



Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

JANUARY 2024

Presidents Message



Happy New Year!

Are we all ready for 2024? I know I am, and excited to go camping. We have some great Nebraska rallies lined up for you for this year, as well as the Region Rally in Branson, MO (end of April) and the International Rally in Sedalia, MO in October. Mike and I can't wait to join you around a campfire, to visit new places and to see old AND new friends in the process. I invite you all to join us in this year's events – one rally, two rallies, three or ALL of them. This will be a great year!

Mike and I will be heading south to Arizona the end of January and return home in late March. I am having back surgery the 9th of January and should be ready to travel by then. A few of our club members are in that area, and we hope to be able to meet up for a visit.

I am taking early sign ups for the July 18-21 Joint Rally in Maysville, MO. We will be camping with the Greater St Louis Airstream Club, and I promise you a fun time with lots to do, people to meet. Currently we have 28 spots for the combined group, but may be able to add to that number if needed. Please email me at cheryl.sisk@yahoo.com ASAP to put your name on the list! More information, schedule, costs will come later. As usual, our monthly luncheon will be the second Saturday of each month at Apple Barrel Restaurant, 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive, Gretna - 11:30-noon arrival time. Hopefully the weather here will remain favorable during the winter months for the remainder of our group to meet for lunch and conversation. In closing, remember the Spring Fix It Rally and reserve your spot at Branched Oak Campground for April 18-21!

Onward to Spring

Cheryl



Birthdays

January 4	Steve Kenyon
12	Cheryl Sisk
15	Dwight Olson
16	Lucius Bowen
20	Dale Anne Hoyt
23	Christine Mann
February 6	Bill Larson
12	Chris Leon
27	Dan Hoyt
March 1	Ashley Kavan
6	Diane Larson
8	Mike Sisk
8	Jim Perrin
16	Larry Link
31	Jeff Mann

Anniversaries

January 30 Tim & Crystal Wieland 1993

February 22 Steve Kenyon & Mary Stolinski 2008

2023 LUNCHEONS

Every second Saturday of each month

January 13

February 10

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

*Luncheons are located at Sapp Brothers Apple Barrel
I- 80 & Hwy50 @ 11:30 am*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fix It Rally

Branched Oak SP

April 18-21,2024

Hosts: Manns, Opps & Wielands

Reserve your site now.

Region 8 Rally

April 24-28, 2024

America's Best Campground aka ABC Campground

499 Buena Vista Rd. Branson, MO

Joint Rally

Pony Express RV Park, Maysville, MO

July 18-21, 2024

Hosts: Sisks, Smiths

Fall Rally

September 5-8, 2024

Fremont, NE

Hosts: Wrights, Links, Olsons

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

October 5-10, 2024

Sweetwater Events Complex

Rock Springs, WY



Installation Rally

October 11-14, 2024

Victorian Acres, NE City, NE

Hosts: Hoyts, Knowles, Wielands

Winter Camping

By Diann & Chris Lehman



Winter camping has to do with geography. We left our house in Papillion on November 21st. We went to Chris's mom's house for Thanksgiving. Our daughter, Jess, and her boyfriend, Andrew, flew their small plane on November 22 and we went to pick them up at the local small airport there in Johnson City, KS. With other relatives coming from close and far. We were going to stay and enjoy the family through the weekend, but winter weather was coming in on Saturday so we left Johnson City, KS on Friday to stay ahead of the storm. We went all the way to Deming, NM. Good thing we did, cause if we would have stopped in Albuquerque, we would have had to stay there a few days. Made it to Palm Creek RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ on November 25th. Where it's only winter on the calendar...well, compared to Nebraska. Normal January high of 66 degrees and lows of 45 degrees. Currently we are in a cold spell and highs are in the 50's and lows are in the upper 20's. But we'll take what we're getting because it is currently 4 inches of snow and cold weather in Nebraska, so this will do. Tim, Crystal and Zoey Wieland came to Palm Creek with their brand new 25' 2023 Globetrotter. It's so nice! Wonderful to hang out with them. They

got here on the January 3rd and will leave on the 19th. We hope to get in some really nice sight-seeing, hiking and microbreweries! And also enjoy some of the amenities they have here in the park, not to mention 4:00 happy hour!



We will be here until April sometime, enjoying the sunshine, mountains, cactus and desert...aw beautiful man...said like the line in the song "On the Cover of The Rolling Stones".

Happy, Safe, Travels All

Diann & Chris Lehman

Dinosaur National Monument, Jensen, UT

By Ashley Kavan



While at the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, WY our family took a side trip to Dinosaur National Monument Quarry just outside of Jensen, UT. Dinosaur National Monument spans the border of Colorado and Utah, and the Quarry is located on the Utah side.

I have vivid memories of watching Reading Rainbow as a five- or six-year-old (a children's show on PBS that introduced kids to reading with themed shows), and watching LeVar Burton climb across the wall of dinosaur bones at the Dinosaur National Monument Quarry. Once I had kids of my own, I knew I wanted to visit, and when my kids became obsessed with dinosaurs, I knew the trip was going to happen.

Jensen, Utah is three hours southwest of Rock Springs, WY with a drive that takes you through the Royal Gorge and Ashley National Forest. It is a beautiful drive with plenty of places to stop and enjoy the vistas. We could have spent a week exploring Ashley National Forest alone, and hope to go back and spend some time there.



We stayed overnight in Vernal, UT at a hotel with laundry facilities (so we would have clean clothes for the trip home) and a pool for the kids to swim, but there is a very nice KOA in town with all the amenities you would need to stay with a trailer.

Once we arrived at the Monument, we checked out the visitor's center which includes a 12-minute film about the park, information desk, and, of course, a gift shop...which we thoroughly perused. The Quarry Exhibit Hall is a separate (air conditioned) building from the visitor's center, but there is a free tram that will take you to the Exhibit Hall, or you walk/hike there if you prefer.



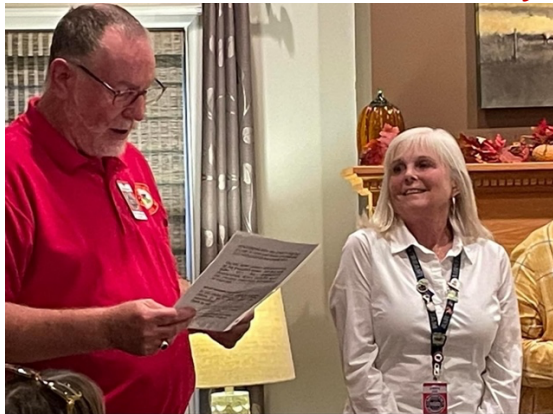
The quarry wall is truly an incredible sight. There are approximately 1,500 bones visible in the rock face that stands around three stories tall. There are 100 individual dinosaurs visible in the wall, and visitors are allowed to touch some of the bones located at the bottom of the wall. From 1909 to 1924 over 350 tons of fossil was removed and more were found and left for people to visit and see firsthand. One of the specimens removed from the wall is located at Morell Hall on the University of Nebraska Lincoln's campus! The history of the site is well told and represented in exhibits within the Quarry building and on interpretive signs near the tram stops.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Dinosaur National Monument Quarry!

Installation Rally, Oct. 12-15, 2023

Wilson Island State Rec Area and the Hoyt Homestead

By Ashley Kavan



This year's Installation Rally took place at Wilson Island State Recreation Area in Missouri Valley, Iowa, and the Installation ceremony took place at Dan and DaleAnn Hoyt's home in Missouri Valley.

The following officers were installed:

Cheryl Sisk – President

Terri Bailey – Recording Secretary

Kandi Smith – Treasurer

(Ashley Kavan and Jeff Mann were not in attendance, but will be installed as 1st and 2nd VPs at a later date)

A big thank you goes out to Dan Hoyt, Marcia Link, and Lana Olsen for their time and enthusiasm while holding office for the club. Welcome to the new officers!



Installation Rally cont.



Spring Fix It Rally

Nebraska Airstream Club 2024 Fix-It-Rally
We are now able to book our campsites for the
Nebraska Airstream Club Fix-It-Rally

To be held on:

Thursday April 18 - Sunday April 21 at Branched Oak
Lake SRA - Middle Loop

Tentative Schedule:

Thurs 4/18	4PM	Happy Hour
	6PM	Dinner @ Optimist Club
	Sundown	Campfire
Fri 4/19	9 AM	Breakfast
	Noon	Lunch on your own
	2 PM	Open House
	6 PM	Dinner TBD
	Sundown	Nightglow & Campfire
Sat 4/20		Breakfast on your own
	1 PM	Litter Pick Up
	6 PM	Branched Oak Observatory Annual Meeting Chili Cookoff/Dinner White Elephant (one per Airstream)
	Sundown	Campfire
Sun 4/21	8-9 AM	Farewell Coffee

This year events will have our Airstream Club
Highway Litter pickup, a breakfast, dinners, a white
elephant exchange and other fun activities including
a tour of the Branched Oak Observatory.
More information will come later, but for now let's
reserve our camping sites.

You can reserve your site online at:

Branched Oak SRA NE

Area 4-Middle Oak Loop

Happy Hour will be in the common area behind site
number 170 so try for a site close by.

Site numbers to use - 168-174 and 176-181

No water at sites, electric only

water hydrants are at dump station and common
ground.

A Nebraska park permit is required, you can get it on
line at: outdoornebraska.gov

Please let me know if you plan to attend and your site
number for the meal count at:

manncustoms@gmail.com

Hope to see you there,

Manns, Opps & Wielands



Airstream Pets

Meet Madison



This is Madison, she is a 14 years old Lhasa-Poo, caretaker for Miss Madison is Lynn Barrett. We are currently in Apache Junction, AZ. for the winter. We have a 2017 Airstream Bambi Sport 22', Pat and Suzanne McNamara previous owners had removed the standard airstream table and replaced it with a Lagun table which allows me to set it up in all kind of positions, here I have it set so she can look out the window and is right below the air conditioner, she is able to go from table top to cushion to a footstool to the floor where there is water and food and doggie floor pad, then back up to table top where she waits for me when I'm go out. I set a camera across from her so I can check on her and see a temperature monitor. Madison seems to enjoy being there even while I'm there.

- Lynn Barrett

Photos from '23 Balloon Fiesta Airstream Rally

by Chistine Mann



Campground Recipes

by DaleAnn Hoyt

Biscuits & Gravy Airstream Style

Ingredients

5 lb breakfast sausage
1 gallon whole milk
2 cups flour
1 stick butter
Salt & Pepper

Directions

Brown and drain the sausage ahead (can freeze in two ziplock bags)
Make gravy in two batches: Melt ½ butter in skillet, add ½ flour and blend to smooth paste, add ½ milk gradually, stirring constantly until thick
Add cooked sausage and heat
Keep warm in crock pot

Serves 25

This makes enough for 2 biscuits per person

Send your favorite campground recipes to: ne airstreamclubnewsletter@gmail.com