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Upcoming Events

(Click on event title to go directly to our website for more information.)

June 6 - 9 - [Sip of Wisconsin, Sponsored by Grapes and Grains ACI Intraclub](#)
Monroe, WI
Contact: Charles and Linda Meinholz
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June 12 - 16 - [Amana Colonies Rally](#)
Amana, Iowa
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A Message from President Jim Guthrie

BRN 11970

Spring has finally arrived and summer is just around the corner. So, for those of us that were unable to escape to and experience the warmer areas of the country over the winter, that's quite a relief. Because our camping season is almost fully here, I hope everyone that's interested, has been able to sign up for the various club outing/rallies that have been scheduled for this summer. It appears that each event will be offering not only a different location, but, different activities as well.



The first campout of the year was held at the Potawatomi State Park near Sturgeon Bay. Ed & Sandy hosted a great weekend that along with some familiar faces, included a fair number of folks new to the Airstream community as well as a number of folks from outside our unit.

We held our required spring business meeting at the campground during which it was decided that we should carry on. We discussed ideas regarding our membership directory; adding photos, offering it as a digital version, etc. There was discussion regarding the registration process for our rallies. Chris Olsson described how the Minnesota group uses JotForm to create registration forms and compile data and collect fees for their activities. A thank you to John, Jason and Morten for offering to follow up on the registration process. We are hoping

Upcoming Events (Cont.)

July 18 - 21 - Kids Kids Kids Rally
Fort Atkinson, WI
Contact: Matt Lee or Meghan Lee
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August 1 - 4 - Mischief in Marquette
Marquette, MI
Contact: Ginger Slattery or Jane Carmichael
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August 15 - 18 It's a Zoo Out There Rally
Green Bay, WI
Contact: Pattie Cook or Mary Geyer
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September 12 - 19 - Region 7 Rally in the Black Hills
Spearfish, SD
Contact: Chris Olsson
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September 12 - 15 - Let's Rally in Bayfield!
Bayfield, WI
Contact: Jenny Bibler
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A Message from President Jim Guthrie

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to make planning and hosting a rally an easy activity.

Our next rally is to the Amana Colonies in Amana, IA. and according to Ginny & Bill there are still a number of openings for this interesting event/location.

Keep the round side down,

Jim & Joanne

Our Members' Travels

Greetings from Croatia

By Rod and Beth Fierek
BRN 1924

We're completing a 45-day road trip from Germany to the very south of Italy, an overnight ferry to Albania, and return travel through Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, and Austria, and finally back to Germany. The natural beauty of the Balkans and Dalmatian coast would be difficult to overstate.

We completed the van's electrical system upgrade in early April, and haven't connected to shore power since. With two 190Ah solar panels and a 50Ah DC-to-DC converter running off the Fiat's alternator, there's never been a serious challenge to the new 210Ah lithium battery that rests under the driver's seat. The 12VDC compressor fridge keeps everything icy cold, the 1600W Victron MultiPlus easily powers the Nespresso machine, the air fryer, and other loads.

Life is indeed Good.

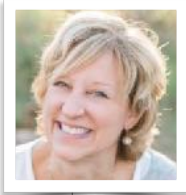


Upcoming Events (Cont.)

September 26 - 29 - Up Nort in Da UP, Copper Harbor, MI
Contact Frida Waara or Ron Thorley
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October 5 - 10 - Airstream Club International Rally
Missouri State Fairgrounds
Sedalia, MO
[Registration/Information](#)

Membership News



**Pattie Cook
(BRN 22562)**

Pattie is our Membership Chair.
Her email is:

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Here are the latest new members of the Wisc-UP!
Welcome!

James and Sheila Cauley
BRN 20455 Oshkosh, WI

Charles and Joy Dodd
BRN 5153 Lexington, MN

StefAnn and Herb Windhorst
BRN 22293 Scottsdale, AZ

Message From the Editor

Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)



You did it again! What a full newsletter we have this month and it's only because of your help and efforts, thanks again. As you can see our members have a lot going on and they wanted to report to you because....
OUR MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW!

We have a couple of Rally Reports from our great reporters Carol McMahon (BRN 5881) and Kriss Williquette (BRN 14148), thanks for being Rally Reporters!

Speaking of Rally Reporters, we still have a need for your help. We have a couple of volunteers but still need some more:

Amana Colonies - Steve Piotrowski. Kids, Kids, Kids - Ginger Slattery. Mischief in Marquette - OPEN. It's a Zoo Out There - OPEN. Bayfield - OPEN. Copper Harbor - OPEN. Region 7 - OPEN. International Rally - OPEN. Southwest Caravan - Gina Kasten.

As you can see we STILL need some reporters, we need your help! Also if you have volunteered to be a reporter and I have not listed you, I apologize and ask that you send me a reminder if possible. Also remember that Rally Hosts are not to be reporters, they have enough to do. Help out with a report, a couple of paragraphs and a photo or three is all we need, our members need to know!

Enjoy your newsletter and have a great summer!

Ed & Sandy

My wife told me... If I go fishing one more time she is burning my clothes. So my fish pictures are going to be a little awkward from now on 🤔👉👈



Meet Your First Vice President

Jan Treolo and Morten Lindstad's RV Adventure, BRN 1636.

Morten is this year's 1st Vice President

We started RV camping in a Ford F-150 van around 1998. The kitchen, bedroom and living room was all within arms length, but around 2008 we started looking for something more roomy.

We visited the Milwaukee RV show from 2010 to 2014, and ended up at the Airstream booth every year, test sitting in different models. In the spring of 2015, we found a used 19 foot Tommy Bahama Ocean Breeze Airstream at the Milwaukee dealer. Our 1st overnight in the Airstream was in May 2015 at Harrington Beach. We learned how to cook, clean, setup and pack-up. This was definitely a big step up and we got enthusiastic about going somewhere farther away. With children living in Los Angeles and San Fransisco we had a reason to spent all of June on the road visiting Denver, Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, Monte Rio which is north of San Fransisco and then I-80 home. 5 weeks and 6000 miles with very few problems (nearly ran out of gas, and a bent step) proved we can handle Airstreaming. In the spring of 2017 we had the Airstream in for service and the local sales manager told us we should contact the local Airstream club, because he heard they have a lot of fun. I called Bob Manak and got our membership in the Airstream Club all set up. Our 1st rally was at Governor Dodge state park in May. We had a great time and learned more than we can remember about people, places to visit, Airstream rallies and maintenance. Wow this is nice! In late September we joined the Driftless Caravan led by Kurt and Mary Jorgensen through Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. This was a new landscape and view of the Mississippi with stops at museums, towns and places we would never have found on our own. The Mississippi River Museum, Field of Dreams movie site, Vesterheim Norwegian - American museum (Morten was born in Oslo, Norway), Laura Ingalls Wilder museum in Bur Oaks, IA and much more.

But we noticed a soft spot in the floor and Jim Guthrie suggested to pull up the linoleum to inspect the plywood floor. Yep there was a water leak. The winter of 2018 was spent on replacing the floor in the front 1/3 of the Airstream.



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Morten is this year's 1st Vice President (Cont.)

In May 2018 we attended Alumapalooza at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center OH. It was great to see how each model is built, which proved to be very helpful later when we found problems over the next few years. Seminars on towing, maintenance, brakes and trip planning taught us how to become real Airstreamers. In September 2018 we did urban camping in Eaton Rapids in Michigan. This is camping on Main Street and walking to local bars, restaurants, shops and parks, it was a lot of fun. A very nice way of supporting the local community.



In May 2019 we did urban camping this time in Logan Ohio where the only washboard factory in the USA is located. Washboards are musical instruments so we all grabbed a washboard and played, amazing sound.



In the fall we traveled to the region rally in Winnipeg, Canada.

Our small Airstream holds only 19 gallons of water so we have learned how to minimize water usage and can boondock up to 4 days, this helps when we stay at Harvest Host sites or on public land.

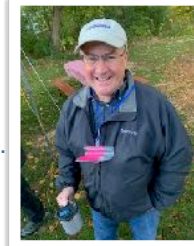
The following years we went to two International rallies and many Wisc-UP rallies. Unfortunately we had one tire explode on the Airstream, and a leaky tires on the car on the way home from Wyoming last year, but this confirms we can travel to places far and near. We have met so many nice people and have seen so many places that would be out of our path if we traveled without the Airstream and the Airstream club. We are looking forward to many more rallies traveling with our LILLE HUS.

See you down the road.

FOR SALE!

Progressive Industries EMS-PT50X

Jeff McCaffrey BRN 10258



Portable 50A electrical management system protects your Airstream from a wide range of electrical events including incorrectly wired shore power, under/over voltage and surges. The PT-50X has a digital display that shows voltage, current and error codes if they occur.

Bought new from e-Trailer, used 3 seasons. Selling because I installed a new Victron system with an internal EMS. Unit is in excellent condition and fully functional. Has lifetime warranty.

New: \$325. Price reduced to sell: Was \$140 now \$99!

Contact Jeff McCaffrey

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Rally Planning 2025, Help Needed!

**Request By Wisc-UP 1st VP
Morten Lindstad (BRN1636)**



Wisc-UP Airstream Club has an amazing list of rallies planned for this year. Jan and I just returned from Sturgeon Bay where Sandy and Ed Emerick hosted this year's first rally. We have a nice list of places where we will meet friends in the Airstream club this year. WISC-UP is very lucky to have volunteers who find campgrounds and interesting places for us to get together.

A great thank you to all the rally hosts!

Looking forward, the club needs YOU to determine where and when to have a rally next year.

It takes time to plan each event, so now is the time to start thinking about 2025 rallies. Sandy Emerick has created the [Rally Planning Guide \(link here\)](#) which I believe is very helpful, so please check it out.

Where would you like to rally?

Please contact me with your ideas or questions about future rallies. I will do my best to make it fun.

Thank you.

Morten Lindstad

1st Vice President

BRN 1636

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There is More to Us Than Our Airstream

Our Members and Their Hobbies

Have Dutch Oven.... Will Travel!

By Jim & Pattie Cook (BRN 22562)

Learning how to cook with a Dutch Oven has been a fun learning experience. After stumbling on to a seminar at our 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, I met Steve and Leslie Lovett from Texas. They graciously taught us about the wisdom and techniques around Dutch Oven cooking. And, as I usually do when I am interested in a new hobby, I went full speed into the pool's deep end.



Pattie and I now travel with a Dutch Oven in the back of the SUV... ready to use it for Pizza, Chicken, Nachos, and in this case, a Sicilian Fresh Fish Stew. We took a trip in late April to the coast of South Carolina, and having traveled there before, we knew we would have access to fresh fish. Specifically, we found fresh shrimp and flounder. A perfect combination for our Sicilian Fish Stew recipe; (see below for the recipe; also, lots of ways to modify this recipe to meet taste preferences; like a good Italian White Wine on the side.)

We continue to discover the wonders of the Dutch Oven and have found it is truly a great option for travel. There is great versatility in how the Dutch Oven can be used: frying, baking, roasting, etc. If you are also interested in learning about Dutch Oven cooking, Leslie and Steve have a Facebook page named Texas Iron Chef, and website TexasIronchef.com.



Sicilian-style fish stew recipe

4.9 from 50 reviews

Author: The Mediterranean Dish *Total Time:* 45 minutes

Yield: serves 4-6 ^{1x}



An all-star recipe for fish stew with a Sicilian twist! The comfort of Italian flavors in one delicious stew cooked in a white wine-tomato broth with garlic, capers, raisins more!

Private Reserve extra virgin olive oil

1. large yellow onion, chopped

2. celery ribs, chopped

Salt and pepper

4 large garlic cloves, minced

1/2 tsp dried thyme

Pinch red pepper flakes

3/4 cup dry white wine

1 28-oz can whole peeled plum tomatoes, juice separated and reserved

3 cups low-sodium vegetable broth

1/4 cup golden raisins

2 tbsp capers, rinsed

2. lb skinless sea bass fillet, about 1 1/2-inch thick, cut into large cubes

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves, stems removed

3. tbsp toasted pine nuts, optional

Crusty Italian bread for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in 5-quart Dutch oven (like [this one](#)) over medium heat. Add onions, celery, and a little salt and pepper (about 1/2 tsp each). Cook, stirring regularly, until softened (about 4

- minutes). Add thyme, red pepper flakes and garlic and cook briefly until fragrant (about 30 more seconds).
2. Now, stir in the white wine and reserved tomato juice from can. Bring to a simmer, and cook until the liquid is reduced by about 1/2. Add the tomatoes, vegetable broth, raisins, and capers. Cook for 15-20 minutes over medium heat until flavors combine.
 3. Pat the fish dry and season lightly with salt and pepper. Insert the fish pieces into the cooking liquid, and give everything a gentle stir so that the fish pieces are nicely covered in the cooking liquid. Bring to a simmer and cook for another 5 minutes. Remove the Dutch oven from the heat and cover. Let sit off heat for another 4-5 minutes so that the fish will finish cooking. Fish should be flaky when gently pulled apart with a paring knife. Finally, stir in the chopped parsley.
 4. Ladle the hot fish stew into serving bowls, top each with a few toasted pine nuts, if you like. Serve with your favorite crusty bread! Enjoy!



We Rally Together!

Rally Report

Darke County Eclipse Rally, April 5th – 10th

Reported by Rick & Carol McMahon (BRN 5881)



The WISC-UP group was well represented at the Eclipse Rally at the Dark County Fairgrounds in Darke County (Greenville) Ohio. How appropriate a location?! Rumor has it, that there were approximately 150 or so Airstreams and somewhere near 400 (ish) other rigs in attendance. Of that, there was an impromptu gathering of several of the WISC-UP group and close friends that represented 11 rigs. Some were returning from wintering in the south and others were just fresh from winter hibernation! Our hosts were very accommodating in setting

our group up together. As there was such a large group at this rally, activities were on your own during the rally. Most of us arrived on Friday which allowed time for socializing and area sight seeing. The group gathered for dinner at the local Mexican restaurant which was most accommodating even though being swamped with all the visitors to town. In true Eclipse fashion, the nearby town had a Pink Floyd laser light show and concert. Fabulous!



Rick and I chose to travel to see the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, the world's largest military aviation museum. This is a don't miss opportunity if you are in the area. You could spend an entire day and then some! More local sights in Greenville, were the Garst Museum which was Annie Oakley history and the Bear's Mill, an historic running mill. Charming downtown opened their doors to the influx of visitors as well.

The WISC-UP group agreed that a brewery hop and tour/tasting was in order. There might have been some in the group with prior experience in this area! We explored the Moeller Brew Barn which offered a great beer selection and food for the group in a wonderful rural setting. Some of the group proceeded to Gongoozlers which was named appropriately for the canal barges that used to transport people and supplies through the town. Gongoozlers is a term used to describe people who enjoy life in a canal town. Being located in a town that's connected to the Miami-Erie canal, which stretches from Cincinnati to Toledo, it is only fitting to have one place where many Gongoozlers can gather. Next up was Tailspin. We lost a few of the group by this point and

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Darke County Eclipse Rally, April 5th – 10th (cont.)

Reported by Rick & Carol McMabon (BRN 5881)

only the hearty avid, beer connoisseurs remained. Tailspin spun out of a retirement dream of an Air Force pilot, landing the brewery in a renovated barn in a small town in mid-west Ohio. How awesome it was to explore and support the small towns in the area.

Monday was the BIG DAY! And we LUCKED OUT and Mother Nature was on our side. We couldn't have asked



for better weather. Shorts and T-shirts sporting our favorite eclipse attire were the order of the day.



The afternoon

started with a gathering of the group and appetizers and cocktails or a favorite beverage of choice. Cameras were ready and chairs positioned. What an awe inspiring site and experience! The group was able to observe the TOTAL eclipse in all its splendor! OOOhhhhh AAHhhh!

A few of us took advantage of a tour of the Mothership as Jackson Center was a short drive away. The tour was well done and walked us through the entire travel trailer facility. The Heritage Museum was most interesting. The details and photos of how Wally Byam toured the world marketing the caravan concept and Airstream was amazing. To see how many Airstreams started cross country caravans in far away places and how many were able to finish was incredible for the time period.



Airstream truly is an ICON.

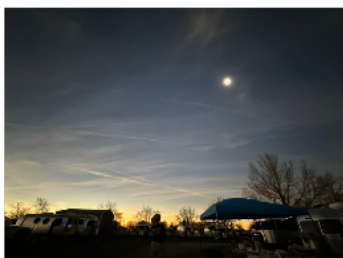
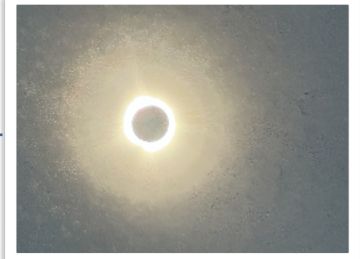


We Rally Together! Rally Report

Darke County Eclipse Rally, April 5th – 10th (cont.)

Member submitted photos of all the fun!

Thank you Joanne Peterson, Kelly & Pam Meer, Jason & Kelly Staffin



We Rally Together!

Sturgeon Bay Maritime and More Rally Report

By Kriss Williquette (BRN 14148)



My wife Kathy and I decided to arrive early for the Sturgeon Bay Maritime and More Rally on Wednesday May 1st, to check out the Potawatomi State Park campground. There were only a few campers when we got there, but by the weekend, it was packed - the 27 Airstreams scattered throughout Daisy Field Campground for the Rally really livened the place up!



The weather was cool but pleasant during our stay, with a few rain showers in the evenings - typical for Door County in the spring.



The sunrise on the first day of the Rally was beautiful over the bay.



I want to give a shout out to Ed and Sandy Emerick for the superb job they did hosting another Airstream Rally for all of us to attend. We were lucky to have a nice, cozy building with a fire to gather around for a potluck dinner on Thursday evening.



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Sturgeon Bay Maritime and More Rally Report (Cont.)

By Kriss Williquette (BRN 14148)



We enjoyed a warm crackling fire for the Thursday night's happy hour.



Friday Morning we shared a light breakfast of Bagels, fruit, pastry and yogurt and then everyone headed to the Maritime Museum and Tugboat Tour in downtown Sturgeon Bay.



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Sturgeon Bay Maritime and More Rally Report (Cont.)

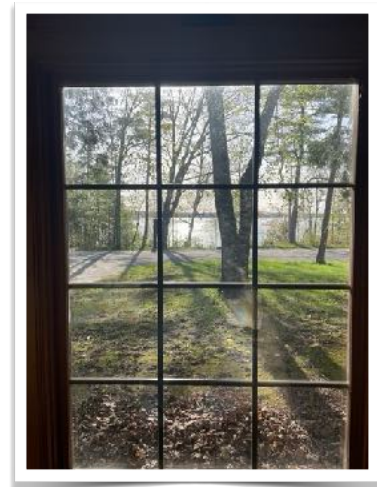
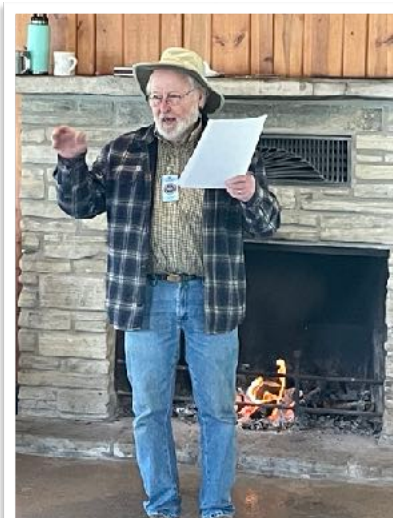
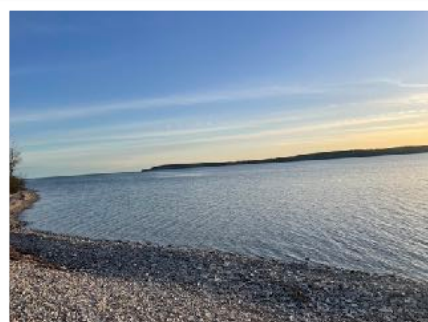
By Kriss Williquette (BRN 14148)



For dinner Friday evening, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal at Idlewild Golf Course. The food and conversation were fantastic.



On Saturday, we woke up to another sunny morning at Potawatomi State Park. We started the day with the Wisc-UP Airstream Club Business Meeting, and the rest of the day was spent exploring Door County individually.



We Rally Together!

Sturgeon Bay Maritime and More Rally Report (Cont.)

By Kriss Williquette (BRN 14148)



The newest member of the Wisc-UP is Kujo, our Morkie Puppy, pictured sitting on Kathy's lap.



We ended Saturday night by enjoying drinks in the shelter with new friends - just before the rain hits! Luckily, the storms were gone before we left on Sunday morning.

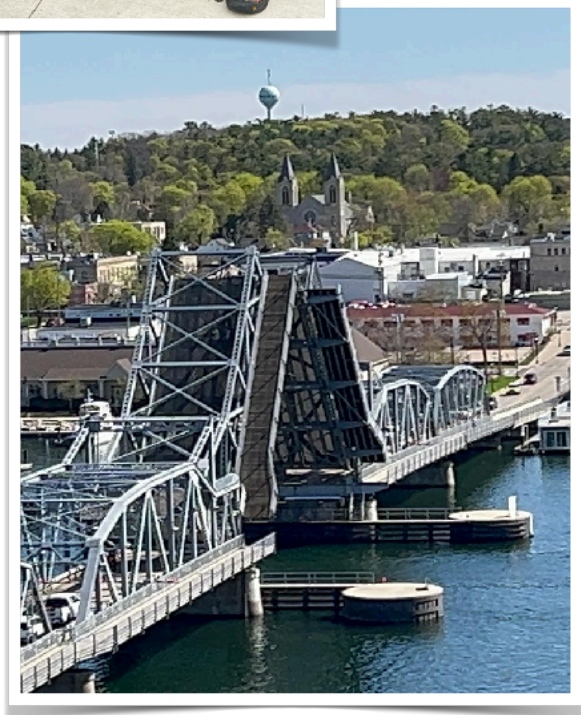


Of course I had to include a flamingo photo in the article because our Editor has a great fondness of them :)

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Sturgeon Bay Maritime and More Rally Report (Cont.)

More Rally Fun, Photos from Kelly Staffin



Wisc-UP Events

We Rally Together

**The Amana Colonies Rally
Wednesday June 12 - Sunday 16, 2024**

By Ginny Janssen and Bill Scheuerell (BRN 3649)



Amana Colonies: “Step into a world of authentic German ambiance that was created by the settlers of the Amana Colonies and preserved by their ancestors. Experience the unique culture that has its roots in Germany and flourished in the USA during a communal era for over 90 years.

Visitors have been coming to the seven scenic villages for over a century. Come for the food, wine, and beer – for the quality handcrafted products, art, and quaint shops – for the history and antiques.”

To top it off, this is the weekend of the Wurst Fest including music, food, wiener dog races, and more. Visit the Amana Colonies Website for more information!

Registrations close after June 2.

[EVENT INFORMATION/REGISTRATION LINK](#) Click this link to view the tentative schedule and more!

Hosted by Ginny Janssen (vsjanssen@gmail.com) and Bill Scheuerell (bill.Scheuerell@sbcglobal.net)



Wisc-UP Events, We Rally Together!

August Rally, It's a Zoo Out There!

Hosts Pattie and Jim Cook (BRN 22562) & Mike and Mary Cooney (BRN 21412)

Pattie Cook and I are working to finalize all of the details for the August rally at the Reforestation Camp in Suamico, WI. If you have reserved a site but have not yet registered for the rally, please do so soon. All of the sites appear to be booked with the exception of #32. To try and reserve a site, click here [Brown County Parks, Campgrounds Link](#), and scroll down to the Reforestation Campground.

The links below will take you to the Rally Information Page or the Registration Page on the Wisc-UP Airstream Club website.

[Rally Information/Schedule Page Link](#)

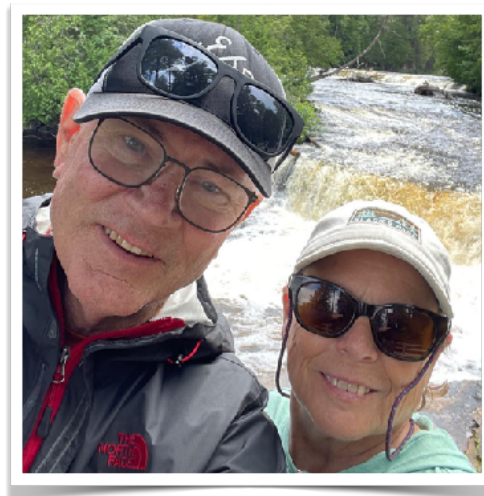
[Rally Registration Page Link](#)

We are waiting for the Packers to release their preseason schedule for 2024 before we firm up all of the details. We expect that will be announced within the next couple of weeks. Once we have that information we will update the rally webpage and ask Ed and Sandy to publish the new details in the June newsletter.

We're looking forward to seeing our WISC-UP friends.



Jim and Pattie Cook



Mike and Mary Cooney

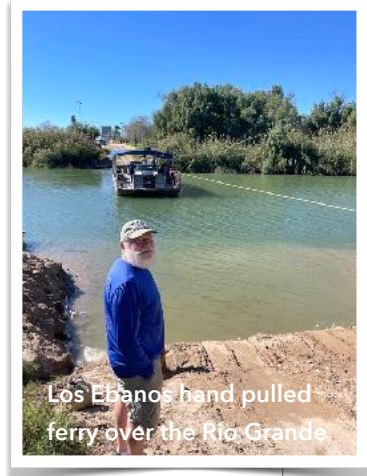
Our Members' Travels

The Long Winter Road Trip

By Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman (BRN 2412)



This winter was our longest road trip ever! We left December 4, 2023 and returned home April 11, 2024. We covered 16 States, 26 different campgrounds, 10,353 miles in 129 days! We planned our usual January and February in Big Pine Key, Florida. On the way to Florida, we decided to go by way of south Texas. Not exactly on the way but what the heck. We visited my brother in the Dallas area and Dave's sister in the Rio Grande Valley. Other favorite stops included The Range Vintage Trailer Resort, Dinosaur Valley



Los Ebanos hand pulled ferry over the Rio Grande

State Park, Texas Wine Country, San Antonio, South Padre Island, the Los Ebanos hand pulled ferry over the Rio Grande, Mustang Island and Galveston Island. We followed the Gulf Coast to Topsail Hill Preserve State Park on the Florida Panhandle where we spent the Holidays and two weeks for the Canopening Pre-Rally and the Canopener Rally festivities. We are usually the only Wisconsin people at this rally but this year were joined by fellow WISC-UP members Mike Cooney and Mary Geyer-Cooney. After the rally we

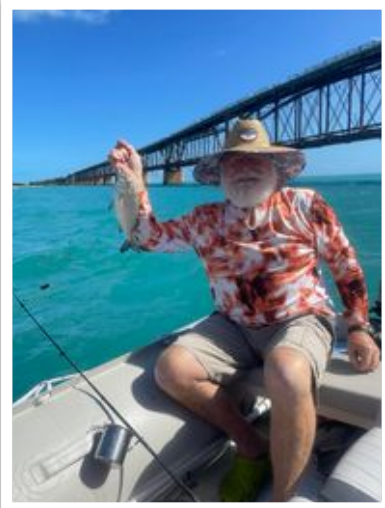
continued our journey to Big Pine Key! Our two months in the Keys were fabulous as usual. We enjoyed sharing our little slice of paradise for a few days with WISC-UP members Rod and Beth Fierek. Other activities included our nightly happy hour and conch blowing, 5K walk, polar plunge, bi-plane ride, bicycle bar hops in Key West, fishing, swimming, snorkeling, sandbar parties, kayaking, farmers' markets, lots of great food and drinks. Our time in the Keys seemed too short and went too fast. We said goodbye to our



Joined by Mike and Mary Cooney



Visited by Rod and Beth Fierek



Our Members' Travels

The Long Winter Road Trip (Cont.)

By Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman (BRN 2412)



winter friends and the beautiful water and islands and continued our journey north to the Georgia Coast. We enjoyed exploring the history of this new area. We did a guided tour of Cumberland Island, visited St. Simon's Island, Jekyll Island, Savannah and Tybee Island. For the next part of our journey we headed for the mountains. It was a new experience towing the



switchbacks of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Cumberland Gap. The thunderstorms and tornado warnings added to the excitement. Fortunately we were parked and the storms passed us by. Our next stop was the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. It has a very nice campground with the best camp bathrooms I've ever experienced. We visited a distillery, a brewery and some Florida friends. From Kentucky we continued on to Greenville, Ohio where we met up with several other WISC-UP members for the Darke Side of the Moon Solar Eclipse Rally. I believe we had nine units in our group, it was a great experience to share with friends. The eclipse cookies from Carol McMahon were a special treat! Following the rally we enjoyed touring the new Airstream factory and museum before making our way back home.

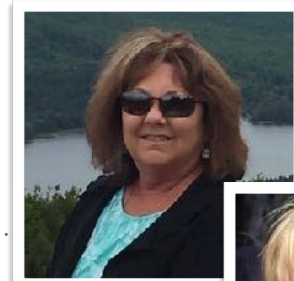


Wisc-UP Events

We Rally Together

Mischief in Marquette August 1-4 Gitche Gumees RV Park, Marquette, MI

Hosts Jane Carmichael (BRN 219) & Ginger Slattery (BRN 2041)



THANK you each for signing up for our Mischief in Marquette Rally, to be held August 1, 2, 3, 4, 2024. There are 20 rigs registered!

Yay! While this is a perfectly-sized group, there is room for a couple more rigs. You are encouraged to join us!

So, what special things do you want to pack for this rally?

1. Thursday Dinner: bring Dessert or Appetizers (or both) this dinner has a Mexican Theme
2. Friday's travel: Pack a lunch to see Benny the Fisherman
3. Saturday 1pm Open House: Please provide an "Airstream Welcome" for guests (snack, drink, candy) at your rig.
4. Saturday Supper: prepare and share a Potluck meal. Bring an item to grill. There will be time to shop at the Farmer's Market downtown that morning.
5. Bring bikes, hiking gear, water toys, kayaks, swimwear
6. BYO + Table Service + Cups + Tables + Chairs + Pop-Ups

And, bring lots of smiles and extra laughs. Flamingos, anyone?

Please volunteer to set up and serve dinner, maybe bring a tablecloth, an apron, chef hat or Mexican-themed item.

Remember, this is Mischief in Marquette.....got a joke? Funny jokes & mischief are welcome! Costumes? Music?



Wisc-UP Events, We Rally Together!

**Mischief in Marquette August 1-4
Gitche Gumee RV Park, Marquette, MI (cont.)**

Hosts Jane Carmichael (BRN 219) & Ginger Slattery (BRN 2041)

AGENDA:

Thursday - Arrive, Happy Hour, Mexican Buffet, Beach Bonfire

Friday - Tour to Benny the Fisherman (take lunch); Tour to Thomas Rock (buy lunch \$) , dinner at Crossroads Restaurant & Bar (\$), Music

Saturday - 9AM Breakfast at Airstream dealer, Farmer's Market
~1pm Open House - Show & Tell About Your Airstream
~4pm Happy Hour, games, Potluck & Open Grill at Ginger & Joe's

Sunday - Must-go Breakfasts from your Frig.

Finally, a Question for the Newsletter Editor: Do we need to bring our stinking badges?

Editor's Note: Badges yes, Flamingos no.

See you in Marquette!

Jane Carmichael BRN 219

You're Invited!

If you are in Marquette
June 14th and 15th,
stop by for our

GRAND OPENING!



Cranberry Christmas Cake Recipe

The Delicious and Popular Cake at the Sturgeon Bay Rally!!

From Carolyn & Bill Holloway BRN 4112

Tart fresh cranberries and sweet buttery cake are perfectly combined in this popular Christmas dessert.

Prep Time - 20 min

Cook Time - 45 min

Total Time - 1 hr 5 min

Ingredients

3 eggs

2 cups sugar

3/4 cup butter, softened

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups all-purpose flour

12 oz fresh cranberries (3 cups)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees . With a mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color, about 5-7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as your leavening agent in this recipe, so do not skip this step. This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl.

Add the butter and vanilla; mix two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add cranberries and stir to mix throughout.

Spread in a buttered 9X13 pan. Bake for 40 - 50 minutes , or until lightly browned and a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake come out clean. (I bake mine for 43 minutes)

Let cool completely before cutting into small slices. I cut mine into fairly small pieces. About 1" X 2", so that they could be easily eaten at a party. Enjoy!

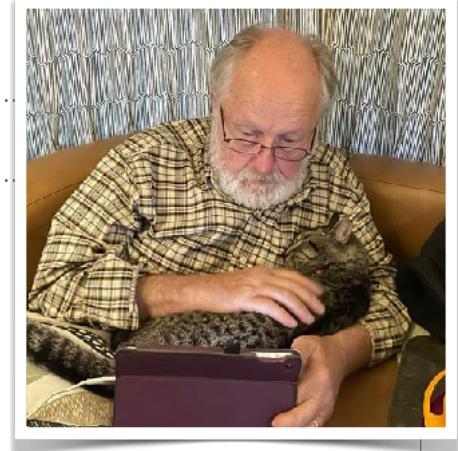
Note - Gluten - Free Substitution: 1/4 cup of brown rice flour + 1/2 cup potato starch + 1/4 cup tapioca starch + 1 teaspoon xanthin gum may be substituted for the amount of all-purpose flour listed in the ingredients above.



Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

Rotating Parts: A Cautionary Tale

Jim Guthrie (BRN 11970)



So, you've put your trust in the folks that assembled and/or maintain your travel equipment; the tow vehicle (TV) and trailer (RV). It should be of no surprise to most of us, that stuff doesn't always work the way we expect it to. I'm thinking the condition of the rotating and associated parts on the RV, specifically the wheels, brake drums, wheel bearings, brake shoes etc. and because we don't (can't) spend time in the trailer while it is in motion we are not able to detect issues like we can when something goes wrong with the TV. It's critical that wheel bearing inspections and repacking should be done annually per most RV information sights. Depending on the use, i.e. miles pulled, I believe that time line could be extended to a least a couple years. Most info sites recommend 10-12 k mile intervals which is fairly conservative but, reasonable.

The next consideration, now that you probably feel the need to have the wheels serviced, is to find someone that is competent and capable of performing that service. As the auto industry has moved to using sealed wheel bearing systems over the last 40+ years, repacking wheels bearings at auto facilities might be considered almost a lost art. That said almost any RV service center, regardless of brand, should be able to perform this service on any rig; one might also be able to find an auto mechanic (probably an older individual) who could also get the job done.

A problem was found on our own trailer. I had replaced the 35-year-old sagging axles a year earlier and after a moderate amount of travel, I thought I should check and possibly repack the wheel bearings. Upon pulling one of the brake drums I discovered a huge greasy mess (see pic) the result of an improperly installed



Inner Seal



Damaged Drum

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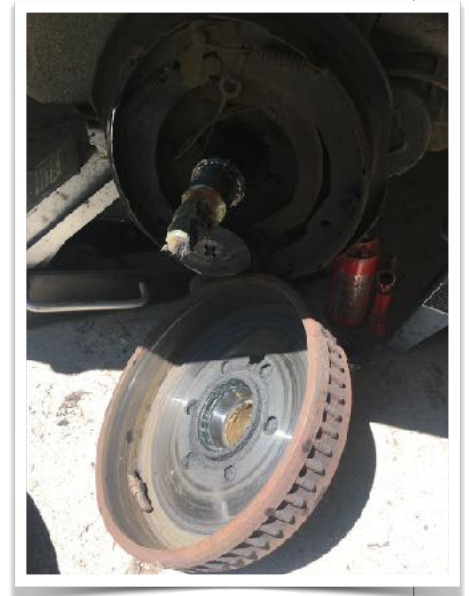
Rotating Parts: A Cautionary Tale (Cont.)

Jim Guthrie (BRN 11970)

and thus damaged grease seal and probably accentuated by the use of the “E-Z lube” system. After a thorough cleaning of the brake shoes and the rest of the brake area, I repacked the bearings on all four wheels and replaced the seal and headed confidently down the road.

In reference to the “E-Z lube” system; I’m not a fan. While it appears on its face, to simplify the wheel bearing re-greasing issue as there is no need to remove the wheels, brake drums and hubs, I believe this system creates several unwanted issues. The first issue I believe, is that one doesn’t actually get to visually inspect the true condition of the bearings or their associated parts. The next issue was described to me by an individual at a bearing wholesaler, they pointed out that if you pack the hub full of grease, and don’t leave an air space between the inner and outer bearing, the heated grease from rotation will force some of that grease out through the seals and probably contaminate the brake mechanism area. Another consideration is the amount of grease one needs to insert to replace all the grease in the hub, would be about a “tub” or 1lb. of a compatible grease, per wheel, evacuating and wasting a good 7/8 lb. of perfectly good grease. Now if you have a boat trailer where the hubs will often be submerged in water you might want the hubs filled in order to avoid contamination. Not sure any of us intend to back our rigs into a lake.

Yet one more argument for pulling the brake drums in order to repack wheel bearings is a bit extreme but it happened. While standing in the driveway as the rig was being moved, we heard a strange scrapping noise related to the rotation of one of the wheels on a friend’s unit. After pulling the brake drum it was discovered that the braking mechanism for that wheel was totally non-functional. (see pic) A condition that very likely had existed for around four years, and possibly since the date of manufacture. So, you’re wondering how could that be if the bearings were being repacked every year or two. The owner of the rig noted that she had taken it to a service center and asked that them to “check the wheel bearings”. I’m guessing that the check was simply to remove the dust cap and conclude, “yup there’s grease and it’s not nasty” but never took the drum off to actually repack the bearings. Oh well, the trailer is small, the other brake was working and the brakes on the TV are large enough so, no problem.



Damaged Brakes

Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

Rotating Parts: A Cautionary Tale (Cont.)

In addition to re-presenting an article from an earlier newsletter, I thought I should add an observation regarding the NeverLube™ hubs that many of the newer Airstreams have. NeverLube™ does not mean never check. Checking in my mind is to occasionally have someone walk along side both the street and the curb side of the trailer and listen for any noises from rotation that don't sound appropriate; scraping, clunking, squeaking, etc. Of course this should be done in a quiet no traffic area, church parking lots work well, except during services. If caught, you'll probably be forgiven for trespassing.

If there is identification of unusual sounds the obvious next action is to investigate by removing the brake drum and checking the interior parts, a problem(s) if there is one will become very obvious. Removal of the brake drum is very straight forward; remove the wheel/tire, remove the hub dust cover, remove the lock clip from the large nut, remove the nut which may require some effort as the proper torque required when re-installing is 145-155 ft/lbs., then simply pull the drum off the spindle (axle) and inspect for issues as well as brake lining wear, then repair and/or replace as necessary.

The image attached shows that adjustment parts of the assembly have been rolling around inside for many miles, additionally something tore about 1/3 of the brake lining off the shoe. This 28' unit has only been operating with ¾ braking capability. Ah, the rational for a ¾ ton tow vehicle, I guess.

If you're not up to doing this work yourself or are unable to recruit someone to help, find a service center that can do it for you. You might be glad you did.

So, in conclusion; what to do what to do. One of my long-held beliefs is, if you want it done right, do it yourself, (maybe with the help of YouTube) and barring that, you may want to ask the tech if you can watch over their shoulder. Oh ya, shop non-employee liability, don't get me started.

Safe travels

Jim



From Our Friends at Future Streamers!

A New Caravan Starting in 2025!



**Join the inaugural 2025 Kids On The Blue Ridge Caravan and make great memories!
This is the ideal family caravan!**

We will be engaging in exciting activities such as ziplining, rafting, hiking, and biking while traveling along the beautiful NC Blue Ridge Parkway! All of the activities are kid-friendly, but a few have age or weight restrictions. No worries though, there are alternate options available. And if you still have energy left at the end of the day, there will be plenty of campsite family games and campfires to cap off our fun-filled days! This is the first caravan of its kind for WBCCI, dedicated to kids and families having fun. The caravan is only 10 days long, including three travel days at your own pace to explore and take in the beautiful sites along the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway.

Dates: June 10-20, 2025

Start: Tuckasegee RV Resort in Whittier, NC

End: Boone KOA in Boone, NC

Volunteer Leaders: Misti & Mark Roach (BRN 6912) and Ed & Joni Hall (BRN 5280)

For More Information & To Register: [Click Here](#)

For Questions: Please reach out to the Volunteer Leaders at kidsontheblueridgecaravan@airstreamclub.org

** Click on this link for information/register: <https://airstreamclub.org/2025-kids-blue-ridge-caravan>

** Email for more information: kidsontheblueridgecaravan@airstreamclub.org

From Our Friends at Future Streamers

Collecting Pop Tabs for the KC Ronald McDonald House

Attention All Airstreamers! We are excited to announce that Future Streamers Intra-Club are collecting pop tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO. Please start collecting as many pop tabs as you can from rallies, home, work and even your neighbors. You can bring them to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and pop tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Let's show our love for aluminum and make a difference together! Don't drink soda or have cans with tabs? No Worries here is a [link](#) dedicated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities-Kansas City where you can make monetary donations. See You In Sedalia.

If you have any questions please contact Misti Roach @ futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com

Future Streamers Rally to be Held in MN

Fun In The Sun Rally

Join us for a Fun In The Sun Rally at the Minnesota Airstream Park! We are getting together for a fun-filled weekend of swimming, golfing, and bonfires. To book your spot, please visit the Minnesota Airstream Park [website](#) and make a reservation using the code FUTURE24. This code will only give you a 15% discount on the Rally Nights (July 11-14). Please note that the group rate for the weekend will expire on May 1. Please make your reservation before you sign up for the rally.

The Fun In Sun Rally fee is \$60, which includes a pizza night, taco potluck, flamingo putting contest, glow golf, and many other exciting activities with prizes. This is an ideal opportunity to take your kids away for a fun weekend with other Airstreamers and their kids. Don't miss out on this amazing rally!

[Rally registration](#) ends June 27th.

Please reserve your campsite first and then register for the rally.

Host: Misti & Mark Roach (BRN 6912) futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com

WISC-UP ACI Spring 2024 General Business Meeting Notes

1. Called to Order
 - 9:17 AM - Potawatomi State Park
 - Jim Guthrie
2. Roll call of Officers
 - Past President - Bree Lawrence - Absent
 - President - Jim Guthrie - Present
 - 1st Vice President - Morten Lindstad - Present
 - 2nd Vice President - Linda Meinholz - Absent
 - Treasurer - Kurt Jorgensen - Present
 - Secretary - Charlie Lawrence - Absent - Substitute Jason Staffin
 - 1st Trustee - Jenny Bibler - Absent
 - 2nd Trustee - Tim Valenza - Absent
 - 3rd Trustee - Jeff Bibler - Absent
3. Confirmation of Quorum - Minimum 10% of membership
 - 117 Members
 - 42 Present
4. Approval of fall 2023 meeting minutes
 - Approved by Executive Committee
5. Report of Officers and Committees
 - Membership and Public Relations - Patty Cook - Report Available
 - 117 Regular Members
 - 26 Affiliates
 - Treasurer - Kurt Jorgensen - Report Available
 - Summary only due to internet connectivity
 - PayPal account has grown from \$500 to approximately \$5,500
 - Checking Balance approximately \$7,700
 - Constitution and Bylaws - Steve Piotrowski - No Report
 - Newsletter - Ed and Sandy Emerick - Report Available
 - All is well
 - Reminder to send articles in for each newsletter issue
 - Directory - Bob Manak - Report Available from Morten - See Agenda Item under old business
 - Short statement that the preparation of the directory needs to be modernized
 - Wisc-UP 4 Good activities - Linda Meinholz - No Report

WISC-UP ACI Spring 2024 General Business Meeting Notes (cont.)

- Motion to approve all reports by Chuck Butler
- Second by Dave Sherman
- Motion carried

6. Old Business

- Adding photos to Directory
 - Concerns that photos in printed directly would be prohibitively expensive.
 - Photos in the directly could be made available in a digital version of the directory.
 - Concern about the amount of time and effort if many people don't submit photos
 - Bob's concern regarding aging hardware and software and challenges to support the suggested change
 - Statement that ACI Club provides a single Microsoft 365 licensing that could be used for directory preparation
 - John Cooper volunteered to assist with and begin the transition of handling the directory preparation
 - Jason Staffin volunteered to step in as backup webmaster and directory when the need arises
- Considering JotForm
 - Chris from MN club discussed their usage of JotForm over the last several years
 1. Flexible form to gather information and calculate fees
 2. Confirmation email to registering member
 3. Email to Rally organizer about registration
 4. Spreadsheet export for Rally organizer
 - Can be generated by JotForm administrator
 5. Can build reports for Rally Organizers for customized spreadsheets as needed

WISC-UP ACI Spring 2024 General Business Meeting Notes (cont.)

- Discussion about PayPal fees when paying through JotForm
 1. Suggestion that the club should continue to build these fees in and cover the fees as part of the transaction
- Discussion of why there is interest in JotForm
 1. Rally hosts need more information from the registration system
- Morten will gather requirements
- Motion by Chuck Butler that the executive committee investigate and make a recommendation
 1. Second by Mary Jorgensen
 2. Motion Carried
- Rally Planning Guide completed
 - Listed on the WISC-UP Club Web Page
- Quarter Master - Rob Tweed resignation
 - Looking for volunteers to step up and fill this position

7. New Business

- Digital Directory
- Ginger - Region 7 Officer
 - Report on officer position changes
 1. Cordell to Replace Chuck Zellermeier
 - Looking for Parliamentarian
 - Looking for Membership chair
 - Vernon Peterson - Accept as 2nd Vice President of Region 7 WBCCI
 1. Ginger read a statement from Vernon as a candidate
 2. Dave Sherman moved to accept nomination as 2nd VP of Region 7

WISC-UP ACI Spring 2024 General Business Meeting Notes (cont.)

3. Ginny Janssen moved to second nomination
 4. Motion carried
- Ginger - Upcoming Constitutional Vote
 - Membership vote required due to change to constitution
 - Required 20% of membership vote
 - Changing name of Treasurer to National Finance Director and responsibilities
 1. Ginger read official statement
 2. Will become a non-voting position
 3. Remove term limit
 - Ginger encourages all members to Vote
 - Election is in June 2024
 - Kurt - Treasurer announced that he may be unavailable for portions of the summer due to travel plans
8. Motion To Adjourn
- Motion to adjourn by Chuck Butler at 10:22 AM
 - Second By Dave Sherman
 - Motion Carried

(Minutes submitted by Jason Staffin)

Where the Airstreams Roam R7 Rally

Dates: September 12 – 19, 2024

Location: Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort
20189 US Hwy 85
Spearfish, SD 57783

Phone: (605) 722-1800

Website: <https://elkhornridgeresort.com>

Host: Chris Olsson - R7 1st VP
(cwolsson@comcast.net)



Come join us for a fun filled week in Spearfish, SD! The rally location is the Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort. We have 45 sites set aside for the rally, and 22 are currently reserved. All are pull-through sites with full hookups in one area of the campground.

Here's a list of the planned activities:

- Dessert on the first night
- Four Buffalo Feeding Tours (limited to 9 people each tour)
- Coffee every morning
- Happy Hours and Campfires most evenings
- A Potluck Dinner
- Ride the 1880 Train (Hill City to Keystone). Round trip with 3-hour layover in Keystone
- Fort Hays Chuckwagon Dinner and Show (Dinner served @ 6:30 pm. Show starts @ 7:15 pm.)
- Bus Tour to Mount Rushmore & Crazy Horse. All day (~9 am to ~5PM)
- A Hot Breakfast
- A Catered Dinner in the Event Center
- Coffee & donuts on last day

More details, how to reserve a campsite, and the rally registration form can be found on the Region 7 Website. Here's the link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/region-7-2024-rally>

Like the logo? We are planning on selling insulated stemless wine tumblers (suitable for hot and cold drinks) as the Region 7 fundraiser this year. A BIG thank-you to Pam Rawn for creating the design!

We will also be collecting donations for the Spearfish Foundation for Public Education, a local non-profit benefiting many school programs in the Spearfish area. We will have additional information about this organization at the rally.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!!!

Chris

This and That From Your Region 7 President

By Ginger Slattery (BRN 2041)

After our long non-winter we're back to rallying together! Doesn't it feel good to get together again? Unfortunately, Joe and I didn't have our camper for the first Wisc-UP rally in Sturgeon Bay last weekend. We ended up at the Best Western Maritime Inn. (I figured if the name had Maritime in it, we were still maintaining the spirit of the rally!). Truthfully, that wasn't as much fun as when we're in the campground with everyone! Thank-you to Sandy and Ed Emerick for planning such a fun weekend! All is well now that we have our truck back, after extensive tornado damage was repaired and I went to collect our Silver Twinkie after extensive repairs over the winter. Thanks to Steve and Clayton Prouty for all their hard work to get us back on the road (with water this year!). They did an awesome job! She's almost brand new!



During your spring business meetings, a couple of topics will come up! First is the very important membership vote on a Constitutional change. After much discussion, the IBT is proposing to change the International Treasurer to a Finance Director. It is felt that with the growth of the Club that there are significantly more assets to track other than membership dues. Now there are substantial assets to track, and far more responsibilities expected than what would be covered by a treasurer. President McHenry and ACI has released a number of articles covering the need for this change and I encourage all of you to read these so you can be informed prior to the June vote. Because this is a change to our Constitution, it requires a 20% participation of the membership to vote. If you know someone who is not online, please encourage them to contact Headquarters asap to request a paper ballot and one will be sent to them. Everyone else will receive an electronic ballot. If you don't again, contact HQ to make sure they have a good email. Address for you. This is our club and we all need to take an active role! Please read the relevant articles and vote! Thanks!

At the Region level, we have a member who has come forward to serve as 2nd VP. That is Vernon Peterson, current President of the Minnesota Airstream Club. His letter of candidacy should be read at your Spring Business Meeting. Then a motion will need to be made, seconded and voted upon. He was unanimously voted in at the recent Wisc-UP Spring Business Meeting. Thank you for stepping up, Vern! I, as outgoing President, am super happy that Chris Olsson will have a full contingent of officers as he takes over August 1. Cordell Woods stepped up as Region Treasurer, replacing Chuck Zellermyer as Chuck moves up as 1st VP and cannot serve in 2 positions. Thank you all for taking a turn!

This and That From Your Region 7 President

By *GINGER SLATTERY (BRN 2041) (Cont.)*

We do still have 2 important positions to fill. First is a Region Membership Chair. This person will welcome new members to our Region, especially those not attached to a local club. They will also track our membership growth through the year and track those who have been members for 5 years and more. Please contact me for more information. We all have been new members and know how much that Welcome really means!

The second position is Region Parliamentarian. This person helps us conduct our meetings in proper order. We do like to be pretty laid back here in Region 7 but we still need to make sure business is conducted properly. Again, if this is your passion, let me know!

Finally, I don't know if I properly thanked everyone who made our September Region Rally in Spring Green a success! Our Sponsors were Minnesota Airstream Club, Vintage Camper Restoration/Midwest Airstream Service, Wisconsin Riverside Resort, Airstream Club International, Stan Schwenke with Air Med, Steph Morrill with River Valley Housing Coalition, (She was instrumental with the Lecture we attended and dinner with the food trucks and put me in touch with others that we visited!) and Minnesota Airstream Park donated a couple of certificates for overnight stays. Chris and Kaye Olsson were my boots on the ground! Thank you for all the various things you helped with! Joe Chovan shared his passion of fly fishing one morning! Thank you all who donated items to our silent auction that benefitted the River Valley Housing Coalition and 4 Pete's sake.

Our next Region Rally is Where the Airstreams Roam in Spearfish, SD September 12-19. Chris and Kaye have a lot of great activities planned and will be a lot of fun!

Get registered on the ACI website!



Our next IBT is May 23 and will actually be my last one! Hard to believe! It has been my pleasure to serve you this past 2 years! I have loved meeting all of you! I have worked hard to represent you on the IBT. This isn't good bye, yet! Still a couple of months left! Our Club is successful because of all the wonderful people involved!

Take care! Safe Travels and hope to see you down the road this summer!