



The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter

January 2023 Edition



Captain's Log, Stardate 1.12.2023: Happy New Year, Akron Ohio Airstreamers! I'm not sure about you but I've always started the new year with a list of 3-4 resolutions worthy of attention. Here's my list for 2022 2023:



- o *Get my newsletters out on time*
 - o *Lose 10 pounds by MLK Day*
 - o *Learn a new skill...playing a banjo?*
- So much for those silly proposals . . .

they just add to my stress level and conflict with my carpe diem existence.

I would imagine that the folks down south would relish appreciate hearing about the weather up in Northeast Ohio so here's the "groundhog day" forecast we've been subjected to since Christmas: "cloudy with no chance of seeing the center of our universe, the sun!" Although dreary, it's been relatively above "normal" with a deficit in snowfall. Translation: we're gonna' get it bad in the coming weeks. Speaking of Florida, Jennette and I just received word that our reservations in Fort Myers Beach for spring break the end of March have been cancelled—because Fort Myers Beach isn't there anymore. Seriously, they've sustained so much damage that rebuilding the area's accommodations, restaurants and shops will take much of the new year. So, we found a place just a little bit north near Englewood on Manasota Key. It's a Walmart parking lot with "above-average" reviews; and based on my map-reading-insights, everything seems to be downhill from Ohio to Florida—it's the uphill trip home that looks daunting. 😊

For those of us staying close to home during the winter months, don't forget that we have the **AOAC January Luncheon this Saturday starting at 11:30am at the Oak & Embers Restaurant** just north of Hudson, on Darrow Road (Rt 91). They feature an American/BBQ style menu with generous portions! RSVP to "me" at: bnjwilch@gmail.com.



Speaking of luncheons, **we had around 40 members attend the December Luncheon at Mulligan's Pub** hosted by Jenny & John Schnettler—Thank You! The ornament exchange and AS key hook party favors were highlights of the luncheon—a great time was had by all! In what could be described as a "herding cats" record, we managed to capture all attendees in this photo ... this could be a collection of the best-looking



and most highly intellectual group of AOAC members, ever!



In the spirit of giving, club members donated \$325 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital! More pictures are included on the next page . . .

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

- 1/07 **Michael Schuster***
- 1/12 **Glenn Patsch**
- 1/13 **Carolyn Brothers**
- 1/16 **Jill McCauslin**
- 1/17 **Jack Ketterer**
- 1/19 **Linda Stallard**
- 1/27 **Sandy Johnjulio**



*a special "thoughts & prayers" wish goes out to Mike Schuster on his knee replacement procedure next week!

**There are no January anniversaries...that we know of!

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- New Year's January Luncheon** on **January 14, 2023.** Plan on meeting at **Oak & Embers** 7774 Darrow Rd, Hudson (hosted by Wilch's) beginning at 11:30am.
- February Valentine's Luncheon** on **February 11, 2023** (hosted by Stallard's & Stearns) at ~~Pickle Momma's~~ 7249 Wooster Pike Rd, Seville. **Yikes ... they closed their doors** so **the new location is "On Tap" in Medina (2736 Medina Rd, Medina)!** Sources report that 'Mama's closure has nothing to do with the transition in leadership of the AOAC and/or yours truly or any of my relatives!
- March Luncheon: 3/11/2023** is the targeted date . . . March remains "open" for anyone to host!

- ❑ **April Luncheon: ~~4/8/2023~~ 4/15/2023** is the adjusted date with Mary & Mike Schuster hosting. A location is TBA at this time!
- ❑ **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 Street
- ❑ **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, 82901
- ❑ **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 a fall foliage tour!



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Winter hobbies? This being my first winter as a retiree, I'm ju wondering what other Airstreamers do in their free time—like, all day?? I've subbed a little bit at Hudson High School just to get out of the house and interact with human beings but have yet to figure out if the students and staff are genuinely excited to see me or just pretending?! At the Sugarcreek Rally, Gary Auman, Tom Losasso and I visited the Keim Home Center in the tiny burg of Charm—Tom Ozbolt was already there with a cart full of stuff and a promise not

to tell Julie. For woodworkers, Keim is sensory overload! So, I selected one of many "free days" on my calendar and made



a return trip to Charm. On my list was that pallet of hardwood cut-offs consisting of walnut, maple, oak, hickory, etc. I'm always in search of projects so here are pictures of a couple including a walnut xmas tree for Lesli's house at OSU and a



steampunk lamp for Lucas in Cuy Falls. Yes, I'm still doing the bourbon barrel flight trays—these 7, plus orders for another 6, sold on Facebook Marketplace within an hour! Jennette and I downsized to a mid-



century-modern ranch a few years ago with a ton of projects completed and many more to go—

here's the latest MCM-style divider that's over 9' tall. If you have any ideas or completed projects to share with the club, zap them my way and I'll include them in future newsletters! Same goes with recipes and craft-type projects! More pictures = less typing!



Here are more pictures from last December's luncheon at **Mulligan's Pub:**

