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### MAKE RALLY RESERVATIONS NOW

You may still be able to make reservations for the June Rally (13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>) at Lake Wapello State Park. President Tom strongly recommends that you make your reservations as quickly as possible. The rally dates will be in the time period when many other campers start filling up State Park campgrounds. We have not had a rally at this location in the past, so it should be quite interesting.

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### PREZ SEZ

Mother Nature seems to be indecisive this year. A few lovely days in 70's, then dropping to under 50's. Sure hoping for warmer weather. We were unable to travel to Branson for Region 8 due to some unforeseen technical issues with our truck that grounded us in Des Moines. Chuck Cabalka represented Iowa. That insures we'll get a report of Region decisions. Excitement abounds as we look forward to the new camping season. Remember our rally Mother's Day weekend with Nancy Schoene at Swiss Valley Campground near Dubuque. More info later in this newsletter. Big shout out to all our Winter Luncheon hosts. Thanks for all your work keeping us all connected through the busy holidays and dreary weather of the beginning of the year.

Hope to see you soon.

*Tom Herron*

### JULY RESERVATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE

Reservations for the rally, July 11th to 14th, at Green Valley State Park near Creston, Iowa should be made quickly. The rally hosts suggest trying to get a reservation in one of the following areas: Spaces 70-74 or 006-012. Be sure to let Tom and Shirley Herron know when you have made your reservation. The rally has been designated as the "After the 4th Kickback" rally. The address for the park is 1480—130th St., Creston, IA. Again, this is a new rally location for the Iowa Club and is in a part of the state that many of us do not often frequent. As a result, there should be numerous places and sites to visit.

### OFFICER NOMINATIONS ARE MOVING UP THIS YEAR

Due to the International Rally being scheduled for October (our usual officer installation rally month) it was decided by the club in 2023 to move everything up one month. Consequently, nominations will be made in July, voting in August and installation in September. Tom Herron has indicated that he will be willing to serve another year (2025) as our Iowa Club President. After numerous years as our Club Secretary, Doris Jean Cabalka has decided that it is time to pass that honor on to someone else. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be nominated for any of the club offices, PLEASE contact Chuck Cabalka and let him know. He can be reached by telephone or text at 720-315-9264. None of the positions really entail much time or effort, so be a good sport and step forward. We will all appreciate you taking your turn helping serve your Iowa Club.



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### BIRTHDAYS

June

- Doug Ford
- Tom Herron
- Toni Whitehouse

### ANNIVERSARIES

June

- Joan & Dale Lafrentz
- Deb & Doug Ford
- Carol & John Heckman
- June & Paul Ryan

### IOWA CARAVAN TO SUGAR CREEK, OHIO

There will be an Iowa caravan to Sugarcreek, OH in late September to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Swiss Festival National Rally. This is the longest running WBCCI National Rally. The rally dates are September 21-29. The caravan will rendezvous at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, IA on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and travel for three easy days, arriving at the rally site on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The overnight stops are planned for the Earl Park City Campground, just across the IL-IN state line, and the Terraport at Jackson Center. At Jackson Center, the caravan is planned to arrive early enough so a tour of the new factory can be made in the afternoon. Chuck has contacted Airstream and has 12 tickets reserved for a 2:30 PM tour on September 19<sup>th</sup>. On Friday morning, before leaving Jackson Center, the caravan will make a brief stop at WBCCI Headquarters to have rolls and coffee with the staff, before heading on to Sugarcreek. At this time, there are four couples planning to make that trip and two or three more are welcome to join the group. An on-line rally registration form can be found at **2024 WBCCI Swiss Festival Rally** and scrolling down to **Rally Schedule and Rally Tour Information**. That site has a registration form that can be completed on line. It also has info concerning activities at the rally. This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> time for the Cabalka's and Lafrentz's, so it must be fun. Come join us. Get registered and let Chuck and Doris Jean know to include you in the group. As things presently stand, this is probably going to be the last time Chuck and Doris Jean lead a caravan to Sugarcreek, if that makes any difference. Live long enough and age, with it's related problems, catches up.

### SEPTEMBER RALLY INFO

The September Rally (our 2025 Officer Installation Rally) will be held at Little Wall Lake County Park near Jewell, IA. The dates are September 12-15. Tom and Shirley have been in contact with the rangers at the park and they are holding a group of sites for our club through August 29<sup>th</sup>. The "held" sites 49 - 54 and 73 - 76, which are full hookup sites at \$31 per night, and Sites 55 - 69, which are water and electric only at \$26 per night. In both instances, there is a \$4 reservation fee for making a reservation on line in any county park, so, the actual costs are \$30 or \$35 per night. Shirley suggests you follow these steps.

1. Know your County Parks user ID or have ready your name, address, phone number and trailer info.
2. Review the map of the campground and make a list of

choices for sites, as well as your arrival and departures dates. The map of the campground can be found by entering Little Wall Lake County Park on your computer, scrolling down to My County Parks and then scrolling down to Campground Map to see the numbered spaces. Tom and Shirley are in Space 76 and Chuck and Doris Jean have Space 66.

3. Call 515-832-9570. The best time to call is 10am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday. Identify that you are in the Iowa Airstream group. They will take your info, make your reservation, accepting your credit card info over the phone.

It's really pretty simple, so do it as soon as possible.



## LOCATION FOR IOWA CLUB MEMBERS

### WHO WANT TO PARK TOGETHER AT INT'L.

A location has been secured to serve as a rendezvous for Iowa Club members who are going to the International Rally in Sedalia and who want to park with other Iowans at the rally. The site is the Happy Times RV Park in Marshall, MO, about 30 miles north of Sedalia. Ten spaces have been blocked out at the park and will be available for Iowa Club members to make their reservation for the night of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This needs to be done within the next 2-3 weeks. You are to make your own reservations by calling **660-631-0551**. Make sure you tell them that you are part of the Iowa Airstream Club group. Those who are going to the Swiss Festival Rally in Ohio will be coming in from the east, while those going directly from Iowa will need to get to Marshall via US Hwy. 65. The address for the park is 1403 W Vest St. The GPS coordinates are 39°06'56.52"N and 93°12'53.44"W.

For those southbound on US 65, turn left (east) on State Rte. 20 (which is W. Arrow St.) at the west side of Marshall and proceed east for about 1.0 mile to Business 65 (also N Odell Ave.). Turn right on Business 65 (N Odell Ave.) for 0.3 mi. (about 5 blocks) to W. Vest St. Turn right (west) on W. Vest St. for about 350 feet to the en-

trance to Happy Times RV Park on the right. This route will utilize right turns after leaving US 65, with no turning across oncoming traffic. Cancellations one week, or more, before October 3<sup>rd</sup>, will get a full refund. Cancellations in that last week will get only a partial refund, in the range of 80% to 90%. Hopefully there will be no cancellations necessary.

For those going on to the International Rally in Sedalia, there will be an Iowa caravan from Marshall to Sedalia (about 30 miles), so you can travel and park with friends, if you so desire. For those going to the Swiss Festival Rally at Sugar Creek, OH, we will have five days to make the 775-mile trip to Marshall, so easy days and a few stops to see interesting sites, will be the schedule. If you plan to travel with that group, or with those Iowans heading directly from Iowa to Sedalia, (and want to be part of the Iowa caravan to the rally site), you **MUST** have registered for one extra day at International, so as to arrive at the rally on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the day before General Parking begins. **NOTE:** If you wait until arrival at Sedalia to pay, the cost for that one day is about \$150. So make sure you add that day on NOW. If you have already registered without that extra day (October 4<sup>th</sup>), you can do so by calling WBCCI Headquarters at 937-596-5211 and they will help you.

One affiliate member and twelve Iowa Club members (including two first time rally attendees) gathered at the Swiss Valley Campground, about 5 miles SW of Dubuque, IA, for the May 9-12, 2024 rally. A few arrived early, but most gathered on Thursday afternoon, in the rain. With the moisture and cool weather, the Thursday evening meal was held inside the small enclosed shelter rather than outside, as planned. The rally host, Nancy Schoene, had scheduled lasagna and salad for the Thursday supper, but, in light of the weather, she switched the planned Thursday and Saturday meals and everyone enjoyed a chili supper. Needless to say, the warm chili really hit the spot!

On Friday, the weather dawned sunny, but cool, and SkyMed provided the breakfast of Casey's bacon, sausage or vegetable breakfast pizzas prior to the SkyMed rep making his presentation. Then, the rest of the day was free for everyone to do their own thing. Information in the "goody bags" provided a good guide for places to go and things to see in the area. Following a day of individual activities, everyone gathered for a supper of pulled pork sandwiches, that Nancy had prepared, while attendees provided salads and desserts. The weather had straightened out, so we were able to enjoy our meal outdoors at picnic tables. Several gathered around a campfire following supper, but many retired to their Airstreams, since there was a light breeze and the temperature was in the 50's. A few rally attendees stayed up until the middle of the night in hopes of seeing the Northern Lights, as news reports indicated they would be visible as far south as Iowa. However, clouds prevented a good sighting and when they were visible, they were quite dim. Oh well, guess one just has to make the trip to Alaska to really see them. Hint! Hint!

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny, so everyone enjoyed breakfast outdoors at the picnic tables. Nancy had prepared her Mountain Man Casserole. Nearly everyone was curious about what that was. It turns out that the casserole consisted of eggs, hash brown potatoes, sausage and cheese all cooked together in Dutch ovens. The food was very tasty and filling and everyone went away full and happy. Again, the day was free to do what one wanted, with one suggestion being



to drive the 25-miles to Galena, IL where the merchants were having their sidewalk sales. Several made the drive and reported that the crowds were BIG. Anything for a bargain!

Your newsletter team drove to the Mines of Spain State Recreation site, where Julien Dubuque is buried. He was the first white settler in Iowa, arriving in 1788. He found the natives mining lead and secured their permission to mine that material for Spain, hence the name that now exists for the area. Following the visit to that site, the team drove to Eagle Point City Park in Dubuque. There they got splendid views of the Mississippi River, while looking down at the dam and locks that allow towboats and barges to navigate the river. Unfortunately, there was no tow locking through when they were there. However, in the river just below the dam, they did see a flock of about 20 pelicans resting on the water, while on their migration to the North Country.

Saturday evening's meal was the lasagna and salad supper originally scheduled for Thursday evening. It, too, was prepared in Dutch ovens; a rather novel way to cook. However, it tasted just as good as if it had been cooked in a modern-day kitchen oven. Following the meal, the Iowa Club Business Meeting was convened by President Tom Herron. The reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (in October, 2023), along with the Treasurer's report, were the primary items of business. They were followed by the introduction of our two first-rally couples; Rod and Pam Doubek and Tom and Wina Spread. With the 2024 International Rally being held in Sedalia, MO, several members indicated they planned to attend. Chuck Cabalka informed everyone that he and Doris Jean were planning to lead a caravan to the Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH in late September and, from there, to Sedalia. Consequently, a motion was made and passed, to authorize unit caravans from Iowa to Sugarcreek, Sugarcreek to Sedalia and from Iowa to Sedalia. A rendezvous location for the two caravans will be established somewhere north of Sedalia, so they can join up and arrived at the International site as one caravan. The rally fee of \$13.00 per person was announced. Our rally hostess, Nancy Schoene, prepared and served two breakfasts and three suppers, far beyond the normal number of provided meals, and she was recognized by all for her outstanding efforts hosting her first rally. A big **THANK YOU** went out to Nancy for all her hard work

Sunday morning found the sun shining brightly and, after a breakfast of Nancy's homemade cinnamon rolls, it was time to hook up and head back to our respective homes.. Before departing, however, an auction of the leftover food was held, with some vigorous bidding by several members. The end result was a collection of \$72.50 for Common Cents. Everyone agreed that they enjoyed the rally and were looking forward to the June rally at Wapello State Park near Drakesville, in south central Iowa.

We were glad to meet and greet two of our newest Iowa Airstream Club members when Rod and Pam Doubek and Tom and Wina Spread joined the group at Swiss Valley for their first rally. Following is a little information about each couple.

**The Doubek's:** Pic

Rod and Pam have a 23-foot 2023 Flying Cloud trailer, which they have had for one year. They call Collins, IA home, but own and operate the Northwest Vet Hospital in Urbandale. Pam is the veterinarian, while Rod is the Office Manager. Pam received her veterinarian training at Iowa State University. Prior to becoming the Office Manager, Rod was a steel worker for 21 years. The couple have 4 boys.





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Tom and Wina Spread call Muscatine, IA home, where Tom was a banker until 3 years ago and Wina owned and operated her own interior decorating business (Designs by Wina). She worked with daughter, who now runs the business, as she and Tom have retired. The couple have been married 48 years and have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren. They have a 2008 27-foot Safari Airstream. They enjoy traveling, hunting, fishing and golf (Tom) and bridge and painting (Wina).



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The entire Iowa Airstream Club welcomes both couples to our Iowa Family and hope to see them at many more Iowa rallies.



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### RALLY SCHEDULE

JUNE 13-16, 2024

Lake Wapello State Park

15248 Campground Rd.

Drakesville, IA 52552

You are to bring your own beverages and place settings to all meals, unless otherwise noted in the agenda. **NOTE:** Drakesville has NO grocery store or market. The closest of these are in Ottumwa, about 20 miles NE.

#### Thursday:

6:00 pm Dinner: Tacos, chips and salsa provided. Bring a dessert.

Campfire to follow, weather permitting.

#### Friday:

8:00 am Breakfast. Muffins, bagels, hard boiled eggs, fruit and orange juice.

9:30 am Leave for Eldon

10:30 am Tour the "American Gothic House and Visitor Center. Admission \$3.00 each.

Lunch (Dutch) at Chommy's Bar and Grill. 115 - 4<sup>th</sup> St., Eldon.

Afternoon on your own.

6:00 pm Supper. Heavy hors d'oeuvres. Bring your favorite to share.

Campfire to follow, weather permitting.

#### Saturday:

8:30 am Breakfast. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and orange juice.

Day on your own! Spend time at the beach, enjoy games or venture out on the lake. Boat rentals are available. Or, drive to Bloomfield (about 7 miles SE) and visit the **Dutch General Store** [17192 IA Hwy. 2], **Yoders Kountry Korner** [21050 Ice Ave.] or **Gingerbread Gift House** [24050 US Hwy 63]. For the more adventurous, it is just 20 miles NE to Ottumwa.

Lunch is on your own.

6:00 pm Supper. Sloppy Joes. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Campfire to follow, weather permitting.

#### Sunday:

8:30 am Breakfast. Biscuits and gravy and orange juice.

**SAFE TRAVELS AND SEE YOU IN CRESTON IN JULY**