

# Idaho Airstream Club

*Wally Byam Caravan Club International—Region 10*

## A Word from Our President

### **Hello Idaho Airstreamers,**

We have finished our 2023 travel season with rallies in September at Lake Walcott State Park and in October at Bruneau Dunes State Park. It is now time to turn our attention to our annual Harvest Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, November 11th at Chuck-O-Rama in Boise starting at 6:30 pm. It is located on Overland Rd just west of Cole Rd. Please RSVP to [gsbetts@msn.com](mailto:gsbetts@msn.com) so that we can get a head count and ensure adequate seating for everyone. Each of us will pay at the door when we arrive.

**2024 Region 10 Rally:** I want to make sure that everyone is aware that the Region 10 Rally will be held May 8 – 12 at Blackwell Island RV Park in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Please decide early if you want to attend because when you receive the rally notice, you'll need to act quickly to get signed up. It will be an online reservation process and the 100 camp sites will fill up very fast.

Did you know that there are currently over 1100 BRNs in Region 10? Washington: 402, Oregon: 287, British Columbia: 74, Idaho: 57, Montana: 47, Alberta/Saskatchewan: 39, Inland NW (North Idaho): 37, and Members at Large: 170.

When we revised our Bylaws this year, we changed our Rally Coordinator position to the Rally Committee. Our Rally Committee Chair, Karen Ekblad, is finalizing our 2024 Rally Schedule and still needs a few more members to step up to help Co-host these events. Please remember that we are a volunteer organization and to be successful, we all need to do our part. Please contact Karen at

[ekblad@smithandstark.com](mailto:ekblad@smithandstark.com) if you can help.

Past President Calvin Huit and Webmaster Tony Wilson worked tirelessly this past year to bring online registration for rallies to the Idaho Club. There are many benefits to online registration, many of which make the work of our Treasurer and the Rally Hosts easier and quicker. For members, if there is a site available, you'll be able to reserve it immediately without having to wait for mailing and processing time to get your reservation made and possibly having that last spot reserved before yours. You will be able to reserve all of our 2024 rallies online.

- Gary



President—Gary Betts  
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### *Idaho Club Officers*

- **Gary Betts**—President
- **Mark Pinkman**—1st Vice President
- **Vacant**—2nd Vice President
- **Kim Blackburn**—Secretary
- **Mike DeRuyter**—Treasurer
- **Calvin Huit**—Past President
- **Trustees:** Lorrie Bauer, Roger Staats, Scott Phillips, Darrell Ostyn

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## Up Coming Events (check the website regularly for updates)

### Monthly Unit Breakfast

**8:30AM** on the 2nd Saturday of every month—Golden Corral on Emerald Street in Boise Idaho

### 2023-24 Rally and Caravan Schedule

Rally Dates	Location	Hosts	Activities
April 26—28	Trinity View Resort/Little Camas Reservoir		(re-trying. Will it be too snowy again?) Mini Business Meeting. Little Camas Reservoir; the lovely Camas Prairie Centennial Marsh as it emerges into spring; historic Fairfield; S. Fork of the Boise River
May 08—12	Coeur D'Alene	Region 10	Region 10 Rally
June 20—23	Baker City, Oregon Mt. View RV Park	Karen Ekblad & Gary Smith	National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center; Baker Heritage Museum, Wally Byam's home and Airstream experience, Sumpter Valley Railroad
July 18—21	Challis Hot Springs State Park		The charming private hot spring pools and RV site are now a State Park. Learn about Idaho's early mining history at Yankee Fork State Park. Visit ghost towns; easy access to the Salmon River, Lost River Range, and more
Aug 15—18	Canyon Pines RV, Pollock, ID	Jeannie & Mark Pinkman	Annual Business Meeting
Sep 19—22	Silver Creek Campground Peace Valley, Silver Creek, M.F. Payette River		USFS, large group campsite (water, but no power) Silver Creek Plunge Hot Spring pool nearby; Abundant hiking, fishing, wildlife in Peace Valley. Group site has picnic shelters, multiple tables, camp-fire rings, and grills.
Oct. 10—13	City of Rocks National Reserve in SE Idaho		<b>State Park Sites or group boondocking site</b> Stunning granite towers and surprising shapes that amazed travelers on the California Trail. Visitors Center, nature trails, auto tour, picnic spots, photography, birding, stargazing, & more!

## Idaho Club Sunshine News

### October Birthdays

Michael Archer, Kathleen Archer, Earl Brace, Fonny Davidson, Mim Davidson, Calvin Huit, Marie Clark, Donna Whitham, Myrna Merell, Dorothea Robinson

### October Anniversaries

Fonny & Mim Davidson, Stuart Cook & Elizabeth Donaldson, Phillip & Janice Lopez, Michael & Angela McClure

### November Birthdays

Stuart Cook, Gail Grant, Daryl Ostyn, Gail Madsen-Clayton, Danny Simmons

### November Anniversaries

Michael & Regina Allen, Michael & Kathleen Archer, Niels & Pam Vernegaard, Rob & Paula Robinson, George & Jeanne

### New Members

Jennifer and Justin Carr, Boise ID  
Jimmy and Amanda Newberry, Buhl ID  
Rob Brinkman, Camarillo CA

### *Idaho Club Committee Leads*

- **Budget**—Mike DeRuyter
- **Social Media**—*Vacant*
- **Caravan**—Jerry Settle
- **Legislative**—*Vacant*
- **Newsletter**—Kelly Huit
- **Rally**—Karen Ekblad
- **Membership**—Lorrie Bauer
- **Webmaster**—Tony Wilson
- **Historical**—Betty Burke
- **Constitution and Bylaws**—Charlie Burke
- **Ethics and Grievance**—*Vacant*



## Recap Carey Rally - Installation



Kim Blackburn, Mark Pinkman, Gary Betts, Mike DeRuyter, Florence Tramonci



View from the RV Park—Picabo, Idaho

At the Picabo Rally in our Saturday business meeting we had discussion and edits and enacted our updated Bylaws. We had installation of our officers (Gary Betts, President, Mark Pinkman, 1st Vice President, Mike deRuyter, Treasurer and Kim Blackburn, Secretary). Breakfast was tasty (best part of the meeting).

Friday morning we had a presentation by Lou Lunte, manager of the Silver Creek Preserve. His wife, Cindy, led us on a hike around the preserve educating us about the local plants and wildlife. It is truly a beautiful place.

Friday night was a "share whatever" potluck and a variety show. We were entertained with a "senior citizen exercise class", poems read by Linda Settle and Myrna Merell, and a cooking demonstration by "Off 'ur Rocker". We played LCR which involved a little money exchange.... lots of exchanges and laughs.

Saturday night we had a Mexican potluck and pinata party. The pinata proved a difficult task to break open for the goodies. (must have been the weak swings of the participants).

We lucked out and the storm Hillary did not impact our rally and we had beautiful weather. All in all, a fun time visiting with everyone.

Safe travels.... Sherry Hoem

## Walcott Rally - Community Service



The group: Mark Whitham, Donna Whitham, Sherry Hoem, Lorrie Bauer, Tony Wilson, Nolan Olsen, John Noh (caterer), Joanne Olsen, Ray Hoem, Michael Archer & Max



Donna and Mark—Planting seeds



## Walcott Rally, cont.



Mark Whitham, Sherry Hoem, and Tony Wilson planting trees



Max becomes supervisor

## Bruneau Dunes Rally—Community Service



Tony and Lorrie's rig



Corrals in need of repair



The whole crew



Making a difference!



## ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Our plans for the annual Harvest Dinner, which is our final event of the year. It will be at **6:30 pm on Saturday, November 11th at Chuck-O-Rama (7901 W Overland Rd, Boise, ID 83709)**, which is just west of Cole Rd.

Please RSVP to [gsbetts@msn.com](mailto:gsbetts@msn.com) by November 9th so that we can provide a head count and ensure they have enough tables set up for us. There's no need to prepay because everyone will pay at the door. This will make it easy for everyone to pay the correct amount. Dinner prices are shown below.

Please mark the date on your calendar. Hope to see you all there!

Gary Betts

President

### Saturday Dinner

- Dinner: \$18.24
- Senior Dinner(60+): \$15.54
- Children Dinner (11 & under): \$1.50 per year of age
- Ages 3 and under are free

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## Idaho Club Annual Election

The 2023 Club Bylaws revisions created several new committees, which has resulted in additional opportunities for Club members to take an active role in Club operations. If you see a vacant position that you might have an interest in (yes, you can nominate yourself) or that you think another member may have an interest in, please contact the President at [gsbetts@msn.com](mailto:gsbetts@msn.com). The positions that are vacant don't really have a lot to do at this time, but it is a good idea to have someone in the positions in case a need arises.

The Idaho Club relies on the volunteerism of its members for its basic functionality and success. Please consider what you might be able to offer as your contribution to the organization. As with most things, it takes a village to get things done.

The only requirements for being 2nd Vice President are that a nominee must be a Regular Idaho Club member (no Affiliate member can hold office) and be willing to progress to 1st Vice President. The office is subject to election by the Executive Board. Committee Chair posi-

tions are open to all Idaho Club members and are appointed by the President.

The duties for these positions, as defined in the Bylaws, are:

- **2nd Vice President:** Attend all business meetings of the Idaho Club and the Executive Board. Assist the President and the 1st Vice President. Assume the duties of the 1st Vice President in the absence of said officer. Assume the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President and the 1st Vice President. Perform the duties as assigned by the Executive Board.
- **Ethics and Grievance:** Investigate and assess all grievances or complaints made by members and others according to Article V of the WBCCI Bylaws and make recommendations to the Idaho Club Executive Board.
- **Legislative:** Study, advise and recommend legislation in the interest of the Idaho Club and its members. Recommend opposition to all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the interest of the Idaho Club and its members.
- **Social Media:** Communicate with Region and International Public Relations Committees. Use Social Media outlets to keep Idaho Club members informed.

**We all play a  
big part in  
making the  
WBCCI Idaho  
Club!**

**Make sure you  
are a part!**





## Sun Valley Jazz Festival 2023

The Sun Valley Jazz Festival Rally is a National Rally hosted by Region 10 that was held October 18-22, 2023. Information around the actual Jazz Festival can be obtained at the following web site: <https://www.sunvalleyjazz.com>



**The Sun Valley Jazz Festival  
Rally is a Region 10 Rally  
and  
is conducted from  
October 18—22, 2023**



## Saying Goodbye

Virginia "Ann" Lindley was a member of the WBCCI Idaho Club for many years. She served our club in a variety of roles, but her longest and best known was her role of keeping our membership binders up to date (with pictures).



She leaves behind her husband Murvin (who was also a member) and her daughter Sherrie and her son-in-law Mark (who were also members).



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**Virginia Lindley Obituary (1940 - 2023) - Meridian, ID - Idaho Press Tribune**  
View Virginia Ann Lindley's obituary, send flowers and sign the guestbook.



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