

INLAND NW INSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of
The Inland NW Airstream Club*



*"Life is meant for good friends
and great adventure"*

Welcome New Members

As our 2023 rally season comes to a close we want to take time to welcome our new members for 2023! We're excited to have you along.

If we didn't have the opportunity to meet you yet, be assured that we are delighted to have you along and look forward to getting to know you in person.

Let us know if you need help getting connected.

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| George and Becky Amend, | Mead, WA |
| Patty Jacobs and Ron Breuch, | Coeur d'Alene, ID |
| David and Susan Gottula, | Winthrop, WA |
| Ann and Doug Barduhn, | Yakima, WA |
| Brian and Amy Bracken, | Spokane Valley, WA |
| Stuart Daily, | Spokane Valley, WA |
| Andrea Lloyd and Tom O'Donnell, | Austin, TX/Moscow, ID |
| Robert and Amanda Boger, | Sandpoint, ID |

Welcome to all our new affiliate members as well!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

STEVE TABACEK



Greetings INWAC members and affiliates,



Let me start my term by thanking the previous INWAC working officers for their generous efforts organizing a year of rallies, caravans, meetings, and hopefully great memories for those that participated in our events. I enjoyed getting to know a dozen couples as we led a caravan to the 2023 Airstream International Rally in Rock Springs, WY.

INWAC is a young club and past and current leaders are doing their best to make every year better. We are also listening to our members. We ended last year with a survey and members requested consistency with rallies that worked well, new rally location ideas, and themed rallies. We heard feedback this past year from members and affiliates that rallies were full and we needed additional hosted venues. The good news is that 17 surveyed members noted that they would be willing to host 2024 rallies! Hosting a rally can be as simple as a gathering of Airstreamers and light social get-togethers, or feature-rich with activities, events, and meals. As the host, it's your choice! If you would like to explore hosting a rally, please reach out to Suzanne Caron and she will show you how easy it is to plan your event and get it on the 2024 schedule.

This year we will be reaching out to non-registered Airstream "members-at-large" to increase our membership. At the 2024 Airstream Rock Springs rally, we learned that larger clubs typically have a larger pool of volunteers to host more rallies and manage activities within the club. If you have neighbor Airstreamers, please invite them to our club.

2024 will also be a special year for INWAC. In May of 2024 we are hosting the ACI Region 10 Rally at Blackwell Island, CDA, Idaho. I'll send out a separate email on that because we will need event planning volunteers!

I look forward to sharing great experiences and creating lifetime memories with you all.

Steve

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CARAVAN TO ROCK SPRINGS



"I think what I enjoyed the most was not the International Rally but traveling together in the caravan."

- (overheard around the fire.)

Our group of Airstreams headed out on June 18, 2023 from the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene area to head towards the big 66th Airstream Club International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. We were 6 trailers heading out on our adventure and would meet up later in the week with another group of 4 trailers that were coming from the Tri Cities area. Our group met up at a rest stop in CDA, took a few pictures, and headed to our first stop, Missoula. It was fun to travel with other Airstreams and get pictures of them as we drove around curves and into other long stretches on the interstate.



First stop: We stayed at the beautiful flower filled Jim and Mary's RV Park in Missoula, MT. We had sunshine and enjoyed walking around in the park and visiting over a happy hour.

Second stop: We hit the road bright and early after only one night in Missoula and headed towards Dillon, MT. We stayed at the Countryside RV Park and saw some beautiful sunsets and most of us enjoyed going into Bannack Ghost Town. There were so many old buildings and so much history in the little town plus a few of us checked out the jail, hotel, and the famous haunted Bessette House!

Third stop: The scenery was amazing as we made our way to Pinedale, WY. We had a lunch break at the Snake River Roadhouse Bar and Grill in Swan Valley and then began the rest of our journey that would take us to Yellowstone Trail RV Park which had beautiful views of the Wind River Mountains. We had a delay on the trip and got stopped at a bridge on the Green River. As we looked in the distance, we could see one lone Airstream in the corner of this campground. Well he saw us too and took a picture and posted it to the Rolling to Rock Springs Facebook group and we met him at our Region 10 dinner. He was just waiting to get a picture of an Airstream to reflect on his Airstream, but instead was surprised to see all 6 of us in a row! The little town of Pinedale was cute and many of us enjoyed lunch at the Wind River Brewing Company, taking our picture with the big Mountain Man statue, and visiting the shops.



Fourth stop: We made it to Rock Springs and met up with the rest of our INWAC caravan and then headed into the staging area together. Thankfully, we had nice weather that day as we had to wait a few hours in the staging area before going across the street into the Sweetwater Events Complex. We had 5 days of various seminars, vendors, and trips into town. It was fun to see all the vintage Airstream trailers, enjoy the evening activity of Airstream Aglow and meet up with other members from the WA and OR clubs (most of them were in the row behind us).

After a very fun and busy rally we had trailers going off on other adventures while a few of us began to travel together towards the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone with the eventual goal of being in St Regis, MT for another rally. I had a wonderful time on this trip and was just amazed by all the beautiful scenery and spectacular mountains. What a great way to see the country and to do so with so many new Airstream friends!

Debbie Tabacek



DEBBIE TABACEK - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Happy Fall to all of our INWAC members and affiliates!

The leaves are changing, the weather is getting cooler, and its time to put the Airstreams away for a bit (that is unless you are leaving the PNW and the cold weather behind!). We were fortunate enough to get in one last fall quick getaway and enjoy the beautiful weather and scenery on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes up in Cataldo, Idaho.

My name is Debbie Tabacek and I am in charge of membership for our club. Steve and I have been involved with INWAC since 2021 and enjoy being able to travel in our Airstream (Forever Friday) with our dog, Kona, and meeting so many of you. We had a great rally season this past year with a nice variety of locations and activities. I know that many of the rallies such as Troy and Twisp are always favorites for us since Kona just loves being in the water. What is better than being right there by the Kootenai and Methow Rivers!

Don't forget that renewal season is upon us and you will need to get your dues paid. We have a great 2024 rally season shaping up that you will not want to miss out on.

One exciting part for our club this year is that we are hosting the Region 10 rally in May at Blackwell Island in Coeur d'Alene. You will begin to see more information on that as we head into 2024. Thanks to everyone who gave input to Suzanne (rally coordinator) as this is helpful so we see where our members want to go camping and also if there are specific interests (ie: hiking, biking, flyfishing, etc.).

Mark your calendar for our holiday gathering on December 9th at 4:30 pm. We will be hosting the holiday party/potluck at the Tabacek's house in Colbert, WA. I will be sending out an email soon so we can get RSVPs and see what people would like to bring. We will celebrate the holiday party with a happy hour, dinner, gift exchange (10 dollars/Airstream or camping related), and dessert. We realize that the holiday season gets very busy, but we love to try and find ways during the off season that our members can stay connected. We hope that you can join us!

Debbie

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Current Membership

42 Member Airstreams

32 Affiliate Airstreams

SUZANNE CARON-RALLY COORDINATOR**Hello All!**

As we come towards the end of the INWAC Rally Season, we are starting to plan our Rallies for 2024. To host these rallies we need folks to step up and be willing to serve as hosts and co-hosts. It's easy and it's fun!

- 1) Find a place/RV park/location that you like and think others would enjoy as well. If possible, plan a time around a local festival or event.
- 2) Check with the RV Park as to when our group could come and stay - do they have 15-20 spaces where we could come and stay for a long weekend or during the week?
- 3) Once you have a tentative arrangement with an RV Park, contact INWAC Rally Coordinator INWACRallyCoordinator@gmail.com to finalize details.
- 4) Complete and submit the Rally Planning Guide

Feel free to email me with any questions you might have!

Suzanne

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**BECKY SOTH-NEWSLETTER & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Newsletters come out quarterly and I am always looking for content; rally reports, new books, gadgets, a campground review....and PICTURES from our events. Please help me make our newsletters informative and fun. Please do not format your submissions. Just email content to me and attach photos. 500 words or less, please! Thank you in advance!!

Also, did you know that we have an Instagram page? Have you got a great picture of your Airstream out in the world, especially at one of our rallies? I would love to post it on our Instagram page. What better way to attract new members! Here's the link to the page!

<https://www.instagram.com/inlandnwairstreamclub/>

Happy Streaming!!

Becky Soth

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INWAC HOLIDAY PARTY

WE ARE PLANNING TO HOST THE INWAC
HOLIDAY PARTY
ON

DECEMBER 9 (SATURDAY) AT 4:30 PM.

WHERE: Steve and Debbie Tabacek's house in
Colbert, WA (North Spokane)

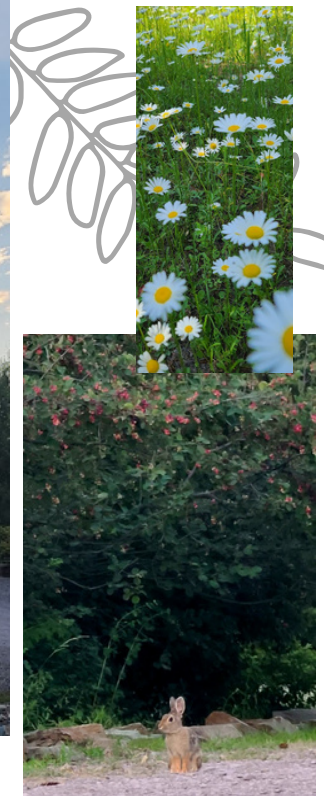
Join us at 4:30 for a happy hour followed by
dinner and gift exchange (camping or
Airstream related).

Please RSVP by December 1st to help with
planning purposes. Once we have an idea of
how many members can participate then I will
send out an email on what is needed for the
potluck. We look forward to a fun holiday
celebration!

RSVP to dtabacek@yahoo.com

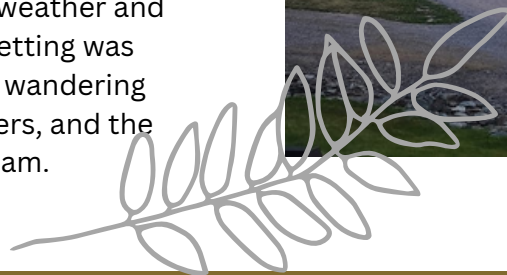
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

The Carons and Werners put together a lovely weekend to start the season. We always seem to begin with wine! The opener to our season was a big rally overflowing with friendship, wine, and bountiful sunshine.



ST REGIS, MONTANA

Rich Doering and Linda Dixon treated us to one of their favorite places. Though the hot weather and low water made fishing tough, the setting was beautiful, the company good, lots of wandering through antique stores, potluck dinners, and the treasured huckleberry ice cream.





WALLOWA, OREGON

It was a hot week in July but we still had a grand time exploring Wallowa, Joseph and surrounding area. Liz and Don Reynolds hosted a super week filled with rodeo events, lots of beautiful places to explore and good company.



NACHES, WASHINGTON



A smoky August weekend doesn't keep us down. We toured the artist studios, including tile designs and art exhibits and visited a book binding business. We also visited vintage trailers at nearby park. Topped it off with a scrumptious Taco Saturday.

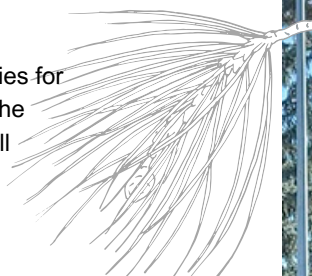


TROY, MONTANA

We had another great rally in Troy Montana this past September. In addition to the International Wood Carving Championship which features 20 Carvers from around the world, we were able to shake up the itinerary a bit this year. Activities started with a “Soup Cook-off” the first night with some wonderful entries to satisfy everyone’s palette including clam chowder, chili, Hungarian mushroom, as well as several other tasty selections. On Friday we enjoyed a group tour of Libby Dam which was a hit with the history buffs. Saturday night was a Chinese Buffet in Libby which was definitely a change of pace from the previous year’s dining at the John Wayne Room at the Silver Spur Saloon. We even got a chance to satisfy the fisherman in the crowd with a guided trip on the Kootenai River providing a fly fisherman’s delight. Fishing was great and the scenery was beautiful.

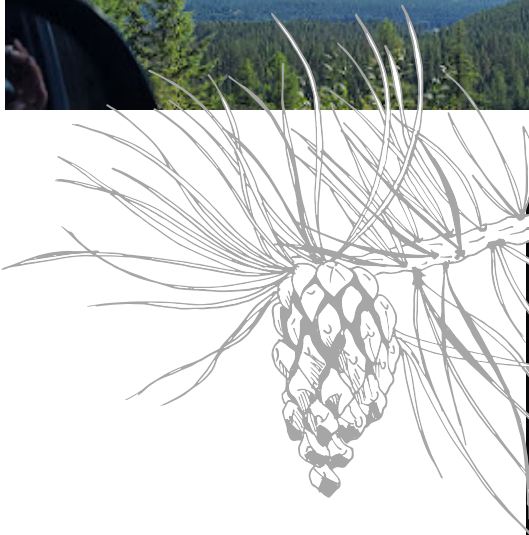


We are already in the planning stages with more unique activities for next year’s rally (9/12/24 thru 9/15/24) which always includes the popular Wood Carving event! Anyone looking for wood art of all kinds, this is the place to be!

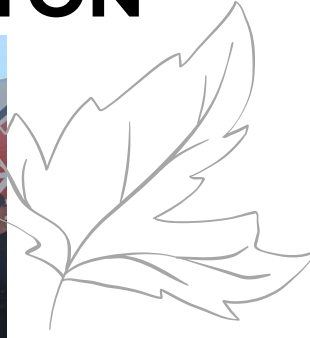


Your Hosts & Co-Hosts

Dave & Linda Johnson, Bob & Stephanie Shelley



TWISP, WASHINGTON



The river, the breweries, the art and the markets. We toured the North Cascades Smoke Jumper Base, attended a play, took in Artfest, played cards, enjoyed amazing brisket and chicken from new member David Gottula's smoker, fished, hiked, and drank in the beautiful fall weather.



SOMEWHERE IN WASHINGTON - shhhh!



Rick and Elle Bartch shared their secret fall getaway with us and it was a glorious October ending to our Airstream season. Morning coffee, an eclipse, a progressive Farkle Happy Hour, (winner Dave Johnson), cornhole, and an outdoor movie complete with popcorn and candy --ALL next to the river, golden leaves snowing gently in the wind and such good companions.

