



The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter

February 2023 Edition

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY ♥



Captain's Log, Stardate 01.31.2023: So January, 2023 is history as we embark on the shortest month of the year—and given the lousy, dreary weather, I'm OK with shortening February to 25 days! **If you're itching to get out of the house, please know that we've resurrected the monthly "AOAC Breakfast Rendezvous" the first Wednesday of each month—so that's tomorrow, February 1st at the Waterloo Restaurant (423 E Waterloo Rd, Akron) . . . we're aiming for 9am—all are welcome!** January's AOAC luncheon at Oak & Embers in Hudson was attended by 30+ members in spite of some sketchy weather the day prior. Yours truly got BBQ sauce all over his iPhone so **THANKS** to Karen Kiehl for saving the day with a few pictures providing photographic evidence to those in sunny Florida that we continue to enjoy "the Airstream life" even during the cold winter months!



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—with 1200 spots (capacity) already reserved and a waiting list close to 200! Organizers are planning an additional 50-100 spots

in the Boondocking area separated between overflow generator/non-generator sites. Airstreamers can arrive early at a fee of \$50/night—here's the [form](#) for that!

2024 International Rally update: ACI plans to head for Sedalia, Missouri in the fall of 2024! The Club is booking its International Rallies further out than ever before, and just signed a contract with the Missouri State Fair for its 67th Annual International Rally to begin on October 5, 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri: it's the first time an International Rally will be held in the fall. According to President Eric McHenry, "...we're going to travel through the Midwest when the fall colors are starting to peak and the daytime temperatures won't get so hot as they do oftentimes during our summer rallies." 1400 full-hookup sites will be available!



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](#).



Looking ahead, let's recognize those with significant events coming up during the month of February. Please, if we've missed your information, simply zap me an update at: bnjwilch@gmail.com. **Happy 'February' Birthday to:**

2/09 Nancy Jackson
2/11 Tim Rice



Likewise, Happy 'February' Anniversary:

02-14 Jim & Carolyn Brothers
Joe & Mary Maxwell



02-23 Tom & Julie Ozbolt



UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

□ February **AOAC Monthly Breakfast** on Wednesday, February 1st at Waterloo Restaurant in Akron . . . all are welcome and we meet up around 9:00am!

□ **February Valentine's Luncheon** on **February 11, 2023** hosted by *Dave & Linda Stallard and Adam & Stearns* at the **"On Tap" restaurant in Medina (2736 Medina Rd, Medina)!**



□ March **AOAC Monthly Breakfast** on Wednesday, March 1st at Waterloo Restaurant in Akron . . . all are welcome and we meet up around 9:00am!

□ **March Luncheon: 3/11/2023** at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen in Middlefield (14743 N State Ave, 44062) beginning at 11:30am . . . **Thanks to Andrea and Neil Scheid for hosting this luncheon!** Let's look for an RSVP to Andrea at 440.343.2576 or email andrea44062@gmail.com by March 1st.

□ April **AOAC Monthly Breakfast** on Wednesday, April 5th at Waterloo Restaurant in Akron . . . all are welcome and we meet up around 9:00am!

□ **April Luncheon: ~~4/8/2023~~ 4/15/2023** is the adjusted date with Mary & Mike Schuster hosting. A location is TBA at this time; RSVP information TBD.

□ **Urban Air Wake Up Downtown Rally: May 4-7, 2023** in Logan, Ohio. See Dennis Kiehl with questions

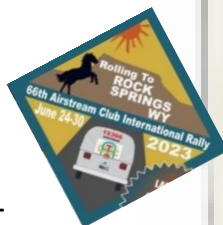


or sign up for the Urban Air Wake Up Downtown at: [Urban Air Registration Site](#) The cost is \$101 per unit (w/ driver) and \$5 for each additional guest. There's a staging area available at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 3rd with downtown parking beginning Thursday morning. The address is 38 West Main St, Logan, OH 43138.

□ **47th Annual Airstream Club International Region 4 Rally: May 16-21, 2023** in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St.

□ **Akron Airstream Club June Mystery Rally?? June 8-11, 2023** with details TBA.

□ **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 ??? with details TBA.

□ **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 . . . 20 sites have

been reserved; somewhere near Wheeling, WVA... more details TBA.

□ **Akron Airstream Club September Alumapalooza Rally: Sep 5-11, 2023** hosted by ? w/ details TBA.

□ **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 (*hosted by Stallard's & Schnettler's*) featuring fall foliage tour!

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April Community Service opportunity within Region 4:

If anyone in the AOAC is interested in volunteering at the *Mountaineer Food Bank* in Gassaway, WV, later in April, please reach out to committee chair, James Kingseed at: jkingsseed@gmail.com or call 937.539.3139. **The dates are Wednesday, April 26 – Sunday, April 30** at the **Elk River Camp & RV**, 360 Little Buffalo Road in Gassaway. Volunteer work would take place in either two 4-hour shifts on Thursday and Friday or an all-day assignment either day. Region 4 is looking for participation of 1 rig representing each unit. Fred Kiehl has been to this locale and could enlighten those interested.



RVer Commandments:

1. Thou shall anticipate that all repair costs will be over \$1000
2. Thou shall always lower your antenna
3. Thou shall always unplug the power cord from the post before departing
4. Thou shall never confuse the black tank clean-out for city water input
5. Thou shall have roadside assistance
6. Thou shall never pay full price for a campsite
7. Thou shall use Gas Buddy to find the less expensive fuel
8. Thou shall double check your hitch
9. Thou shall not loiter in the left lane
10. Thou shall not covet they neighbor's rig

