



# The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter



**October 2023 Edition**

**Captain's Log, Stardate 10.07.2023:** it's difficult to fathom that the 2023 AOAC camping season is almost over . . . with just **one last rally scheduled for this Thursday – Sunday (10/12-15) at Pier Lon Campground in Medina.** On behalf of the Club's leadership, I'd like to thank our members who planned, hosted and/or attended any of our Airstream rallies in 2023! We'll soon begin the off-season luncheon get-togethers and will "borrow" a few minutes from the November luncheon to plan into 2024. In addition, I'm thinking more of us will be attending the "First Wednesday Breakfasts" once November arrives and our trailers are in storage mode.

**Speaking of winter storage,** I'll share my routine for winterizing our Airstream. I do add the purple flavor of RV Antifreeze—I believe it's grape! I first "blow out the water lines" using an air inflation adapter that screws into the city water intake. Using my DeWalt tire inflator, I pressure up the lines to about 45-50 psi and then open valves in the trailer, one by one,



including the toilet. The last valves opened are underneath the fresh water tank, located behind the front axle/wheel assembly on the curb side. Next, I'll empty the hot water tank by removing the plastic valve cap behind

the water tank cover and allow the contents to empty, soaking my tennis shoes. With our 34-footer a few years ago, I would hastily begin filling the fresh water tank with about 8-9 gallons of antifreeze, only to realize that I forgot to replace the water heater valve cap on the other side and essentially dump 8 gallons of antifreeze onto the driveway! I would then return to Walmart to secure another 8 gallons! 😊 With our 2019 model, there's a hot water tank bypass lever that allows one to leave the tank empty and only fill the water lines with antifreeze—including the all-important low spots in the lines where any remaining water would collect. Inside the coach and under the seating area next to the refrigerator, there's another valve/lever with enough plastic hose to siphon antifreeze right out of the gallon jug into the water lines using the 12-volt water pump.



Mine was originally installed backwards, as were many others according to Airstream Forums, so I reversed the valve and now it works fine. Allowing the run-off antifreeze to fill the drain traps is also advisable. In the spring, I'll fill the freshwater tank with a water/bleach solution and drain everything out to prepare for the new season. Disclaimer: before asking me to assist in your winterizing tasks, please know that just last week, in my attempt to save our daughter, Lesli, some \$\$\$ on an oil change, I did it myself . . . only to have it towed to our local Audi mechanic because instead of draining the engine oil, I emptied the transmission oil pan! Good grief!



**Our last AOAC Rally of the season takes place this coming weekend, October 12 – 15 at Pier-Lon Campground (5960 Vandemark Rd, Medina).** Register via our ClubExpress webpage by clicking [HERE](#). Our hosts, the Stallard's & Schnettler's have the following planned:

## Thursday, Oct. 12

Arrive around 2:00pm. [Register/pay upon arrival!](#) Rally fee/person: TBD.

**5pm Happy hour:** Bring your favorite glass, beverage and appetizer to share followed by a 6pm Taco/Potluck dinner in shelter...

**A-L: please bring a dessert**

**M-Z: please bring a side/topping**

7:30-ish Campfire (firewood needed!)

## Friday, Oct. 13

9am Team Cooking – Eggs, Hash browns, Bacon etc...breakfast followed by WILDCARD ADVENTURES – Must be present to hear this! Lunch is on your own, or with the adventure groups..lots of options. **5 pm Happy Hour**/appetizers followed by a 6pm Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Stallard's. 7:30ish BINGO followed by games or fireside chat

## Saturday, Oct 14

10am French Toast Team Cooking, Bacon, Fruit etc... 11:30am departure for Fall Foliage Tour in Medina County! Lunch on your own or with group—take your **Fall Foliage Tour Maps!** **6pm Happy Hour** followed by 7ish Chicken Dinner with Baked Potato Bar hosted by the Schnettler's...followed by a restful evening or perhaps an "oil change seminar" presented by yours truly?!

## Sunday, Oct. 15

9am Breakfast – TBD 😊 Visit – packing – departure



Looking ahead, let's recognize those with birthdays in October and gift them RV antifreeze or a complimentary oil change. Please, if we've missed your information, simply zap me an update. **Happy 'October' Birthday to:**

- 10/01 Pam Watkins
- 10/14 Jim Brothers
- 10/31 Melinda Eliot

And, Happy Anniversary to:

- 10-2 David & Linda Stallard
- 10-21 Adam & Susan Stearns



### AOAC Upcoming Events:

- Akron Airstream Club October "Fall Foliage" Rally:** October 12-15 at Pier Lon Campground, Medina (hosts: Stallard's & Schnettler's) featuring a fall foliage tour. Register [HERE](#).
- November Breakfast** on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Waterloo Restaurant in Akron
- November Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** . . . most likely at the Stallard's Ranch in Seville. Stay tuned for details and yes, yours truly will break out the secret recipe for Spiced Rum Punch, handed down to Brian from his Jamaica snorkeling buddies, Ya Mon!
- December Breakfast at 9am** on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Waterloo Restaurant in Akron
- December Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** . . . a location is TBA at this time.
- January Breakfast** on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at the Waterloo Restaurant in Akron.
- January Luncheon on Saturday, January 13, 2024** at Oak & Embers Restaurant in Hudson (hosts: Wilch's)
- Region 4 "The Great Eclipse Rally of 2024"** is scheduled for April 7-11<sup>th</sup> in Darke County, OH. Sign-up opportunities still exist for the Region 4 newest National Rally, "the Darke Side of the Moon," corresponding with the solar eclipse and located in the "path of totality," Darke County Fairgrounds—oh, the irony! The date for the **National Eclipse Rally is April 7-11, 2024** in beautiful Greenville, Ohio... near the Jackson Center Mothership! Registration for next April's Region 4 "Eclipse Rally" has opened with a deadline of 3/15/24. **With limited sites, register sooner than later so you don't miss out! Click [HERE](#) to register online.** On Monday, April 8, Darke County will be in the Path of Totality for the 2024 Eclipse. This rare astronomical event lasts for about 2.5 hours, with a darkness duration of almost 4 minutes. This Region 4 National Rally will run Sunday to Thursday, however, participants can extend their stay before/after the

rally. Did you know that the NEXT solar eclipse visible over the US is 21 years away, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2044?!

- 2024 International Rally destination:** Sedalia, Missouri in the fall of 2024 at the State Fairgrounds for its 67<sup>th</sup> Annual International Rally.

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JOHN & JENNY SCHNETTLER'S "AMISH" HORSE AND BUGGY AT SUGARCREEK!



### Camping

Spending a small fortune to live like a homeless person