

# UWAC Annual Meeting & Dinner – Nov. 2023

*Hosted by Bonnie & John Ruskauff*

30 UWAC members attended the UWAC annual meeting and dinner at the Cheesecake Factory in downtown Salt Lake City on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Ruskauff called the annual meeting to order, verified a quorum, and with assistance of the Board conducted an efficient review of club status. Overall, the club is in excellent shape with strong membership, finances and a robust slate of club activities, past and future.

The dinner served was excellent with hors d'oeuvres, a choice of entries (chicken, salmon, pasta) and of course, a giant serving of cheesecake. Below are a few other highlights from the business portion of the event.

After board and member introductions, our outgoing president John Ruskauff made remarks on the many positives in growth and events that have occurred in the past two years, including achieving our goal of one rally/event per month. With the continued growth in club members and affiliates, John commented we may seek to have more than one event per month as membership grows. He also highlighted some of the fun & unique events in recent years - Warbirds (St. George), Flaming Gorge, Wyoming Caravan, Greater Yellowstone Caravan, International Rally & Caravan to Rock Springs, Eclipse rally in Richfield, with much more to come.

1. Report from Membership Chairperson Bonnie Ruskauff: Our club has grown to 62 trailers and 42 affiliate members.

2. Financial Report from Treasurer Keith Lund: We currently have a healthy checking account balance and solid financials. Income and expenses for year 2023 were presented and discussed. The club has healthy ending cash balance of \$6294.07.

3. New Business: Danny Simmons was unanimously elected by the membership present (with a quorum) as the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of UWAC for a 2-year term (2024-25.) There was no other new business. Congratulations to Danny!

4. Rally and Activities report from Event Director Kevin Buehler: Kevin previewed the numerous rallies and caravans that our planned for 2024 and encouraged everyone to consider hosting a rally in the future (see UWAC website for details.) E-mails and registration links for these events will be forthcoming in the coming weeks and months.

5. Officer Installation: Ceremonies were held to install Ron Jorgensen as the new club president for a 2-year term (2024-25), Vic Gabrenas as 1<sup>st</sup> VP for the same term, and Danny Simmons as the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

6. New President Remarks: Ron briefly concluded the official part of the meeting with brief remarks including John Ruskauff's continuing participation in club leadership

as a member of the Board and the important contributions of the entire board which works collaboratively to build consensus on club issues and direction.

7. 2023 UWAC Trailblazer Award: Ron and board representatives presented Bonnie & John Ruskauff with a gift and recognition as recipients of the inaugural UWAC Trailblazer Award for extraordinary service to the club. This award is bestowed upon those members whose unwavering contributions to our local club go far beyond the ordinary, embodying the enduring spirit of the Wally Byam Creed. See the UWAC website for more details on this award along with our previous recognition of UWAC club founders and pioneers.

The meeting part of the event ended at approximately 7:30 pm and dinner was served.

Special thanks to Bonnie and John for arranging an excellent dinner and meeting, and for their many years of outstanding service to the club. Also, special thanks to all the club officers, directors, volunteers, hosts and co-hosts that made 2023 a very successful year for Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club.

