

Get Lucky in Moab Rally, March 14-17, 2023 🍀

John and Bonnie Ruskauff hosted UWAC's first rally of the 2023 rally season at the Sun Outdoors Moab Downtown RV resort. A total of 14 Airstreams fought the rain, sleet, hail, snow and salt on the roads to get to Moab. Of the 14, there were 12 UWAC members and two affiliates. Seven of the rigs arrived a day early on Wednesday. This was the club's fourth rally in Moab.



After the rest of the folks arrived on Thursday, the rally officially kicked-off with a happy hour which included delicious hors d'oeuvres, "Moab Mai-Tais", other beverages and deserts including a few pies for "Pi-Day", 3/14. The atmosphere was awesome! You could feel the built-up energy and excitement from a long winter, as most participants were getting their rigs out for the first time this year. Even though it was a bit cold, the weather cooperated-the rain didn't start until everyone had retired to their Airstreams for the evening.

Friday started with a change of plans due to the threat of rain and possible slick trails. Instead of the planned hike to Fisher Towers, we decided on a group sight-seeing car ride up the Potash Road (Lower Colorado River Scenic Byway U-279). With the Colorado river on one side and 1,000 plus foot sandstone cliffs on the other, this amazing road follows the river for approximately 17 miles. Near the climbing section known as Wall Street the group stopped to examine several panels of Indian rock art. The next stop was at the Corona Arch trailhead. Again, the weather cooperated, and the rain held off long enough to accommodate our plans. Some of the group, and their canine companions, hiked about two-thirds of the trail to get a distant view of the Corona Arch. A few made it to the arch!



After the impromptu hike, the group was a bit split up. Some went back to the Moab area to shop and visit other sites including the Moab Museum of Film and Western Heritage. Others continued to the end of the pavement, to the potash mines and the beginning of the Shafer trail. The Schofields actually braved the drive up the infamous Shafer trail to Canyonlands National Park!



Friday evening was the St. Paddy's pot(luck) of gold dinner. The hosts/club provided Irish bangers and corned beef burgers. As always, others brought many tasty appetizers, salads, sides and desserts. Delicious!



Following dinner we held an Airstream open house. Most of the ralliers were willing to open the door of their rigs for others to tour. It was great seeing the various models, layouts and decorating ideas. Everyone really seemed to enjoy seeing the other amazing Airstreams as well as maybe a little showing off of their own!

Saturday began with a caravan to Dead Horse Point State Park which is undoubtedly one of the best state parks in the country! The angry, stormy skies added more drama to the jaw-dropping views of the red rock cliffs and winding, horseshoe-shaped bend of the Colorado river, 2,000 feet below. Amazingly, the rain again held off long enough for everyone to hike

around the edge and enjoy the views. After the Dead Horse stop, some continued on to visit the Island in the Sky area of Canyonlands National Park.



Saturday concluded with a group dinner at Antica Forma. Even though Moab is somewhat isolated, Antica Forma has some remarkably good Italian dishes, pizza and a decent wine

list! In addition to the good food, they did an awesome job of accommodating our group of 30.



The rally concluded Sunday morning with a St. Paddy's Day Breakfast. The breakfast included coffee and Lucky Charms cereal for the needed caffeine and/or sugar boost for the drive home!



Many thanks to all the participants who braved the weather to get to Moab – we hope you enjoyed your stay!

John and Bonnie