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Vern's Gypsy Traveler

From President Vernon Petersen

BRN 1573



When Groundhog Day rolls around, I officially start staring out the window and dreaming of Spring, and specifically, camping. Way too early yet, no doubt, but the days are getting longer, the sun is higher in the sky, and cabin fever is at its peak. Never mind that winter somehow is playing tricks on us this year. The warmest in recorded history, according to those who understand that kind of thing. And almost no snow here in central Minnesota, where

I would once call the frozen tundra. I don't understand, but I don't have to understand, that's way over my pay grade, as we used to say. All I really know is that we are officially dreaming of camping season, and it's right around the corner.

So, let's take a very brief "tour" of the upcoming year. We'll start with our Spring Rally in Blooming Prairie at Brookside Campground, May 16 to 19. This rally is basically planned out with amazing events scheduled. Our business meeting will be on Friday morning. We have a Friday evening dinner at the VFW in Austin, MN, followed by a half hour theater presentation at the Paramount for those who signed up. On Saturday, we'll have a special surprise guest before our potluck dinner, followed by an evening of entertainment by the Slippin' Jimmy Band.

We have a Rally scheduled at the Fair Grounds in St Louis County, MN in Chisholm in. The dates will be June 20 to 23. The hosts for this rally will be myself, (Vern Petersen), Richard Narum and Sarah Priest. We have a barn

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rented at the fairgrounds, and Richard has hinted that one of the planned events will be a barn dance. After a conversation with Sarah, she is working on some possible musical type events in Hibbing. We don't need to be reminded that Bob Dylan grew up in Hibbing. Whatever we come up with, this is going to be a great rally. Events will come together soon. Stay tuned.

Our last scheduled Minnesota Club Rally will our Fall Officer Installation Rally. This will be at the Adrian Municipal Campground in Adrian, MN, Sep 5 to 8. We don't have events planned for this rally yet, but we'll have fun. This campground is just off Interstate 90 in Southwest Minnesota. For those heading to the Region Rally the following weekend in Western South Dakota, this is an easy hop on point; and the very reason this campground was picked.

For those of you in warmer climates such as Florida, or in the Southwest, stay safe as you plan your odyssey northward. I know some of you make a real event of your travels. Some of you even travelogue your expedition. I know this because I love to read them. For those of you stuck here in, well, whatever we call Minnesota this year, be patient, and we'll be in our Airstreams soon enough.

Open Positions in the Minnesota Airstream Club.

3rd Vice President

Qualifications:

Willingness to take on a leadership role in the Minnesota Airstream Club.

Backup Webmaster

Qualifications:

Do you have computer skills that you would like to contribute to the MN Airstream Club? We're in need of a backup Webmaster. You do not need to know web design or HTML! Heaven knows, I don't know HTML. Both the Airstream Website and JotForm are designed so that you can put webpages and registration forms together without knowing the underlying code. If you are interested in knowing more about it, please contact me. I would be happy to sit down with you and explain what I do.

Thanks!

Chris Olsson

MN Airstream Club Webmaster

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THIS AND THAT

GINGER SLATTERY, R7 PRESIDENT

JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a fabulous holiday season and are staying in good health! After the Baraboo, WI rally, we had so much happen in our personal lives (both good and not so good), I had to hang up my Airstream hat for a while. So much so that I have even gone for a few days without having time to even check emails! Back to work now!

We enjoyed all the rallies we attended in 2023! Each one was different, had lots to see and do. The best part is just spending time with our fellow 'Streamers! Thank you to everyone who hosted for giving us such great memories!

The last IBT meeting was November 30, 2023. Here are some of the items addressed:

President Eric McHenry announced the organization of a Finance Committee to assist the International Treasurer to manage club assets "similar to sustainable non-profits and public entities". Members include Alan Rabb, R3; Christine Kirk, R11 & Ken Johannsen, R11.

A partnership with Harvest Hosts to manage Courtesy Parking program was presented. Harvest Hosts will have a separate area on their website that is only accessible to ACI members. Courtesy Parking hosts will be able to manage their own calendar on the site and block off times when their homes are not available for courtesy parking. Members will also be able to book courtesy parking on the website. An announcement was made in the online November Blue Beret. Courtesy Parking hosts may have already received an email describing the new program. It isn't up and running yet but in time for summer travel.

Under Executive Council reports:

Margaret Saylor, R2, was introduced as the new International Publication Chair following in the footsteps of Hedda Smithson.

John Becker read the ACI Political Policy and reminding members that all ACI functions should be politics free.

Jenny Schnettler, reported that outside funds were being raised to pay the cost of the feasibility study for the proposed RV park at Jackson Center. (All funds have now been raised and that study will proceed. The IBT will be looking for an update at the February IBT).

Lori Plummer presented her Corporate Manager's Report. As of November 13, 2023 there were 9,415 memberships (17,324 memberships).

Training of new employee, Justina, is almost complete. She is fitting in very well.

There has been an increase in "offensive, belligerent behavior towards staff members".

(Let's all work on being kinder to one another in 2024! Those who answer the phones at HQ are employees who only want to serve members in any way they can. They are not policy makers or voting members of the

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IBT. If you wish to express an opinion of something, please start with your Region President who is a voting member!)

New postcards are available for use by Clubs/Members for outreach.

707/709 Building Purchase

The first bid for remodeling was rejected. Waiting on 2nd bid.

Orders for the 2024 printed Membership Directory are being taken until January 31, 2024.

The following motions were approved:

Motion #2023-49 Housekeeping motion to remove all references to Delegates/meeting during International Rally.

Motion #2023-51 Region elections housekeeping motion.

Motion #2023-46 Motion to allow Past Region 8 President Sisk to have a 200 series # assigned.

Motion 2023-47 Clarifies time a Region President is allowed to choose a 200 series number.

Motion 2023-48 Low Country Airstream Club Permanent Charter

Motion 2023-52 The title of the corporate manager of WBCCI shall be established as Executive Director.

I did want to make one (maybe 2) comment re: the printed Membership Directory. It has been a hard fight just to keep the printed directory for this year. None of us on the Special Committee wanted any fee for it because it has always been covered by dues and not everyone is online. That was before Covid and just like all other aspects of our lives have been hard it by rapidly increasing costs, so it has been with the directory. The online printing services considered were not much cheaper than traditional printing. A decision regarding a printed 2025 issue will be made after evaluating this year's demand. Please contact me with any questions, comments, suggestions. (viriniabslattery@gmail.com; 906-250-6931). Thank you!

I am really looking forward to this year's rallies and hope to see you all down the road!

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Lori Grant, #6135 – Plymouth, MN

Noelle & Ted Haland, #5085 – Afton, MN

Robyn & Quintin Koger Kidd, 27714 – Wilmington, OH

Rosemary & Mark Leone, 5117 – Victoria, MN

Thomas & Christine Payne, 15302 – Sandy Hook, MB Canada

Randy & Laurie Sawatzky, 6174 – Tonka Bay, MN

Dan & Sue Schleeter, 9441 – Two Harbors, MN

Kathie & Jeff Seaver, 28492 – Moorhead, MN

Lindsay & Randy Shropshire, 2118 – Santa Rosa Beach, FL (Affiliate)

Perry Smaglik & Tim Longsdorf, 8874 – Zephyrhills, FL

Robert & Gwynn Sorenson, 19762 – Burnsville, MN

Guy & Jan Wikman, 9013 – Minneapolis, MN



Please extend a warm welcome to our new members!

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2024 - MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Spring Rally	Brookside Campground Blooming Prairie, MN	May 16 th – 19 th	Vern Petersen Carry Ensign
St Louis County Fair Rally	St. Louis Co Fair Grounds Chisholm, MN	June 20 th – 23 rd	Vern Petersen Richard Narum Sarah Priest
Fall Installation Rally	Adrian Municipal Campgrnd	September 5 th – 8 th	Vern Petersen Carry Ensign

2024 – Region 7 Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
Region 7 Rally:	2024 Region 7 Rally is scheduled for September 12 th – 19 th , 2024 in Spearfish, SD at Elkhorn Ridge Resort in the Black Hills area. See page 10 for more details.		

2024 – International Rally

October 6-11 67th International Rally in Sedalia, MO

[Have you registered for the International Rally in Sedalia MO 2024 yet?](#)

Reminder: In an effort to coordinate and communicate as a group prior to next year's International rally in Sedalia MO, a group has been started on the TeamReach app. So far, most MN registrants on the app have defaulted to choosing a Friday entry as that's what the MN caravan chose for Rock Springs 2023. Entry dates can be adjusted if the eventual caravan decides on a different entry date.

Install: Find and install the TeamReach app from your App Store or go to TeamReach (<http://www.teamreach.com/>)

Enter code: 2024-Sedalia

Join the conversation on the app and let us know when you've registered! Can't wait to see how big "Minnesota row" is in 2024!

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Photographs and Memories.....

2023 Minnesota Airstream Holiday Party at Dehn's Country Manor



The Minnesota Airstream Club held its annual holiday party at Dehn's Country Manor, in Maple Grove, MN, on December 8, 2023. We filled the room to capacity and our members had a wonderful time visiting and reminiscing about the the year gone by. Unlike the previous year, the weather was mild, with absolutely no snow to obstruct our travel to the party.

Revelers began arriving around 4pm, just as the early December sky was beginning to turn into that gray mush that is the boundary between late afternoon and evening on a cloudy day. Coats on the rack, drinks in hand, the party was off and running.

We were happy to see many new members at our party, where they stood and introduced themselves, while our hosts were preparing our meals. For those who have never been to Dehn's County Manor, they have an excellent menu prepared to near perfection. Their staff is friendly, and we've never been disappointed having our party at Dehn's.

After the meal, we carved up the cake, enjoyed by anyone with enough room left for dessert. Some simply had to pass on this delicacy, as I almost did, but I simply had to have a small piece, well, just because.

With the meal out of the way, it was time for the fun. Everyone participated in the White Elephant Gift Exchange. All the presents were piled in the middle of the floor, and according to some magic of poem recited by our Recording Secretary, Carry Ensign, gifts were chosen. But hold on, perhaps not too tight, because your chosen gift would probably get snatched away by the drama of Carry's poetic theater. This continued until all the gifts were gone. It was all just too much fun.

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The Minnesota Airstream Club was also, once again, a sponsor of the Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots. We proudly filled our box to overflowing and made many children very happy in Central Minnesota. The toys were dropped off at the designated drop off point at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City, MN. Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful event.

Vernon Petersen

President, Minnesota Airstream Club

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Greetings from Florida!

Minnesota is experiencing a wonderful winter, while here in Florida the temperatures are lower than normal, and we've had plenty of rain. There are those days in the high 70's with lots of sunshine. (We would prefer more of them!) It is great at Traveler's Rest in Dade City to have so many Airstream folks. We have that instant connection and lots of stories to hear. It is also nice to attend rallies as Affiliate members from one of the Florida Clubs. Pictures are from the Canopener Rally at Topsail State Park. Meeting up with Donna Smith and Jeff Kaiser, and Patti and Mark Hawkins was fun. The "Longest Table" was an excellent idea and something we could repeat at a MN Rally. The Paw Parade, Bloody Mary station, Tomato sandwiches, moon pies and the famous Kings Cake were a hit as well.

Looking Forward to Seeing Everyone in May!

Brenda Schultz



Bart & Brenda, Jeff & Donna, Patti & Mark

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Tomato Sandwiches



Kings Cake



Dog Parade

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Got a Question?

Got a question about the Wally Byam Airstream Club (aka, WBAC or WBCCI) or the MN Airstream Club? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to email them. Your question may be forwarded to and answered by another member on the MN Airstream Club.

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Name Badges

Did you know you can order new name badges from Airstream Club International? They have 3 different logos (show below) and cost \$3.00 each (plus shipping). Your name and Club name are printed on the badge instead of on a paper strip slid into a slot on the badge. They have Officer badges as well, including the Blue Stripes for Local Club President and Past President as well as Red Background for Region Officers and Past Region Officers.

Link: <https://store.airstreamclub.org/collections/stuff-for-people/products/name-badge>

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SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Region 7 Rally

Dates: September 12 – 19, 2024

Location: Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort
20189 US Hwy 85
Spearfish, SD 57783

Phone: (605) 722-1800

Website: <https://elkhornridgeresort.com>

Host: Chris Olsson - R7 1st VP
(cwolsson@comcast.net)



We have 45 sites set aside for the rally, and 16 are currently reserved. All are pull-through sites with full hookups in one area of the campground. You can call and reserve a campsite anytime (do **not** reserve online). The sites are being held until 2 months before the rally. 2023 costs are ~\$70 per night. There is a weekly rate plus they offer Good Sam, AAA, Military/Veteran, First Responder/Nurse discounts.

When you call to reserve a site, let them know you are with the Region 7 Airstream Rally.

To attend the rally, you will need to do two (2) things:

1. Call Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort and reserve a campsite.
2. Register and pay the rally fees using the Rally Registration form that will be forthcoming. I hope to have it available in the March/April timeframe.

We are very actively working on the planning for the rally. Here's a list of the planned activities:

- Four Buffalo Feeding Tours (limited to 9 people each tour)
- Coffee every morning
- Happy Hours and Campfires most evenings
- A Potluck Dinner
- Ride the 1880 Train (Hill City to Keystone). Round trip with 3 hour layover in Keystone
- Fort Hays Chuckwagon Dinner and Show (Dinner served @ 6:30 pm. Show starts @ 7:15 pm.)
- Bus Tour to Mount Rushmore & Crazy Horse. All day (~9 am to ~5PM)
- A Breakfast (maybe oatmeal & ice cream)
- A Catered Dinner in the Event Center
- Coffee & donuts on last day

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Still working on the rally fees! Will be listed on the registration form.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!!!

Chris

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2019 30' Flying Cloud \$85,000
Dade City, Florida

Options –

- 270 Watts of solar** and Fiamma bike rack installed by Airstream of Tampa
- Easy Start softstarts** for each air conditioner installed by Airstream at Jackson Center Service Center
- 50 amp Smartplug** inlet and cord from Jackson Center
- LP flexible line extension** extending out from under cupboard for portable catalytic heater
- Awnings all around**

Additional features –

This trailer is very clean, no smoking, no pets.

Asking \$85,000 or best offer.



Slow Cooker Chocolate Lava Cake

Three kinds of chocolate in this cake! Chocolate cake, chocolate chips and chocolate pudding.



Equipment

- Slow Cooker - 5 quart or larger

Ingredients

For the cake layer:

- 15.25 oz. Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix (I used Betty Crocker)
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 1/4 cup freshly brewed coffee, let cool down a bit, water can be used here instead if desired

For the pudding layer:

- 3.9 oz. instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups milk

For the third layer:

- 12 oz. bag semi-sweet chocolate chips

Instructions

1. In a medium-sized bowl add the cake mix, eggs, and oil. Start blending with a hand mixer for a few seconds before adding the coffee. Slowly add the coffee and finish blending. Do not over blend, some lumps are fine.

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2. In another bowl mix the pudding mix and milk until combined. Let thicken for a few minutes.
3. Spray the slow cooker with non-stick spray. Add the cake batter. Then add the pudding by dropping dollops over the cake mix. Sprinkle over the chocolate chips.
4. Cover and cook on HIGH for 3 hours without opening the lid during the cooking time.

Notes

Nutritional Values are approximate. Please use your own calculations if you require a special diet. The values below are for 1/12 of the recipe.

Nutrition

Calories: 476kcal | Carbohydrates: 51g | Protein: 6g | Fat: 28g | Saturated

Fat: 9g | Cholesterol: 46mg | Sodium: 465mg | Potassium: 382mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 32g | Vitamin

A: 140IU | Calcium: 125mg | Iron: 3.7mg

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OOPS.....If you haven't done so.....

Renewals were due on January 1, 2024

Airstream Club International

MEMBERSHIP – REMINDERS/GUIDELINES

08/09/2023

International New Member Dues

International Dues for new members is \$75 for one year. The membership period is on an anniversary year which is based on 12 months from the member's original join date (Example: If member joined on May 1, 2023, the membership is good until May 1, 2024). HQ will collect one year of Local Club dues.

International Renewal Dues

International Dues for renewals is \$75 per year. The majority of our members expiration date is Jan. 1 with the exception of anyone who has joined since July 1, 2021. The renewal process for members will start roughly 120 days before the expiration date (**Sept. 3, 2023**). HQ will send out notifications reminding members it is time to renew. The member **MUST** be logged into the member-only portal to renew online. **ALL MEMBERS ARE NOW ABLE TO LOGIN AND RENEW ONLINE (Primary AND Partner!)** HQ will collect one year of Local Club dues.

HQ encourages all local clubs to promote **online** renewals due to the efficiency as well as the time and cost savings for the club. Local Clubs are welcome to do renewals the traditional way, but be advised of the lag time with the postal service. Local clubs are welcome to send funds electronically to HQ. When this happens, please notify membership@airstreamclub.org.

Renewal Forms

Paper renewal forms are available by request only. Members can contact HQ at 937-596-5211 to request a paper renewal form. Members can also select their preference of electronic or paper in the member-only portal. If your Local Club knows of members who would prefer paper renewals, please let HQ know ASAP.

Affiliate & Intra-Club Memberships

HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues for clubs. Members can join online anytime or when they are joining or renewing their membership.

Lifetime Membership

Lifetime Memberships **MUST** go through the renewal process. This lets HQ know the Lifetime Member is still active and is in good standing with their Local Club. If we do not receive a renewal for a Lifetime Member, they will **NOT** be renewed.

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Member Emails

To access your membership dashboard and the member-only benefits, each member must have a valid email address on file with HQ. This also enables members to vote in the election of International officers and amendments to the constitution. If you don't have an email address, it is simple to create a Gmail account with Google or with your Internet provider. Each member needs to have an **individual email** on file even if you share an email address with your partner. If your current email address is not on file, contact assist@airstreamclub.org or call HQ at 937-596-5211.

Membership Dashboard

Encourage all members to get logged into the [Membership Dashboard](#) on AirstreamClub.org. In the portal, members can update their information, see courtesy parking information, membership directory plus member-only benefits. If a member is having trouble getting logged in, please have them contact HQ via email at assist@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211.

Renewals have been simplified to a financial transaction only. If a member needs to update their information, they need to utilize the membership dashboard.

Local Club, Affiliate Dues & Intra-Club Dues

Local Club, Affiliate dues & Intra-Club dues received by HQ will be paid to the Local Club twice a month. Direct Deposit is the preferred method of paying dues.

Auto-Renewal

Auto-Renewal is now available. Members can select this option online anytime or when they are renewing their membership online. We have changed our payment platform. Anyone who signed up for auto renewal prior to July 31 will need to re-enroll in auto renewal due to the payment platform change. We will be notifying the membership of this change.

Transfers

Members are allowed to transfer Home Clubs once per year. Transfers allow members to find a Home Club that best meets their likes and needs. HQ will inform each Home Club of the transfer. During a mid-year transfer, it is between the member and the Home Clubs to work out the Home Club dues portion of the membership.

Published Membership Directory

Any member who wants to be included in the published membership directory must renew before Dec. 31.

Do Not Publish

Members have the option of not having their contact information published in Club's directories. Do not publish means their name(s), region, local club and Big Red Number will be listed without any contact

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information. This is to provide a complete listing of members for our members while at the same time respecting the wishes of those members who do not want their contact information published.

Officer Reporting and Communication Form

This form is used to inform HQ who receives membership information as well as to update the database for officer changes. The highest-ranking officer of the Local Club must submit the form. An Officer must notify HQ of any changes by submitting a new club communication form or email the information to membership@airstreamclub.org This form is located at AirstreamClub.org →Current Members→Member Resources→Officer Toolbox→Official Forms or follow this link to the [Officer Reporting & Communication Form](#).

For changes in your communication list, the highest-ranking officer of the group must submit a new officer reporting and communication form. For single changes of officers or the communication list an email can be sent to membership@airstreamclub.org Region officer reporting forms are due to HQ by Aug. 1 each year and local and intra-clubs should be submitted within 30 days of elections or appointments. Dec. 1 is the deadline to include officers in the published membership directory.

990

U.S. based Local Clubs need to file an annual 990. The deadline for filing varies depending on the Local Club, as well as what type of 990. If you are unsure of your Local Club's deadline, please contact HQ at info@airstreamclub.org Regulations have changed, and an officer from the Local Club must be the one to complete the filing. HQ has step-by-step instructions available to help with this.

Local Club Activities

AirstreamClub.org is now the central database for all events. Local Club officers should be working with the Local Club webmaster to get this information posted to AirstreamClub.org If your webmaster is having issues accessing your Local Club information on the site, contact the Information Technology Committee at ITC@airstreamclub.net

Spring Newsletter

The Spring Newsletter will be published in April. If you would like to contribute an article or pictures to the Newsletter, please send them to Bart Schultz (bartonschultz@gmail.com) by March 31, 2024. Topics can include a recent rally or caravan you attended, or a favorite campground you visited, or an experience that illustrates why you love being an Airstreamer. Please include a short description of any pictures that you submit (i.e. event, date, names of people or group).

Thanks,

Bart



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