



The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter

April 2023 Edition

Captain's Log, Stardate 04.01.2023: it is with sincere regret that I must step down as president of the Akron Airstream Club given recent, life-changing opportunities that were simply too good to pass up—"surreal" would be more accurate. Jennette and I left last Saturday for Florida for me to accept a school superintendent position in Englewood (north of Fort Myers) while Jennette signs an acceptance offer as a career technical supervisor with Sarasota County Schools. To help ease the transition, we've traded our Airstream for an older Prevost Coach (2012) that we'll use as a temporary home while we look for a suitable lot to build a house—with a pool! The job postings came up in early February and via a few Zoom interviews, we are soon-to-be "Floridians," heading south the end of May. We'll share more details later once plans are finalized.



The previous blurb is totally fictitious—April Fools!! Gotcha! 😊 Although tempting, the warm weather this week in Florida is soon followed by the hot and humid summer months—and I don't do well in the extreme heat (same with David Stallard!) Jennette and I ARE in Florida this week for Spring Break; we're staying on Manasota Key and the only decisions I'll be making will be how many gin & tonics to take to the beach and where we're eating! Our daughter, Lesli, weaseled her way into our itinerary as well—she graduates from OSU the first weekend in May so looks like I'll be teaching her how to make a proper drink!

Thanks to Andrea and Neil Scheid for hosting the March Luncheon at *Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen*—approximately 30 members made the trek to Middlefield for an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks also to Karen Kiehl for snapping a few pictures that I'll share on page 2. On the topic of luncheons, we have one remaining on April 15th—hosted by Mike & Mary Schuster in Medina. Please RSVP via our ClubExpress webpage; that link is found in the "Upcoming Events" section.



You forgot your wallet... AGAIN?

Region 4 Rally Update: At the regional level, Region 4 will hold its 47th International Rally in Kalamazoo, Michigan running **May 16 – 21** at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. Several Akron members are registered so take a look at your May calendar and consider heading north to Michigan. The cost is \$115 per rig with an additional \$110 per person. The registration form is found [HERE](#).



Region 4 officer elections are coming fast with two of our own, **Fred Kiehl and Mike Pastva** seeking President and 1st Vice President positions, respectively, for the 2023-2025 term. As the Akron Ohio Airstream Club presiding officer, **I'll need to cast our Club's ONE lone vote for each position by April 15th!** If you haven't done so yet, please email me (bnjwilch@gmail.com) with your choice(s); I'll cast our Club's vote by the April due date.

Looking ahead, let's recognize those with birthdays in April. Please, if we've missed your information, simply zap me an update. **Happy 'April' Birthday to:**

- 4/09 **Mary Schuster**
- 4/22 **Vern Ketchum**
- 4/27 **Alan Jackson**



Happy Anniversary to:
04-17 **Dennis & Karen Kiehl**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Since we "blanked" last month, **we'll schedule one last AOAC Monthly Breakfast** for the off-season on Wednesday, April 5th at Waterloo Restaurant in Akron . . . all are welcome and we meet up around 9:00am! Once again, I have a conflict so there should be plenty of sausage for other guests!

Our last luncheon of the off-season is **Saturday, April 15th** (Mary & Mike Schuster, hosts) at **Thyme² Restaurant** pronounced Time Square in historic downtown Medina (<https://www.thyme2restaurant.com/>) begins at 11:30am. The restaurant is located one block south of the square and the closest parking is Medina Public Parking lot #4 on South Court St. The mailing address of the restaurant will confuse your GPS so please see directions below. For GPS just navigate to tourist attraction **Castle Noel**, 260 South



Court St. Medina. **Parking lot #4 is across the street from Castle Noel and the Thyme 2 entrance is directly on the south side of that lot. Please RSVP by 3/8 through the Club Express website** by clicking on this [link](#)—then click on the “April Luncheon” event and follow the steps to register.

- ☐ **Urban Air Wake Up Downtown Rally: May 4-7, 2023** in Logan, Ohio. Contact Dennis Kiehl with questions or sign up for the Urban Air Wake Up Downtown at: [Urban Air Registration Site](#) The cost is \$101 per unit (w/ driver) and \$5 for each additional guest. There’s a staging area at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 3rd with downtown parking beginning Thursday morning.
- ☐ **47th Annual Airstream Club International Region 4 Rally: May 16-21, 2023** in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- ☐ **Akron Airstream Club June Mystery Rally: June 8-11, 2023** The theme of this Mystery Rally is: “Look no further than your own backyard”. Two dinner entrees are going to be provided –the Stallard’s, Schnettler’s & Wilch’s will ask for sides & desserts from you. We will be going to a brewery for the third dinner; you can order off the menu. Brunch will be provided on the final day, with grab n’ go lunches/breakfasts the other days. Final food \$ TBD.
- ☐ **2023 66th International Rally** in Rock Springs, WY June 24–30 at the Sweetwater Event Complex, 3320 Yellowstone Road, Rock Springs, WY
- ☐ **Akron Airstream Club July Rally: July 13-16, 2023** hosted by the Kiehl’s (Dennis & Karen) and the Welfley’s (Dan & Jersey) . . . once they locate a campground and figure out what’s on the agenda, we’ll share details.
- ☐ **Akron Airstream Club and the West Virginia Unit will host a joint August Rally: August 8/10-13, 2023** co-hosted by Fred & Kathy Kiehl. To register for the GrandVue Park Airstream Rally, call 304 845-9810 Ext 403. To get the 20% discount the code is WVAIRSTREAM23. The sites are #28-40 and #1-13. The cost for 3 nights with the discount should be \$205.80. The sites are available exclusively for our Rally until July 1, 2023.
- ☐ **Airstream, Inc. Alumapalooza Rally: Sep 5-11, 2023** hosted by the folks at Jackson Center. Check it out by clicking [HERE](#).
- ☐ **60th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally:** September 23-October 1st, Sugarcreek, Ohio.
- ☐ **Akron Airstream Club October Rally:** October 12-15 at Pier Lon Campground, Medina (*hosts: Stallard’s & Schnettler’s*) featuring a fall foliage tour!



2023 International Rally Update: The 66th International Rally, June 24-30 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, is shaping up to be the largest in the past 20 years—1275 rigs!



2024 International Rally destination: Sedalia, Missouri in the fall of 2024 at the State Fairgrounds for its 67th Annual International Rally.

2025 International Rally destination: York, PA . . . we’re hearing it may be in late August?

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No, John, we said **GREEN** shirts!

