

John Heckman reminded PUP'S that the Luncheon is scheduled for Brau Haus restaurant 741 47th Ave Amana's August 20th 11:30 am. Also in Amana's that day is a Model T show.

Meeting dismissed at 12:48 pm.

Respectively submitted
Recording Secretary Shirley Herron

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

September Rally
Iowa Airstream Club
Upper Iowa Resort
September 8-11, 2022

Thursday, Sept. 8:

5:30 Potluck “dish to share”: hot dish, salad or dessert
After dinner, we will gather fireside.

Friday, Sept. 9:

7:30 Breakfast delivered to your camper.
9:00 We will leave for Lansing. First destination will be the Allamakee County Conservation Board Driftless Museum (1944 Columbus Rd., Lansing, IA)
10:30 View a video of the “Driftless Region” and how it was formed. Bring your binoculars..
Noon: Lunch at Sheps Restaurant, overlooking the Mississippi River.
Afternoon on your own in Lansing:
Fun shopping (for the ladies) includes the Red Geranium, Gourmet Traveler and Driftless Gypsy.
Horsfalls - Two large buildings full of all the things that you didn’t know that you needed at very low prices. No credits cards; only cash or checks.
Mount Hosmer - An overlook of the Mississippi River valley.
Tourism Office - An office “rental by-the-day or week” with WiFi, desks and refreshments. When Mike and Linda visited, a man from Tampa, FL was at a desk working with his computer. The fee is \$15.00 per day.

WORD OF CAUTION: The downtown of Lansing has steps that can be tricky!

There are 3 hard-surface routes for the return trip to the campground. Maps will be provided and, of course, your GPS can take you on routes that no one can predict.

6:00 The evening meal will be served at the shelter by the hosts

Saturday, Sept.10:

8:00 Breakfast will be served by the hosts at the shelter..
9:30 We will tour a cheese/ice cream-making business in Waukon. The business is called “WW Homestead Dairy” The address is 850 Rossville Rd, Waukon. This is operated by local dairy farmers. They make the best grilled cheese sandwiches!

Other attractions you may consider visiting:

Restaurants in Waukon for Lunch-On-Your-Own, including Hardee’s on Rossville Rd., Jets Meat Market and Restaurant (Hwy. 76 intersection at W. Main; the 4-way stop)
Quillans, Fareway, Dollar General, HyVee Fresh and the Visitors Bureau on Main Street
Amish stores and rural businesses SE of Waukon. Maps available.
Decorah is a short distance NW of Waukon on Hwy. 9. The Viking Museum is great and is called “Vesterheim”

4:00 Club Business Meeting and election of officers at campground shelter.

6:00 Evening meal at Wing’s Restaurant in Dorchester. This village is just a few miles north of the campground and it is located on a trout stream called Waterloo Creek.

Sunday, Sept. 11:

8:00 Breakfast at campground shelter.

SAFE TRAVELS AND SEE YOU AT “THE GROVE” IN OCTOBER!!

Several years ago, the Iowa Club had a rally in the Davenport area that was hosted by Deb and Doug Ford. One of the places visited was the Isabel Bloom Showroom and, while there, your newsletter team obtained a copy of a beautiful poem that they thought was very appropriate and much needed in these times. It is entitled "**HUGS**" from an unknown author. Chuck and Doris Jean have the poem hanging in their trailer, right beside the door, where they can be reminded each time they leave the rig. They thought some of you might enjoy it too.

HUGS

It's wondrous what a hug can do.

A hug can cheer you when you're blue.

A hug can say, "I love you so."

Or, "Gee, I hate to see you go.:"

A hug is, "Welcome back again!"

And, "Great to see you!"

Where've you been?"

A hug can sooth a small child's pain
and bring a rainbow after rain.

The hug! There's just no doubt about it.

We scarcely could survive without it.

A hug delights and warms and charms.

It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
sweet for sisters, swell for brothers,
and chances are some favorites aunts
love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.

Heads of state are not above them.

A hug can break the language barrier,
and make the dullest day seem merrier.

No need to fret about the store of 'em.

The more you give, the more there are of 'em.

So, stretch those arms without delay
and give someone a hug today.