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SHARON WATERS

Your Iowa Club President recently received a message alerting him to the passing of Past Region 8 First Lady Sharon Waters on Sunday, July 2nd at her home in Rosewood Heights, IL. If you have attended any International Rally in the past 10 or 15 years, you would have found Sharon in charge of the Copy Room, cranking out the volumes of papers and reports associated with the rally. She and Darrell were WBCCI members for 49 years. Sharon was 81 years old at the time of her passing. She never met anyone who didn't become her friend.

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB



PREZ SEZ Our Iowa Airstream Club year is rapidly coming to a close, with just two more rallies before our winter luncheons start. I hope those of you who haven't been to one of our rallies this year can make it to one of the remaining two. Doris Jean and I, with the help of friend and buddy Marcia Woolley, are looking forward to seeing you at the September rally in Independence. With Marcia's help, we feel the rally will provide each of you with a great experience. The campground is level, with rock parking spots, full hookups and free cable TV. On top of that, the Dairy queen is just across the highway for those who have a sweet tooth craving. We still are in need of someone to volunteer to fill the position of Vice President, so please give it some consideration. Also, keep in mind that the October rally will be a joint installation rally with the Iowa North Airstream Club in Hickory Grove County Park at Colo, IA and it will be on the first weekend of October (5th to 8th). See you at Independence or Colo, or both.

Chuck

YOU MIGHT STILL GET A CAMP SITE AT INDEPENDENCE

If you haven't already made reservations for a space at the Municipal Campground at Independence for the September 14-17 rally, it may be too late. However, it wouldn't hurt to call to see if a spot might still be open. **Reservations are made through the campground host by calling 319-440-0472.** The gathering promises to be a fun one, with the campground along the banks of the Wapsipinicon (Wapsi) River at the south edge of Independence. Rally hosts Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka, with help from friend and buddy, Marcia Woolley, are looking forward to a great time and hope you can join them. **If you plan to attend the rally, PLEASE let Doris Jean Cabalka know by September 9th so tour plans and food needs can be finalized.** She can be reached by phone at 480-216-8096 or by email at cdjcabalka@juno.com. Hope to see many of you there.

PUPS MEETING

Nine Iowa Past Unit Presidents (PUPs) and four spouses gathered at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton, IA at 11:30 AM on Saturday, August 19th for the Annual PUPs Luncheon, hosted by Immediate Past President Mike Rickert. The apparent lack of spouses was due to spouses who had also served as an Iowa Unit President at some time in the past. As usual, there was no business to transact. It was just an opportunity to gather for a meal and good conversation. The food was the usual Pizza Ranch fare and there was lots of visiting. A report was given by Chuck Cabalka concerning text correspondence he has had with Hobe Darbyshire who is enjoying his travels with the WBCCI Caravan in Alaska.



Back—Chuck Cabalka, Paul Ryan, John Heckman, Mike Rickert, Tom Herron. Front—June Ryan, Nancy Helle, Marcia Woolley, Doris Jean Cabalka.

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BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

7 - Ed Pauley
9 - Scott Jensen
11 - June Ryan
20 - John Heckman
27 - Deb Ford

ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER

2 - Pat & Larry Dellamuth
5 - Linda & Norm Beu
7 - Sharon & Gary Urich
8 - Doris Jean & Chuck Cabalka
24 - Carolyn & Gene Haller

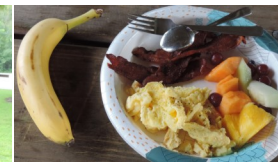
IOWA CLUB NEEDS A VOLUNTEER

Our club has a drastic need for someone to volunteer to serve as our Vice President. Tom Herron has agreed to the nomination for President for 2024 and, if the club is willing, he has indicated he would also accept nomination for that office for 2025. Would you please consider supporting our Iowa Club by stepping forward and volunteering to take on the position of Vice President? Our club is too important to fall by the wayside for lack of those willing to carry part of the load. We have had a number of members who have served multiple years as our officers (for which we should all be thankful), but we need to have some new faces filling the offices. Granted, the pay is not the greatest, but the satisfaction of knowing you have done something for the good of all of us will have to be payment in full. So, please step up and take your turn. Thank you on behalf your current President.

WEEKEND SPENT IN EASTERN IOWA

On Wednesday, August 9th several Iowa Airstreams joined hosts Tom and Shirley Herron and buddies Doug and Deb Ford at the Park Terrace Campground at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport for the August rally. They were joined by additional Iowa Club members the next day, bringing the total attendees to 13 Airstreams and one buddy. That evening (Thursday) the members gathered at host Tom and Shirley's trailer for a supper of beef weiners with all the trimmings, as well as salads and desserts brought by the attendees. With nothing planned for the evening, no one was in a big hurry to get back to their trailer, so a lot of good conversation took place.

About 5:00 AM on Friday morning, everyone was treated to a typical Iowa thunderstorm, thankfully minus strong winds and hail. It was not quite the way most wanted to be awakened, but there was not much anyone could do but roll over and try to get a few more winks of shuteye. Since rain had been previously forecast for 7:00 AM (right about the time breakfast preparations would be under way), a check had been made at the park office on Thursday afternoon to see if a nearby shelter had been reserved. It hadn't, so that evening, at the supper, everyone had been advised that the Friday breakfast would be held at the shelter, which turned out to be a good thing. All gathered there at 8:00 for a greatly appreciated breakfast



of juice,
fresh fruit,
scrambled
eggs and
bacon pre-

pared and served by our hosts. Then, it was time to line up for our day of sightseeing in Davenport.

The morning stop was at the German Heritage Center, where a young fellow served as our guide, taking us through several galleries

depicting the immigration and settling of Germans in the Davenport and Iowa area in the 1800's and early 1900's. It was interesting to discover that many of the German immigrants arrived in the Davenport area via New Orleans and the Mississippi River, rather than from New York and east coast ports, although a great many did come from that direction. Following that stop, everyone was on their own to find a place for lunch, before gathering at the Figge Art Museum for the afternoon. Two very interesting exhibits were featured. One was a display of photos by Ansel Adams and the other exhibit was by a photographer-astronomer from Iowa City. Adams' black and white photos were of Yosemite National Park and other natural phenomenon in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, while the Iowa City gentleman's time- (August Rally Continued on page 3)

(August Rally From page 2) delay photos were of the night skies over Iowa, showing the circles of the stars resulting from the rotation of the earth, as well as the paths of several meteors. A second interesting exhibit was Charles Schultz's drawings of the Peanuts comic strip, published in newspapers around the world. There was also a small exhibit entitled the Age of Flight dealing with the beliefs and flight from persecution of Haitian people in past decades. Then, it was back to the campground to get ready for our "eat out supper" at the famous Ross's Restaurant in Bettendorf.

Twenty-one Airstreamers made their way to Ross's Restaurant for their Friday evening meal. There was a great variety from which to choose on the menu, but it seemed that the pork tenderloin sandwich was the most popular. The sandwich, with a choice of two sides, proved almost more than a person could eat at one setting. However, most seemed to be able to handle the problem. Then, it was back to the trailers for, hopefully, an undisturbed night of rest after a very busy day.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny, as everyone gathered at Herron's trailer for a meal of breakfast burritos, fresh fruit and juice. Then, everyone took off on the "free" day. Although several remained at the campground for the day, others scattered throughout in the area to visit various places.



Your newsletter team took advantage of the opportunity to ride the Channel Cat, a water taxi on the Mississippi. They didn't get off at any of the stops, but just enjoyed an hour-long boat ride on the river. After the ride, they visited the John Deere Pavilion, where several large John Deere machines were on display, among which was a combine with a 16-row corn head and a tractor with crawler tracks on all four corners. Two really big monsters!! Then it was back to the campground for the club business meeting, a social hour and a supper of furnished hamburgers with all the trimmings, as well as side dishes brought by the attendees. Tom lit a campfire and several members sat around it for a while before heading off to bed.



Biscuits and gravy, along with fresh fruit and juice, were



the fare for Sunday's breakfast, before everyone hooked up and headed for home. Our hosts Tom and Shirley Herron, with help from buddies, Doug and Deb Ford, did a great job of organizing and hosting our August rally and they deserve a big **THANK YOU** for their efforts. Now, it is off to Independence for our Sept. 14-17 Election Rally.

JOINT RALLY WITH IOWA NORTH, OCT. 5-8

Don't forget that the Iowa and Iowa North Airstream Clubs will be jointly rallying at Hickory Grove County Park at Colo, Iowa on October 5-8, 2023. This joint rally will see the 2024 officers installed for both clubs. Breezy Bay Campground has a total of 43 campsites with 30 & 50 amp electricity. Water is available, but not at individual sites. There are just 12 sites reservable, with the remaining 31 sites on a first come - first serve basis. Reservations can only be made on-line. Just Google or bring up on your computer Hickory Grove County Park, Colo, IA and follow the instructions. With the 43 total campsites, there should be no problem securing one of the non-reservable sites if you arrive at the park about mid-week. When Tom and Shirley Herron visited with the park ranger last October, he pointed out that the four units camped there were about normal for that time of year. The official website states the camping cost is \$20 per night. The earlier you can go, the better.

I used to be addicted to soap. But I'm clean now.

I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger, then it hit me.

Do you want to hear a construction joke? Sorry, I'm still working on it.

Though I enjoy the sport, I could never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer? A father-in-law.

Why are there gates around cemeteries? Because people are dying to get in!

2024 REGISTRATIONS - INTERNATIONAL & REGION 8

It is never too late to remind you to get registered for both the Region 8 and International Rallies next year, both of which are to be in Missouri. The International Rally registration form is in the *Blue Beret*. That **International Rally**, for the first time, *will be in the fall*. The dates are **October 5-10, 2024** at the State Fairgrounds in Sedalia and, for an additional fee, you can register to arrive one, two or three days early. At this time, there are two Iowa Club members registered for Sedalia (the Lafentz's and Cabalka's) and they would love to have another two or three couples join them in a caravan. Both have signed up to arrive one day early. Sedalia is only 258 miles from Des Moines and would be an easy 7 to 8 hour drive.

The **Region 8 Rally** registration form is not yet in the *Blue Beret*, but it probably will be later this fall and winter. That rally will be based at the ABC Campground in Branson. The dates for that rally are **April 24-28, 2024**. It is your newsletter team's understanding that discounted tickets to some of the Branson shows may be available at the campground office. It appears that the rally will be a fun one, with plenty of sightseeing, eating and places to visit. So, give it serious thought. That will also be a good reason to get the Airstream out of mothballs and get ready for another summer of travel. As soon as reservations can be made, your newsletter team will get the info to you.

We were surprised and pleased to receive the following message from Beth McCall, Region 8 President in 2018.

I was surprised but happy to receive the Iowa newsletter this week. It brought back many fond memories of our travels.

Martin and Rachel Hughey have kept me informed as to the changes that have invaded what I had considered a darn good fun time. No evening programs!?!?! I'll bet the cost of the rally wasn't any cheaper!

I went to the Kansas City Christmas Luncheon with Martin and Rachel and hardly recognized anyone. I'm grateful the club is growing but even the local group and policies have changed so much, I barely recognized it. However, the word got around about who I was and what I did in the past. Long story short, I was asked to give my old presentation about preparedness at their May meeting. Good thing I hadn't cleaned out the files!

My health is about the same as when I had to resign. The disease, sarcoidosis, is in remission but I have tests regularly. My back was damaged so badly that I'm happy I can still walk, but only in the mornings. Afternoon finds me normally in the recliner. A reduction of 25% of my lung function kept me inside during the intense heat. As David always said "I'm in pretty shape for the shape I'm in". I live with my son and daughter in law just next door to our old house and barn. I wish Moby was still in the barn.

I miss "the good old days" of playing joker, potlucks, and watching the "puzzle people" come out at night. Those fifteen years we traveled around the country were some of the best times. Going through the photos is hard nowadays but the memories are sweet and "shiny".

Give my best to the Iowa "Unit"! And keep the shiny side up! Miss you all "up north"!

Beth McCall

Sent from my iPhone

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB BUSINESS MEETING
PARK TERRACE CAMPGROUND, WESTLAKE COUNTY PARK
DAVENPORT, IOWA

The meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Cabalka at 4:06 PM. Roll call found other officers present were:

1 st Vice Pres.	Tom Herron	Director	Pat Dellamuth
Secretary	Doris Jean Cabalka		
Treasurer	Kathy Allen		
Past Pres.	Michael Rickert		

Absent were Directors: Hobe Darbyshire, John Heckman and Mark Kvidera.

The minutes of the June 10 meeting were read. Corrections were given, especially that the Treasurers Report was missing in the published report. That report was found in the secretary's computer and is being included here.

"The Treasurer's report, given by Kathy Allen, showed a \$4,304.00 balance in October 31st. Activity since then included **deposits** of \$1,075 camping fees for May Rally, \$375.00 net dues and \$0.66 interest. **Expenses** were \$1,390 camping May Rally, \$225.00 Hickory Grove Oct. Rally room, \$100 damage deposit for Oct Rally room and \$2.14 Bank Fee. Club **balance May 18th** was \$4,037.52."

The Treasurers Report, given by Kathy Allen, showed a balance of \$4037.52 on May 18.

Activity 5/18 to 6/7	Income:	Dues	30.00	Expenses	May Rally	414.76		
		May Rally	408.00		Directory	139.17		
		Common Cents	28.25		Dir. Postage	57.81		
		Interest	0.14					
June 7 Balance	\$3,892.17	Activity 6/ 8 to 8/ 9:	Income	Dues	\$45.00	Expenses	June Rally	339.91
				June Rally	315.00			
				Common Cents	22.00			
				Interest	0.28			

August 9 Balance: \$3,934.54

New business:

Tom Herron made a motion that the Iowa Airstream Club sponsor a caravan to the Swiss Festival National Rally held in Sugarcreek, Ohio from Sept. 22 to Oct. 1. Motion seconded and carried.

Mike Rickert, chair of the nominating committee, reported that Tom Herron accepted nomination for Club President for both the year starting in Oct, 2023 and the year starting in Oct 2024. After some discussion, Director nominations were accepted by Norm Van Klompenburg and Chuck Helle. Also accepting nominations for another year were Secy. Doris Jean Cabalka and Treas. Kathy Allen.

Discussion about timing of rally elections in 2024 because International will be in October, therefore conflicting with Club Nomination, Voting and Installation dates. Mike Rickert moved that Iowa Club move Nomination to July, Voting to August and Installation to September. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer Kathy Allen announced the Rally Fee for this rally is \$27 per couple and \$13.50 per single. She moved that bills presented to the treasurer at this rally be paid. Seconded and carried.

Some discussion was held about putting the Constitution and Bylaws into the Directory as had been the practice before the problem of getting the updated CBL okayed by International. It was agreed that the CBL should be in the Directory for easy reference by everyone.

Meeting adjourned, 4:35PM

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Jean Cabalka, Secretary

RALLY SCHEDULE
MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND
INDEPENDENCE, IOWA
September 14-17, 2023

DIRECTIONS: Arriving from the South on IA Hwy. 150, turn right at the first intersection after crossing the Wapsi River and you are there. From the North on IA Hwy. 150, turn left at 8th St. SE, just before the Dairy Queen. All campsites are full hookup with free cable TV.

NOTICE: Please bring your tableware to all furnished meals and be prepared to bring your own beverages. Coffee, hot water and tea bags will be provided at breakfasts. Times for some activities may be subject to change.

Thursday, Sept. 14:

- 6:00 PM Finger Foods (crackers, cheese, cold cuts, chips, dips, cookies, etc.)
- 7:00 PM Guest speaker to talk about history of Independence
- Campfire following talk, weather permitting.

Friday, Sept. 15:

- 7:30 AM Breakfast of French toast, bacon, juice and coffee
- 9:00 AM Brick Kitchen tour and demo
- 10:00 AM Drive to Quasqueton (10 mi. SE)
- 11:00 AM Lunch on your own at Wolfey's Wapsi Outback Restaurant overlooking the Wapsi River in Quasqueton
- 12:30 PM Visit Quasqueton Area Museum. Cost is a donation
- 2:00 PM Tour Cedar Rock State Park (Frank Lloyd Wright designed home and boathouse)
- 3:15 PM In The Country tour (nursery and garden shop)
- Supper on your own
- Campfire following supper, weather permitting.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

- 8:00 AM Breakfast of Oatmeal and Ice Cream (raisin bran for non-oatmealers), toast, jam, juice and coffee
- Free Day: Suggestions are Old Mill in Independence, Farmer's Market, numerous Amish area businesses and shops. Map of Amish area will be included in Goody Bag.
- 4:00 PM Business Meeting @ Pizza Ranch, 1900 - 1st St. W., Independence
- Supper @ Pizza Ranch following business meeting
- 7:00 PM "Where The Heck Are We" quiz? Bring pencil or pen and something to support writing. Answer sheet will be provided.

Sunday, Sept. 17:

- 8:00 AM Breakfast of rolls, juice and coffee.

THANKS FOR COMING. DRIVE SAFELY GOING HOME AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT HICKORY GROVE NEXT MONTH!

BALLOT

Iowa Airstream Club

2023 Election for 2024 Officers

President: Tom Herron Yes_____

Write In_____

Vice President: Write In_____

Secretary: Doris Jean Cabalka_ Yes_____

Write In: _____

Treasurer: Kathy Allen: Yes_____

Write In: _____

Directors: Norm Van Klompenburg: Yes_____

Chuck Helle: Yes_____

Write Ins: _____

Remember, if you cast a vote for anyone other than the nominees, that person must have indicated a willingness to serve, if elected.

You can cast your vote in four different ways. 1) Attend the September rally and bring your completed ballot with you 2) Complete your ballot and mail it to Secretary Doris Jean Cabalka at 1205 S. 8th Ave., E., Newton, IA 50208 by September 9th 3) Email your vote to the Secretary at cdjcabalka@juno.com prior to the business meeting and 4) Phone your vote to the Secretary at 480-216-8096. Obviously, the preferred way is to bring your ballot to the September rally.