



The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter



May 2023 Edition

Captain's Log, Stardate 05.02.2023: **IT'S CAMPING SEASON!! "Happy May," everyone . . .** it's time to "de-winterize" and prepare for the upcoming travel season in the world's most iconic travel trailers, our Airstreams! We're fortunate to belong to a vibrant and active group of vagabonds, the Akron Ohio Airstream Club (AOAC), where travel, adventure and good fellowship are constant companions. An obvious omission and regular theme of our Akron Club would be "great food" as we ended the "off season" with an April luncheon in Medina hosted by Mary & Mike Schuster . . . more on that further into the newsletter. The month of **May also ushers in "ice cream season"** . . . too bad the recent weather closely resembles this frozen treat! I saw this cartoon on Facebook and finally "got it" about a week later!



We'll format this newsletter with a run-down of all the events and activities planned for this travel season . . . so far; and the season kicks off with several AOAC units

heading south to Logan, Ohio for the annual **Urban Air Wake Up Downtown Rally**. Many are traveling Wednesday the 3rd to park overnight at the staging area prior to being "parked" the following morning. And, the weather forecast is shaping up to be nice with at least 10 degrees above the mid-to-high 60's in our region.

On the topic of weather, it's not unusual to experience some colder weather in May—even snow—as the planet begins its annual tilt in favor of the summer heat. So, in the spirit of adventure and hopefully resulting in an electrical engineering miracle, I decided to swap out our water heater switches with illuminated versions. **Translation: fire hazard risk in BRN 14841!** Our AS has two options on the selection panel located in the bathroom: *electric or gas*—but unless you look closely,

or like me, think you're turning the light on/off, it's not difficult to confuse them. With these illuminated switches, available on *Amazon* for about \$10, we now have visible confirmation of "on/off" and what mode we're in. Here are a few pictures and there's a [YouTube video](#) on how it's done! In this same video, I also copied the installation of propane tank sensors that display levels via my smartphone . . . this upgrade saves Jennette a 3 am trip to the propane tanks to switch from empty to full!



The Club thanks Mary and Mike Schuster for hosting our final off-season luncheon on April 15th at Thyme Square in historic downtown Medina—what a beautiful day! Little did yours truly realize that "tardies" were being recorded and detentions issued for those arriving late. I'm challenging this finding as there's no clear evidence of me "... running up to the entrance, several minutes late," as reported by snitches **Mary and Karen**.



As you can see, they simply photoshopped a picture of Sasquatch from the Internet, claiming it was me. 😊 Our 25 or so attendees enjoyed a great lunch with a level of camaraderie that's a hallmark of our AOAC!

Again, thanks to Club paparazzi Karen Kiehl for snapping all the pictures except one that may be incriminating!

Looking ahead, let's recognize those with birthdays in the month of May. Please, if we've missed or erroneously reported your information, simply zap me an update. **Happy 'May' Birthday to:**

- 5/2 **Bill Johnjullo**
- 5/24 **Mary Maxwell**
- 5/31 **Bill Fosnight**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

The **2023 Urban Air Rally** in downtown Logan, Ohio begins **Thursday, May 4th** and runs through Sunday the 7th with staging at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday—make sure you take your leveling blocks!



The **2023 Region 4 Rally** will hold its 47th International Rally in Kalamazoo, Michigan running **May 16 – 21** at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. The registration form is found [HERE](#).



Akron Airstream Club June Mystery Rally: June 8-11, 2023 The theme of this Mystery Rally is: "Look no further than your own backyard". Unless we have a cancellation, this rally is already booked. 😞



Realizing you waited too long to book a campsite...



AOAC July Rally Date HAS CHANGED: July 20 - 23
The rally dates have been moved back a week and the location finalized: the Maxwell's "Plantation" ... Springfield Township, Pennsylvania 16411 which is across the PA line off I-90 pretty close to Lake Erie (Electric & Water hookups/no Sewer) Coordinates: 41°59'34.8"N 80°26'53.5"W The July rally is hosted by the Kiehl's and the Welfley's

ACI International Rallies:
2023: 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, WY June 24–30 at the Sweetwater Event Complex—sold out in record time!
2024: 67th International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri starting October 5th; 1st time an International Rally will be held in the fall
2025: 68th International Rally at the York Expo Center in York, PA launches August 23 – 28, 2025

AOAC & West Virginia Unit combine to host a joint August Rally, the 10th – 13th 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 with a registration deadline of July 1st.

The **60th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally** is September 23-October 1st in beautiful Sugar Creek, Ohio. Register [HERE](#).

September option: the Airstream, Inc. Alumapalooza Rally is Sep 5-11 hosted by the folks at Jackson Center. Check it out by clicking [HERE](#).

Akron Airstream Club October Rally: October 12-15 at Pier Lon Campground, Medina (*hosts: Stallard's & Schnettler's*) featuring a fall foliage tour! Details TBA...



Well, you almost made it except for your language when backing your RV into camping sites.



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