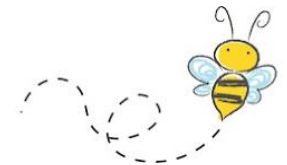




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Brenda's Buzz

Greetings Airstreamers!

It's that time of year where many of us have put our Airstreams in storage and are already dreaming of spring 2023. It is also a great time to reflect on 2022. I have found myself reflecting on the MN Airstream Club and why I love it so much. How did this group of people end up here and what makes it so special? We could begin with Wally, and the making of the first Airstream. There are many of you who know this history well and share it. I was amazed at the Airstream World Caravan exhibit at the Northfield Historical Society Museum. Now that was adventure with risk! I like learning about Airstream history. I have to say it was never on my radar and not what attracted me to the club. Knowing that we follow in tire tracks of many before us, is kind of cool. What I have been amazed by is this group of people.

There was a nice group of people at the Old Log Theater earlier this month. Thank you, Cordell Woods for setting it up. It's always great to see everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party. We have a large group attending again this year. Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for **Toys for Tots** if you can contribute.

We did not have anyone sign up to set up a Valentine get-together in February or a St. Patrick's Day get-together in March. Let me know if you are interested and we'll get it on the calendar.

One last note. As of November 18th, I understand there are about 250 sites left for the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. If you have been putting off your reservation, now would be a good time to check that off your "to do" list. A few of us are leaving from the AS Park and plan to arrive on Friday, June

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<https://airstreamclub.org/minnesota>

Region 7 Website

<https://airstreamclub.org/members/region-07>

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23rd. We don't have any Caravan plans currently, however, let me know if you would like to lead a Caravan.

[Editor's note: Pete Yanke is starting to organize travel plans for a group of trailers traveling together to International. It's not an official Caravan currently. However, that may change as the time grows closer. We will keep everyone posted.]

- T**ireless ~ in helping other club members, sharing ideas, and giving of yourselves
- H**opeful ~ optimistic people looking for possibilities
- A**ssisting ~ seeing a need and jumping to support
- N**onjudgmental ~ providing a space for all and learning from and with others
- K**nowledge ~ Wow, so much brain power in this group!
- F**un ~ From Harry and Sharon's Fry Bread to International Caravans, we laugh!
- U**nity ~ sticking together and finding common ground through differences
- L**iving Life! ~ Adventure is where you find it, any place, every place, except at home in the rocking chair.

Wally Byam

Heartfelt Thanksgiving wishes to all of you!

Brenda Schultz
MN Airstream Club President

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Scott & Kathy Blixt # 07317 – Montgomery, MN

Teri & Mark Erickson #07031 – Lakeville, MN

Guy Jarvi #07050 – Norwood Young America, MN

Ty Querry #07201 – Charlottesville, VA

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members when you see them!

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2022 - 2023 MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Holiday Dinner	Dehn's Country Manor	Dec 10, 2022	Vernon Petersen
		Link to online information and Registration form: https://form.jotform.com/222686979732171	
		Registration deadline: Dec 1, 2022	
Valentine's Luncheon	TBD	Feb TBD	TBD
	Looking for a volunteer to organize.		
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	TBD	Mar TBD	TBD
	Looking for a volunteer to organize.		
Spring Rally	Sylvan Park Campground Lanesboro, MN	May 11 - 14, 2023	Brenda Schultz
Caravan to International	TBD	Approx June 17 th Arrive on Friday, June 23 rd	Pete Yanke
		More information will be forthcoming.	
International Rally	Rock Springs Wyoming	June 24 - 30, 2023	

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2022 - 2023 MN Airstream Club Schedule (cont)

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Duluth Rally	Indian Point Campground	July 27 - 30, 2023	Richard Narum
Northfield Rally	Northfield, MN	Aug TBD	Pamela Rawn
Fall Installation Rally	MN Airstream Park Clear Lake, MN	Sept 7 - 10, 2023	Brenda Schultz
Region 7 Rally	Wisconsin Riverside Resort Spring Green, WI	Sept 15 - 21, 2023	Ginger Slattery Region 7 President
	Link to online information: https://airstreamclub.org/region-7-spring-green-rally-2023 Call the resort any time before the end of April to reserve a spot. Phone number is 608-588-2826. See additional information in Ginger's article on page 9 (look for blue text).		
Looking forward:	2024 International Rally is scheduled for October 6-11 in Sedalia, MO.		

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Wanted - R7 2nd VP

You are a member of the MN Airstream Club, which is part of a larger organization called Region 7. Region 7 consists of:

- MN Airstream Club (all of Minnesota)
- North Dakota Preach Garden Unit (North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba, Canada)
- Wisc-UP Airstream Club (Wisconsin and Michigan Upper Peninsula)

There are 12 Regions, each with a geographical area and a board of Region Officers.

Above the Regions is the Executive Council (sort of). I say “sort of” above the Regions because the 12 Region Presidents and the 10 Executive Council voting members make up the IBT (International board of Trustees). The IBT is responsible for the running of the Airstream Club. Supporting the IBT are the paid staff workers located at International HQ in Jackson Center, OH.

Aside from the paid staff in Jackson Center, the entire club is run by volunteers. Each Local Club has a slate of officers (President, VPs, Treasurer, etc.). Each Region also has a slate of officers, and they support the Local Clubs. All of the officers in the club support the members of the club in many ways, by coordinating Local and Region Rallies, Parties, Caravans, etc.

Region 7 is in need of a dedicated and fun-loving person to be the 2nd VP. Unlike the President and VP officer positions in your Local Club which are 1-year terms, the Region President and VP positions are 2-year terms. This provides for a fair amount of time (up to 4 years) to learn about the Region, the IBT, and how the Club is run before becoming the Region President. As in the Local Clubs where VPs advance, the Region 2nd VP becomes the Region 1st VP and then the Region President.

I am in my first year as R7 1st VP, and Ginger Slattery is in her first year as R7 President. Together, we are planning the Region 7 Rally for September 2023 as well as taking care of the paperwork that keeps the Region running and helps keep Local Clubs running, and we are having fun doing so.

If you would like to get involved in the Airstream Club at the Region 7 level, or learn more about the Region, please seek either myself or Ginger out. Other people you can talk to are Pete Yanke and Linda Agre. Both are serving Region 7 as the R7 Caravan Leader (Pete) and the R7 Membership Chair (Linda).

Chris Olsson

R7 1st VP

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Old Log Theatre Dinner Event:



Submitted by Cordell Woods:

Nineteen of us went to the Old Log Theater on November 6th to see the stage play "Once Upon a Mattress". It is a hilarious comedy with some great music. The female lead (the Princess, shown in the center above) has an excellent voice and is quite a comedian. My favorite character is the Minstrel (far left). The show is filled with great talent.

In essence, the play is a retelling of the "Princess and the Pea" fairy tale set to music, complete with the pea under 20 mattresses. The play adds many characters and back stories to the fairy tale. Needless to say, we really enjoyed it.

The Old Log Theater is a good venue with a dining room and bar across the lobby from the theater. BTW, the bar makes a very good Bloody Mary. The theater has very comfortable seats arranged in a traditional theater seating. We prefer that arrangement to the Chanhassen where you watch the play from your dining table in your dining chair. We look forward to seeing more plays at The Old Log.

Cordell has asked me, Janice, his wife of 4 months, to also say a few words.

OK, here they are "I agree with everything Corky said."

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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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Northfield Rally 2023

Date TBD



We had such a great time at our first urban rally in Northfield last summer that we're going to try it again! So, if you wanted to attend but didn't or if you want to do it again, keep August 2023 in mind and stay tuned for details... we'll let you know as soon as we know more!

Pamela Rawn

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THIS AND THAT

GINGER SLATTERY, R7 PRESIDENT

After the recent Wisc-UP/ Region 7 Mini Rally held at Jackpine Lodge in Manistique, MI, questions arose regarding the Region funds. I hope to provide answers!

First, how is the Region set up? Most of you know Region 7 consists of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Manitoba, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have 3 local clubs which are North Dakota Peace Garden Unit, the Minnesota Airstream Club, and the Wisc-UP Airstream Club.

Similar to the local clubs, the Region has an Executive Committee and Region Board. The Executive Committee consists of the Region President and Vice President(s). Currently, that committee consists of myself and 1st VP Chris Olsson of the Minnesota Club. (It would be awesome if we could recruit a 2nd VP from the North Dakota Unit so all 3 clubs would be represented on the Executive Committee!) The Region Board consists of the Executive Committee and all of the local club Presidents. Unlike the local clubs, the terms are 2-year positions.

So, who decides how funds are spent? According to WBCCI Blue Book Bylaws, Article IX, Regions are not allowed to collect membership dues (That was suggested at the mini rally). The Region President can authorize reimbursements for expenses incurred on behalf of the region as long as they are properly documented and have receipts. The reimbursement request is then sent to the Region Treasurer, Chuck Zellermayer, for payment. Larger requests are brought to the Executive Committee, the Region Board and to the membership for a vote. For example, last May, in Fairmont, MN., then President Jane Carmichael, myself and Chris all attended because Chris and I were being installed as VP's. I brought a proposal to request the Region help offset some of the breakfast costs for those attending the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME. I believe it was for \$650. I think we are all shocked every time we go to the grocery store these days! It was approved and sent to the Board as we had a quorum present. It was approved there and then by a final vote by the membership in attendance during the Minnesota business meeting. I hope this sheds some light! Members can always request a financial statement. When a Region Newsletter goes out, A financial statement will be printed there as well. If you have more questions, please contact me via email (virginiabslattery@gmail.com), text or call me at 906-250-6931. Hope this answers any questions.

Planning continues for the **"Spring Into Fall at Spring Green Rally"** being held September 15 - 21, 2023 at the Wisconsin Riverside RV Park in Spring Green, WI. Please call them directly to "claim" your site at 1-608-588-2826. Rates are Sunday - Thursday \$47/night + tax and Friday, Saturday \$52/night + tax. Please note that the block of Rally sites are being held until April 30, 2023. They will then be released for the general public to reserve. There are lots of places to be explored! Taliesin for our Frank Lloyd Wright fans, House on the Rock, Cave of the Mount just to name a few! The 2 charities we are supporting are River Valley Commons and For Pete's Sake. River Valley Commons addresses the need for affordable housing in the community. For Pete's Sake helps with expenses for families who are dealing with chronic medical conditions. More about them in the future! To raise

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money to donate to them, we will have a silent auction that is being chaired by Kay Olsson. To volunteer to help Kay with the auction or donate to the auction contact her at cwolsson@comcast.net.

November 17 was the marathon IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting, 5 hours total! I will attempt to condense all that!

President Eric McHenry reported he has formed a special committee to be chaired by Matt Hackney. Their focus will be on International Rally site, planning and marketing.

Long term CBL Chair Tom Smithson and Parliamentarian Joann Miller will both be stepping down as of August 1st and both of those positions need to be filled.

The Campfire Chat was well received with almost 200 members attending via Zoom. The next one will be held 14 December 2022 @7 pm.

The new interest groups are still organizing but a lot of interest has been generated.

Corporate Manager Lori Plummer reported on membership growth. We are at an all-time high of 9231 members!

Abenity Discount program set up is complete and launched to members Nov 1.

There is a new Officer Toolbox on the ACI website to assist local club officers and region officers with resources and forms in one place.

An ACI marketing campaign is starting that will encourage communities that have sites available and are interested in hosting an Airstream Rally to contact ACI who will maintain a database and map to make planning easier at all levels.

Rock Springs, Wy International Rally is nearly full. It will be capped at 1200 rigs. It takes over 70 committees to plan and carry out an International Rally. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved!

There were a number of motions that were made to change wording in by laws or policies to update due to the passage of the reorganizing the IBT and deleting anything to do with the delegates. A new Blue Book with these changes has now been posted to the ACI website.

Other actions include:

- Common Cents for Kids Program now falls under the WBCCI Foundation.
- Approval of flags for Future Streamers intra club, logo and pennant for Nation Event Rallies and Region 11 logo and flag.
- Approval of Increased Travel Reimbursement Rates for Region Officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Regions 10 and 11 also submitted requests to increase their travel reimbursements for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- Approval of the wording change to limit officers to serving in one elected position at a time.

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- Approval of having all dues collected by ACI, taking that responsibility off of local clubs.
- Approval of Region Officer Installation. Region Officer 2-year terms will begin August 1 regardless of date of installation.
- Approval of National Event Badges and Airstream Numbers

I hope I didn't miss anything! You, the members, please let me know if you want to keep getting all of the IBT doings! Please contact me if you have any questions!

Happy Travels!

Ginger

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Newsletter Editor Ramblings



Happy Thanksgiving everyone! I'm writing this on Thanksgiving Day as we celebrated with our local kids and grandkids yesterday as our son and daughter have to work today.

Last time, I told you a bit about our trip to Alaska. One thing I did not mention was that somewhere along the line, we developed a water leak. All Airstreams will eventually leak somewhere unless you do preventative maintenance, and even then, sometimes they develop a leak. The biggest culprit seems to be seams. We use a seam sealer called Captain Tolley's Creeping Crack Cure every 2 years and go over every outside seam from top to bottom. In fact, we sealed her again in the Spring, but still developed a leak. As others will tell you, sometimes leaks are hard to track down.

We noticed that we had a leak in Alaska towards the end of the trip, when the floor in the front of the trailer swelled and buckled. It developed a bulge right in the middle of the trailer that raised the floor up about an inch. As a temporary fix, I screwed the cork floor back down to the plywood subfloor.

We thought the leak was from the door since the striker plate for the door latch had broken, and my temporary replacement was not holding the door closed as tight as it used to be.

Last month, we started investigating by pulling up the cork floor in the front of the trailer. We kept removing cork floor tiles until we finally got all of the damaged tiles out.

We discovered water damage by the door, but the damage that was in the middle of the floor came from the wall area in front of the window (circled in red).



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It was pretty easy to see the water trail once we pulled the cork floor out. And we learned that it had been leaking for a while, probably before we started the Alaska trip. The discoloration on the plywood tells the tale. To track down the actual leak, we removed the inner skins (not difficult, just drill out a bunch of rivets) and found that we could see daylight in the seam between the front panels and the wall panels.

On the outside, this is the seam that was leaking in at least 3 places. It is now resealed on both the inside and outside with fresh Vulkum (aka, TremPro 635). The matching seam on the other side is resealed as well.

Note: Both Captain Tolley's and TremPro 635 are available online from Vintage Trailer Supply. Home Depot also carries TremPro 635.

Once resealed, we water tested (no leaks!) and put the inner skins back on.

Now, what to do about the floor... It's a cork tile product that is no longer made. There are other cork tiles made, but they are different dimensions than what we used. The ones we found are, in general, thinner and smaller. However, when we put this cork floor in Little Girl, we liked it so much we installed it in our family room too. So, after the few weeks of searching and debating, we decided to bite the bullet, so to speak, and ordered all new cork floor for the family room. This will let us remove the floor from the house and use it to patch the airstream floor. Sounds extreme, but better than removing all of the floor in the airstream and installing all new. That would require removing everything in the trailer (cabinets, bed, refrigerator, furnace, etc.) as it's all installed on top of the cork.

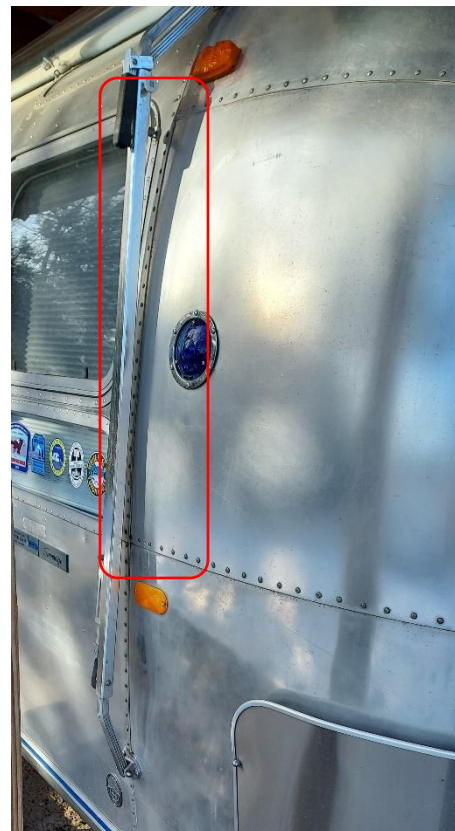
So, in January, we will replace the floor in the family room so we can use that cork floor to patch the floor in Little Girl. I will do an update in a future newsletter.

There must be a lesson learned in this somewhere... The biggest one is to keep up on sealing your airstream faithfully and paying close attention to the seams where the side panels overlap the front panels.

Until next time, safe travels.

Chris

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