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PREZ SEZ We are rapidly approaching the beginning of another season of traveling and camping. I trust you have checked the batteries and tires on your traveling "palace". Before you even get to attend an Iowa Club rally, you can get that Airstream back into usage by attending the Region 8 Rally at the Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch Campground, a few miles north of Sabetha, KS. Sabetha is only 225 miles SW of Des Moines (about 4 hours of travel) so it really isn't that far. Parking starts on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 26th and the rally ends following a breakfast on Sunday, April 30th. The rally promises to be a fun gathering and the ranch has many activities that can be enjoyed, ranging from horseshoes and tennis to mini golf, potlucks and a country farm tour, in addition to activities planned by the rally hosts. Registration forms can be found on-line. So, get out of those easy chairs, hook up and join us at Sabetha. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Chuck

CORRECTIONS, CORRECTIONS

It has been called to the attention of your President and our Directory Publisher Shirley Herron that there are a few errors in the 2023 Iowa Club Directory. The corrections are as follows:

- 1: the April Luncheon should have been **April 15th instead of the 8th**
- 2: change Arden Taube's email to **ardentaube@gmail.com**
- 3: in the numerical listing of members on page 27, insert **6915 WOLF** after 6861 Uveling and before 6917 Bailey
- 4: on page 9, add Michelle to Jamie & **Michelle** Dailey, the phone number for Michelle is 309-781-8273 and her email address is **mjdailey47@gmail.com**.
- 5: **BEU:** remove courtesy parking, CP. Phone No. 319-240-5448 Home (Norm) 319-240-1013 (Linda) **Winter:** Walnut Hill Ave Unit 6, Hillsboro TX 76645
- 6: **Burrows:** **Summer:** 1606 S 22nd St, Centerville IA 52544

RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE FOR MAY AND JUNE

According to rally hosts, Tom and Shirley Herron, the number of Iowa Club members who have already reserved spaces for the May Rally in Winterset has been very good. Tom reported that he has 22 spaces already reserved and has room for a couple more. The rally will be a good time to get the dust and cobwebs off the Airstreams and get ready for a summer of fun and camping. If you haven't already made reservations, get in touch with Tom as soon as possible. He can be reached by calling 515-988-4950. With the John Wayne Home and the covered bridges, there should be plenty to see in the area.

It is not too late to make your reservation for the June Rally at Wilder Park in Allison. The rally dates are June 8-11 and our hosts, John and Carol Heckman, would love to see a whole lot of you attend. As has been publicized in the past several newsletters, if you can stay over on Sunday night, you will be treated to a FREE concert by the Glen Miller Orchestra. Can't ask for anything better than that, can you? You can make your reservation on line or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 319-267-2245. Should be a fun weekend.

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INT'L SOLD OUT WAIT LIST AVAILABLE

If you haven't already registered for the International Rally in Rock Springs, WY in June, according to the *Blue Beret*, it is too late to do so. There were a limited number of spaces and, apparently, they are all filled. A waiting list has been established and anyone not already registered can have their name put on that list. If there are cancellations (and there are always some) that list will be used to fill the vacancies. Looks like there will be quite a crowd at Rock Springs.

In Denver, the members of a Sunday--school class were asked to set down their favorite biblical truths. One youngster laboriously printed: "Do one to others as others do one to you." —Lee Olson, The Denver Post

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BIRTHDAYS APRIL

5 - Mike Donahue
18 - Sharon Urich

ANNIVERSARIES APRIL

2 - Maryjane & Dan Bamberry
10 - Shirley & Tom Herron
15 - Pat & Norm Van Klompenburg
25 - Wanda & Jeff Paine

SEPTEMBER SPACES NEED TO BE MADE NOW

September may seem a ways off, but, it will get here sooner than you think. You can call and make reservations any time you want, preferably **RIGHT NOW!!** The Independence campground host is already back in the campground and will accept reservations. All sites are full hookups, including free cable TV, and they have a senior discount. All sites also have 50 amp electric. Senior rates are \$25 per night or \$120 per week. There are only 42 sites, so it's wise to make a reservation as soon as possible. As of this newsletter, there are only 3 pull-thru sites still available. The rally dates are September 14-17. **The reservations are to be made thru the campground host by calling 319-440-0472.** No monetary deposit is involved. It is pay after arrival. However, if you make a reservation and later find that you must cancel, there is no cancellation fee, but the host would like to know as quickly as possible so your unused space can be available for someone else to use. Let the campground host know that you are part of the Airstream group when making your reservation. The Cabalka's, Heron's and Helle's have already made their reservations. You can get more information about the campground by just Googling "Municipal Campground, Independence, Iowa". An added plus is the Dairy Queen, as well as a Tru-Value Hardware Store, are just across the highway from the campground.

MAR. 11 LUNCH

The following information was received from host Norm Van Klompenburg concerning the **March 11th Luncheon** at the Pizza Ranch in Newton. Norm wrote: "Good Food...Good Company. Weather... Not So Good." Looking forward



to a great camping season." Ed. Note: From the photograph taken by Norm, it appeared that there were at least 15 members in attendance.

The **April Luncheon**, the last one for this winter, will be **Saturday, the 15th**, at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton, IA, with Chuck and Nancy Helle as hosts. The restaurant is at 219 W. 4th St. in Vinton. Gathering time is set for 11:30, with dining to be shortly thereafter. **PLEASE** let Nancy know if you plan to attend. **You can call her at 319-270-1189.** Hopefully by that date, there won't be much chance of inclement weather interfering with the gathering. Also, it is hoped someone will please take some pictures and prepare a short write-up of the event so it can be included in a future newsletter. With restaurants having to close during the COVID pandemic and many not re-opening, what would we have done without Pizza Ranch?

HUGE WILDFLOWER GARDENS THIS SPRING

Due to the unusual amount of rainfall experienced in Arizona this winter and spring, the desert has decided to provide what experts call a "super bloom". This only happens rarely, so, to be here and to be able to see it, is quite a treat. The last "super bloom" that the Cabalka's can remember was in the spring of 2001, some 22 years ago. As the pictures show, entire hillsides are covered with beautiful yellow poppy blossoms.

A couple of years ago, Chuck and Doris Jean secured some "bloomed out" poppy plants from Ruth Rowzer, a lady in the park where they winter. Ruth and her deceased husband, Chuck, were Iowa Airstream Club members from Cedar Rapids. The Cabalka's just scattered the dead plants over a bare area at their mobile home site. The seeds fell from these plants and, as you can see, a nice bed of yellow poppies has been established at their residence. Don't know if their bed will ever rival Ruth's, but only time will tell. The rain has also resulted in the desert floor turning green, as grasses and other plants are flourishing. It looks nice now, but wait until the hot weather sets in and everything dries out. It may be quite an active season for grass fires in Arizona.



Ruth's flowers (right) look much better than Chuck & Doris Jean's (left).



A NOTE FROM LORRAINE AXTELL

A note has been received from Lorraine Axtell, our First Lady in 1992, when her husband, Marion, was our Iowa Club President. The note read: "I received the Iowa Airstream Club Directory - Thank you! I sold our home and have moved here two years ago." Her address is 2603 Orchard Dr., #235, Cedar Falls, IA 50615. In checking that address, it corresponds with Holiday Mallard Point Nursing Home. Some of you "old-timers" will remember Marion and Lorraine as a very fun-loving president and first lady.

LOOKING FOR 2ND VP

With Tom Herron volunteering to accept the position of 1st Vice President and the affirmative confirmation vote by the Executive Board, we are now just lacking a 2nd Vice President. Hopefully someone out there in the Iowa Club is willing to step forward and volunteer. Tom has indicated that he is willing to accept nomination for the office of President for 2024 and is willing, if nominated, to take a second year for 2025. In that case, being 2nd Vice President shouldn't be too trying. Someone give it some serious thought and step forward. **PLEASE!!**

HOMeward TRIP PLANNED

Currently your President and Secretary-First Lady are planning to leave Apache Junction on April 13th and start the long trek back to the Midwest. They will be stopping in the Denver area for about 10 days to visit family before heading toward the Region 8 Rally in Sabetha, KS on April 25, arriving on the 26th. Hopefully all the snow that is presently falling in the higher elevations in northern Arizona will be finished and there will be no severe storms as they make their way across eastern Colorado and northern Kansas. Their trailer didn't move all winter, as the November and December holidays, coupled with Chuck's knee operation in January, prevented trailer usage this winter. It will be good to get back on the road.

COURTESY NOTIFICATIONS

As a courtesy to rally hosts, and in order for them to purchase the proper quantity of food needed for rally-fee provided meals, PLEASE notify the rally hosts in advance when you plan to attend a rally. As soon as you make your reservation would be a good time to notify the hosts. Otherwise, someone may go hungry if there is not enough food to go around. Thank You.



LAST MINUTE NOTE

Lavonne Sandersfeld asked Donella Watkinson to let the Iowa club know that she has been in and out of several health care facilities for the past month but is home now and living by herself. Thanks for the info, Donella. Best wishes to you Lavonne. Get well soon.

