

INLAND NW INSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of
The Inland NW Airstream Club*



Hi, INWAC Members and Affiliates,

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we get this travel season started, let's recognize the INWAC club leadership team for their selfless contribution of time and skills to make 2024 an unforgettable year. Thanks to the team for planning our first hosted Region 10 rally at Blackwell Island, CDA, ID. The most important planning by the team were the rallies that first benefit INWAC members and affiliates. The leadership team planned eight rallies and one caravan (that's a new club record). Registration for all events are at or near capacity and will provide members the opportunity to meet new friends and extend our fellowship with old friends.

For those lucky enough to register early for one of the 140 Region 10 Blackwell Island Rally spots, this should be a great experience for you. For those that didn't make it, please keep an eye on the wait-list and send the R10 president (airstreamregion10@gmail.com) an email if you would like to know your wait-list status. The R10 rally will include a Lake CDA Cruise, CDA downtown activities, Buck Knives Factory tour, Orvis Fly Fishing workshops, sponsored dinners, live band & drinks, sports/activities, camp-crawl open house & light show, and a bunch of tech-talks. Vendors and sponsors have donated ~\$2000 in seminar or door prize giveaways. Thanks to the INWAC members who are donating three gift baskets for the raffle supporting the CDA Womens and Childrens Center.

Please take a week or two to focus on ensuring your tow vehicle and Airstream are serviceable. I just read an article about a couple pulling a 30' Airstream that noticed fine cracks in the tire sidewalls, but because it was a 2020 and the tread depth was good, they figured all would be fine. On their first trip, they experienced a tire blowout and damage to their Airstream. Safety first folks! Deb and I will attend almost all of the rallies this year, so we look forward to seeing you there.

Happy travels,

Steve

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Welcome

Look at our garden grow! We're excited to have you join our adventures.

New Members

Chad and Cindy Anderson (Spokane)

Darla and Craig Delarm (Nine Mile Falls)

David Grubb (Spokane)

Dave Jackson (Everett)

Patricia Jacobs and Ronald Allen Breuch (Coeur d'Alene)

Linda Hall and Michael Lane (Spokane)

Brian and Brita Williams (Ellensburg)

Michael Furrer (Spokane)



Current Membership

45 Member Airstreams

32 Affiliate Airstreams

DEBBIE TABACEK - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Happy Spring to all our INWAC members and affiliates!

I hope that many of you are ready to get out and travel soon. I know that I have been out to our Airstream many times and beginning to plan and prepare for the 2024 season. We have so many cool rallies planned and so many places to see! However, before we get to the actual travel time we had to spend the past cold winter months finding ways to keep our fellow Airstreamers connected.

We have had some well attended gatherings these past two months and it has been fun to see everyone and meet our new members as well. In February, we hosted a membership meeting at Airstream Adventures and they did a wonderful job of accommodating our group. They had an area set up for us plus they did a tech talk and let us tour the new Tradewind Airstream. Our club has developed a nice partnership with them and we now have a big INWAC poster in the lobby for recruiting future Airstreamers! We just recently had a March gathering at Market Street Pizza which again was well attended (20 members). There was a lot of good pizza, fun conversations, and the Gonzaga vs Kansas game in the background. As our club continues to grow it is important to make all members feel welcome and be able to make connections even when it is not the rally season. I look forward to this upcoming season and meeting up with old and new members of our club. If you come across friends, neighbors, etc with an Airstream please feel free to send them our way. I also have business cards with our information that I will bring to rallies that people can have to keep with them when they are out on their adventures!

Happy travels and see you soon!

Debbie

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SUZANNE CARON-RALLY COORDINATOR



Hello Fellow INWAC Airstreamers!

We have been down in the north part of Tucson, AZ since December 1. We have come down the past 9 years to this same place to volunteer with Wycliffe Bible Translators Mexico Branch. Suzanne serves as the Volunteer Coordinator for about 80 volunteers who work to help out the local missionaries with construction, maintenance, handyman tasks and the like. Mike is the head of the Cabinet shop and is able to build some beautiful pieces for folks - who only pay for the materials while the labor expended is free. We are with folks who come from all over the U.S. and Canada and housing is quite sparse so being able to live in our 25' Airstream is a huge blessing! Suzanne is also able to continue with her responsibilities as INWAC Rally Coordinator while we're here - yay for Airstreaming~ We headed home Sunday, March 17 and now look forward to seeing many of you at an INWAC Rally.

Mike and Suzanne Caron



Foster and Hamish

SUZANNE CARON - RALLY COORDINATOR

Our first rally of the season will be the Tulip Rally in April in the beautiful Skagit Valley, which is currently full but please inquire regarding a waitlist.

The following rallies currently have space as of the writing of this article.

Suzanne

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**Come join us for fun in the Pacific Northwest
Airstreaming with friends!**

Nugget RV Rally , St Regis, MT July 10-15

Canada Caravan August 19- September 12

Curlew Lake Rally, August August 19-22

McGregor Lake Rally, Marion, MT September 9-12

Troy Rally, Troy, MT September 12-16

Please register on our website

<https://airstreamclub.org/inland-nw/event>

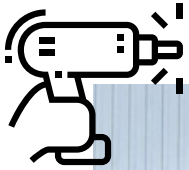
Please put your name on waitlists!



Always Room for Improvement

One of the hottest topics discussed around the campfire each spring is what we all upgraded, replaced, repaired or changed on our Airstreams. Andrea Lloyd recently posted on our Facebook page the recent upgrades she and Tom have completed on their 2022 27 ft. Globe Trotter, with more to go! Be inspired!!

Can't wait to get a tour!



Andrea Lloyd and Tom O'Donnell



We've been preparing Effie for the trip to Idaho later this month. We've also made a few upgrades this week. Here is a rundown of what we've done in the last couple days. We have 4-5 more upgrades to complete before depart on Apr 23rd. Can't wait to see y'all!

1. New queen custom mattress that's 5 inches longer and 4 inches wider. It may be snug to walk around the corners but I'll trade that for more space to sleep with our 6'2" height.
2. Moved the original lower 2/3 of the bed base down by 5". Added an extra 5" of support on the upper 1/3. Pretty easy fix so we could keep the original corner curve on the bed base.



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-AND-
COMFY

Always Room for Improvement ...continued...

3. Added new struts under the bed. The original struts are 17" and 90 pounds of support each. The new struts are 17" and support 120 pounds each. I had to adjust the strut attachment by 5" due to moving the lower 2/3 of the base. Otherwise they just snapped right in.

4. Swapped out our old table base for the heavier duty marine base. Absolutely love it!

5. Upgraded the foam in our bench cushions. What a huge difference! Used Lux High Quality Foam (4") and batting from Foam.com. Easy peasy.



Intra-Clubs

In the 1960s, club members with special interests began forming theme specific sub-clubs within WBCCI. We now call these Intra-Clubs. The first Intra-Clubs allowed members to share their interests in square dancing, amateur radios, and CB radios. Eventually intra-clubs were formed with a variety of other focuses ranging from single Airstreamers, “Teen-Streamers”, and “Full Timers” to Gems & Minerals, Personal Computers, Geneology, and Vintage Airstreams. To explore today’s Intra-Clubs go to the following link
<https://airstreamclub.org/explore/intra-clubs>



Do you know anyone who might be interested in an Intra Club for families?



THE INTRA-CLUB FOR AIRSTREAMING FAMILIES

Future Streamers

Future Streamers are members who may travel with children. Our goal is to develop memories with our youth that excite them about Airstreaming, provide life-skill opportunities, and build friendships through family friendly engagements and experiences. We use a facebook group, rallies, and informal social gatherings for members to share common interests.

Newsletter

The Future Streamers intra-club shares helpful information and news about activities and their members through our newsletter.

<https://airstreamclub.org/future-streamers-intra-club>

BECKY SOTH-NEWSLETTER & SOCIAL MEDIA

Newsletters come out quarterly and **I NEED YOUR HELP!**

We would love to have our members share rally reports, book reviews, gadget finds, campground reviews....and PICTURES from your travels, our events, rallies, your Airstream in 'the wild' etc. I also need your pictures for our Instagram. Follow us on the link below!

**Would you please help make our newsletters informative and fun?
Share your adventures, your hiccups, your successes...your dogs!!**

Just email your items to me, don't worry about format or layout, (I promise to make them look nice) and attach photos. 500 words or less is best but if you have something larger, please let me know so I can plan space for it!

Happy Streaming!!

Becky Soth

Instagram (@inlandnwairstream)

Instagram photos and videos

 [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/inlandnwairstream)

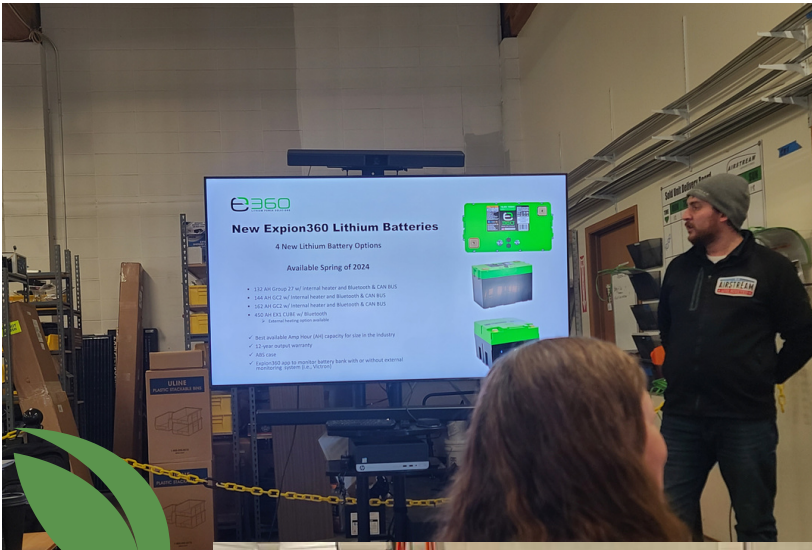


Are you looking to buy or sell an Airstream?
There is now a Facebook page for just that in our region.

PNW Airstreams for Sale

is administrated by the same person that runs
Airstreamers of Washington, the PNW and BC

Both are well run pages if you're on Facebook



Our February Meeting was hosted by AirstreamNW dealership. We enjoyed getting acquainted with staff and hearing about new innovations as well as touring Chad and Cindy Anderson's new Airstream that was on the floor preparing for delivery. We also toured other models including the new Tradewind. Steve Tabacek, current president, updated us on rally registrations and information.



February Meeting

Pizza



Pizza Party!

Things we all have in common;
A love of fine food and good conversation.
A very gray day in March was brightened by
getting together, meeting new members who
were excited to be a part and also, seeing
friends we haven't seen since last season.

Next time, try to join us! You were missed!

**ATTENTION**

I-90 Vantage Bridge – Replace Bridge Deck and Special Repairs

Project overview

This project replaces the existing bridge deck on the I-90 Vantage Bridge to maintain the structural integrity, ensure the safety of the highway and extend the life of the bridge. The Vantage Bridge was built in 1962 and the last time the bridge received a major overhaul was in 1982.

Timeline Spring 2024 - Fall 2027 Project status Construction Funding \$79 million

What to expect

Travelers will experience single-lane closures Monday through Friday until the end of May. Beginning in late May, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction seven days a week with the following exceptions:

- Memorial Day weekend: All lanes open from 7 a.m. Friday, May 24, until 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.
- Fourth of July week: All lanes open from 7 a.m. Monday, July 1, until 8 p.m. Monday, July 8.
- Labor Day weekend: All lanes open from 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, until 8 p.m. Monday Sept. 3.

Travelers will experience long delays eastbound on Fridays and westbound on Sundays during the summer travel months and are encouraged to choose alternate routes.

Traffic will also be restored to two lanes in each direction for winter from November through April.

Construction will take approximately three years.

**Information copied directly from <https://wsdot.wa.gov/>
Stay up to date on this project and others by checking regularly
as you plan your travels**