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LOOK NICE FOR INSTALLATION

This is a reminder that the traditional and recommended dress for those being installed as officers for the 2024 Iowa Club year is white shirt or blouse, dark slacks or skirt and red tie or scarf. Wearing of blue berets is optional, although it does look nice if they are worn.

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

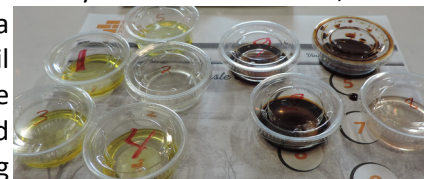


PREZ SEZ Sad as it is, we are finally reaching the end of our rally year. The weather has been pretty kind to us, with good weather for each of our rallies. I want to express a special and large **THANK YOU** to those who agreed to be our rally hosts. Each rally was different and we have the hosts for thank for that. Now, it is time to pass the baton to the next group of officers. I am certain the Tom (and Shirley) will do an excellent job in providing varied and excellent rallies in 2024. I sincerely hope that more of you make plans to join your Iowa Airstream Club friends at those rallies. I look forward to seeing many of you there. We will miss seeing you at the Winter Luncheons, but it is a pretty long drive back to Iowa from Apache Junction, AZ for a meal. Suffice it to say, we will be thinking of all of you and will be eagerly awaiting the reports and pictures from those gatherings. **THANK YOU** to all who had any involvement in making our 2023 year a success. Doris Jean and I love all of you. *Chuck*

SEPTEMBER RALLY IN INDEPENDENCE

Nine Airstreams and one buddy gathered at the Municipal RV Park at the south edge of Independence, Iowa for the September 14-17 rally, hosted by Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka and buddy, Marcia Woolley. The first activity was the Thursday evening meal consisting of finger foods. A great variety of sandwiches, crackers, pickles and cookies, and even small Snicker's candy bars, provided a plentiful meal. Following the meal, Ms. Judy Olson joined the group to provide a comprehensive history of Independence. The community was founded in 1864, near the end of the Civil War, and grew to be a powerful economic hub in a relatively few years. In fact, with both east-west and north-south railroads, it was situated to ship grain and livestock to both the east and west coast, as well as to the Gulf of Mexico. It even shipped more produce than Waterloo, Iowa. In the early 1870's the town suffered two large, catastrophic fires, destroying much of the downtown area. As a result of the rebuilding, a lot of the new buildings were built to reflect the Italian renaissance period, which still shows in many of the buildings along main street. The community was also known world-wide for the kite-shaped track and the harness racing that took place. Two horses, Allerton and Axtell were the top racing horses and Independence became known as the Lexington of the North.

Breakfast on Friday morning consisted of French toast, bacon, juices, coffee and tea. Following the meal, the group made their way to the Brick Kitchen, a business in downtown Independence, where a couple of ladies led everyone on a olive oil and balsamic tasting experience. Everyone tasted nine different varieties of olive oil and balsamic's, ranging from smooth soft tasting oil to spicy, sharp balsamic. Apparently, the tasting bore good results, since many of the rally attendees lined up at the cash register to purchase numerous items. Your newsletter team suspects that it was one of the best Friday's the



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DUES MAY BE DUE

This is just a reminder that your 2024 dues may be payable NOW if you haven't already paid them. Remember, if you joined WBCCI after July 1, 2021, your payment is due on your membership anniversary date. You should have been, or will be, reminded several time by the International office. For those who were members before July 1, 2021, your payment is due by December 31; sooner if at all possible. You can send your check to either Kathy Allen or to Headquarters in Jackson Center (provisions allow payment through Headquarters to be made on line if you so desire). If thru Kathy, she will forward the International portion to Jackson Center and, if thru Headquarters, they will remit the Iowa portion to Kathy. The total dues payable are \$90.00 per rig; \$75.00 for International and \$15.00 for Iowa. Friends and Life Members owe just the \$15.00. Let's make life easy for Kathy by mailing your check to her now or by bringing it to the October rally.

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

3 - Kay Vaughn
7 - Margaret "Mugs" Jespersen
14 - Dale Lafrentz
19 - Gary Urich
21 - Hobe Darbyshire
22 - Terri Taylor-Wolf
24 - Sandie Kiple

ANNIVERSARIES OCTOBER

8 - Heather & Marcus Felder
13 - Kathy & Scott Allen
15 - Karen & Mark Kvidera

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business had experienced in it's two years of existence. Then, on to Quasqueton (Quasky), a small community about 10 miles SE of Independence, where everyone enjoyed lunch while seated at tables on a outside deck overlooking the Wapsi River. Following lunch, the group moved next door to the local museum, where they viewed hundreds of old items.



It was surprising to hear many comments like "My mother had that", or "I remember using that", etc. Guess we are all reaching old age when we see items we used in our younger years now residing in museums.

After a Saturday breakfast of oatmeal and ice cream (butter pecan or vanilla), fruit, juice and coffee, everyone was free to do their own thing for the day. A few visited Cedar Rock State Park (the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house and boathouse), while many visited the stores and shops in the Amish area NW of town. At 4:00 PM, everyone gathered at the local Pizza Ranch, where the monthly business meeting was held, followed by the usual Pizza Ranch buffet dinner. Then, it was back to the campground where Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka led the group in a quiz entitled "Where the Heck Are We?" About 50 pictures were projected onto a screen and each attendee was asked to write down what the subject was and where it was located. Many saw places they had been before in their travels, while others viewed places they had only heard of. Small prizes were given to the two who had the most correct answers, and prizes were also given to the two who had the least number right. Many said it was a fun way to end the day.

Sunday morning dawned sunny and cool. A breakfast of assorted rolls, juice and coffee sent everyone on their way home, ready for the October rally at Colo. Chuck and Doris Jean want to thank all who attended and especially want to give a big **THANK YOU** to Marcia Woolley for all the work and effort she put forth in organizing the rally. She was quite the "buddy"! Not only did she do a great job of organizing it, but she did it while selling her home and moving to an apartment in Cedar Falls, IA. Talk about stress!

HURRY, HURRY

In order to get this newsletter out and since our rally will be a week earlier than normal, and particularly the SCHEDULE for the October rally, there will be no information about the Swiss Festival Rally, attended by Dale and Joan Lafrentz, Chuck and Nancy Helle and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka. Look for rally info and pictures in the next newsletter.

SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY CARAVAN

On the afternoon of Tuesday, September 19th, Dale and Joan Lafrentz and Chuck and Nancy Helle joined Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka at the Summit Campground at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport to rendezvous for the three-day trip to Sugarcreek, OH to attend the 60th WBCCI SWiss Festival Rally. All three couples had attended this rally several times and enjoyed it so much that they keep going back.

Wednesday's drive took the caravan from Davenport thru Peoria, IL and east to the city park campground at Earl Park, IN (just across the IL-IN state line), arriving there about 3:00 PM. Following a social gathering at the Lafrentz trailer, it was time for supper and a "get to bed early" evening, since it was just a few miles east on Wednesday morning when they would suddenly lose one hour in going from CDT to EDT. It was essential to leave



early so the caravan would get to Jackson Center, OH by noon, or shortly thereafter. Leaving about 8:30 AM EDT, the caravan arrived at Jackson Center shortly after noon. Following a very quick lunch, it was out to the new

750,000 sq. ft. Airstream factory for the 1:00 PM tour. It was quite interesting to see how Airstreams are being made now, compared to how they were made in the old plant. Then, it was back into town to fuel up, eat supper and prepare for the next day's drive to Sugarcreek.



With only about 155 miles to travel on Friday, there was no big rush to get on the road. After dumping the holding tanks, the caravan left the Terraport about 9:00 AM. A stop for lunch in Danville, OH found the caravan arriving at Winklepleck Grove City Park (the rally site) about 1:30 PM. The three trailers were immediately parked and unhooked. Dale left to get his pickup washed and to check out a place to eat that evening. True to tradition, the caravan members went out to eat at a local restaurant on the evening of arrival. The restaurant was the Dutch Valley Restaurant where everyone enjoyed their huge buffet. It was a wonderful way to bring an enjoyable and uneventful caravan to an end. Chuck and Doris Jean want to thank Dale and Joan and Chuck and Nancy for traveling with them to the rally. It is always fun to travel with fiends!

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.

RALLY SCHEDULE

JOINT RALLY WITH IOWA NORTH CLUB

HICKORY GROVE COUNTY PARK, COLO, IOWA

HOSTS: Tom and Shirley Herron

October 5 to 8, 2023

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: US Hwy 30 has been under construction for the past several months. It is hoped the work will be completed and the normal access will be open on Hwy. 30. However, those arriving from the East MAY need to drive a little farther. If the left turn to access the road to the park is NOT available, simply proceed west to the Nevada interchange, exit, turn left, cross over Hwy. 30 and go down the entrance ramp to return East on Hwy. 30. Then look for the right turn to go to the park. The entrance road is about 0.4 mi. west of the 30-65 interchange.

We will be using the Oriole Ridge Lodge for meals and installation. It will be open evenings and Saturday for games and puzzles. **Bring your own table service to all provided meals.**

Thursday, October 5:

6:00 PM Beef burgers will be provided. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage.

Campfire following supper, weather permitting.

Friday, October 6:

Breakfast on your own.

9:00 AM Line up to caravan to "Black's Heritage Farm", 26156 - 530th Ave, Ames, Iowa

We will be touring an 80-year old family farm. Learn about the crop share concept, ride the hay rack, visit the animals, sample the famous "sweet corn salsa" and shop the well-stocked farm store for vegetables, fresh meat, eggs, baked goods, jams and jellies. **The entry fee is \$10.00 each.**

Lunch is on your own.

1:00 PM Meet in downtown State Center, near the grocery store for a tour of historic sites, such as Watson's 1911 General Store, Shepler's Barber Shop, a one-room schoolhouse and the Zearing Train Depot. You might even desire grabbing a refreshment at "Starry Grove Sweet Treats". BUT, make sure to save room for supper! You may even want to relax at the rose garden, although the roses may not be there.

4:30 PM Supper (Dutch treat) at St. Andrews Bar and Grill, 101 - 2nd St. SE in State Center.

7:00 PM New officer installation at campground lodge. Your attention is called to the recommended attire for incoming Iowa officers.

Saturday, October 7:

8:00 AM Breakfast of pancakes, bacon, fruit, juices and coffee.

Following breakfast the Iowa Club will hold their Business Meeting and pass the torch to the new officers.

Remainder of day is free time to explore the area or come to the lodge for games and puzzles.

6:00 PM Supper. Bring your own beverage and meat to grill, as well as a side dish to share.

Following supper, a Round Table Discussion regarding Airstream problems and solutions, the Club or Clubs, and travel hints and suggestions.

Sunday, October 8:

8:00 AM Breakfast of biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice and coffee.

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VAC TOURS THE UP

We want to thank Shirley Herron for the following article concerning the recent VAC Rolling Rally.

The rally started off on a warm August weekend right here in Iowa's own Sugar Bottom Campground at Coralville Reservoir. The shiny trailers plus one Argosy gathered from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, including our leader's, Brian and Jo Ann Peterson, home state of Missouri. Once everyone checked in, we had 11 Airstreams of various sizes and ages. A special treat was seeing the "watermelon trailer" near the entrance to the campground. We each set our itinerary for Saturday. Some enjoyed the nearby fossils display, while others headed to Cedar Rapids for a memorable tenderloin. Then we met for the social hour. There we divided into traveling groups, teams were decided, departure time set and routes discussed. Sunday was to be our longest travel day with the final destination being Chippewa Falls, WI.

Tom and I were lucky enough to be on a very flexible team and it was determined to veer from the obvious route with



a side destination of Maiden Rock Cidery. The desire to re-experience the yummy "Honey Crisp Hard Cider" enjoyed on the rolling rally two years ago was strong. We still managed to arrive at Sunday night's base camp with time to spare. Loved Wisconsin State Parks with their little secluded sites. We each set our own itinerary for the next day with

lots to see and explore: zoo, cheese stores, a large shoe store, cute downtown markets and shops and restaurants to try. Lots to fit in before the social hour and team meeting to set departure plans. Tuesday found our team on the road again with a destination of Little Sand Bay at Bayfield, WI. Beautiful scenery was waiting. Those of us that like water sports went for a guided kayak paddle tour.



(Tom in the back seat.)
The next day

most reserved seats on a guided tour boat for the Apostle Islands, shopped the quaint town shops, took in the Maritime Museum and tried local cuisine. We personally ran out of time and only made three stops on the Fruit Loop Trail. This will be an area we look forward to revisiting, as the small villages could be explored more.

After three nights, our team lined up and headed out. Our

destination was McLain State Park, MI. The town of Hancock blended with Houghton, MI. I'm sure the locals knew where one ended and the next began. Lots to explore; local shops, eateries, museums, mines and the Portage Lake Lift Bridge (the heaviest aerial lift bridge in the world, built in 1959). Then, a day trip up the coast to Copper Harbor and Horseshoe Bay. Each night we experienced some wonderful and consistently different sunsets and enjoyable social times.

The next shift we rolled over to Marquette and spent time in a private area named "Gitchee Gume". I feel the name had me expecting too much in shore ambience. While it was an interesting setting, it just didn't meet my expectations. I was able to see the Blue Moon once I found an opening in the tall pines and the correct direction. Marquette is a very interesting location, with lots of waterfalls and beautiful parks. My personal favorite was Presque Isle Park, where I saw crashing waves at the black rocks area, surfers braving those high waves and fun shops in the downtown area. The yummy, highly recommended Jilbert Dairy, with the amazing quantity and tasty flavors was great. While staying at "gitchee", we drove over to the boat tour of "Painted Rocks". Driving back we found a nice sculpture park. Between the two locations, we took so many photos.

Two nice adventures on the road to Sturgeon Bay; our flexible team stopped by Escanaba at the candy store and it was fun seeing where the International Rally was held in 2017. All groups stopped at a fire museum for a town (Peshtigo, MI) that burned at the same time as the great Chicago fire. Lots of sad history plus encouraging spirit of the survivors for what they endured. We arrived at our final destination of Sturgeon Bay to enjoy the Door County communities, with all the orchards, farmer's markets and local restaurants. Tom and I decided to attend a haunted tour trolley ride. The narrative from our driver at each place we visited was great, with the final stop being a lighthouse.

We felt very glad we invested our time and had the opportunity to roll on this trip. Memories were made. Fun times were shared with friends. On the return trip to Iowa, we made two stops; Baraboo, WI (the home of the Ringling Brothers), the Wisconsin Dells and met up with a classmate of Tom's. Continuing on, we ventured to Rockford, IL and rolled on home.