



# Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

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## President's Corner

Chris Leon



Summer 2022

Hello again Nebraska Airstream Club, a quick note from your current President, Chris Leon.. It's been a wonderful spring and turning the page to summer looks great as well. The Calamus rally was tons of fun with lots of great moments to remember. I want to wish everyone a safe journey as your camping adventures continue. Also to everyone caravanning to Maine, our region 8 color is red and don't forget about the opportunity to donate blood at this event. I am looking forward to our installation rally and visiting my Airstream Club friends again.. I'll sign off now with one last thought; check the torque on those lug nuts..

Cheers, Chris Leon



Fryeburg Fairgrounds  
(photo by Dirk MacKnight, Fryeburg Rally – Many Airstreamers in New England)

The Nebraska Airstream Club Newsletter comes to you this quarter from the road, on the way to Fryeburg, ME. Several of our Club member will be in attendance and we look forward to bringing you photos, articles and news from the International Rally. Be sure to check out Social Media as well as next quarters newsletter for news from the Northeast.



## *Birthdays*

July 2 John Vann  
16 Kevin Kavan  
17 Sam Boman  
20 Wendy Vann  
23 Kathy Allen  
31 Bill Kallmer

August 25 Carolyn Perrin

September 1 Marcia Link  
6 Jim Wright  
10 Terri Bailey  
29 LaDon Kallmer

## *Anniversaries*

July 5 Bill & Diane Larson 1986  
17 Daniel Schachtman & Ellen March

August 5 Bob & Sue Heist 1966  
21 John & Wendy Vann  
23 Jim & Carolyn Perrin  
24 Mike & Cheryl Sisk 1974  
26 Gordon & Debra Opp 1978  
31 Larry & Marcia Link 1968

September 21 Patrick & Suzanne McNamara 1991

## *2022 LUNCHEONS*

Mon, Aug. 8  
Mon, Sept. 12  
**SAT, Oct. 8**  
Mon, Nov. 14

*Luncheons are located at Sapp Brothers Apple Barrel  
I- 80 & Hwy50 @ 11:30pm*

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*



July 23-29  
Fryeburg, ME

**LATE SUMMER RALLY –  
AUGUST (dates TBD)  
Yankton State Park**

**FALL INSTALLATION RALLY  
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 3  
(SEE ARTICLE PG.3)  
Mahoney State Park – Ashland, NE**

# *Fall Installation Rally*

The Fall Installation Rally will be held at Mahoney Sate Park from September 30 – October 3, 2022. If you have not registered yet, we are staying in the Little Creek Campground in sites 20-33. Guessing that those sites are already taken, just find another site and come join the group! Bring some outdoor games and your grill if you wish.

The Rally will have a Halloween theme - there will be 'judged' contests for Best Decorated Rig and Best Costume. Awards will be given for both categories. Our goal is for our group to dress up (or not!) and trick-or-treat. Bring something to hand out. Grandkids, adult kids and regular kids are all invited to join in. No age limit to participate!

The Friday evening meal will be provided - just bring your drink and table service. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, coleslaw, chips and dessert. The Installation will be on Saturday, October 1 sometime in the afternoon, time is yet TBD. The spooky Saturday evening meal will also be provided.....then some Halloween fun. Judges will be selected to rate the rig decorations and the costumes. After that, we will have a trick-or-treat time and regroup to tell ghost stories.

On Sunday, October 2, bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share for the evening meal. If you have a grill we can use, let us know and bring it. We are trying to organize an outing to Cellar 426 Winery in Ashland for the afternoon.

A registration coupon will be sent out in late August so we can get a headcount on the number of attendees. There is no rally fee for the event.

Hope to see you there!

HOSTS: Kevin and Ashley Kavan, Mike and Cheryl Sisk



# *Calamus Buddy Rally*

*by Larry Link*

The Calamus Buddy Rally, June 24-27, went on without a hitch. We had, at various times, up to 27 attendees which includes guests. On Thursday evening we had a Taco chip dinner with all the trimmings and pot luck followed by bonfire at the Bunde trailer. Friday took most of us to Fort Hartsuff for nearly two hours of browsing the grounds. We all felt the jail house wooden cells would have been very difficult to maneuver; more like a VietCong bamboo prison cell. Friday afternoon we had a very good lunch at Carl's Tavern in Ord; large prime rib sliders and salad bar. Everyone on their own until happy hour and bonfire in evening. Early Saturday looked pretty iffy for tanking/tubing on the Calamus River however by 9:30am clouds and cool weather moved out and tanks went in the water by 10am. We had 17 participate in tanking/tubing and all had a great time maneuvering the sandbars. Those not tanking were on their own until the cornhole tournament in afternoon. At 2:00pm we begin the tournament with nearly everyone participating. The pictures show the winners; 1st place went to Terry Fletcher (guest of Hoyt's) & Bryce Bunde; 2nd went to Dan Hoyt & Amy Knowles and 3rd place went to Steve Smith (guest of Hoyt's) & Avery Knowles. Prizes were awarded to all for their expertise. Those not winning still seemed to have a great time. Then on Saturday evening we all went to the 308 Steak House & Grill in Burwell for a fantastic dinner. Bon fire and short meeting by Chris Leon followed dinner. I believe everyone was ready for a good nights sleep. Sunday everyone went their own way wishing all participants safe and happy travels.



# *Calamus Buddy Rally Cont.*

## *Winners of the Cornhole Tournament*

*1ST*



*2ND*



*3RD*



# *WBCCI Courtesy Parking*

*by Ashley Kavan*

A fun, and underutilized, benefit of the WBCCI is Courtesy Parking. When you sign up for the Club owners have the option to advertise parking space on their property to other members to use for free. Obviously, this isn't an option for everyone, but we are lucky enough to have space to park our rig at home, and have space for another trailer.

On our way home from the Old Highway 86 Campground in SW MO we stopped in Kansas City, and stayed down by Union Station in the Crossroads. We weren't comfortable leaving the trailer parked in an ally for two nights, so I got on [www.airstream.org](http://www.airstream.org) and found a courtesy spot in Parkview, MO about 15 minutes from where we were staying. I called the lady who owned the property and we were able to park in their driveway with electric hookups for two nights (water was available, but we didn't stay in the trailer so we didn't use it). It was the perfect solution

for us, and to thank the folks whose driveway we used, we left a thank you card, pictures the boys drew, and a gift card for a local restaurant. Fast forward two weeks, and we are currently hosting a gentleman and his son from Ft. Collins, CO! They are in town for three nights in their 1985 Sovereign 25ft. They arrived with gifts of salsa, chocolate and a book for the boys. Today, I'm dropping of a couple of kolaches for them to try. When we first got the newsletter going again I wrote an article about the Art of Airstreaming. Courtesy Parking is a wonderful extension of what Airstreaming and being a member of WBCCI is all about. Getting to know new people on the road and extending a hand, or parking spot, when someone needs it. It's been a joy getting to know people on the road, and right in our own back yard.



# *Old Highway 86 Campground (Blue Eye, MO)*

*by Ashley Kavan*

We took our first out of state camping trip to an amazing campground in Southwest Missouri called Old Highway 86 Campground. It's located just south of Branson, off...you guessed it...Old Highway 86. Highway 86 was flooded when the White River was dammed by the completion of Table Rock Dam in 1958. The campground is on a peninsula that juts out into Table Rock Lake, and nearly every campsite has a view of the water. We spent the majority of our trip at site 38, which is an interior site, and enjoyed its proximity to the bath house (fully plumbed toilets and showers), the playground, and the designated swimming area. With a very active two-year-old staying right on the water wasn't an option, but we enjoyed a nice view of the lake and swam every day from the shore that was right across the street. The campground features 30 and 50 amp service and every site has freshwater hookups.

One of the great things about Table Rock Lake is that it is a rock bottom lake. Our kids were able to walk into the lake and swim without getting stuck in mud/sand...and they didn't track any sand into the camper when they were done swimming! There is world class bass fishing, as well, and for early risers the lake is wonderfully peaceful for early morning fishing by shore, or boat.

The last day of our trip we were finally brave enough to dump our tanks for the first time (ever). It did not go well. Our black tank valve is leaky, or stuck partially open, because when I took the cap off there was, shall we say, leakage. Luckily the dump station at the campground wasn't busy and there was a high-power freshwater hose to clean up. We are now proud owners of a Valterra Twist on Waste Valve that should allow us to get set up to dump without spilling again. Another fun part of camping is the camaraderie you build with folks you don't know, and may never see again. I appreciate very much the fine gentleman who helped us at the dump station and seemingly didn't judge us for not knowing what we were doing.

With newly dumped tanks we threw all of our junk in the back of the pickup and moved the trailer down to site 25, which sits at the end of the peninsula and has an incredible view of the lake looking toward the dam and The Branson Belle paddle boat. We enjoyed smores, local friends who stopped by, and a restful evening (after Hudson was in bed) looking out at the water.



# Campground Reviews

by Daniel Schachtman



July 4th, 2022

Blue River Dispersed Camping

GPS: 39.758778, -106.134573

Elevation: 8317'

Just north of Silverthorne, CO on Highway 9.

Quiet campers, but some road noise.



After one night of free camping we stayed at Heaton Bay Campground which mainly has non-electric/non-sewer sites on Dillion Reservoir. With our solar panels and plenty of mountain sunshine powering the Basecamp is no problem. This is one of our favorite areas in the region - great biking, kayaking and hiking with many services, outlet shopping, concerts and great places to eat. The free camping was on the Blue River (third picture) and the concert was free at the Dillion Amphitheater on Dillion Reservoir (last photo).

