

Idaho Airstream Club

Wally Byam Caravan Club International—Region 10

A Word from Our President

Hooray! Spring is here and the 2024 Breakout Rally kicked off our rally season. Next up is the Oregon Trail – Wally Byam Roots Rally in June. The Rally Hosts have lined up tons of interesting things to do in Baker City, OR. It'll be a blast! If you are thinking about attending, you might still be able to do so. The April 15th Registration cutoff date has been extended to May 31st, so you can still sign up for this Fun Historical Rally if you can get a site at the RV park. Call the Mountain View RV Park at (541) 523-4824 to check availability and book your site. Then go to the Idaho Airstream Club website to register for the Rally via Jotform.

I hope each of you is making plans to get the most out of your Airstream membership. Only a few Idaho Club members are attending the Region 10 Rally in May or the International Rally in October. This leaves just the June rally in Baker City and the August Installation Rally in Pollock, ID remaining for this season. Avoid disappointment and sign up for one of these rallies today. Or you could go to the International Airstream website and find other rallies that are available to the membership. Who knows? Maybe there's one you might like?

The attendance at our monthly breakfasts at Golden Corral has been sparse this year. Charlie Burke made reminder calls to everyone for the March and April breakfasts, but still only a few came. It isn't right for us to reserve their entire banquet room, which seats over 60 people, and have only 5 or 10 show up. If we no longer need their space, we will have to give up our reservation. Our

next breakfast will be at Golden Corral in Boise on Saturday, May 11th.

Maybe it's time to move the breakfast to another restaurant? Or drop it altogether if it no longer appeals to you? Maybe you'd like to try something different like gathering for coffee and bagels at a different location each month. Whatever we do, making a change is difficult. The Club exists for the benefit of the members and we should do things that appeal to the majority. But what? If you have thoughts, ideas, suggestions, or feedback (positive or negative) about the monthly breakfast, please email or text them to me at gsbetts@msn.com or (208) 869-6205 and I'll present them to the Executive Board for discussion. We need your feedback to know what the members want, so I hope to hear from you.

Travel safely,



Gary Betts—President



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Idaho Unit Officers

- **Gary Betts**—President
- **Mark Pinkman**—Vice President
- **Vacant**—2nd Vice President
- **Kim Blackburn**—Secretary
- **Mike DeRuyter**—Treasurer
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Upcoming Events

The following schedule is ever changing. Keep checking for monthly updates

Monthly Club Breakfast

8:30AM on the 2nd Saturday of every month
Golden Corral on Emerald Street in Boise Idaho



2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

May 8—May 12— Region 10 Rally Blackwell Island RV Park
Coeur d'Alene ID—Hosts: * Co-Hosts: *

June 20-23—Baker City Rally Mt. View RV Park Baker City
OR—Hosts: Smith & Ekblad Co-Hosts: Burkes

August 9—August 11— Installation Rally Canyon Pines RV
Park Pollock ID —Hosts: Pinkmans Co-Hosts: * (Fall Annual
Meeting Installation of Officers)

November 2— Harvest Dinner TBD

Idaho Club Sunshine News

May Birthdays

Merilyn Collins
Rick Ferguson
Heather Lauer
Clark McDonald
John Merell

June Anniversaries

Gary Betts & Kim Blackburn
Mark & Jacque Cork
Jerry & Linda Settle
Robert & Faith Simms

May Anniversaries

Rick & Mary Ferguson

Membership Update

The Idaho Airstream Club has
67 BRN's registered:

- 4 Lifetime
- 46 Regular
- 17 Affiliate

June Birthdays

Paula Robinson
Becky Brougher
Dillon Cole
Jerry Collins
Eve Kym
Casey McMullen
Jeannie Pinkman



Idaho Unit Committee Leads

- **Budget**—Mike DeRuyter
- **Social Media**—Vacant
- **Caravan**—Jerry Settle
- **Legislative**—Vacant
- **Newsletter**—Kelly Huit
- **Rally Coordinator**—Karen Ekblad
- **Membership**—Lorrie Bauer
- **Webmaster**—Tony Wilson
- **Historical**—Betty Burke
- **Constitution and Bylaws**—Charlie Burke
- **Ethics and Grievance**—Vacant



If your birthday or anniversary was missed, or incorrect, please share your celebration month with me
@ lorriebauer7@gmail.com **THANKS!**

2024 Breakout Rally and Annual Meeting

Mountain Home RV Park April 19-21 Hosts: Gary Betts and Kim Blackburn

The first Rally of the 2024 season is in the books and by all accounts it was a successful and enjoyable event. The staff at the RV park was very friendly and helpful, both in helping to set up our Rally and in guiding our trailers to our sites when we arrived. Considering that it was April and almost any kind of unpleasant weather can pop up in Mountain Home, our conditions were awesome! We had 10 Airstream trailers with several other individuals dropping in for the meeting and lunch on Saturday.

We had a happy hour and group dinner on Friday evening. Members brought lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts to share and everyone pitched in to get the meal to the table. Afterwards, we all roamed amongst our trailers making additional greetings and sharing our stories from the winter. What a relaxing evening!

Daniel and Ava Vellotti joined us for their very first Airstream Rally. They had just purchased their trailer, so this was also their first outing in it . . . Hmmm, we all probably remember the dealer's firehose of information when we picked up our Airstream and how little we could recall later when the time came to use it, right? Well, kudos to Charlie Burke for stepping up and patiently walking the Vellotti's through anything they had questions about. It was a wonderful sharing of Airstream experience. It is also awesome that Daniel and Ava make the best homemade Kettle Korn ever, so we're all looking forward to our next outing with them!

Another first timer was Tornado, Darrell and Maureen Ostyn's furry friend. Their photos suggest that he enjoyed himself on the trip as well.



On Saturday morning we held our Executive Board and Annual Business meetings. The meeting minutes will be sent out to the membership. After lunch, several members took a short drive through the desert to see the Eureka Cave, which is a lava tube that is accessed through the portion where the ceiling has collapsed. It was a tough, slippery climb down to get inside and Michael Archer was the only one willing to give it a go (although Max didn't really appreciate his adventure). Michael used the light on his cell phone to navigate once

he disappeared inside the cave. After he climbed back to the surface he reported there was plenty of darkness, lots of rocks and no bats.



The Oregon Trail—Wally Byam Roots Rally

Baker City, Oregon—June 20-23 2024



**Deadline
May 31st**

Nestled in the verdant Powder Valley, Baker City hosts an excellent Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and the Baker Heritage Museum which features an exhibit on Airstream visionary Wally Byam, born in Baker City July 4, 1896. The wheel wasn't actually invented here, but the locals made good use of it.

We're lining up visits to the Oregon Trail Center and the Baker Museum and we'll have a potluck rally dinner with BBQ. Experience the best of Baker City's history and present in a beautiful setting:

- **Oregon Trail Roots:** [National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center | Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](#) offers living history demonstrations, interpretive programs, exhibits, multi-media presentations, special events, and more than four miles of interpretive trails.
- **Airstream Roots:** The Baker Heritage Museum in the 100-year-old Municipal Natatorium displays the community's history from the 1860's. Native son Wally Byam's Airstream experience is a core exhibit. Others include logging, ranching, mining, a collection of regional Native American artifacts, including stone tools, and more.
- **Historic downtown:** Once the largest city between Salt Lake and Portland, Baker City offers an elegant window to its Victorian heyday. Take a self-guided tour of over 100 buildings in one of the largest intact historic commercial districts in the West. See loving restorations such as Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, the Geiser Grand Hotel, and the art deco Baker Tower.
- **Soak up the beauty:** This is the gateway to Hells Canyon, the Wallowa Mountains, and Elkhorn Ridge of the Blue Mountains. You can:
 - Take a scenic drive on the [Elkhorn Drive Scenic Byway - Travel Oregon](#)
 - Go soak yourself at [Grande Hot Springs RV Resort](#)
- **Culinary Tour:** Sign up for the [Baker City Historic Walking Tours | Go Wild | Baker City, Oregon USA \(gowildusa.com\)](#)
- **Thursday night Sip, Stroll, Shop:** June 20 [unWINEd: Wine Walk — Baker City Downtown](#)
- **Saturday Wagon Ride:** Ride through Baker City's historic downtown in a horse-drawn wagon with a guide telling stories of Baker City's Wild West history.
- **22nd Baker City Cycling Classic:** Series finals for the *Bloom to Baker Series*. Saturday, June 22 – Baker City Time Trial followed by Baker City Downtown Criterium.
- **Blue Mountain Bigfoot Festival** - June 22, 23 (Hey, it's a happening place.)



Registration is now open. You will notice on the Rally form that you need to secure your spot with the RV park **first** then fill out the JotForm. Click on the Jotform Link to get more information for this wonderful Rally with something for everyone. [The Oregon Trail 2024 \(jotform.com\)](#)

The Oregon Trail—Wally Byam Roots Rally, Agenda



Location: Mountain View RV Park (541-523-4824) 2845 Hughes Lane, Baker City, Oregon, 97814

Hosts: Karen Ekblad & Gary Smith; **Co-Hosts** Betty & Charlie Burke

Thursday June 20

- 11:00 am +** **Check-in** Time Opens. Relax, explore.
- 4:15 pm** **Brief Meet & Greet** - Then we recommend for \$12 the Baker City Wine Walk: [unWINEd: Wine Walk — Baker City Downtown](#) Enjoy the shops and dinner on your own.

Note: Not every stop on the map serves wine. Some businesses instead offer beer, cocktails, snacks, or non-alcoholic beverages.

Friday June 21

- 9:00 am** **Breakfast** nibbles available
- 10:00 am** **Baker Heritage Museum Tour** including the Wally Byam Experience Exact Time TBD
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch Choices:** A BYO Picnic in lovely Geiser-Pollman Park directly across from the Museum, No-Host Lunch at Little Pig Restaurant or YOYO lunch.

Afternoon: YOYO (“You’re on Your Own”) Lots to do in the area!

- 5:00 pm** **Social Hour:** Bring your chair, drink, snack. Dinner is YOYO

Saturday June 22

- 9:00 am** **Breakfast** nibbles available
- 10:00 am** **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center** - Guided Tour

Afternoon: YOYO Some fun events are listed below. More event info to come later.

- 1:30 pm** Start of **Baker City Cycling Classic Downtown Criterium**
[Baker City Cycling Classic](#) | [Baker City Stage Race](#)

Other info/events will be added closer to Rally.

- 5:00 pm** **Social Hour:** Bring your chair, drink, snack.

- 6:00 pm** **Dinner**—BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans and dessert provided with meal fees. Resort Meeting Room. Please bring a side dish to share. Need a different dietary option? Contact Karen. BYO your own plates, eating utensils (i.e. your Kit)

Sunday June 23

- 9:00 am** **Continental breakfast**
Boiled Eggs, Bagels, Cream Cheese, Scones, Fresh Fruit, etc.

Monday June 24

Some IAC Members are heading to Grande Hot Springs RV Resort for a day or two of soaking. Make a reservation and join us! Only 40 mins away near La Grande, Oregon.



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We would like to introduce you to the Airstream Adventures-Caldwell Parts and Service team, and welcome you to come by the dealership and see what's new!

ERIC BETTIS

Service Technician



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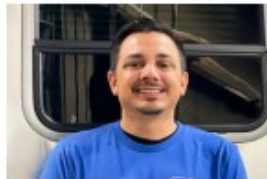
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