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Upcoming Events

August 24-27 <u>Green County</u> <u>Cheese Rally</u>, Green County Fairgrounds (<u>Linda and Charlie Meinholz</u>)
NOTE DATES! Earlier
Newsletters had incorrect dates!

Sept 15-21 <u>Region 7 Rally</u> Wisconsin Riverside Resort (<u>Ginger Slattery</u>)

October 5-8 Fall Rally and
Business Meeting, Skillet
Creek Campground. Baraboo
WI (Tim and Patti Valenza)

A Message from President Bree!

We have officially moved into our new house! After 16 days on the road in Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado we arrived home on July 7 and started moving into our new house on July 10. The last month has been busy with painting and unpacking many, many boxes. So with exactly 17 days until I report for teacher meetings I vow to enjoy every last second of summer! We have a trip planned to the Apostle Islands and then we will be at the Green County Rally on August 24-27. We are excited to spend time with our Airstream friends exploring the area, eating some Wisconsin cheese, and drinking some local brews. See you soon!

Bree and Charlie Lawrence (BRN 2878)



Membership News

Pattie Cook (BRN 22562)



Welcome to our newest Wisc-Up Airstream Club members!

Carlota and Jason Foreman (BRN 7094) St. Charles, IL

Yerby Lemuel (BRN 3986) Rice Lake, WI

Maryann and Yan Newenhouse (BRN 12917) Cedarburg, WI

Timothy and Barbara Victor (BRN 04288) Plover, WI

Pattie is our Membership Chair. Her email is: pattiecook@new.rr.com

A Message from First Vice President Jim Guthrie!

(BRN 11970)

As the not yet President for the 2024 camping season, I'm making a request for folks to step forward – as opposed to everyone else taking a step back – and help organize some activities for the Wisc-UP group.

Namely, luncheons, campout weekends (or weeks) and/or caravans.



As the Wisc-UP club has members and places of interest in a wide area, I would encourage folks in any part of the state(s) to organize something that you would find interesting and invite the rest of us to share. Wally designed the shiny equipment we use with round things on the bottom so that we could go places that we haven't visited before, or re-visit some of our favorite places that we have been to.

In the past we have had group activities in the months listed and as you can see, we already have several commitments for events and it would be great if we could add activities for the non-claimed months.

December 2nd – Chuck and Janet Z. have stepped up to kick things off by hosting a luncheon for socializing and getting into the holiday season. Details to follow.

February – another luncheon/gathering of wandering souls to discuss summer travel plans.

May – Our Spring Business Meeting and first campout of the year.

Courtesy Parking

One of the perks of being an ACI Member is being able to use Courtesy Parking offered by our members.

Rod & Beth Fierek (BRN 1924) provided this snapshot of a couple of WISC-UP members taking advantage of our membership benefits.



Rod Writes: Two Wisc-UP guests rolling down our driveway after an overnight stay.

A Message from First Vice President Jim Guthrie!

(Cont.)

June 12-17 – Bill Scheuerell and Ginny Janssen are organizing an outing at the Amana Colonies in east-central Iowa. Details to follow.

July 11-14 – Matt & Meghan Lee have stepped up again to do the Kids, Kids, Kids (and more Kids) Rally with location to follow.

August 15-18 – Mike Cooney & Mary Geyer are planning an outing near Green Bay at a Reforestation and New Zoo Park.

September 15-21 – will be the Region 7 Rally in the Black Hills of SD. Possible Caravan??

September – Open for possibilities.

October – Probably the last campout of the season as well as the Fall Business meeting.

So again, as you can see, we have several months that don't have a planned activity – the months with no dates attached. Please don't make me pull an Ed and go into a strong-arm strategy, I don't do it as well as he does.

Thanks in advance.

Jim Guthrie (Future Pres.)

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Upcoming Rallies!

Green County Cheese Rally, Green County Fairgrounds, August 24-27

The most important quality in a rally host is being able to change things up. We visited Monroe, and discovered we had to do just that. We have 25 rigs (48 people) registered at this time. We are looking for desserts and salads for Friday night and crackers, etc on Thursday night. Lets divide that by 8 for each item. We don't need 25 salads or 25 desserts. Just let me know what item you would like to bring.

Thursday night Happy Hour at 4pm. We will have cheese trays from the store/cheese factory we will tour Friday morning. I need 8 volunteers to bring crackers or other items that go with Great Wisconsin Cheese. Dinner will be on your own. Campfire at dusk, with a sing-a-long.

Friday night we will order pizza to be delivered to the campsite with a potluck of salads and desserts. We will split the cost of the pizza, approximately \$10 per couple. We are looking for people to bring a desserts or salads. (8 people) Campfire, sing-a-long and the movie the Sound of Music, sing-a-long version. Feel free to dress as your favorite character, I will have hat making supplies on hand!

Saturday night we will go to the historic Turner Hall. (Changed from Friday) We will be treated to a Swiss Buffet, including chicken schnitzel; schublig sausage with kraut, alper macaroni, rosti potatoes, Swiss green beans with bacon and onion, rolls and butter. Dinner music will be provided by a local accordion player. Dinner will be served in the Great Hall. We will start the evening at 5:15 with happy hour, cash bar, and dinner served at 6:15. Price is \$32 per person, this includes the tax and a 20 percent tip. (Under 10 reduced rate.)

Please, if you play an instrument, plan on bringing it along, We will have a campfire and sing-a-longs nightly.

I will publish a detailed schedule soon. However, <u>please reply as soon as possible</u> regarding:

Number for pizza

Number for Swiss Dinner

If you can bring: Crackers Dessert or Salad

Please email us with your selections @ *cmeinholz@gmail.com* or if you have any questions about the rally.

Thanks,

Charlie and Linda Meinholz

Upcoming Rallies!

Fall Rally and Business Meeting, Skillet Creek Campground, Baraboo Wisconsin, October 5-8

Thank you for making reservations at Skillet Creek Campground. The registration page has been set up for the rally. Please register: https://www.wisc-up.org/signup.php/? id=18

We are planning to go to the Baraboo Fall Fair on the Square on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The event runs 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Info: https://www.downtownbaraboo.com/event/fall-fair-on-the-square/

We are also planning to go to the Mid-Continent Railroad Museum on Saturday, October 7, 2023 for the Autumn Color - Couch Train at 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

For those who are interested, please purchase your tickets ASAP as seats are limited. https://www.midcontinent.org/train-ride-information/autumn-color/

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Thanks, Tim and Patti







The Wisc-UP Unit Needs You!

You really didn't think you were getting of the hook that easy did you?



As usual

we need your help and input for newsletter content. I know this sounds like a broken piece of vinyl (better known as a record) but this newsletter is nothing without YOU!

So let's start with "What would you like to see in the newsletter?" I have flung ideas out and have received a some pretty good responses but your input is still needed. Send me some ideas at emerick4425@gmail.com. I will do my best to get that content into this newsletter.

Where did your travels this summer take you? Our Members need to know. Where are you going this fall? Our Members need to know. Are you buying a European motor home? Our Members need to know! Have a hobby other than the Airstream? Our Members need to know! You just want to say "Hi" to

Message From the Editor

Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)

The past month or so was very busy for Wisc-Up members with two rallies being held, the Kids, Kids, Kids Rally and the Door County Cherry Picking Rally. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all.



These rallies have opened my eyes to a couple of things; you can never have too many

events and they can be scheduled close together and not impact attendance.

As an example, Sandy was looking at the latest edition of the Blue Beret and noticed that the Oregon Airstream Club has scheduled 5 rallies in August and 5 rallies in September. Some of the dates even overlap giving their membership a number of choices to rally together. Wouldn't it be nice to have to decide which rally to attend because of the vast offerings of the Unit? I guess what I am trying to say is we can have more than one rally a month or more than 3 or 4 a year. We can have more than one luncheon a month and not ONLY in the winter. With our membership numbers and the way our members are scattered all over, we might want to consider two events in the same month in different areas.

As you have probably read by now, incoming President Jim Guthrie is asking for rally and luncheon hosts. If you want to do something but something is already scheduled for that time don't worry and call Jim!

The Wisc-UP Unit Needs You! (Cont.)

the group? Our Members would love that!

Send your cards and letters to us for our next issue by September 10, 2023.

Remember you send it in and we will publish it. Don't send us anything and I will make thing up about you!

Thanks to all of you for the support!

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Message From the Editor Ed Emerick (BRN 4425) (Cont.)

Host that rally or lunch (and who made up the rule it can only be a luncheon? How about we plan for a dinner or two instead?) We can attend more than one event a month!

As a somewhat wise OLD MAN once told me: "Host a rally that you would like to go to with things you like to do, if people show up that's great. If not, then you still are going to have a good time doing what you like!"

Help make Jim's year as President a good one and host an event!



Janet & Chuck Zellermayer (BRN 10230) Celebrate a New Addition

Dixie Grace of Sweet Potato Patch! "Dixie" will be

going to the Kids, Kids, Kids
Rally as a warm up for her
big adventure on the Ores,
Shores, Waters, & Lights
Caravan in September. It will
be epic. And oh yeah, Janet's
knee replacement was a total
success. Now she wants me
to teach her how to two
step.





We Rally Together

Door County Cherry Picking Rally

By Jeff and Jan Harwig (BRN7331), Kate Robertson (BRN3642), Kenny Kubischta (BRN 5592)

Jeff Harwig writes: It was our first Wisc-UP camping experience.

Previous, we attended the last two winter luncheons. 1.5 years as newbies. I was finally glad to be at a rally and meet some of the members! In addition to cherry picking, (and brewery!) we really enjoyed Saturday evening at your place and the Rock-Paper-Scissors contest. Ed was a great MC for that. Great dinner Sandy, and your home was also a highlight! Thanks for planning/leading the rally and for hosting at your place.















We Rally Together

Door County Cherry Picking Rally (Con't.)

By Jeff and Jan Harwig (BRN7331), Kate Robertson (BRN3642), Kenny Kubischta (BRN 5592)

Kate Robertson writes: We had a great turnout from the MoKan Airstream Club - four rigs came up for the Cherry Picking Rally! We had a fabulous time and Ed and Sandy were gracious hosts. Some of my highlights were: Cherry stuffed French toast at the White Gull Inn, cherry picking, the farmer's market in Sturgeon Bay, and a wonderful dinner at Ed and Sandy's beautiful



home. We went to the Wisc-Up sponsored cherry picking rally in 2018 as well and had been dreaming of those tart door county cherries ever since! Jude was even able to maintain his Rock, Paper, Scissors championship title again this year. Thanks for such a wonderful event!













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Kenny Kubischta writes: Another rally has come to an end. But was it a success? Well let's talk about it. We (my wife and I) as affiliates of Wisc-Up decided to partake in a rally. Not just any rally, but one in Sturgeon Bay. Why you ask? Well, we have never been there before for one, but also to meet new people and see new places. Yes, it was a success and so much more. I know so many are members of the WBCCI but you too can be an affiliate of so much more. Sign up and fill the gas tank and go and before you know it, you will be watching the last Airstream heading back home.





Ed and Sandy send a HUGE THANK YOU to Kriss and Kathy Williquette for cohosting this rally!!

We Rally Together Kids, Kids, Kids Rally

By Meghan Lee (BRN 24601) and Zach Lee (BRN 8583)

Fishing seemed to be the main attraction for most of the kids this past weekend at the Kids, Kids, Kids Camping Rally. Fun was had by all at the pier, pool, pond, lots of ice cream and so much more! The Goonies was a hit for an outdoor movie during the campground's Pirate themed weekend and we had one contender in the cardboard boat race!

It was great meeting everyone and hosting morning coffee chats, breakfast, dinner and gathering for cocktails, fires and s'mores each night.

Thank you to all who attended and helped make this rally a success. We had so much fun and look forward to more rallies in the future.

















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We Rally Together

Kids, Kids Rally (Cont.)





Pirate cardboard boat races. The Wisc-UP group had one entry that is not pictured. Jane Hyer (BRN 4297)









Our Members' Travel Adventures By Morten Lindstad & Jan Treolo (BRN 1636)

An Unplanned Stop On I 90

We had a scary event on our way home from this year's International Rally in Rock Springs. We have a single axel 19ft International 2007 Airstream, the tow vehicle is Jeep Grand Cherokee. Driving homeward at 3 pm on I-90 through Black Hills in South Dakota I suddenly felt the car was having problems maintaining speed. No red lights or alarm sounds, speed was about 65 Miles per hour,



steering ok, but then Jan looked in the mirror and noticed smoke and sparks behind us. The traffic was light, and I pulled over on the curb at a straight stretch. Ahh, we no longer had a tire on the curb side of the Airstream. I had never replaced a tire on an Airstream, so here was an opportunity to learn. First lesson

was I could not get the 6-ton bottle jack under the Airstream.

Fortunately, the car jack was able to lift behind the rim and then the bottle jack could do its work. What

used to be a round tire was now wrapped around the brake drum. I got what was left off the tire removed, but then I wondered if the brake still



worked? I pulled the pin in the emergency break switch and proved the right tire had no brake, so go slow. I guess the spare tire was original from 2007, but it fit so we could get back on the road. The next day we had a new tire installed and the electric break line repaired.

A few lessons to share:

1. Verify you can get your jack under the Airstream if it has no tire. Take a measure (A) from ground to the lifting plate behind the tire. Measure (B) from ground to the bottom of the rim. Calculate minimum lift Hight (C) by subtracting Tire height (A-B).



Our Members' Travel Adventures

By Morten Lindstad & Jan Treolo (BRN 1636)

An Unplanned Stop On I 90 (Cont.)

- 2. Check that your jack can fit under this.
- Verify that the Tire Pressure
 Monitor (TPM) works. We heard no
 alarm. When we pulled over, I
 noticed it displayed 1 pound on the
 right tire, but no blinking. Later I
 moved both TPMs to the Jeep tires,
 which has 32 psi and verified the
 audio alarm worked.

Tow now in peace.



Window For Sale!

Jeff Plate (BRN 17035)

Jeff Plate (BRN 17035) writes: Last year I purchased a replacement window from Out of Doors Mart, but ordered the wrong type (mine is the older type with a frame). Shipping this oversized window was expensive and rather than return it, I'd like to see if someone in the club needs a window. The window is new in the box and I'm asking \$280 with local pickup or pick up at a rally or event. Here is the window. https://odmrv.com/catalog/index.php?
https://odmrv.com/catalog/index.php?

You can contact me at: 414 807 8349

Our Members' Travel Adventures By Kelly and Todd Bavery (BRN 7880)

It has been quite the trip! 28 Days - 15 different campsites - 6,850 miles traveled that included: 7 National Parks, 3 National Monuments, 5 State Parks, 2 RV Resorts, 2 Harvest Hosts. We camped in 3 new states - Idaho, Oregon, Washington. We also did a lot of hiking - we hiked over 56 Miles in all of the National Parks, including hiking in the snow in July (Mt Rainer). We went to 1 Parade in Cannon Beach, OR. We drank in 7 breweries and 2 wineries. We went to our 1st International Airstream Rally - looking forward to many more! The one thing we could not plan for was weather - we had great weather. We also have a lot to finish out this year - camping with Harvey, Packer Games, Big Bay State Park and Copper Falls State Park. And last, we are already planning a late spring trip to visit the top 5 National Parks in Utah in 2024.







Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

Airstream Leak Testing - One of The Most Overlooked Parts of Airstream Maintenance

By Clayton Prouty (BRN1635)



In the fall, we clear the tanks, wash, wax, winterize, and tend to the batteries. In the spring we dewinterize, check the tires, check the bearing grease, torque the lugs, give it another bath, and stage our interiors. But oftentimes the sealant and caulking is overlooked. Keeping Airstreams free of water is the best way to ensure your Airstream lasts through the decades. Many times, I have

encountered an Airstream with "no leaks" in the main cabin that has a veritable river running down the inside of the skins. The resulting subfloor/frame damage is no joke.

Part of annual maintenance on Airstreams (really, it's in the manual) is to inspect and reseal exterior seams, windows, lights, and vents as needed. The process can be simple as a quick touch and visual inspection of your seams, inspecting for 'dry' caulk, cracks, voids, separation, or any other damage. Most of the time, this is not as important where two skin sheets are riveted together, but it's great to check for and damage or wrinkles on those while you're up there.





The next level of inspection is to have the Airstream leak tested. This is typically done either with an air pressure-based system,

such as the "Sealtech," using a suction cup system on the rivets, or simply spraying water on the camper's exterior and checking the inside. All have their benefits, though some are preferred to others.

Finally, we get to the actual sealant. As with everything Airstream related, there are many different opinions as to what is best. Currently the most popular sealants for Airstreams are Trempro 635, Sikaflex 221, and Acryl-R. To keep things short: Trempro is the standard sealant for windows, vents, and other features. Sikaflex is for use as a sealant/adhesive. We typically use it on patches and other installs where we don't ever want to strip or remove the part or product again. Acryl-R is

for use specifically on skin seams and is slightly more difficult to work with.

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Airstream Leak Testing - One of The Most Overlooked Parts of Airstream Maintenance (Cont.)

By Clayton Prouty (BRN1635)

Product application is a lot less intimidating than most would think. Though there are a few important steps you can't miss. The most important is surface prep. It is simply not possible to get a good seal if you lay sealant on top of old sealant or on dusty dirty aluminum. Our go to process is six steps: Strip the old caulk, scrub clean with solvent, tape the seam, lay the bead of sealant, smooth with your finger, and pull the tape. This will result in a watertight bead of sealant that looks good on inspection.

Performing regular inspections and addressing issues is simple, quick, and possibly the best bang for your buck time investment you could make on your Airstream. Even having a shop do it can save you thousands in the long run. Now you are well equipped to get out there and get sealing.

Thanks for reading. Safe travels, and happy camping.

Clayton Prouty - Vintage Camper Restoration, LLC



Vintage Camper Restoration LLC is a small, family owned business operating out of southwest
Wisconsin. Founded in 2014 by Steve Prouty and his son Clayton, VCR offers personalized camper restoration and renovation work. Everything from minor repairs to full "shell off" restorations. VCR will also upgrade, service, and repair all new Airstreams. VCR specializes in pull behind aircraft-style, aluminum bodied campers. Airstreams, Spartans, Silverstreaks, and Avions; to name a few. But will work on anything that comes our way.

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How Can I Organize a Successful Rally

By Steve Piotrowski (BRN 2900)

As you get involved with the Wisc-UP Club you will appreciate the various people who lead our rallies. There is a process of official approval of rallies. Sometimes members have a good idea for a rally (or any club activity), but don't know what to do with the idea. That is a fully understandable but please don't hesitate. Yes, you must have some limited organizational skill, but mostly you must have a good attitude.



First, and probably most importantly, make certain that people know what to expect on your rally. The specific activities are less important than letting attendees know what to expect. A rally can be successful with a minimum of activities if the people attending know ahead of time that they are expected to entertain themselves. It may be that you found a campground that has a great swimming beach, smooth bike trails, and loads of inexpensive but great restaurants nearby. The reason for having your rally is to share enjoyment of those experiences. Maybe one morning the Rally includes breakfast and another morning coffee and doughnuts (isn't that a perfect breakfast?), but no other meals. It really doesn't matter if your rally invite is clear as to what to expect.

If you say that xyz will be provided, you need to make sure that you have enough of x, y and particularly the hard to find "z" for the people attending. Remember, twenty units attending means forty people in most cases. On the other hand, if your campground only fits fifteen units, be sure to let them know that only the first fifteen get to camp at the rally site.

There will be few complaints and many compliments if you do a good job with the description and your execution meets the outlined activities. However, if you say you are serving Prime Rib and baked potatoes with side salads and end up only having stale bread and water, you might find the bread being thrown in your direction. The opposite also applies, if you tell them that all evening meals will be potluck and then surprise them with completely furnished meals, those folks who spent hours preparing their special dishes to share (that barely fit in their small Airstream refrigerator) will probably take a long time to forget.

Are you sensing a theme yet? It is a simple directive to follow, plan for your event, prepare the special activities, and communicate accurately what is going to happen and what is provided. Of course, you need to find a place that offers something enjoyable, but that can be anything that you like, or others may not know about. Think it through, have someone else read the schedule/event notice for clarity, and make certain you can provide what you promised. Also, remember you don't have to do it all by yourself. Ask someone else in the club to help you with the easter egg hunt by

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By Steve Piotrowski (BRN 2900) (Cont.)

boiling the 120 eggs needed and then make decorating them part of the Saturday scheduled activities (caution: do the decorating before happy hour, not after).

As Yoda might say, "Simple it is, good to plan it is." Think about what you enjoy doing, try not to make your role too complicated, and let people know what to expect. Unexpected changes happen, and we all understand that, just let folks know when you find out it ain't gonna work like you planned. That sudden cold spell made swimming an unpleasant agenda item, but the beach bonfire might bring everyone together for games and conversations. (But no Badger stories are ever allowed.)

Editor's note: Sandy has started writing a Rally Guide with the information on planning a rally. It will contain the nuts and bolts of organizing a rally. Please email <u>Sandy</u> if you are interested in collaborating!

This and That (Region News)

Ginger Slattery Region 7 President (BRN 2041)

Joe and I traveled to Teulon, Manitoba for a NDPGU (North Dakota Peace Garden Unit) Rally. This was the first opportunity I have had to spend any time in Canada! Looked a lot like the UP! It was an activity packed weekend. We met new members and got reacquainted with old friends.

Food was great, weather was perfect, and a good time was had by all! Thank you to Chris and Bev Wells, Gordon Pickin and Eric Jensen for co-hosting!



The best part of being your Region President is meeting and talking with all the members. There have been some big items happening on the IBT and I have enjoyed and value everyone's comments, especially if one doesn't think the same way I do. I am there to represent the Region as a whole and my vote reflects what I hear from all of you! So please keep those

comments coming!

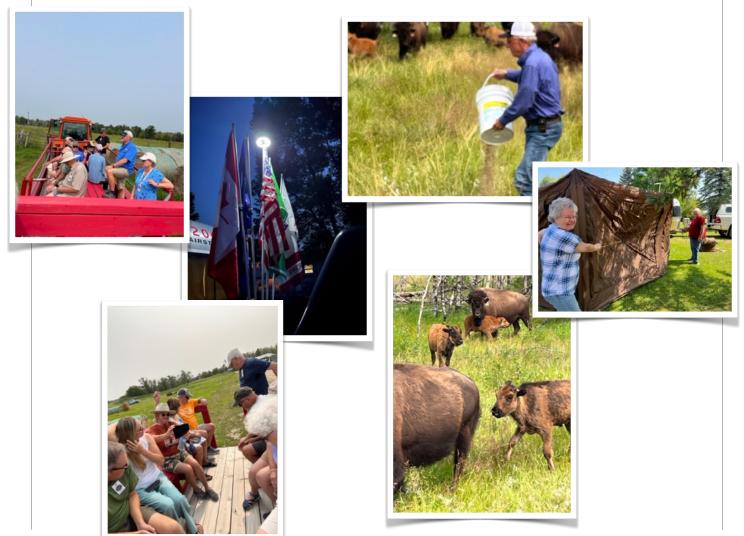
Our next rally is Northfield, MN. We have never done an urban rally, so another first! This one will also be fun as the newly reorganized dealership from Minneapolis is participating! They used to be

This and That (Region News)

Ginger Slattery Region 7 President (BRN 2041) (Cont.)

known as Lazy Days but now will be known as an Airstream exclusive dealership, Airstream, MN. They will be having a Grand Opening coinciding with the Minnesota Airstream Club's Fall Installation Rally the first weekend in September! Very exciting with lots of joint activities happening.

The Region 7 "Spring Into Fall in Spring Green" Rally currently has 30 Airstreams signed up! I am super excited about that! We have lots planned for that week! All we need now is nice weather! There are still spaces available if you want to join us! Call Wisconsin Riverside Resort at 608-588-2826 to reserve your campsite and let them know you're with the Airstreamers. Then click this link to register for the rally https://airstreamclub.org/region-7-spring-green-rally-2023. It will be here before we know it!



This and That (Region News)

Ginger Slattery Region 7 President (BRN 2041)

Membership Renewal Season is here!

For many of our members, the 2024 Membership Renewal season will begin Sept. 3. Below are a few highlights to remember:

Membership dues are \$75 per year.

The primary or partner member MUST be logged in to the member-only portal to renew online.

Members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN) can renew their additional BRN in the memberonly portal at the time of renewal.

HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.

All Lifetime members must go through the renewal process.

HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email and social media starting September 3rd.

HQ will notify Local Clubs if there is an issue contacting a member.

The deadline for the 2024 Published Membership Directory is Dec. 31, 2023.

Follow this link to the <u>2024 Reminders/Guidelines for Renewals</u> for additional information.

Membership chairs are able to pull current membership lists through the Membership Chair Dashboard.

If you have any questions, email Amanda at membership@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211.

