



Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

OCTOBER 2023

Presidents Message

Dan Hoyt



I am very happy that so many new members have recently joined the club and are participating in luncheons and rallies. The outlook for our club has changed a lot in the last few years. I'm reluctant to give Covid the credit for anything - but I think it has helped the RV life by giving people the desire to be with families.

Our new officers are a great bunch of people and I'm looking forward to their installation at the October rally! Some have experience and some don't. I look at it this way - If I can do it, anyone can. I was very green at the start of my first Presidency. I was not very good at speaking to a crowd or conducting a meeting. But as my friendship with members in the club grew so did my confidence. I have enjoyed my time as a club officer. Thank you all for making it easy!!!

Dan Hoyt

How did this happen?? It'll be October by the time you read this!!! The summer has just flown by, hasn't it. We've just had our 2nd Rally of my term as president. The Sisks, Wielands and Perrins did a super job of planning this event in LeMars, Iowa. A good mix of activities and things to tour and see. The weather cooperated as well.

For some of us this may be the end of camping season. As usual, participation drops off after Labor Day. The remaining Rally in mid-October at Wilson Island should be interesting. In Missouri Valley, a board was created to restore and add a museum for a miniature steam train that Dale Ann and I rode as kids!! We'll have a museum tour guide and opportunity to ride this relic on Saturday afternoon of the rally weekend.



Birthdays

- OCTOBER 16 Bruce Coonrod
25 Sue Heist
- NOVEMBER 4 Carolyn Coonrod
19 Mary Stolinski
20 Bert Sherwin
23 Tim Wieland
26 Carmen Bunde
- DECEMBER 1 Bryce Bunde
2 Mary Wherrett
4 Chris Lehman
5 Fran Olson
13 Jodi Jensen
14 Bob Heist
22 Donajean Sherwin
29 Scott Allen

Anniversaries

- OCTOBER 13 Scott & Kathy Allen 1990
27 Kevin & Ashley Kavan 2012
- NOVEMBER 22 Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt 1969
27 Scott & Jodi Jensen 2017

Welcome New Members:

Ken & Kathy Brison

Blair, NE

2023 27' FBQ

Larry & Kristie Hefling

Hubbard, NE

2009 31' Classic

Nancy & John Schalles

Omaha, NE

2018 16' Basecamp

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wilson Island Campground Rally and new Officer Installation

October 12-15, 2023

32801 Camp Ground Lane, Missouri Valley, IOWA

Leaders: Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt

Chris & Diann Lehman

NE Club Caravan to 2024 International Rally in Sedalia, MO - more info to come



Airstream Club International Rally Sedalia, MO - October 5-10, 2024 Registration OPEN at airstreamclub.org

2023 LUNCHEONS

Every second Saturday of the month.

October 14 (at Installation Rally)

November 11

December 9

Luncheons are located at Sapp Brothers Apple Barrel

Willow Creek Campground Rally

LeMars, IA September 14-17, 2023

By Crystal Wieland

As our Nebraska Club rolled into Le Mars, IA I was expecting a town built around being the “Ice Cream Capital of the World” - and it did not disappoint! With all the ice cream sculptures set in front of businesses around the city, and the museum perched about the Blue Bunny Ice Cream Shop, ice cream was at the forefront of this community.

But, there is so much more to this Western Iowa town to love. We visited the Plymouth County Historical Museum and learned much about this area. There were many artifacts to view, and so much information about the local community, including both every day hero’s and even some famous celebrities. The beautiful round barn that was moved to rest at the country fairgrounds was a spectacular site to see.

Ben (the owner) of Wise I brewing gave us a history of his brewery, and invited us back to their Oktoberfest celebration where we were treated to his musical talents while dressed in traditional Lederhosen! Wandering through the downtown area we were treated to walls of ‘alley art’ between buildings and enjoyed the local artistic talent.

Visiting this town with our Nebraska Airstream club and some friends from the Iowa North club made for a great weekend filled with fun activities and many memories were created. It was a great experience and we are looking forward to the next rally!



Wise 1 Brewing



Potluck Dinner at the campground



Bowling fun.

Willow Creek Campground Rally continued



Campfire Shenanigans

Willow Creek Campground Rally continued

Plymouth County Historical Museum



Willow Creek Campground Rally continued

Blue Bunny Visitors Center and Ice Cream Parlor



Rolling Rally to Michigan and Wisconsin

by James Wright

Question: What does Iowa City, Chippewa Falls WI, Bayfield WI, Ontonagon MI, Marquette MI, and Sturgeon Bay WI have in common?

Answer: 12 Airstreams on The Rolling Rally came to visit and explore their beautiful part of the countryside August 18 thru September 4

When that many Airstreams arrive at the same campsite together we seem to get a lot of questions. Everything from Are you all traveling together? Do they still make those? What are the red numbers?

We answered all of their questions that this was the Rolling Rally To Da UP in 23

First meeting up at Coralville Lake in Iowa City on August 18 we started our trip north thru Michigan and Wisconsin to visit the Upper Peninsula in Michigan and Door County of Wisconsin.

Staying at six different campgrounds and with two to four days at each site we had time to visit the small towns in each area. We visited Maritime Museums, Orchards and Farmers Markets as well as the views of Lake Michigan.

Of course we had Happy Hour every night complete with a campfire to share what everyone did for the day.



Rolling Rally to Michigan and Wisconsin cont.

For information about future Rolling Rally's to Michigan and Wisconsin contact the leaders Brian and Jo Ann Peterson at bpeterson007@centurytel.net.



Alumapalooza 2023

Jackson Center, OH September 5-10

By Christine Mann

This was our 3rd year attending Alumapalooza in Jackson Center, OH. The event is held every week following the Labor Day weekend. The weekend is similar to an International Rally in that there will be Airstreamers from all over the country BUT on a much smaller scale. Airstreams are parked, rally style, in the field just north of the original Airstream factory.



Andy Thompson with Can-Am RV Center demonstrates EV Towing with a Tesla Model S



Dry camping in the Generator Section.

This event is perfect for the new Airstream owner. The first year we attended we learned so much from the sessions on things like maintenance, towing, cooking and many additional products. There are vendors available to help with any questions you may have. Phil “the door guy” is always in attendance to help with those pesky door issues.

If you love full hook-ups. This may not be the event for you. They supply 3 amps of power (just enough to keep your lights on) OR you have the option of parking in the generator section. We chose the generator area this year as we had a few warmer days. The weather in Ohio this time of year is typically very mild however with all the corn fields around it can get very humid. Nothing we aren’t used to being from Nebraska.

Tours are available to attendees of the new travel trailer factory, the van factory as well as the basecamp factory. It’s fun to see how they build Airstreams.



Airstream CEO, Bob Wheeler, giving his “State of Airstream” report.



Jackson Center is not a culinary hot spot however there are some great restaurants in neighboring towns and the event provides several meals. One of our lunches was served by Airstream Executives and Managers. On evenings that don't have a planned dinner they set up large charcoal grills for a community cook-out.

One special benefit of attending the event is the Airstream Service department provides walk in service and warranty work. If they need to pull your Airstream into a service bay they come out to the field with a tractor, hook up, and tow your rig away for the day to work on it. Instead of having to sit in the service center lounge there are plenty of events to attend so it make the time go quickly. If you have easy repairs the service guys come out to the field and do the work right on site.

Another highlight of visiting Jackson Center is the Heritage Center and gift shop at the New Factory. This year we even got to have lunch in the employee cafeteria.



FOR SALE

1993 Airstream Excella 1000 Classic 30' QRB

\$24,000 obo

This 1993 Excella 1000 Classic has a rear queen bed, front twin daybed and dinette that sleeps one. Mid bath. 4 burner LP range/convection over/microwave. Original oak cabinetry and fixtures. Refrigerator and AC run well and stay cold. The furnace motherboard was replaced this Spring (2023). A new 3 stage converter was installed this Spring (2023) along with new batteries. All four tires were replaced in July 2021. Luxury Vinyl Plank flooring was installed in the summer of 2021. Includes two Samsung TVs with built in dvd players.

More pictures and video available upon request.

We have been very happy with this trailer, but upgraded to a model with a slide out. Please call or text Ashley Kavan @8 16.728.9435 or email @ ashleykavan@gmail.com



Airstream Pets



Meet Brody & Camper

Brody and Camper are Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Brody is a traditional Cavalier. Sweet tempered, sometimes shy and an expert lap dog. Camper on the other hand identifies as a large breed dog who specializes in chasing squirrels. These two love traveling with their dog mom & dad (Jeff & Christine Mann) in their 30' Airstream Classic. Favorite activities are walks in campgrounds and making new friends.

We would love to feature your pet in the next newsletter. Please email a photo, name and short description of your pet to ne airstreamclubnewsletter@gmail.com



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