

GRAPES & GRAINS GROWLER

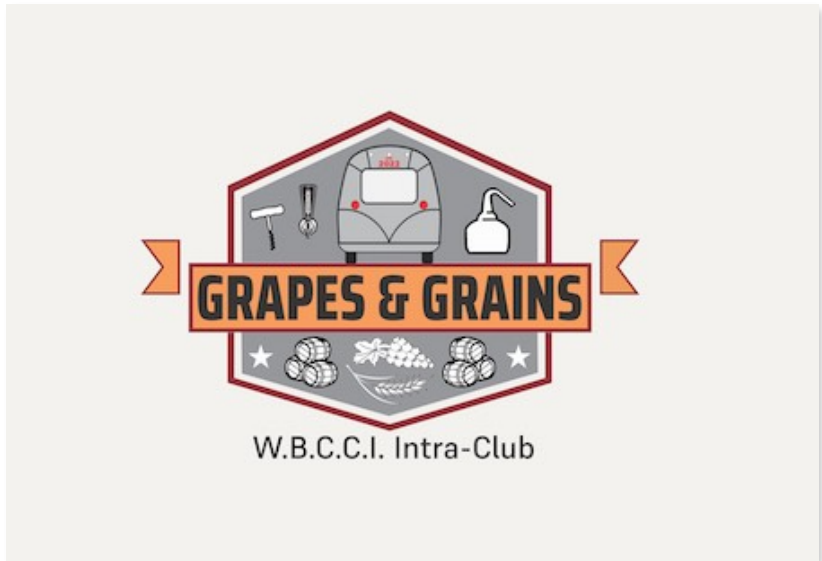
Cheers and welcome!

Grab your beverage of choice and make yourself comfortable. This is the July issue of the Grapes & Grains Growler, the official newsletter of the Grapes & Grains W.B.C.C.I. Intra-Club. We hope you find it informative and entertaining. We publish bi-monthly and provide you with information on upcoming rallies, other information about the club, and interesting articles. Cheers!

Got a story idea?

If you have a story idea, a little-known drinking related factoid, a recipe you want to share, or are just interested in contributing to the G&G Growler please let us know by contacting Elliott Heath.

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Enjoying a pitch in dinner at the Sip of Texas Rally.

Notes from the President

Wow, I can't believe the year is already half over! We have already attended several rallies, hosted our third Grapes & Grains Intra-Club rally at the Sip of Texas, went to Niagara Falls, Ontario for the Region 2 rally and just came off of the Int'l rally in Rock Springs, WY. Our Mega Tasting event was a Huge Success that allowed us to donate a check for the United Way in the amount of \$1,000.00. We have another sold out rally, the Sip of Virginia, coming up in October. Our club is now over 700 BRN's and is the largest club, Intra-Club of WBCCI. We are always looking for members to come forward and propose ideas for a "Sip of somewhere" rally for 2024.

Rallies in Progress for 2024:

We are looking into a possible return to the Top of Georgia for an early Spring rally. We are also looking to have a Sip of Texas rally in Waco, TX. Karen & I are still finalizing the plans for the "Sip of Kentucky" rally next May, as well as a possible September caravan in Canada to end in Niagara Falls, Ontario. We also are working on the Sip of New York, on Seneca Lake, NY in September. From September 3-8 will be the Sip of Oregon. Another idea being tossed around is to have a Caravan to Sedalia from St. Louis across Missouri to the Int'l rally in October, 2024. We are also working on a rally in Washington State in October. If you would like to host or co-host a rally or caravan, please reach out to us. There is plenty of work to share.

In addition to all that I mentioned above, we are working with ACI to plan another major event at the Int'l in Sedalia in October, 2024. I posed several ideas on the exit survey, from a Mega Tasting Event, to a Speak Easy Roaring 20's Party, to a Halloween costume contest. We will see what was selected as the most popular event.

With so many rallies and caravans, we are looking for people to place on our committees for rallies, caravans, membership and other executive leaders. We had several people volunteer to help with our Mega Tasting Event, and would like to see more volunteers as we move forward .

Last but not least, I would like to thank my Rock and Life Partner, Karen for supporting me and all of my ideas to make not only our Airstream Experience the Best it can be, but to make it fantastic for those around us. We truly enjoy meeting new people whether at a rally or at a campground, and look forward to meeting all of you in the future.

Cheers,

Mark Kruer

From the Desk of the Vice President

Greetings to all Grapes & Grains members.

Host a Rally

Our intra-club continues to grow and grow. From our initial membership of just a handful of rigs to over 700 rigs in less than two years, Grapes & Grains is not only the fastest growing club in ACI but the largest club in ACI. With that being said, we need your help in providing more rallies for our members, from California to North Carolina to Ontario Canada and all points in between. If you have a rally idea, please submit your proposal to gandgpresident@gmail.com or gngvicepresident@gmail.com.

We Want YOU!

Grapes & Grains Intra-club is an organization run by volunteers. In the fall we need to elect new officers to the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. Your commitment to serve in a leadership position ensures the continued growth and success of this intra-club. Additional information pertaining to the roles and responsibilities of these positions and how to submit a nomination can be found on the next page of this newsletter. Please consider sharing your talents. If you have any questions, contact any one of our club officers.

We Need Your Vote

Everyone will soon be receiving an email pertaining to a new set of bylaws for our Intra-Club. The email will explain why we are revising our bylaws and provide an electronic ballot for your vote. Please take the time to review our proposed set of bylaws and **submit your vote**. Voting ends at midnight on August 20, 2023.

Cheers,

David Lorenz

Call for Nominations

We are seeking nominations for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. The duties of these positions are as follows:

The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the Grapes and Grains Intra-Club and the Executive Board.
- Enforce the Bylaws.
- Appoints all committees as needed.
- Have such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principal executive officer.



The 1st Vice President shall:

- Attend all business meetings of the Grapes and Grains Intra-Club and the Executive Board.
- Assist the President.
- Assume the duties of the President in the President's absence.

The 2nd Vice President shall:

- Attend all business meetings of the Grapes and Grains Intra-Club and the Executive Board.
- Assist the President and the First Vice President.
- Assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of said officer.
- Assume the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President and the First Vice President.
- Perform the duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

The Secretary shall:

- Issue notices of all meetings of the Intra-Club and the Executive Board as required by the Bylaws
- Prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting
- Record and preserve the minutes of all official business meetings of G&G and the Executive Board. Copies will be provided to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days after each meeting.
- Record the attendance of the officers at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.
- Keep a register of all members of the Intra-Club.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please click here: <https://form.jotform.com/231986763134161>. This link will take you to a form where you can select the position that you are applying for. There will be several questions pertaining to the position that will need to be answered. The (self) nomination window will close at midnight on August 20, 2023. Being in a leadership role in your local or regional club does not exclude you from serving on the Grapes & Grains Executive Board.

Recipe of the Month - Paper Plane

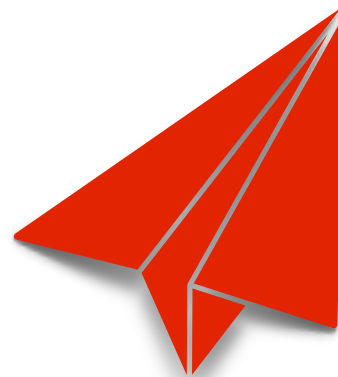
How to make a drinkable Paper Plane...

This is a refreshing summer drink that goes down easily on a hot day. It is simple to make with four ingredients in a 1:1 ratio and it will impress your friends with its fresh flavor. This is a great drink to use to introduce non bourbon drinkers to the spirit.

Let's mix.

You will mix equal parts of the following
(3/4-1 oz each is recommended)

- 80-90 Proof bourbon
- Aperol
- Amaro Nonino
- Fresh squeezed lemon juice



Coming next month...

Wisconsin Old Fashioned with pickled Brussels sprouts!

Be Prepared!

In packing for your next great adventure, planning for the unexpected is always a good idea. Having a first aid kit available and location known to all travelers can provide some cleansing and comfort for a scraped knee or sprained ankle. Prepackaged first aid kits can be purchased geared toward specific activities but creating your own from items you probably already have in your home is easy to do.

Suggested items for your kit include:

- Antiseptic Wound Cleanser and/or Wipes
- Alcohol Wipes
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Hydrocortisone 1% Cream
- Aspirin
- Plastic bandages of varying sizes
- Instant cold compress
- Gauze Rolls (2" and 3" wide)
- Sterile Non-stick Gauze Pads
- Hypoallergenic Adhesive Tape
- Conforming gauze roll bandage, 3"
- Scissors



Printing a brief medical history, medication profile, your personal physicians contact information and emergency contacts in case of an emergency where you are unable to communicate is also important. Many references recommend keeping this information in your wallet as well as taping it inside a cabinet door so it would be easily located by someone responding to your need for help. Most Smart phones have a Medical ID feature that can be accessed even when your phone is locked and is also a convenient place to store this information.

Upcoming Rallies

For detailed information on upcoming rallies and events, go here: <https://airstreamclub.org/grapes.../rallies-and-events>

Sip of Virginia

This rally will be held Oct 5-9 2023 Thursday to MONDAY. The Rally Co-Hosts are Mindy Downie & Stephanie Tisch. The Rally will be held at Misty Mountain Camp Resort in Greenwood, VA, just east of Waynesboro, VA.

Sip of Oregon

Coming September 3-8, 2024!

Alumapalooza

The Grapes and Grains intra club will be holding a twilight happy hour under the big Sycamore trees at Alumapalooza on Tuesday September 5, 2023. If you are registered for Alumapalooza please come down with a beverage, a snack to share, and a travel story to tell with your other club members! If you are not already signed up you can join us for a week of fun at the Airstream Factories September 5-10 by registering at www.Alumapalooza.com

Garden Flags

Club garden flags are available for purchase on the Airstream Club website. Just \$10!

Order Merchandise

Looking for a Rally Host

The Top of Georgia Airstream only campground has graciously invited us back for another rally. It is a wonderful facility with lots of grapes and grains activities nearby. The rally is scheduled for March 21-24, 2024. If you are able to host or co-host this rally please contact either gandgpresident@gmail.com or gngvicepresident@gmail.com.

Contributions

Roughly 20 months ago the dues free club “Grapes & Grains Intra-Club” (G&G) was established as a WBCCI Intra-Club. We suddenly find ourselves as the largest club in WBCCI.

Logistically, with over 720 BRNs in the club we need to hold more than just a few rallies every year so that every member has an opportunity to experience a G&G Rally. Financially, when organizing a rally, many campgrounds, vendors, and caterers require down payments ahead of us collecting rally fees. A prime example is for the Sip of Virginia rally where the winery that hosts the polo match requires a \$1,000 deposit to hold our space on the polo field. The only funds that we have generated for the Intra-Club have come from flag sales and some in-kind contributions. More funds are needed for rally organizers so that they can plan and execute the quality events that have become our standard. The contributions will be placed in a special account that will be replenished when rally fees are collected. We are asking club members who are able to make a voluntary contribution to G&G do so by clicking on the JotForm link below.

<https://airstreamclub.org/grapes-grains-intra-club/contributions>

Thank you in advance for your contribution. Those making a contribution of \$100 or more will receive a garden flag.

Rally Wrap Up - Sip of Texas

Hosted by Karen Krueer

Place: Fredericksburg, Texas

Dates: April 13-17, 2023

Airstreams 31

Attendees 58

Grapes and Grains members enjoyed a four-day rally at the Arch Ray RV Park located on Highway 290 just outside of Fredericksburg Texas. This area is becoming known as the “New Napa” with more than 50 wineries and tasting rooms along a 30-mile stretch of Highway 290.



Thursday opened with a Happy Hour and appetizers at Mark and Karen Krueer’s site. With lots of new attendees, some having only been to one or two WBBCI rallies prior, it was a great setting for everyone to get acquainted. Friday there was an optional wine tasting at Wild Seed Farm. It is a 200-acre working wildflower farm with walking trails and gardens. Quite a unique setting for a winery. Many of us enjoyed the libations and took the time to “stop and smell the flowers”. The evening included a pitch in dinner and bonfire.

Sip of Texas continued

Saturday was a day for exploration on your own. Many visited the towns of Fredericksburg, Austin, San Antonio, and Luckenbach, the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and historic site, National Museum of the Pacific War, as well as various wineries and distilleries. Trade Days was being held at a nearby fairground and was an extravaganza of antiques, collectibles, homemade crafts, clothing, and jewelry. Several of our members found great deals on gently worn cowboy boots. Sunday morning Steve Downie offered a devotional for those wishing to attend. That evening was a catered dinner at the Arch Ray winery, a short walk from the RV park. A great time was had by all with whispers of a possible revisit as there was so much to see and do in such a localized area.

G & G leadership would like to thank Karen Kruer for all her hard work in organizing this rally.



Event Wrap Up - Mega Tasting Event

2023 Int'l Rally-Rock Springs, WY

The Grapes & Grains Intra-Club hosted its first ever major event at an International Rally. The Mega Tasting had over 400 streamers in attendance. Each participant brought a bottle of their favorite wine, spirit or beer to share. This resulted in over 100 bottles of wine, over 100 bottles of varied spirits including gin, vodka, tequila and bourbon as well as several hundred different kinds of beer to choose from. A custom laser engraved tasting glass was given to each member upon check-in for sampling the various libations. Snack trays, pretzels and peanuts were distributed throughout the venue during the event which was scheduled from 4:00-6:00. The buzz of conversation was fantastic, and everyone seemed to have an excellent time. We came back at 8:00 after our dinner and there were still a few stragglers at the venue.

Our first G & G Mega Tasting was a great success thanks to our tremendous volunteers who stayed extremely busy pouring wine, dispensing spirits and sharing beer. Proceeds from the event were slated to go to the United Way of Southwest, WY and we were pleased to donate a \$1,000 check on Friday to Laverne McHenry for this great charitable cause. The Mega Tasting was placed on the rally exit survey and we hope to host another similar event at the International Rally in Sedalia, MO in 2024.

