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IA FEB LUNCHEON

The February Luncheon of the Iowa Airstream Club is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at the Perkins Restaurant in Waterloo, with Mike and Linda Rickert hosting. Gathering time will be at 11:00 AM. The restaurant is located at 4045 Hammond Ave. For those familiar with Waterloo, it is where the old Lone Star Restaurant was located, just north of San Marnan Dr. The GPS



PREZ SEZ The holiday season is finally behind us and it is time to get on to 2023 plans and activities. If any of you were flying to spend Christmas and New Years with family and friends, I sincerely hope and trust that you were not among the thousands who were stranded in an airport for hours and days. I can't imagine a more miserable way to spend an otherwise joyous period. Doris Jean and I want to apologize for there not having been a newsletter last month, but there just wasn't anything to report, other than the reports of the November and December luncheons. No one sent us any info for the newsletter and Doris Jean and I didn't do anything special. We now have something to report, as you will find later in this document. For now, both of us want to wish all of you a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay well and we'll be seeing you down the road.

Chuck

IOWA CLUB RALLY RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

If you haven't already sent your reservation check to either Tom and Shirley Heron or Kathy Allen for the **May Rally** in Winterset, IA, you need to get it done. You were asked to do that by mid-November, but it may not be too late, if you do it right away. The minimum check needs to be made out for \$25.00, covering one night of camping plus a one-time \$5.00 reservation fee. If you know how many nights you plan to camp at the Winterset Municipal Campground, you can send a check for \$20.00 per night plus the \$5.00 reservation fee. Should you need to cancel, all but the \$5.00 reservation fee is refundable. If you send in a check for just \$25.00, you will need to send a check of \$20.00 per night for additional nights in the spring of 2023. You will be reminded in a future newsletter. Remember, the May rally will be on the first weekend instead of the usual second, because Mother's Day falls on the second weekend.

Reservations for a spot at the **June Rally** in Allison's Wilder Park Campground can now be made. The website is visitwilderpark.com. The rally dates would be June 8-11, our normal Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning period. However, if it is at all possible for you to stay over Sunday evening, include that night in your reservation, since at 6:30 PM, there is a free concert by the Glen Miller Orchestra. John and Carol Heckman, our rally hosts, attended last June and Carol stated that it was a WONDERFUL experience. Obviously, you can come earlier and stay later if you so desire. The free concert draws lots of people, many of whom use the campground. Therefore, in order to make certain you have a spot, it is QUITE advisable that you make your reservation as soon as possible, even though you may not want to stay for Sunday night. That would assure that you have a spot for the actual rally days. If you have problems navigating the reservation site, you can phone the Allison City Clerk's office at 319-267-2245 for help.

Also, you should make a reservation for the **August Rally** in Terrace Campground at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, IA. Reserve now, since that campground is very, very popular. All sites in Terrace Campground are full hookups. The dates for that rally are August 10-13, 2023.

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BIRTHDAYS JANUARY

8 - Jeff Paine
12 - Donella Watkinson
23 - Doris Jean Cabalka
25 - Michael Paul
29 - Linda Rickert

ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY

None

(RESERVATIONS, Continued from page 1)

September Rally reservations for spots in the Municipal Campground at Independence for our September 14-17 Rally can be made by phoning 319-440-0472, **starting April 1st**, when the campground hosts are due to arrive and start their duties. You will be reminded of this reservation need again in the upcoming months, but just wanted to get the word out early so you can make plans.

Finally, you can also make a reservation for a camping spot at Hickory Grove County Park at Colo, IA for the **October Rally**. Tom and Shirley Herron stopped at the campground and visited with the campground host. He told them that the campground had very few campers after the end of September and he (the host) didn't think reservations would be needed. The campground we will use is the Breezy Bay Campground with 43 sites and electrical hookups. Using Google, find Hickory Grove County Park, Colo, IA. You can look at their website for more information; even to making reservations, should you so desire. The Herron's and Cabalka's are probably going to the park early in the rally week and don't expect any problems getting a camping site. **Remember, this will be a joint installation rally with the Iowa North Club and it will be on the first weekend (October 5-8).**

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

The following information was provided by Donella Watkinson and Deb Blaha following the November 12th Iowa Airstream Club Luncheon in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to both of them for the info and for hosting the gathering.

"Twenty-six members and three guests gathered for lunch at Tommy's Restaurant in Cedar Rapids for an Iowa Airstream Club luncheon. Those members attending were Chuck and Nancy Helle, Norm and Pat Van Klompenburg, Gary and Sharon Urich, Marilyn Mulbrook, new members Teri Taylor Wolf and Madison (her daughter), Scott and Kathy Allen, Scott and Jodi Jensen, Mike and Linda Rickert, John and Carol Heckman, Bill and Connie Smith, Earl and Deb Gass, Patrick and Barbara Johann and son, Arden Taube, Deb Blaha and Donella Watkinson.

Deb says – "As Mom (Donella) was discussing her plans for the luncheon I recognized her desire to have a little something besides candy for everyone. So I offered to make polymer clay figures to give away. My granddaughter, Ivy, offered to help - so she made the snowmen and I made the rest. I made penguins, pumpkins and ducks. Plus, I had planter sticks with gnomes, frogs and flowers.

Everyone had a good time and took a clay figure home with them."

Ed. Note: We thought there was a picture of the clay gifts but could not find it. Sorry.

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co-ordinates are 43°27'22.16"N and 92°20'12.80"W. We trust the weather will co-operate and that many of you will be able to join the group for lunch and conversation. Mike and Linda would greatly appreciate it if you would contact them if you plan to attend. Not only would they then know who and how many to expect, but, also, if the weather turns bad and cancellation is necessary, they will know who to contact. They can be reached by phone at 319-239-0646 or via email at mlrick@reinbeck.net. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather behaves itself and there is nothing but sunshine and dry roads.



This picture was taken at the December 11th luncheon.

REGION 8 CARAVAN TO INTL. RALLY

There will be a Region 8 Caravan to the International Rally in Rock Springs, WY, organized by Joe Hauser of the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club. He asks that the following information be provided to all Iowa Club members.

If you are planning to caravan to the 2023 International Rally at the Sweetwater Event Complex in Rock Springs, WY this June, the following caravan is being offered. This caravan is open to any Airstreamers, especially all of Region 8. The caravan will arrive three days early at the rally location, on June 21st. Be sure you have registered for early arrival with the rally. Join the caravan at any of the stops along the way. The caravan is set up from St. Louis to Rock Springs and is all on four-lane highways.

Everyone makes and pays for their own reservations and sites. When making reservations, identify yourself with the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club, regardless what club you are from.

The first stop is in St. Joseph, MO (266 miles, 4 hr. 10 min from Wentzville, MO). Arrive at the AOK Campground and RV Park on June 18th. Depart on June 19th. **They are accepting reservations now!** Address: 12340 County Rd., 360 St. Joseph, MO 64505. Phone is 816-324-4263 and their website is aokcamping.com

The second stop is in Kearney, NE (263 miles, 3 hrs 52 min.) Arrive at the Kearney RV Park on June 19th. Depart on June 20th. **They are accepting reservations now!** Address: 315 M Ave., Kearney, NE 68847. Phone is 308-237-7275 and their website is kearneyrv.com.

The third stop is in Laramie, WY (365 miles, 5 hrs 20 min.) Arrive at the Laramie RV Resort on June 20th. Depart on June 21st. **They are accepting reservations now!** Address: 1271 W. Baker St., Laramie, WY 82972. Phone is 719-623-1691 and their website is Laramie RV Resort WY (that will get you there).

The Wyoming gathering location is the Walmart parking lot in Rock Springs (209 miles, 2 hrs 15 min.). Arrive at Walmart (201 Gateway Blvd) on June 21st before noon. This parking lot may get crowded with our group, but there is a gravel truck lot attached to the paved parking lot. We will be fine on parking. There is a Quiznos in the

REGION 8 RALLY

The Region 8 Rally will be held at the Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch near Sabetha, KS, on April 26-30. The final details for the rally have yet to be confirmed,, but the following activities will be included: daily morning coffee socials, country farm tour, horseshoes, potluck, tennis court, playground, Branson Region Rally update, volleyball, backing up a trailer for beginners (hands on), chuck wagon, badminton, 2024 International Rally in Sedalia update, mini golf, garden tour, Airstream display, hiking trails, fishing pond, live auction, campfires, sightseeing and more. Gateway Airstream (formerly Bill Thomas Camper Sales) will be attending. It looks like there is something for everyone, so make your plans to join the group for the rally. The rally will have exclusive use of the ranch during the rally. Sabetha is about 55 miles west of St. Joseph, MO and 7 miles south of the NE-KS state line, or about 220 miles from Des Moines. Just a few hours of easy driving, so plan to attend. Sounds like lots of fun. You can contact Region President Greg Vadner at g vadner@riversongpa.com to make reservations. Let's have a GREAT Iowa turnout!

parking lot and, within short walking distance, there's Starbucks, Sonic, Taco Bell, IHOP and Pizza Hut. The caravan will depart Walmart after lunch to the Event Complex for the caravan's assigned rally arrival/check-in time, which we have not yet been assigned.

If you plan to join the caravan at any point, Joe needs the following: Your name, BRN, where you will be joining the caravan and your mobile phone number. This information is needed for caravan registration. Joe will let the national office know the caravan is forming now., with details provided by Joe closer to the rally. **Get your sites reserved now!** Then email Joe at hauserconstruction-inc@yahoo.com.

IA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Here we go again! If you'll remember, we voted on an update of the Iowa Airstream Club's Constitution and Bylaws last August at a luncheon in Newton. Those documents had been updated using the models provided by International and in effect at that time. Upon submission to International, your president was informed that those updates were not acceptable, due to actions taken at the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME. As a consequence, the newest (dated in September) model documents were downloaded and used to prepare a new update. As recommended by International, these second updates were sent to the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee for their review, prior to submission to the Iowa Club members for action. This recommendation was made so that the documents finally voted upon would be acceptable at International and not require further revision and another vote. Talk about red tape – heaven save us. The end result is that you will be receiving the latest (and, hopefully, the last) update via email and will be asked to indicate your approval, or disapproval, by return email. Perhaps before we all die, we will get this problem resolved.

CABALKA'S ENJOY? WINTER IN DENVER

Chuck and Doris Jean spent the holidays with their son and daughter and their families in the Denver area. During the week before Christmas, while at their daughter's home in Arvada, they were subjected to a low temperature of minus 13 and a wind chill of minus 33. After moving to their son's residence on Christmas afternoon, for about a week before heading back to Arizona, they were treated to about 22 inches of snow. That was enough to delay their trip back to AZ by two days. Guess Mother Nature didn't want the couple to forget what cold and snow were like. At any rate, once the roads were cleared and the weather straightened itself out, the two-day drive back to Apache Junction was uneventful – just the way it should be. Now, the couple are settled in for the rest of the winter, awaiting April and the drive to the Region 8 rally in Kansas.

LOOK OUT HOSPITAL HERE COMES CHUCK

Cabalka is having surgery to replace his left knee on Thursday, January 19th. As many of you are aware, he had his right knee replaced a few years ago and his left knee decided that it didn't want to be left out. Surgery is at Banner Baywood Hospital in Mesa, AZ. Barring complications (there weren't any last time), it should be just one night in the hospital, then home for recuperation and therapy three times per week for about six weeks. If the new knee does as well as the prior replacement, Chuck will be extremely happy.

LINDA RICKERT RECOVERING

A telephone conversation with Mike Rickert revealed that Linda is recovering from a bout with COVID. Apparently their daughter brought the bug with her when she came back to Iowa for the holidays, since she tested positive upon arriving back in Florida. Having had the vaccinations and all the boosters, Mike reported Linda's symptoms were like having a bad cold. Thank goodness she had all her shots. Even at that, we are sure it wasn't much fun. Linda, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and to everyone who may be suffering from any type of illness.

THE NEWSLETTER APPRECIATES HELP

This is the time of the year when vacations and rallies are over and most of us are hunkered down trying to stay warm. However, life still goes on and all of us find activities to stay busy. If you do something, or go somewhere interesting, drop your newsletter team a line and we will be more than glad to pass the word on to your fellow Iowa Club members. Pictures would also be appreciated. If you send any photos, PLEASE send them as attachments to an email. That makes them much easier to handle rather than trying to take them out of a text. After all, your newsletter team are both "oldsters" and these new fangled gadgets are hard to understand. Thank you for your help. After all, your newsletter is only as interesting as you help it to be.