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December came and went but not without a club get together. It wasn't a rally but a lunch meet up! Thirteen of us met up at Chris Madrid's in San Antonio for lunch on a sunny, chilly Saturday. We heartily ate hamburgers, had great conversations and celebrated December birthdays! We will meet again in just a few weeks at Chris Madrids on Saturday, January 14th at noon to celebrate our member's January birthdays and visit with friends.

January marks a new month and a new year! We will have a rally at the end of this month (January 27-29, 2023) at Longhorn RV Resort in Niederwald. Here's your opportunity to invite your Airstream friends as this is a "Buddy Rally"!

Our Rally weekend schedule is posted on page three. Get out your chili recipes and start practicing for the chili cook off! Come hungry to the rally, because we have a lot of great cooks in our club. More details to be found further down in the newsletter.

Do you have any Airstream friends who would like to join our club? We would love to have them! Did you know that there has been an unprecedented growth of membership over the last two years? The International membership has reached 19,000+ members. Twenty-five percent of this number has come into the club in the past year. The average tenure of membership is 7 years. Currently there is an 88% renewal rate. Since we all know how much fun our club has together, we encourage you to reach out to other Airstreamers who might like to join.

Speaking of joining, lets welcome new members Kate and Chris Soulsby to our club!

See you soon...
Muffin Camp, Editor

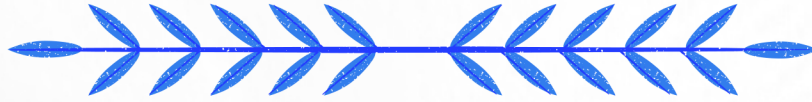
December Lunch Out to Celebrate Birthdays!

- 14 AnnMarie Esparza
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Did you miss out on our December lunch? We visited, ate delicious hamburgers and of course celebrated birthdays for our December members!

Rally Schedule 2023



2023

January 27-29 Longhorn RV Resort
12921 Camino Real, Niederwald
512-398-3677

February TAU Caves, Graves, and Staves Caravan

March 25-27 Buena Vista Wildlife Safari and RV Resort
1830 Hwy 281, Evant
254-791-5441

April 22-24 Leisure Resort on the San Marcos River
1 River Lane, Fentress
512-213-0112

May 26-28 Lagoons RV Resort
600 Enterprise Blvd, Rockport
361-729-7834

September Roadrunner RV Park
23-25 501 S Hwy 281, Johnson City 2023 830-255-7650

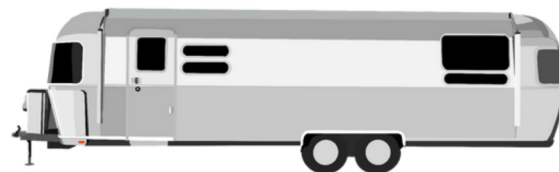
January is a Buddy Rally!

Encourage a friend to bring their Airstream or SOB to enjoy the festivities with us! Although you don't pay for their camping spot, you will be covering their rally fee(s).

Article III of the Bylaws:

Sec 1: A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing, and using the member's trailer or motorhome or staying in a non-RV facility such as a cabin, motel room, etc, may attend activities of the Unit. Members sponsoring such a guest shall pay one extra rally fee exclusive of the parking fee.

Weekend Rally Schedule



Rally Schedule:

Friday 5 pm Social Hour

6 pm Potluck Dinner ** See separate email for potluck sign-ups

Saturday 8:30 am Hosted Breakfast (pancakes, eggs, chicken sausage, coffee and juice)

9:30 am Pay Rally Fees

10 am Executive Board Meeting (TAU officers only)

4 pm New Member Orientation

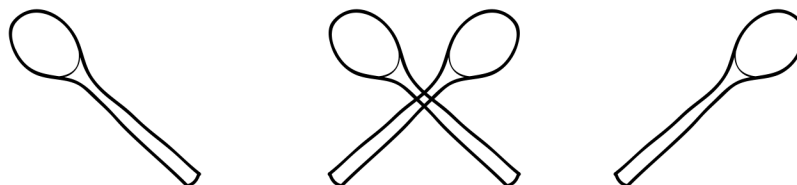
5 pm Social Hour

6 pm Dinner



Sunday 8:30 am Hosted Breakfast (Continental Breakfast, coffee and juice)

9 am Devotional



We will be having a chili cook off on Saturday during our January 2023 rally. You may enter as an individual or in teams. Chili must be cooked onsite. No premade chili allowed. Entrants should cook enough chili to be judged and eaten for Saturday's evening meal. Judges will include other campers and campground staff. Fixings for the chilies will be supplied. We'll have cornbread, chips, hot sauce, jalapeños, cheese and sour cream. The winner will represent TAU at the Region 9 Rally in March in Gonzales Texas. TAU won 1st place at the 2022 regional. Let's make it two in a row!

Rich Espinosa

1st VP TAU



Out and About!



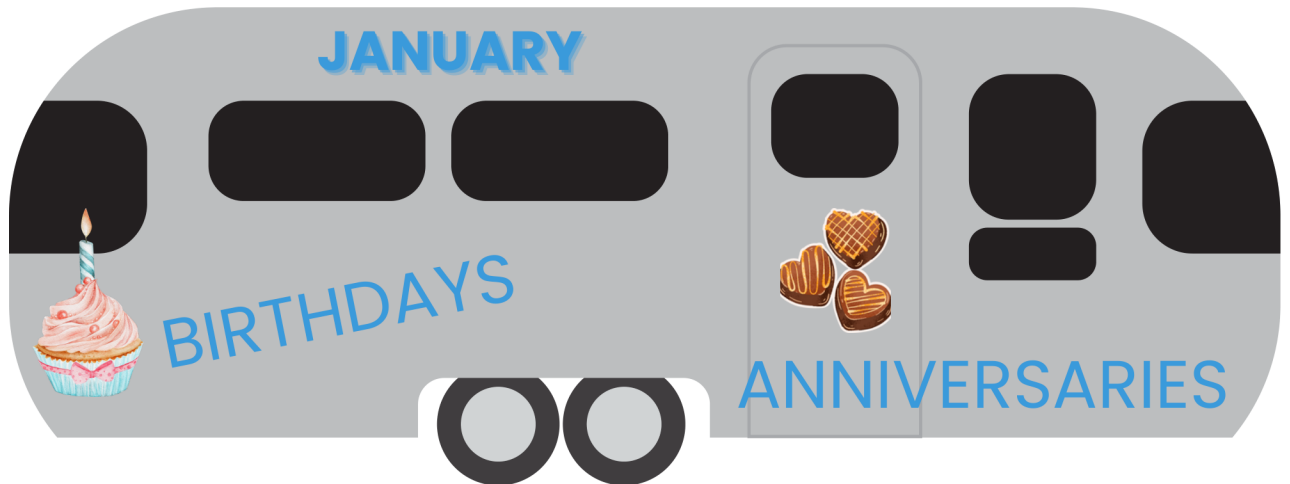
Roseann Wood was treated to a Wintry Wonderland in South Haven, Michigan during a recent visit with her cousin.

Mari snapped a photo of these two dogs in a SOB...were they off to their next campground?... Maybe they were trying out for a Subaru commercial!



Morris and Muffin rang in the New Year glamping in Port Aransas! This sunset was a sweet way to send out 2022!

.HAPPY.
New Year



02 Steven McConnell
07 Gail Hall
19 Warren Wundt
23 Dottie Ulrich

No Anniversaries for January!



Past President Warren Wundt is selling his 1985 Airstream Excella, 32', everything works; has the lighter frame so can be pulled with a half-ton truck. \$28,000.00. If you need additional details, please email Roseann Wood at roseanntexas2020@yahoo.com and she will send you a very detailed description of the rig provided by Warren.

Where have you been...are you out and about traveling? The club is curious and interested in where you've been in your trailer and without it! Send us your travel news or other news. Have you purchased something for your trailer, of made an upgrade? Send me your article(s) and photos by the end of February!!

muffincamp@gmail.com

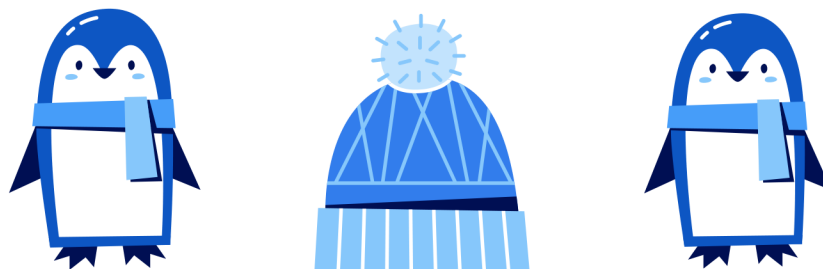
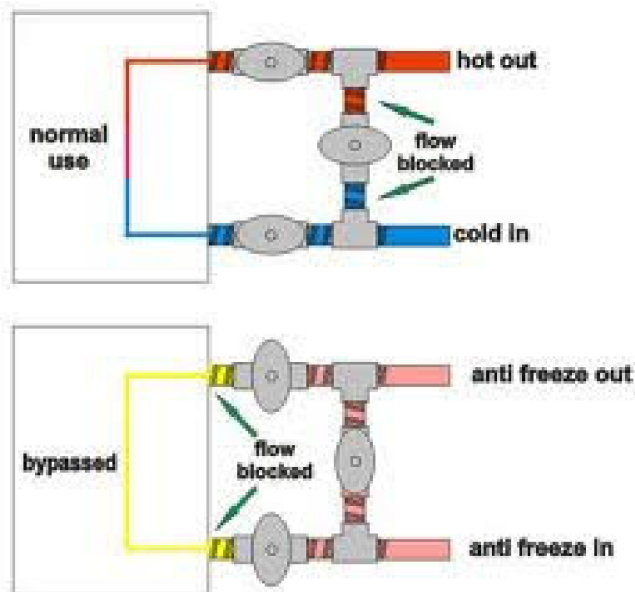


Airstream Winterizing with Compressed Air

by David Willis

Airstream Winterizing with Compressed Air

1. Drain hot water tank and replace the plug. Do bypass valves. See below.
2. Drain most of the water from the fresh water tank.
3. Turn on the water pump and empty the water tank into the grey water tank.
4. Connect the compressor to the city water inlet and open one faucet at a time, cold first and then hot until there is very little water spitting out of the faucet, starting with the one farthest from the water inlet (the galley?). 30-50 psi max.
5. Continue until you have drained the lines to all outlets including the shower, toilet, bathroom sink, and outside shower, if equipped. Do not forget to blow out the black tank flusher!
6. Open the low point drains and get all the water out of them.
7. Pour some RV antifreeze into all sink and shower drains, and the toilet bowl to protect the toilet seal.
8. Drain the black and gray tanks.





Sue P's Curry Stoup

1 can Maeari curry Red (flavor choice are Red, Green, Yellow or Panama)
2 cans coconut milk
2 cans water or broth
2 cans pumpkin (what I used for Thanksgiving. This is optional)
At least 4 cups veggies (any mixture of the following broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, potato, snap peas, pumpkin, squash, etc)

protein: chicken, turkey or tofu

Directions:

If using raw protein, fry til golden

Add curry, broth or water and coconut milk

Simmer for 10 minutes

Add veggies, adding longest cooking first (potatoes) and quick cooking last (snap peas)

If using pre cooked proteins or tofu...add when veggies are almost done

Bring to simmer and you are ready to serve.

Nann bread goes well with this dish but then so do tortillas!



Mari's Sugar Cookie Recipe

(dough does not need to be chilled before baking)

Ingredients

8 oz unsalted butter

1 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon almond extract

1 egg

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 cups all purpose flour



Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In bowl of your mixer, CREAM butter and sugar till smooth, at least 3 minutes

BEAT in extracts and ONE egg

In separate bowl, combine baking powder and salt with flour and add a little at a time to the wet ingredients.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the dough looks crumbly keep mixing for 30 seconds to 1 minute longer. The dough should be pulling away from the sides of the mixer.

If the dough still looks too dry or stiff for your mixer, turn out the dough onto a countertop surface, floor surface as needed. Wet your hands and finish off kneading the dough by hand.

DO NOT CHILL THE DOUGH. Divide into workable batches (2-3 chunks), roll out onto a floured surface, and cut with cookie cutter. You want these cookies to be on the thicker side (closer to 1/4 inch rather than 1/8).

Bake at 350 for 6-8 minutes. Let cool on the cookie sheet until firm enough to transfer to a cooling rack.

These cookies are only 2 1/2 inches. Perfect size.

From the kitchen of Dottie Ulrich

Tee's Corn Pudding

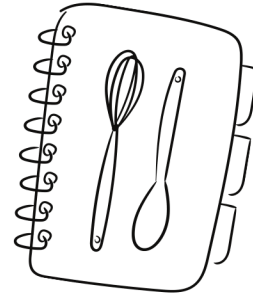
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 6 cups cups fresh corn kernels (about 12 ears)

Directions

Combine first 4 ingredients.

Whisk together eggs, whipping cream, and butter in a large bowl. Gradually add sugar mixture, whisking until smooth; stir in corn. Pour mixture into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish.

Bake at 350°F for 40 to 45 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes.



We will meet out for lunch on the second Saturday of the month!

Lunch Out



Let's meet up for lunch
Chris Madrids, San Antonio
1900 Blanco Rd 78212

**Saturday, January 14th
12 noon**

Dutch Treat

We will celebrate January Birthdays at lunch!

February Caravan Plan

Sue P has planned a thirteen day caravan for a trip out west named Staves, Graves and Caves. Several of you signed up last year for this Airstream adventure!

What will they find as they explore the Wild West? A bear? A beer? The Marfa Lights? We are waiting on the edge of our seats to find out what they will encounter on their adventure.

No one will go hungry as Roseann and AnnMarie are organizing cooks, preparations and happy hours.

Greg and Dottie will plan the time in the national park. On the agenda: star gazing, hikes and happy hour(s) to coincide with the sunsets.

Louisa Stone (an expert birder and master naturalist) will be at the ready to point out flora and fauna. Another opportunity for fun is to go “fossicking” at a members property outside Terlingua.

Sue assures the participants that there will be time for naps and books on the schedule....

We look forward to the caravan report and photos!



Thanksgiving Rally Dates 2023



Nov 23–26 at Oakwood Resort

FM 2093 Fredericksburg Texas

Contact: Malinda 830–997–9817

The resort does not schedule rallies during the Thanksgiving holiday because they provide a Thanksgiving feast for their guests. However, they do let families reserve ten sites during the Thanksgiving holiday. *When making your reservations, please let them know that you are with the Espinosa family gathering.* They will allow reservations in excess of 10 sites if they have availability, **so make your reservations ASAP.** They also provide local wines as part of the meal. They only ask that attendees provide a side dish to share. Suggested side dishes will be provided as we get closer to the November 2023 rally. There are no age restrictions at the Oakwood Resort so children and/or grandchildren are welcome.

Safe travels
Rich Espinosa
1st VP TAU

Until next time...

