



UWAC CLUB NEWS

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello fellow UWAC members and affiliates. As Bonnie and I prepare to head out to the Balloon Fiesta National Airstream Rally in Albuquerque and then onto the Ring of Fire in Richfield Rally, I can't help but feel a little melancholy. Not only is the Ring of Fire Rally the last one of the 2023 UWAC rally season, but it will also be the last I attend as your president. I am honored and have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years of rallying with and leading such a wonderful group of Airstreaming humans.



I want to thank our wonderful UWAC Executive Board, Directors and rally hosts for making the past two years so special. With their help we held over a dozen amazing rallies and caravans which included several first-time hosts and new, amazing rally locations. We also held our first ever club caravan.

Remember, the club doesn't continue without people like you volunteering for positions and hosting rallies.

The good news is the club is in great shape! Ron Jorgensen will be installed as the UWAC President at our Annual Business Meeting and dinner on November 2, 2023, at the Salt Lake City Cheesecake Factory at 6:30 p.m.. Vic Gabrenas will become Vice President and we will vote on Danny Simmons becoming 2nd Vice President. Please plan on attending the dinner.

Thanks again for the support and wonderful memories the club has provided over the past two years. See you down the road,

Sincerely,

John Ruskauff
UWAC President

***Addendum - John will continue to help keep us "in great shape" as he will be our past president Board Member. Thanks John, for a great two years with more to come.*

Stories from the Road

Boondocking with the Buehlers

Kevin and Elizabeth Buehler

See *Flagstaff Rally* below.

July 19-31 - Greater Yellowstone Caravan -- Leaders – Ron and Kelli Araujo, Co-hosts -

John and Bonnie Ruskauff

Start: Cody, WY, Buffalo Bluff RV Park



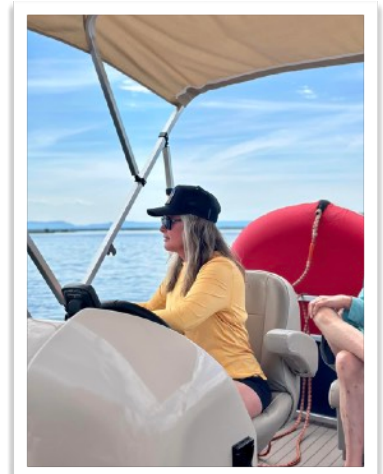
It all began in Cody where we were allowed a whole row. It was really special to have the Airstreams lined up. The objective of this stop was to drive the Beartooth and Chief Joseph Highways. And drive, we did. This was a highlight for many of the attendees. Stops in Red

Lodge, MT and Cooke City, MT were also highly regarded by the group.

Stop #2: Hebgen Lake, MT.

Yellowstone Holiday Resort

We reluctantly left Cody, drove through the East Entrance of Yellowstone NP, drove all the way across the Park and exited at West Yellowstone. This stop was jam packed with pontoon boating on Hebgen Lake, whitewater rafting on the Gallatin River, and visiting the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center and Quake Lake Visitor Center. The whitewater rafting and pontoon boat on Hebgen Lake are two of my best memories from the caravan.



Stop #3: Paradise Valley,

Emigrant, MT, Yellowstone Edge RV Park This stop is at the north entrance to Yellowstone NP and boasts the Roosevelt Arch. We had a potluck barbecue the first night. The second night, we drove to watch wild grizzlies foraging (a tip from a local!) and we might have taken a wrong turn and trespassed on a beautiful ranch property.





Once we found the spot, we saw 9 grizzlies! We floated the Yellowstone River and ate at the Old Saloon—both trip highlights.

Last Stop: Ennis, MT,
Starry Night RV Park

At this point in the caravan, we all needed some really unscheduled

time. For me, the highlight of this stop was learning to fly fish on the Madison River with Keith Lund and Carolyn Beardshear. We all enjoyed an evening at Willie's Distillery and many impromptu gatherings at the campsite. Two trailers finished the caravan boon docking beside the Madison River.



Summary: The trip of a lifetime

This was a dream caravan for me. I was able to convince many special friends to join me at my favorite spots in the Greater Yellowstone region. Many of the attendees were members of other clubs. I made treasured friendships and got to experience my beloved Montana through their eyes. This was my first rally to plan and host. I made some mistakes for sure, but nothing diminished the incredible privilege of giving back to this club. UWAC has blessed our lives immeasurably since joining in 2022. To the Montana Caravan attendees: you were the best group anyone could dream of leading. I have special memories with every single one of you. Any chance we could do Montana Caravan 2.0 together?



Kelli Araujo

P.S. We brought a brand new Airstream on this caravan. Is it crazy to host a caravan and break in a new trailer at the same time? Maybe! But, the trailer was flawless (thank you Airstream of Wyoming!) and hosting a caravan was a top tier experience.

***Addendum: Kelli did an amazing amount of planning and preparation for this rally. Her work ethic, humor, problem solving ability and having the most contagious laugh this side of the Mississippi made the Montana Caravan wonderful and unforgettable. Thank you Kelli.*

August 9-13 - Ariz. Rally – [Woody Mountain Campground](#) – 928-774-7727

- Hosts – Elizabeth and Kevin Buehler
- Boondocking with the Buehlers

**August Flagstaff Rally
Kevin and Elizabeth Buehler**

In early August Airstream Club members from Utah and Arizona met at 7,000 feet in beautiful Flagstaff for a fun five day rally.

Based at Woody Mountain Campground on historic Route 66, attendees enjoyed a visit to Lowell Observatory, a hike up Mount Humphrey and a brewery tour of downtown Flagstaff. The more adventurous tried out the local mountain bike trails and urban bike network.

An opening evening appetizer potluck was accompanied by a rally signature cocktail, the Statehood. The Statehood was first invented in the Phoenix area in 1912 to celebrate Arizona joining the Union.



Awnings came out every evening to combat the regular rain storms that came through.



The secret to hosting a rally with unexpected rain, go with the flow.

Kevin

Sept. 21-25 - Valley Rally, Grand Junction, Colo. – [Canyon View RV Resort](#) – 970-730-2600

- Hosts – Ron and Holly Jorgensen, Co-hosts – Hilding and Lynn Spradlin

UWAC had a great turn-out with 17 trailers and motorhomes and over 30 members in attendance at our September 21-25 rally in beautiful Grand Junction, Colorado. The opening reception was a tad breezy but the weather overall was very good for the entire long



weekend, allowing for a wide variety of gatherings, outings and activities. The rally included plenty of free time for activities and club members took in various sights including bike rides, trail hikes, dog walking at Powderhorn Ski Resort, rides across the Grand Mesa, and a music festival in Fruita. One of the popular gatherings at the campground was morning coffee, juice and goodies..

Ron Jorgensen



2023 Rallies continued

Oct. 12-15 - Valley of Fire Rally Richfield, Utah – **October 2023 - "Ring of Fire" Annular Eclipse Rally, Richfield, UT.** Location is Venture RV Park in Richfield, Utah. Registration info. has been sent to UWAC members and affiliates.

Nov. 15-19 -Formula 1 Race, Las Vegas, Nevada – [Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort](#) – 800-566-4707

We have decided to forgo the F1 race in Las Vegas as our second go round did not yield any reasonably priced tickets. However, we still have ten sites reserved at the Oasis RV Park. Some may just head down to Vegas for the weekend of the race.

Hosts – Elizabeth and Kevin Buehler, Co-hosts – John and Bonnie Ruskauff

November 2, 2023 - Annual Business Meeting and dinner **6:30 to approximately 9:00 p.m.** The meeting will again be held at the Salt Lake, City Creek **Cheesecake Factory location, 65 Regent Street.** Members have received complete information and menu choices through email. For additional information contact John Ruskauff, President, 801-674-0381
Jot form for signup: <https://form.jotform.com/232747498449171>

2024 UWAC Rally & Event Schedule (preliminary):

March 2024 - Moab (March 14-17th); details will be shared with UWAC members and affiliates via e-mail once registration is opened.

April 2024 - UWAC Total Eclipse of the (Lone) Star Rally (confirmed): April 5 to 9, 2024 (4 nights) at Arch Ray RV Resort in Fredericksburg, Texas. Details and registration information was previously sent to UWAC members and affiliates, and the initial registration closed 4/17/22 (due to popularity and high demand for campsites.) The club will also be hosting a **Total Eclipse Caravan** for members wanting to travel to Texas together via Blanding, Santa Fe, and Lubbock, TX (caravan dates are 4/1 to 4/4).

Tech Talk Breakfast (April 27) with Airstream of Utah at their Salt Lake location on April 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.; details will be e-mailed to members closer to the date, but save-the-date for now!

May 2024 - Escalante (May 9-12); details will be shared with UWAC members and affiliates via e-mail once registration is opened.

June 2024 - Willamette Dammit Caravan (finalized), 11 nights, 6/1-12/24; stops are planned in Homedale, ID (1-night), Bend, OR (3-nights), McMinnville (4-nights), Cannon Beach (3-nights); various tours/activities are planned; details will be shared with UWAC via e-mail once registration is opened. For more info: [Just Sayin' - ChatGPT and the Oregon Caravan](#)

July 2024 - Pinedale Rendezvous (7/11-15/24); rally will be held in conjunction with the Green River Rendezvous celebration in Pinedale, WY; rally is planned as a joint event with the Wyoming club; details will be shared with UWAC members and affiliates via e-mail once registration is opened.

August 2024 - Bryce Canyon (moved to Aug. 8 - 12); details will be shared with UWAC members and affiliates via e-mail once registration is opened.

September 2024 - Possibly Steamboat Springs, CO or Ouray, CO (tentative, dates and exact location TBD)

October 2024 - Open Possibly a Mini-caravan to the International (International rally in Sedalia, Missouri from 10/5-10/2024.) Details to follow when available.

November 2024 - UWAC Annual Meeting and Dinner: TBD

RECIPES

Recipes For Inclement Weather:

What do you mean it's going to rain during our rally?!? What can we do? Cards and dice games are fun and can be enjoyed by as little as two or a group. Pack a couple of decks of cards, 6 dice and a sense of humor. Below are three easy suggestions :

Thirty One (Scat) - Players - From 2 to 9 or more people can play. Use a standard 52 card deck. For scoring hands, the Ace is worth 11 points, the Kings, Queens, and Jacks are worth 10, and all other cards are worth their pip value. The value of a three card hand is calculated by adding up the value of the cards held in **any one suit**. So if you have three cards of the same suit, you can add up all three. If only two cards are in the same suit you can add those, or use the value of the odd card if it is higher than the sum of the other two. If you have three different suits the value of your hand is the value of the highest card in it. The maximum hand value is 31, consisting of the ace and two ten-point cards in the same suit.

Examples:

♥ K- ♥ 8- ♥ 5: value 23 (sum of all 3 cards)
♠ Q- ♦ 9- ♦ 8: value 17 (9 + 8)
♣ A- ♠ 6- ♠ 4: value 11 (the ace is worth more than the spades)
♣ J- ♥ 7- ♠ 4: value 10 (the jack)

Deal - Determine the first dealer in any manner you desire. The turn to deal passes on clockwise after each hand. The cards are shuffled and are dealt out one at a time, starting with the player to dealer's left and continuing clockwise until everyone has a hand of three cards. The next card is turned face up on the table to start the discard pile, and the remaining undealt cards are placed face down next to it to form the draw pile or stock. During play, the discard pile is always kept "squared up" so that only the top card is visible and available to be taken.

Play - The player to dealer's left begins and the turn to play passes clockwise around the table. A normal turn consists of:

A - Drawing the top card either from the stock pile (without showing it to the other players) or from the discard pile;

B - Discarding one card face up on top of the discard pile.

Note that if you choose to take the top card from the discard pile, it is illegal to discard the same card, leaving the position unchanged. You must keep the card you took and discard one of the cards that was previously in your hand. However, if you draw the top card of the stock, you are free to discard the card that you drew onto the discard pile, leaving your hand unchanged.

Knocking - If at the start of your turn, you believe that your hand is not the lowest and that at least one other player will be unable to beat your hand even if they are allowed one more turn, you can knock instead of drawing a card. Knocking ends your turn. You must keep the hand you had at the start of that turn, but each other player gets one final turn to draw and discard. After the player to the knocker's right has discarded, all players reveal their cards. Each player decides which suit is their point suit, and totals up their cards in that suit.

The player with the lowest hand value loses a life. If there is a tie involving the knocker, the other player(s) lose a life, but the knocker is safe. If the knocker's score is lower than that of every other player, the knocker loses two lives. If there is a tie for lowest between two or more players other than the knocker, then both (all) of those players lose a life.

Declaring 31 - If after drawing and discarding a player achieves hand value of 31, they show their cards immediately and claim victory. In this case all the other players lose a life. A player who makes 31 after another player has knocked still declares it and every other player including the the knocker loses one life. A player who is dealt 31 in their original three cards declares it - there is no play and all the other players lose a life. If it happens that two or more players get 31 on the initial deal then all the players other than those with 31 lose. A player who has 31 in their hand and does not declare it as soon as they make it or are dealt it cannot claim it later. An undeclared 31 in a player's hand effectively counts as 30 - if another player declares 31 the holder of the undeclared 31 will lose a life along with the other players.

Draw pile exhausted - The pile is shuffled by the last player that played turned over and play continues.

Scoring - The normal way of scoring in Scat is that each player begins the game with three pennies. (or whatever coin is agreed upon) When you lose a life, you have to put one of your pennies into the kitty in the centre of the table. If you knock and lose, having the sole lowest hand, you pay two pennies (if you have that many). If someone declares 31, all the other players have to put a penny in the kitty. If someone declares 31 after another player has knocked, the knocker just pays one penny, like everyone else. If you have no money left, having lost all three of your pennies, you are said to be "on the county" (meaning receiving charity from the county, etc.), or "on poverty", "on your face", "on your honour", "on welfare" or "floating". If you lose while on the county, you are out of the game. If you lose two lives when you only have one penny you are also out of the game. The game continues until only one player has not been eliminated, and that player is the winner.

99 - 99 is a fun and easy-to-learn game that requires concentration, counting and 3 or more players. Play for stakes as you and your opponents place cards in the middle, counting as you add. Go over 99 and lose a token and the round is over. The game ends when only one player has a token remaining. 99 requires a standard deck of cards (no Jokers), 3 tokens for each player (can be pennies, buttons, spoons, poker chips), 3 or more players









Rules to 99 - Players place their three tokens in front of them on the table, and receive three cards from the dealer. As the play goes around the table, each player puts down one card. The point total starts at zero and each card adds its face value in points (e.g., a 5 is worth five points, a face card is worth 10 points) except for certain cards that have special values or meanings:

- 4 reverses play (and does not change the total number of points)
- 9 is a pass (and does not change the total number of points)
- 10 subtracts 10 points from the total
- King takes the point total to 99 (or keeps it 99 if the total is already 99)
- Ace adds either 1 or 11 points, announced by the player who plays it

After each card is played, the player announces the new total to the table and draws a replacement card. Each player must play a card without sending the total number of points higher than 99. This is very easy in the beginning but play becomes more complex as the total climbs. If a player cannot play a card that keeps the total at or less than 99, that player loses a token and the round ends. The cards are then shuffled and dealt, and the process begins again.

Objective - The last player with a token remaining is the winner. Players are eliminated when they lose the third token.

Farkle (10,000) - Farkle is a dice game that can be played with any number of participants. The object of the game is to score the most points by rolling different dice combinations with six dice. Once a player scores 10,000 or more points, each other player gets one more turn to try and win. A turn begins by rolling all six dice. If the roll results in any points, the player will keep the dice worth points and has the option to roll the remaining dice again. If rolling again, the points from previous rolls are at risk. If no points are rolled, known as a Farkle, your turn is over with no points being awarded. After a point roll, a player can take the points and give up his/her turn. If a player rolls points with all six dice (in any amount of rolls), the points roll forward, and all six dice can be rolled again.

 FIVES = 50 pts.	 ONES = 100 pts.
 = 300 pts.	4 of any number = 1,000 pts.
 = 200 pts.	5 of any number = 2,000 pts.
 = 300 pts.	6 of any number = 3,000 pts.
 = 400 pts.	1-6 straight = 1,500 pts.
 = 500 pts.	Three pairs = 1,500 pts.
 = 600 pts.	Four of any number with a pair = 1,500 pts.
	Two triplets = 2,500 pts.

Winning - Once a player reaches 10,000 points, the other players get one more turn. Once those turns are completed, the player with the highest score wins the game.

Rules - A player must score a minimum of 500 points in order to get on the scoreboard. After that, a player can stop and score any amount of points. A player cannot add dice to previously set aside dice.

WORTH NOTING:

Be sure to bookmark the UWAC web site:

<https://airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch>

You can find the latest UWAC newsletter, rally schedule, registration instructions and other important information on the new website.



We have a newly updated version of our Member Directory. Bonnie Ruskauff, UWAC Membership Chair, has created the directory and has worked hard to assure it is accurate and user friendly. Thanks for a great job Bonnie.

**Remember the directory is for communication between club members and should be kept private.*

We're excited to welcome the following members who have recently joined UWAC



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| <i>John & Deanna Colaizzi</i> | <i>Jesse & Tammy Dean</i> |
| <i>Charles & Laura Fritz</i> | <i>Blatin & Sasha Danzberger</i> |
| <i>Robert & Lynne Harnois</i> | <i>Jenny O'Toole</i> |
| <i>Steven & Kristen Ott</i> | <i>Brock Taylor</i> |
| <i>Jeff & Melissa Wallentine</i> | <i>Jay & Lisa Williams</i> |
| <i>Steve & LaRene Woolstenhulme</i> | <i>Sam & Kathy Brandes</i> |
| <i>David & LaVon Esswein</i> | <i>Rick & Mary Ferguson</i> |
| <i>Kathy & Dave Hale</i> | <i>Jeff & Jan Harwig</i> |
| <i>David & Candace Jones</i> | <i>Jon & Kim Kolon</i> |
| <i>Mike & Kim Schanze</i> | <i>Dominic & Jesse Spencer</i> |
| <i>Bruce & Golden Teal</i> | <i>Tim Watts & Mona Heath</i> |
| <i>Cliff Deutsch & Georgeanne Weidenbach</i> | |

