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# IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB



**PREZ SEZ** Things have been very quiet over the past several weeks and, as a result, there is not much news for this newsletter. We did have a short visit from a couple of our newest members when, on the morning of Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we received a phone call from Denny Chapman and Margaret "Mugsy" Jespersen of Decorah, IA. They were in New Mexico and headed for Apache Junction, AZ. They had reservations starting on Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> for a spot in Lost Dutchman State Park, just outside AJ. However, due to the forecast of a large snowstorm headed east, they decided to get started a couple of days early to miss it (which they did), but found they needed a spot for a couple of nights before they could get into their reserved spot. Upon getting the phone call, we told them they were welcome to park in our driveway. The couple arrived about 5:30 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, just in time to join us at our park-wide weekly Wednesday potluck supper. When Friday rolled around, they hooked up and moved to the state park. It was great to be able to help them out and we certainly enjoyed their company for a couple of days. As most of you know, there is a standing offer of a place to park your rig for a few nights at our mobile, should you ever make the trip to Arizona. Denny and Mugsy are the third Iowa Club members who have taken advantage of the offer; the other two were Ben and Marcia Woolley and Steve Cochran in past years.

*Chuck*

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## LUNCHEONS: NEXT & PAST

The next Iowa Luncheon is scheduled for next Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Pizza Ranch in Newton, hosted by Norm and Pat Van Klompenburg. The restaurant is located in the NE quadrant of the I-80 and IA Hwy 14 interchange. Arrival time is scheduled for 11:30 AM, with dining to begin shortly thereafter. **PLEASE**, someone take some pictures and send them to

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## RALLIES AND RESERVATIONS, MAKE PLANS SOON

It may be a little early, but the time is rapidly approaching when all of you will need to dust off the Airstream, load it up and get started on the 2023 season of camping. If you haven't already done so, it is time to get your checks to Treasurer Kathy Allen to reserve a spot in **Winterset for our May rally**. If you sent your initial check earlier, which included a \$5.00 reservation fee, you need to only send Kathy a check for \$20.00 for each additional night you plan to attend. If you did not send a reservation check to Tom and Shirley Herron last fall, you now need to send your check to Kathy for the number of nights at \$20.00 each plus the \$5.00 reservation fee. Remember, **the May rally will be on the first weekend instead of the usual second, since Mother's Day falls on the second weekend**. That makes our rally dates May 4-7, 2023. Kathy's address is 2802 - 38<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines, IA 50310-4019.

Don't forget our **June rally at Allison's Wilder Park on the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>**. That will be our usual Thursday to Sunday morning. However, if you can stay overnight on Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup> and leave on Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, we strongly recommend that you do so. There is a free concert by the Glen Miller Orchestra on Sunday evening and that should be great. To make a reservation, go to **reservations wilder park allison, ia**. Scroll down to **Wilder Park - Allison** and click. At **Book online today**, enter the date you plan to arrive, then (in the same date box) tap and enter the date you plan to leave. Tap the **Search Now** box and then tap on the **RV Sites** that pops up. Enter your rig length and width and scroll

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## FIRST VP FILLED

As you are already aware, no one stepped forward last year and agreed to fill the positions of First or Second Vice Presidents for the current year. Finally, Tom Herron recently agreed to accept the position of First VP. In accordance with Article IV, Section 5 of our current Constitution, Tom's willingness to accept the position was presented to the Executive Board. The vote of the Executive Board was unanimous in approval for Tom to be our First Vice President. Now, we just need someone to step forward and indicate a willingness to accept the position of Second Vice President and we will have a full slate of officers. Come on out there. Step up and assume some responsibility for our club.

## IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

### BIRTHDAYS MARCH

2 - Marcia Woolley  
4 - Gene Haller  
5 - Michael Allen  
10 - Emy Richter  
12 - Linda Beu

### ANNIVERSARIES MARCH

2 - Toni & Tom Whitehouse

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down to either full hookup or water and electric only. The available sites are shown in red on the park map. By scrolling down through the sites, you can see what amenities are available and the cost. As of the preparation of this newsletter (on March 4<sup>th</sup>) there were only 7 full hookup sites available and 22 electric and water sites, so it is extremely important to get your reservation made. You can also read the refund policy while on this website. The policy seems to be very generous.

Also, you can now make a reservation for the **August Rally in Terrace Campground at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, IA**. It is advisable that you do so 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.

Finally, you can start making your reservations for the **September Rally at Independence anytime after April 1<sup>st</sup>**. When the Independence Parks & Rec was contacted, the lady indicated that we might want to start calling during the last week of March, per chance the campground hosts are already in place. The phone number for the rally host, who will receive the reservations, is 319-440-0472. The rally dates are September 14-17, 2023.

That should give you plenty to do on your computer. And, do it now so that you don't get shut out on one of the rallies. If that should happen, you'll be missing out on some great times.

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your newsletter team, along with a short writeup of the luncheon and attendees. Let's hope for good travel weather and a big turnout. If you plan to attend, please call Norm and Pat, at 641-791-9547 and let them know. Just one more luncheon, with the Helle's in April, and then it is time to start rallying. Hurrah!!!

The **February Iowa Luncheon at the Perkins Restaurant in Waterloo**, hosted by Mike and Linda Rickert, found 13 members, 2 affiliates and 2 friends in attendance. The members were Scott and Kathy Allen, John and Carol Heckman, Hobe Darbyshire, Tom and Shirley Herron, Bill and Connie Smith, Donella Watkinson and Nancy Schoene, while the affiliates were Ed and Eileen Pauley and the friends were Gene and Carol Haller. Ed and Eileen did a fine job in bringing everyone up-to-date on their electric-powered boat and their plans to spend the summer cruising up to Alaska and back. They should have some wonderful stories and pictures to share in 2024. As far as Ed knows, there are only 6 all-electric boats in the world. Unfortunately, no one took any pictures at the luncheon, or, at least, no one sent your newsletter team any. Makes for a short

### REGION 8 RALLY COMIN' SOON

Just another reminder that our Region 8 Rally is rapidly approaching. It will be at the Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch near Sabetha, KS on April 26-30. Gateway Airstream (formerly Bill Thomas Camper Sales) will again be participating in the rally. Development of the registration form has been completed and it can be found on the Region 8 website. You can download it, print it out, complete it and send it, along with your check, to Greg. Simply go online to WBCCI, Region 8 and get it done no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>. It is only about 225 miles from Des Moines to Sabetha and, according to Siri, just a 3 hour 20 minute drive. Hopefully a goodly number of Iowa members will take the time to attend the rally. It looks like it will be a lot of fun.

### CHUCK'S NEW KNEE WORKING NICELY

As was reported in the last newsletter, Chuck Cabalka had surgery to replace his left knee on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The surgery went well and therapy started on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Therapy has been twice a week, with three weeks remaining. On Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chuck had his 6-week post-op visit with the doctor. Based on the X-rays that were taken and the reports from the therapist, the doctor told Chuck that, unless something unexpected came up, he didn't want to see him again. With the right knee replaced in early 2019, Chuck now has matching knees. There is still a little swelling and that will probably take a couple more months to entirely go away. At any

rate, things are going quite well and the patient will survive. PS. It only took 32 staples to close the incision. Looked like they had used a nail gun, as you can see in the picture!



### IA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS, AGAIN

As most of you will recall, at our August, 2022 meeting at the Pizza Ranch in Newton, we voted to update our Constitution and Bylaws, in keeping with notification from International that we needed to do so. When those August approved documents, developed and based on models provided by International, were submitted for approval, they were not approved. Actions taken at the 2022 International Rally in Fryeburg, as well as actions taken by the Int'l Executive Board, resulted in the development of new model Constitution and Bylaw documents which were made available in September. As a result, new Constitution and Bylaw documents, based on the new models, were prepared and submitted to the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee. It was recommended that this be done, prior to a vote by the Iowa Club members, so that if there were changes needed, they could be done before the club vote and preclude having to vote again later to include the required changes. This has been done. In fact, Tom Smithson, the International Committee Chairman, even emailed back to President Chuck the changes needed to gain approval. Consequently, you will shortly be receiving the documents to review and vote on. When this happens, PLEASE review the documents and send your vote to Doris Jean Cabalka, our Secretary. Instructions for submitting your vote will be included in the email containing the proposed documents. We are sorry this has happened, but with your patience and co-operation, we WILL get this ironed out.

### IT DOES SNOW IN ARIZONA

The Southwest, Arizona and California in particular, have had a wet last three months. Communities in the "Valley of the Sun", including Apache Junction, have received an unusual amount of rainfall since the first of the year. Apache Junction has gotten about 5 inches, with the last 0.95 inches falling overnight on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The high country in northern and eastern Arizona has been blasted by snowfall. Snowbowl, the ski area at Flagstaff (about 145 miles north of Phoenix), has received 322 inches so far. Needless to say, they will be skiing well into April and May this year. And, the winter is not over yet! The desert is so green that one might think they were back in Iowa. The reservoirs on both the Verde and Salt Rivers are expected to reach full capacity as the snow melts in the mountains. However, the green desert floor has it's drawbacks. As hot weather sets in later this year, the grass will die and create a huge fire hazard when the summer lightning storms develop. A nasty fire season is already predicted. The picture is snow on Superstition Mtn. from our porch.

