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Upcoming Events

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

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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A Message from President Jim Guthrie

BRN 11970

Has anyone else been swamped over the last few weeks? Rain for 3 days, one day of sun, next day mow the lawn that grew too fast, then repeat. After the Potawatomi weekend, we put the trailer back under its shelter which was moved back from the road by another 10 feet in order to

comply with a city ordinance. Then the rains came resulting in a 50' mud run to get to the street and solid ground. Thinking that the Jeep might get stuck and knowing the trailer would get stuck, we opted to pave the way with 5 sheets of plywood. One might wonder why that stretch didn't get paved or graveled; no time to complete before the Amana Colonies outing. Another thought was this condition is only temporary so a temporary solution is in order. The solution also allows for a larger fuel budget enabling us to get to more places.

The Amana Colonies was a great success. If you weren't there you missed an interesting outing. Thanks Bill and Ginny for a well-done rally. The history tour was quite interesting. The Fly ball dog races were very fun and interesting and very not on the agenda, well done.

As your current President I receive notices from the office in Jackson Center with information regarding new and renewing memberships. I have to admit that I haven't kept a tally but, the activity has been significant. Welcome to those that renewed. And a special welcome to those of you that are new to the group, we hope you'll find us to be a fun, interesting, helpful, and enjoyable group of "Streamers".



Upcoming Events (Cont.)

August 15 - 18

It's a Zoo Out There Rally

Green Bay, WI

Contact: Pattie Cook or

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September 12 - 19

Region 7 Rally

Where the Airstreams Roam

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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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

Message From the Editor

Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)

So, what have you been up to so far this summer? Have you seen some cool things, been to an amazing park or found something that you just couldn't live without? If so you need to let us know!

Send us a short article and a couple of photos because our members need to know. As for me I found out that I'm not the only one with a fish tat. (Awesome photo by Rod Fierek.)

Sandy and I just spent a couple of nights in northern Door County near Ellison Bay. We stayed at the Hy-Land RV Park and Campground and in mid May almost had the place to ourselves! Hanging out in the northern part of Door County is very nice this time of year and you won't have the crowds that are in Fish Creek or Sister Bay. If you like German food, you have to have dinner and a beer or two at the Hugel Haus. They have a great menu and the atmosphere is old school Wisconsin Supper Club. If you have plans to go to Door County go north, really north!

We need your cards and letters for our July Issue, the cut off date is **July 11, 2024**. Plenty of time to send us your 4th celebration photos. Oh, one

other thing, we didn't get one, not one caption for this photo so I get to keep the prize, a new Volvo XC90. If you want to win a chance for the next prize caption this photo and we will announce the winner in the July newsletter.



Kids, Kids, Kids Rally! July 18-21

Hosts Matt and Meghan Lee (BRN 24601)



We have some fun things planned for the kids rally on July 18-21! Come on over to Fort Atkinson and check it all out. Aside from the campground theme of Christmas in July activities, we have other fun things planned to do together like shave ice, a movie night and much more! Check out our schedule here for more details!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MCnm3hnYD7VE5IKSglU1uHY9aB2762128XIXYORI4gY/edit>

Wishing Well RV will hold our group of sites for up to one week prior before they release them to other campers so reserve now!

Don't forget to register on the Wisc-UP website so we can plan accordingly! Click here for more info and access to registration link: <https://airstreamclub.org/kids-kids-kids-2024-rally>



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 The Amana Colonies where Ginny Janssen and Bill Scheuerell hosted this year's recent 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, email: mlindstad1@gmail.com or Text: 262-507-7228

**Wisc-UP Member
Jerry Kruger Passes
(BRN 12500)**

Dear Wisconsin Airstreamers,
Don't know if any of you remember my husband, Jerry. He was diagnosed with cancer in late December. He fought it bravely but because it was advanced and a vigorous type of cancer, he passed on April 28th. We were married 59 years and raised four great children. We loved traveling in our Airstream and had some wonderful trips from coast to coast to visit friends and family. I will miss him forever! I will miss our adventures in our Airstream!!



**Our Members' Adventures
Joan Foster and Kate Stoll (BRN 13650)
Head Out in Their 65'**

We never thought winter would end and we could get camping! In early June, we picked up our 65 Globetrotter (Yahtzee) from Midwest Airstream Service where she received new windows and some belly pan repair. Our first trip was to Weborg Point in Peninsula State Park. We've been trying for four years to get a coveted spot at Weborg Point and finally did 11 months ago. Ha! We will be going to Voyageurs National Park, where we are meeting up with friends we met at a Region 7 Rally. Other trips we have planned are Mischief in Marquette, Copper Falls, Pattison, Wisconsin and Wyalusing State parks. Lastly, we will head to the Retro Rally in Arkansas at the end of September. Us three gals are keeping busy. Follow our travels on Instagram @cmonyahzee Looking forward to seeing you all down the road- Joan, Kate and Yahtzee



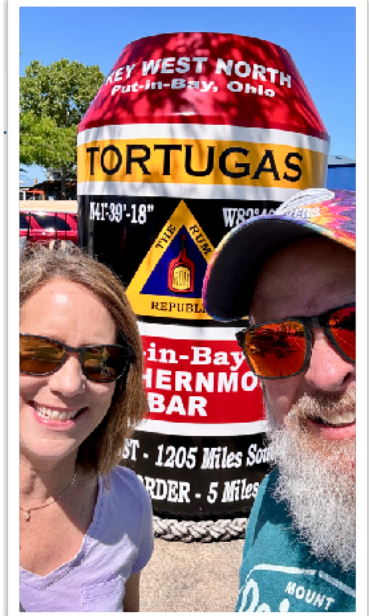
Our Members' Travel Adventures

The Baverys (BRN7880) Head to Jackson Center

Our Globetrotter was coming up on its 3 year anniversary - so we made the trek to Jackson Center to get a couple of things adjusted, and have the entire rig checked out before the warranty expired.



We had planned to stay at the Terraport, but the it was full. But a very nice lady told us about the International Airstream Club building and we could hook up there for the night. That worked out really well for us. We were joined by two other Airstreams.



At 7:00 am the next morning, we checked in at the Service Center and got it all set up for them to roll it in. Dylan, our Service technician was top notch - went over everything with us, told us what he was going to do - and that it should be ready later in the



afternoon. We then set out to find breakfast.

Now, Jackson Center is not the metropolis that you might think. So we set out for Sidney, OH and found a nice local place to have breakfast. We then headed back to visit with some friends that we had met at last year's International Rally.



At 1:00 pm, we took the Factory tour and visited the Airstream museum. It was pretty cool to see all the hand work that goes into building an Airstream. Then back to the Service Center - our Globetrotter was done - another tour with Dylan to explain all that he did - then the rig was delivered to the Terraport, we had secured a spot for the night.

The next morning - we headed up to Maumee State Park, a really nice park on Lake Erie. Took the ferry over to Put-in-Bay for a day, then headed home.

Next trip is a Lake Superior Loop tour in late June. 10 nights, a couple of National Parks - one US and one Canadian. The 2024 season is well under way.

Our Members' Travel Adventures

Mary-Jo & Doug's Grand Adventure to the Solar Eclipse and Beyond

By Doug and Mary Jo Pierce (BRN 26465)

Hello fellow Airstreamers,

We'd love to share with you our recent travel experience we call our "Grand Adventure" to the total solar eclipse and beyond!

My wife, Mary-Jo, and I just retired in late March. We set out from our home near Plymouth, Wisconsin on "Good Friday" - the day after my last day of work! Do I miss work? no. But, I had a satisfying career. Does my wife miss work? H### NO!

Our plan was to view the total solar eclipse in Fredricksburg, Texas and then continue on to explore the Southwest. The total trip length was 10 weeks. Our previous longest camping trip was about two weeks. So this would be a test to see how we would do on a longer trip. We needed to drive to warmer temperatures near St. Louis to "de-winterized" our 2019 27 ft International Serenity (we call her "Sweet Serenity"). We had a bit of an issue after we de-winterized - no hot water - it took a full day to clean out a sediment clogged hot water mixing valve on the water heater! We took our time getting down to Texas (7 days).

The Eclipse viewing was excellent. Then we spent 5 days in the picturesque and sunny Big Bend National Park. A good friend of mine, Brian, was staying with us for a total of nine days. We

enjoyed the time with him. But, at times, it was a little "close" to have three people in our rig. We trekked up "Enchanted Rock" near Fredricksburg and hiked all over Big Bend N.P. Having a great time together, we even crossed over the border to see the Mexican tourist town of Boquillas del Carmin. We were a little unsure about crossing into Mexico, but it was a safe comfortable experience. We enjoyed a lunch of tasty goat tacos and a cold Cervas! One take-away- In the future, 2 or 3 days would have probably been a better duration of having any guest stay in our camper with us. :)



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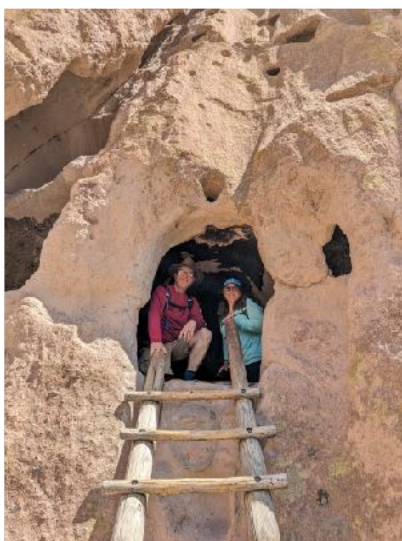
Mary-Jo & Doug's Grand Adventure to the Solar Eclipse and Beyond (Cont.)

By Doug and Mary Jo Pierce (BRN 26465)

We explored more of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona over the next 8 weeks. We camped at State campgrounds, City campgrounds, National Forest campgrounds and a few private campgrounds. One campground we stayed at was SKP Saguaro in Benson, AZ, It was very nice and offered half off the already low price if you stayed for a week for first timers. We saw interesting pre-civil war and wild west cowboy historical sites, learned about the Spanish and Mexican history in the area, toured Native American cultural sites (Chickasaw cultural site in Oklahoma, Taos Pueblo in New Mexico), learned about the extensive volcanic activity that shaped much of the region, toured every National monument that we could, and explored the Grand Canyon for 3 days. We even managed to get in some bicycling and kayaked in southern Arizona (Patagonia State Park).

Whew - we saw more than I could describe! I keep a camping journal where I note the highlights of each day. I feel that if I write it down I won't be as likely to forget. Of course, along the way, we took a ton of pictures of beautiful scenery and the required "selfies". The notes and photos can serve as a reminder to us of the locations we visited. And, the pictures can also be shown to and shared with others, but the real worth of the trip was the "experiencing" of the trip together. The joy of traveling the open road together, and feeling the wonder of nature together, is what make trips like this truly memorable for us!

On our trip we learned that we can haul our Airstream across the country comfortably and safely. Our Ford F-250 (6.3 l gas) can handle the up and downs of the mountain grades that we traveled. On the most steep grades the truck is working "hard" - 5000 rpm in third gear with an occasional brief shift to second gear. I didn't feel we were overly stressing the truck. The truck fully loaded weighs a little more than what the camper does when fully loaded. This weight ratio along with our Gen-Y hitch provides a safe and



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Mary-Jo & Doug's Grand Adventure to the Solar Eclipse and Beyond (Cont.)

By Doug and Mary Jo Pierce (BRN 26465)

comfortable driving experience. I did learn yesterday that we have our first popped rivet and some screws loosening on our upper cabinets. We need to keep an eye on those!

On our trip we had the opportunity to talk with many other campers and travelers. We had good conversations with a lot of other "retirees" (the Southwest seems full of retirees willing to share stories!). We spoke with campers on short trips, "full timers" who are retired and those that are still working remotely while on the road. There are more people who "full time" in their rig that I imagined. That lifestyle is certainly not for everyone. For us, we plan on spending the next couple winters traveling in the South. But then, we will come back to our home in Wisconsin for the best of the nice weather.

A valuable lesson we learned on this trip is that is important not to plan to see too much in a given week. We did plan a couple "down days" when we just relaxed at the campsite and did little things at a relaxed pace. These days were helpful. I realize that our recent 10 week trip was more of a "vacation" than a good example of how we may want to travel in the upcoming "winter season". We plan on moving less often and finding more time for fishing and kayaking!

During this trip I learned that my wife and I can get along pretty well in close quarters for extended periods of time. Let me tell you, there were a few "moments"! - but we each worked through the little issues. In the end, we learned what we needed to work together to enjoy our journey through life. We are Happy Campers - almost all days. :)

We are just settling into our retirement. There is a lot of new "territory" to cover. :) We have a kitchen cabinet remodel that will keep us busy the entire summer. So we only have time for one camping trip this summer. In August, we will be camping up in the UP of Michigan to view the Perseid meteor shower. And, we have plans to attend the International Airstream rally in Sedalia, MO in October. We look forward to seeing you there!

Travel Safely!

Doug and Mary-Jo Pierce



We Rally Together! Rally Report

Sip of Wisconsin - Monroe Wisconsin

By Linda Meinholz (BRN 19514)

A good time was had by all! We expanded the rally to four days and once again camped at the Green County Fairgrounds. We started the event with a welcome from Ron Ross, previous Mayor of Monroe. He bought Limberger to be enjoyed by all, and stated that "true Swiss" favor Limberger. We found we had NO Swiss on this trip! We visited the National Cheese Museum and visited the Alp and Dale Cheese house where Tony once again yodeled for us. Friday we spent in



New Glarus at the Brewery, which seems to keep expanding. Dinner was at the Chalet Landhaus, where we were treated to a lesson in how to make cheese fondue (including a sample). George

and Hans provided entertainment with the Alphorn and other instruments (see pictures). We ended the evening attending the New Glarus Polka Fest. Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman provided polka lessons before we went. Most of the participants were hesitant to join in, but at the Fest everyone seemed to be dancing! Saturday we spent at the Bullquarium Brewery in downtown Monroe and then continued over to the Minhaus Brewery. During the tour I kept thinking LaVern or Shirley must be there somewhere! As always, lots to see and do in Monroe and Green County!



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Amana Colonies Rally June 12 -16

By Carry Ensign (BRN 1573)



Carry with some of the well represented Minnesota Unit!



Start of tour at Amana Heritage Museum



Amana Communal Church



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Amana Colonies Rally June 12 -16

By Carry Ensign (BRN 1573)



High Amana General Store



Communal kitchen and Cooper's shop



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Amana Colonies Rally June 12 -16

By Carry Ensign (BRN 1573)



Your Rally Hosts Ginny Janssen and Bill Scheuerell (BRN 3649) at the first Happy Hour.



Happy Hour in a nice air conditioned room!



High Amana Cemetery

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By Carry Ensign (BRN 1573)



Dinner at the Ronneburg Restaurant



Thank you Bill and Ginny for a wonderful rally!

Our Members' Airstreaming History

The Schwenke Family Travels

By Stan Schwenke (BRN 9112)

This Airstream was the second one in the Schwenke family that we traveled in. It was a late '50s model, 26 foot, custom built at Jackson Center. Kitchen in the front, bathroom in the back and eight bunks in the middle. Used snap on TV trays for eating. Vernon, Bumpy & Co. traveled in this unit for about 12+ years. Towed it with probably 4 or 5 cars during that time. Eventually replaced it with a 30' that slept eight also.

Even though we are all retired now, we still have four family members that are Airstreamers.



Dixie Zellermayer (BRN 10230) Takes Best of Breed



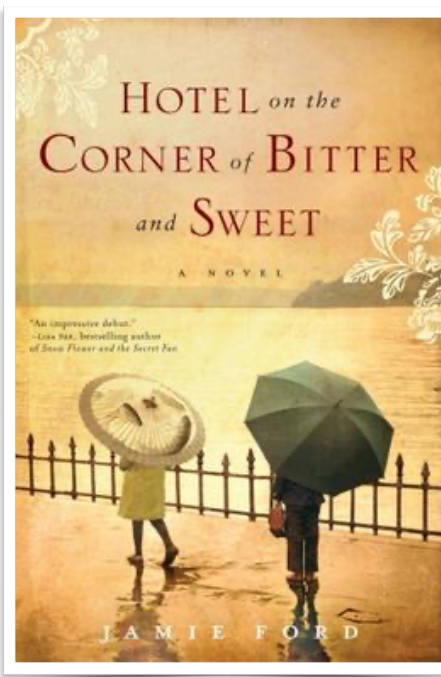
Dixie Rose Grace took Best of Breed at the Badger Kennel Club show at Stoughton, WI. She's still not above having her belly rubbed. (And neither is Chuck.)

Congratulations Dixie!

Good Reads for the Airstream

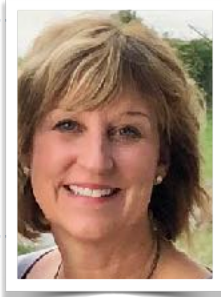
Book Review By Linda Meinholz.
(BRN 19514)

I would like to recommend "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet", by Jamie Ford. The book is Jamie Ford's first novel and is impressive. This is a historical novel based on a not too proud time in American history. The parallel story lines follow Henry, a Chinese American at age 12, during World War II and 44 years later. The World War II story line depicts the forbidden friendship between Japanese and Chinese Americans. The conflict between Henry and his Father shows the conflict a first generation child has with the head of the family that is still strongly invested in the past. The book starts 44 years after the war, with Ethel, Henry's wife, having just recently passed away. Henry and his own son, Marty do not have a close relationship. The healing of that relationship is a beautiful story, of a father and adult son becoming friends. The book left me wishing for a sequel.



Membership News

Pattie Cook (BRN 22562)



Pattie is our Membership Chair

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

Chris and Kelly Eberlein
BRN 06195
La Crosse, WI

Peter and Birgit Fell
BRN 09155
Lindenhurst, IL

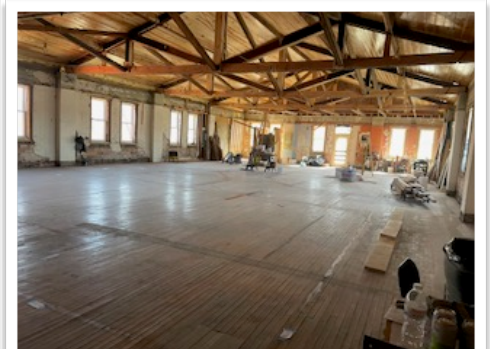
Mark and Lorrie Francis
BRN 04332
Minnetonka, MN

Susan Kloet and Don Rogers
BRN 22421
Marquette, MI

There is More to Us Than Our Airstream

The Meinholz's Remodeling Project (BRN 19514)

What have we been doing when not in our Airstream? We have been working as general contractors on our daughters 15,000 sq. ft historical building in downtown Decorah! We have been here for the last 5 years and finally we can see the end! Here are some random shots of what the 2nd floor looks like!



This and That From Your Region 7 President

By Ginger Slattery (BRN 2041)

By now, most of us have been able to attend at least one rally! Isn't it great to reconnect with our favorite Airstreamers? All of those first rallies have included a spring business meeting and I am pleased to announce all 3 local clubs voted in Vernon Peterson as our incoming R7 2nd VP! He will be officially installed during the Mischief in Marquette Rally August 1-4 along with incoming officers President Chris Olsson, 1st VP Chuck Zellermayer and R7 Treasurer Cordell Woods! Mostly because they were coming to the rally anyway and they all take office August 1! I'm really excited we have so many who have stepped up to serve the Region! It's in great hands!

Our first rally was in Sturgeon Bay, WI but we hadn't gotten our camper back yet, so we were at Camp Best Western Maritime Inn! Our truck was still at the body shop being repaired from all the damage incurred during the tornado March 14 in Russell's Point, OH! It was a great rally! We really enjoyed the Maritime Museum! Thank you to Ed and Sandy Emerick for organizing such a fun rally!

Thank you, to all those who have stepped up to host rallies across the Region! It's a big but fun job! Rallies wouldn't happen without our volunteers! I know the clubs are already looking at rallies for next year, so if you have an idea for a rally, reach out to your club President!

I can't do an article without mentioning once again the upcoming vote re: Constitutional change. I know you have all received more than one email from HQ, read blogs by President Eric McHenry or heard about it from the Blue Beret and campfire chats. Any change to the Constitution requires our membership participation. It's important to read the wording of the proposal and make an informed decision. We, on the IBT, have received a sample ballot to test the process, and it was very easy to do. If you are not online and would like a paper ballot, call HQ and request one. Sooner rather than later. Thank you in advance for voting!

Our first 2 camping trips WITH our newly repaired Silver Twinkie were both with family! First, over Memorial Weekend at Mackinaw City Mill Creek Campground with our whole family. Second one was the next weekend at Northland Outfitters Campground in Germfask in da UP! This is the home of Benny of Troll whom we will visit in August during the Mischief in Marquette Rally! This was also our first solo camping trip with 2 of our younger grandchildren! At first, they were scared to



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By Ginger Slattery (BRN 2041)



meet Benny! Then, we couldn't keep them away! We also visited Kitch-Iti-Kipi near Manistique, the Garlyn Zoo in Naubinway and went up to Oswald Bear Ranch and fed ice cream to a cub! She sure liked her ice cream! I've attached pictures and we are all looking forward to another adventure next summer!

Very exciting news for us UP Airstreamers! A new dealership just opened here in Marquette! Grand opening was June 14 & 15 and I will be representing the Club during those two days! HQ

has sent tablecloths, brochures, displays, and stuff to handout! We are super excited to not have to drive 5-9 hours to get service! I'm already wanting to get on the schedule for winterizing in October!

If you haven't signed up for a rally, yet, What are you waiting for? This is where the fun is! The best part is all the people we meet! I hope we see you down the road!

