



# The Akron Ohio Airstream Club Newsletter



**February 2024 Edition**

**Captain's Log, Stardate 02.01.2024:** we find ourselves

holding our collective breath on the eve of "Whistlepig Day, 2024" . . . aka: Groundhog Day . . . to find out if we all should relocate to Florida or stay put and join all our personal data in the land of the clouds! Legend has it that if the rodent exits its den located in a Western Pennsylvania campground, and sees its reflection in either Schnettler's or Losasso's shiny



Airstream, it will most likely urinate on its handler before being tossed in the creek scurry back underground for another six weeks of winter weather! Seriously, the *National Climate Data Center* finds that Phil, the infamous PA groundhog, has made an accurate prediction only about 39% of the time—so we're far better off with a coin-toss if/when someone can teach that gopher how to flip a quarter! Given our dreary weather the last week and a half, I hope he sees his shadow!

**We had a great turnout at the January luncheon at Oak & Embers** in Hudson, with **30** members enjoying food and fellowship. At this luncheon we announced breaking news: plans for the June AND July rallies . . . in addition to sharing progress on updating our constitution—the latter causing several members to fall asleep. Club paparazzi Karen Kiehl had an excused absence so we're a bit light on the photographic evidence—those pictures necessary that prove to the snowbirds down south that we can still have a good time even if they're not around. The subsequent motion to suspend Karen for the next luncheon was narrowly defeated; 1 in favor; 29 opposed.



**Speaking of luncheons, the February luncheon is right around the corner, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at Mulligans Pub (4118 Beldon Village St NW in Canton) beginning at 11:30am. The Scheid's and Schnettler's are co-hosting the Luncheon and are asking everyone to bring a new children's book to give to kids up at Akron Children's Hospital...hopefully to brighten their spirits on Valentine's Day. **Speaking of bright, let's see your pink Valentine's attire on the 10<sup>th</sup>!** You can help us better plan by clicking [HERE](#) to register via the Club Express website—and here's a cool feature: you can view "respondents" to see who logged an "RSVP YES" although only 1 member/rig is visible.



Looking ahead, let's recognize those with birthdays in **February** and gift them fur hats crafted from groundhog pelts found down by the creek. Please, if we've missed your information, simply zap me an update. **Happy**

**'February' Birthdays to:**

- 2/01 Thaddeus Cudak
- 2/09 Nancy Jackson
- 2/11 Tim Rice
- 2/24 Marie Cassidy
- 2/26 Michael Walker



**And, Happy Anniversary to:**



- 02-14 Joe & Mary Maxwell
- 02-23 Tom & Julie Ozbolt

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- February Wednesday Breakfast on **Wednesday, February 7** at the Waterloo Restaurant in Akron
- **February Luncheon on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at Mulligans Pub beginning at 11:30am, hosted by the Scheid's and Schnettler's
- **March Wednesday Breakfast on the 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Waterloo in Akron
- **March Luncheon** is "open" for hosting . . . TBA!
- **Region 4 "The Great Eclipse Rally of 2024"** is scheduled for **April 7-11<sup>th</sup>** in Darke County. Click [HERE](#) to register online. Experience the "Darke Side of the Moon" in Darke County, Ohio JOIN US for the

2024 National Eclipse Rally at the Great Darke County Fairgrounds in beautiful Greenville, Ohio, near the Mothership in Jackson Center!

- **Wake Up Downtown Rally in Logan, Ohio May 2-4, 2024.** The City of Logan will close the streets to all motorized traffic; Airstreams line the historic downtown forming a quiet/safe pedestrian mall. More information can be found [HERE](#).

- **Region 4 Community Service Rally, May 29 – June 2** in Flint Michigan. This year's Region 4 Community Service Rally assists the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, located in Flint. This is a very impressive facility with the capacity to have up to 100 volunteers working at a time! **Details:** Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM.org) 1939 Howard Ave., Flint, MI 48503. There will be volunteer opportunities on Thursday May 29th and Friday May 30th from 9:00-Noon and 1:00-4:00 (You are free to work as many or few shifts as you like, taking a break during a shift as you may need.) **Campground:** Groveland Oaks County Park Campground, 14555 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442. This campground is about 20 minutes from the Food Bank. A covered pavilion and a couple firepits are at each group site. Fill up with water when you get to the campground and empty your tanks. 30 Amp power, only, provided for each rig. Rally fee of \$100/rig gets you your site from Wednesday-Tuesday and lunch, at the Food Bank, if you decide to work both the morning and afternoon shifts. **To sign up** or if you have questions please contact Jamie Kingseed, Community Service Chair, at [jkingsseed@gmail](mailto:jkingsseed@gmail) or click [HERE](#) or (937) 539-3139

- **AOAC June Rally at Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio** (22611 State Rt 2, 43502) **June 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday – Friday) hosted by the Wilch's. We have 15 sites reserved for the Akron Ohio Airstream Club and once we commit to 10 or more, our cost/night drops from \$46 to \$44. **Reservations can be made by calling this number directly: 800.590.9755.** On site, the Sauder Village experience will take us on a walk through time from 1803 (Ohio becomes a state) through the 1920s while visiting Natives & Newcomers, Pioneer Settlement, and the 1920s Main Street. As of the release of this newsletter, we have 5 sites already reserved so please register sooner than later—and follow up with a RSVP email to me or use the "[Register Now](#)" on the website (don't worry about the \$25 fee—we'll determine/collect the rally fee at the campground).

- **AOAC July Rally at The Wilderness Campground in Dundee, Michigan, July 17 – 21** hosted by Fred & Kathy Kiehl and Mike Pastva & Jill McCauslin. Unlike the June rally, you **MUST** reserve your site via our website by clicking [HERE](#)—**but wait until Sunday's website update!** Sites are \$57 per night and include water + 30/50 amp electric (dump station at the park). Rated by Airstreamers as one of the top 5 museums in the country, we'll tour the Henry Ford Museum as well as Greenfield Village—less than an hour's drive (\$51.50/person for a 3-day pass that covers both museums). Cabela's is also right around the corner! Limited sites are available so make your reservation by tax day—April 15<sup>th</sup>!
- **AOAC August Rally...** could be the most epic ever recorded—if we only had one! August is "open" to anyone wishing to plan/host a rally!
- **NOVA Rally in the Valley II** September 5 –9, 2024 (Thu - Mon) 4439 & 4495 Black Road, Richfield. Click [HERE](#) for details. Special note: yours truly's favorite ice cream shop, "Country Maid," is right around the corner! RSVP: Tom & Judi Moran, BRN#4405 330-606-4101, [topshelfgsp@aol.com](mailto:topshelfgsp@aol.com)
- **67th Airstream Club International Rally**, October 5-10, 2024. Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri. Register online [HERE](#)

**You've probably heard about ChatGPT**, an open source AI (Artificial Intelligence) platform that's free to use. I've been accused of possessing artificial intelligence many times over my career so I thought it natural to ask "what a successful Airstream Rally would look like?" Here are some elements in ChatGPT's response:

*A successful Airstream Rally is a gathering of Airstream enthusiasts and owners, typically held at a scenic location or campground where participants come together to share their love for Airstream trailers, exchange stories, and engage in various activities. Here's a description of what a successful Airstream Rally might entail:*

1. *Location: The rally is often held in a picturesque setting, such as a national park, beachside campground, or a lush green field, providing*







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a beautiful backdrop for the iconic Airstream trailers.

2. *Community Spirit:* A successful Airstream Rally is characterized by a strong sense of community. Enthusiasts from different walks of life unite, creating a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Attendees are eager to connect with fellow Airstream owners, sharing their experiences and forging new friendships.
3. *Airstream Show and Shine:* One of the highlights of the rally is a "Show and Shine" event where participants showcase their meticulously maintained Airstream trailers. This creates an opportunity for owners to admire and appreciate the unique designs, modifications, and styles of various Airstreams.
4. *Entertainment:* There are often organized entertainment activities, such as live music, outdoor movie nights, and communal campfires. These events create a festive and enjoyable atmosphere, enhancing the overall experience for attendees.
5. *Group Activities:* Organized group activities like nature hikes, bike rides, or even group potluck dinners allow participants to bond over shared interests and experiences. These activities foster a sense of camaraderie and adventure.
6. *Themed Events:* Some rallies may have a specific theme, encouraging attendees to decorate their Airstreams accordingly. Themes can add an extra layer of fun and creativity to the gathering.
7. *Environmental Responsibility:* In many Airstream Rallies, there is a commitment to environmental responsibility. This includes waste reduction practices, recycling initiatives, and an emphasis on leaving the rally site as pristine as it was found.

Overall, a successful Airstream Rally combines the love for these iconic trailers with a sense of community, education, entertainment, and a connection to the great outdoors.



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