



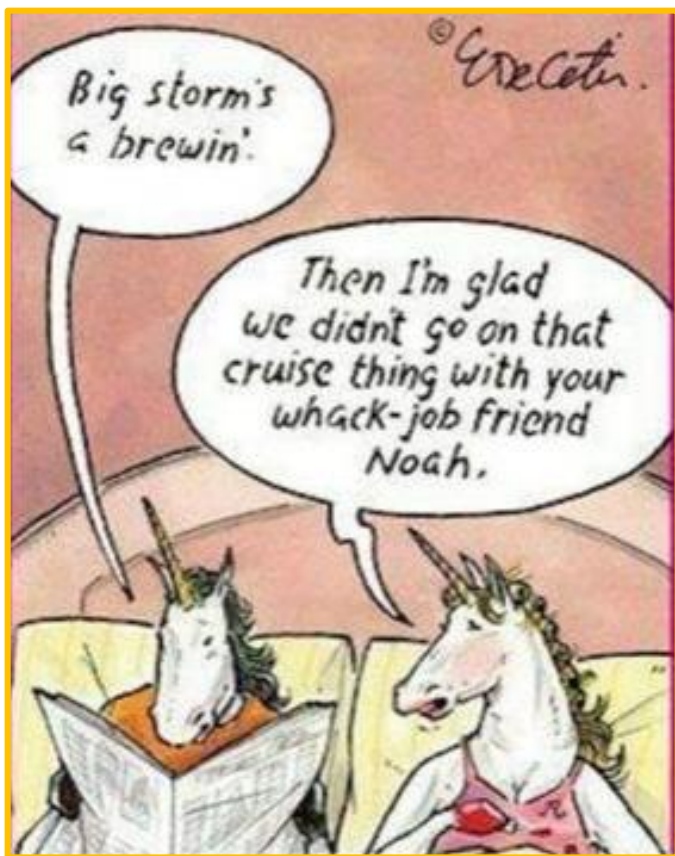
# The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter

## September 2023 Edition

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**Captain's Log, Stardate 09.07.2023:** welcome to "Fall, 2023," Airstreamers . . . arguably the best travel season of the year! To get here, we collectively had to endure a very wet summer; in fact, the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest since the weather folks have been keeping records! The last round of storms that spawned 12 tornados left the Wilch's without power for a day and a half. Not to worry, however, as yours truly fueled up the generators and untangled power cords to keep the ship afloat. We have well water so running that pump is a critical need—in addition to the sump pump and the beer fridge! 😊 Seriously, we're fortunate to have a basement to ride out the Hudson tornado sirens and there's always the Airstream in the back yard if a hot shower was needed!



Looking ahead to local AOAC Rallies, we're in holding pattern for this month as the only "outings" on the calendar are the Alumapalooza event at Jackson Center, currently in progress, and the Region 4 Swiss Festival in Sugarcreek beginning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

Speaking of the Swiss Festival, please know that we've scheduled our **Akron Ohio Airstream Club Annual Meeting** during the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek on **Saturday Morning, September 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am.** We'll entertain suggestions/comments on Club activities as well as begin planning for the 2024 luncheon/rally season—no elections are on the agenda. If you are not attending the Swiss Festival Rally, you may want to take a day trip to Sugarcreek for our meeting then spend some time downtown at the Swiss Festival. Please RSVP [HERE](#) even if you are registered for the Swiss Festival Rally.



One event you won't want to miss is 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 will last for about 2.5 hours, with a total 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?!*

Looking ahead, let's recognize those with birthdays in September and gift them rain gauges made of aluminum. Please, if we've missed your information, simply zap me an update. **Happy 'September' Birthday to:**

- 9/06 Vern Johnson**
- 9/07 Edith Rodgers**
- 9/13 Jean Eliot**
- 9/17 Dot McAfee**
- 9/22 Libby Bresley**
- 9/22 Susan Stearns**
- 9/30 David Brugler**



**And, Happy Anniversary to:**

- 09-01 Alan & Nancy Jackson**
- 09-14 Russ & Janis Martin**
- 9/16 Bill & Sandy Johnjulio**



You probably noticed above that Vern Johnson's birthday is highlighted in red—that's because he just turned 100! To celebrate, we're hosting a Birthday Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, Sep 16<sup>th</sup> at [Waterloo Restaurant](#) in Akron! Vern joins a very select group of "Centenarians!" Let's aim for **11:30 am at the Waterloo Restaurant at 423 East Waterloo Road (44318) on the 16th of September** so festivities can begin at noon. To assist the restaurant with planning, please email an RSVP to [ME](#) by Wednesday, September 13th.

**Speaking of a historical event,** here's some more history provided by Gary Auman: *"We had one other member that was 100 years old. Ralph Cornell was probably 104. He was a member in the mid 80's. He was our auctioneer. We had an annual auction for a number of years. Members would donate items for the sale, usually extra trailer items. It was a fundraiser for the club which added about \$900 each year to the treasury. I was treasurer of the club, probably around 1983. We had a treasury of around \$9000. I remember they audited my books and I was off . . . \$1.00!"*

**Breaking News:** the Akron Ohio Airstream Club leadership launches an internal audit to account for a \$1 discrepancy from what we believe originated in the early '80s. It's not clear whether The Club recorded a dollar shortage or an overage . . . if the investigation reveals an overage, we'll owe that treasurer the dollar, plus interest, which may exceed 3 dollars! Stay tuned for a resolution.



**AOAC Upcoming Events:**

- 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon** for Vern Johnson on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Waterloo Restaurant beginning at 11:30am (RSVP by 9/13)
- 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Swiss Festival National Rally:** September 23-October 1<sup>st</sup>, Sugarcreek, Ohio. Sign up information can be found [HERE](#).
- 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 so stay tuned for sign up details.
- 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!
- November Breakfast** 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.
- 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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**As John Denver sang, "Country roads, take me home To the place I belong, West Virginia!"** Those of us who made the trek to Moundsville, WVA back in August for a joint rally with the WVA club had a great time with beautiful views, warm hospitality, good food, winding country roads and to top it off, a tornado warning! No Airstream Rally is complete without ice cream so yours truly took one for the team in the form of "ice cream nachos!"

