

# INLAND NW INSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of  
The Inland NW Airstream Club*



*Blackwell Island, Region 10 Rally  
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**“LIFE WAS MEANT FOR GREAT ADVENTURES AND CLOSE FRIENDS.” – UNKNOWN**

“We had a wonderful time meeting new members and enjoying all the beautiful scenery in the area !”

**“What a great week we had with so many authentic, nice folks!”**

“Beautiful campground, delicious group dinner, and a fun group of people to be with.”

*“We met old friends, made new friends, and saw the northern lights. All because we rally together”.*

**“This is a wonderful club!!”**

***“Friendships getting stronger with INWAC - what a blessing these people are!”***

*“Thank you to all the volunteers and people who helped put the rally together. It was a great time.”*

**“Love our Airstream family. “**

***“We still talk about that rally and how much fun it was.”***

“Thank you for the support and your wonderful friendship”

# The President's Cast

The INWAC board and leadership team started the season with the intent of fostering memorable experiences for our members. Our planning and working with gracious rally hosts have resulted in an excellent start to the 2024 travel season with five rally venues behind us, and five venues plus a Canadian caravan to go. Not surprisingly, the newly formed rally committee (Suzanne Caron and Andrea Lloyd) are already planning 2025 rally venues!

We learned from Joan Pittenger & Bruce Harruff that April is not too early to get started with a great turnout, memorable outings, and great food at the Tulip Festival in Mt. Vernon. Despite the hosting casino having a cybersecurity breach and being partially closed, Airstreamers were able to roll in and we spent the week visiting tulip fields, hiking and biking at Anacortes regional nature sites, and of course topped-off most days with great food and wine at local restaurant venues in La Conner and Anacortes.

The second big event for INWAC was the Region 10 rally at Blackwell Island in Coeur d'Alene. INWAC was the local hosting club and our members invested their time to make the rally a success for Region 10 members, local community stores, and especially the CDA UGM Women and Children's Center. The attending members gave great post-rally feedback, stores were appreciative of our business, and the CDA Women and Children's Center received \$11,000 that was raised by the rally donation efforts. Thank you so much to the INWAC and other R10 volunteers that enabled such a great event!

For the folks that couldn't make the Tulip Festival Rally or were unable to get into the R10 rally in CDA, the Little Diamond Rally has proven to be an annual local venue warm-up rally hosted by Dave and Linda Johnson. Dave - pass along our thanks to your sister and brother-in-law for hosting us at their house for homemade pizza and boat rides on Diamond Lake.

Due to exorbitant RV site cost, the Lake Chelan Rally was replaced with a rally in Prosser, WA followed by a mini rally in Walla Walla. Prosser Wine Country RV Park lived up to its name with members enjoying outings to local wineries. Andrea Lloyd and Becky Amend hosted a special night of hands-on homemade pasta making. Some of us think Walla Walla should always be considered as an annual rally venue due to the close proximity to town, wineries, and food venues. We were also treated to a great potluck barbeque at Tim Werner's house.

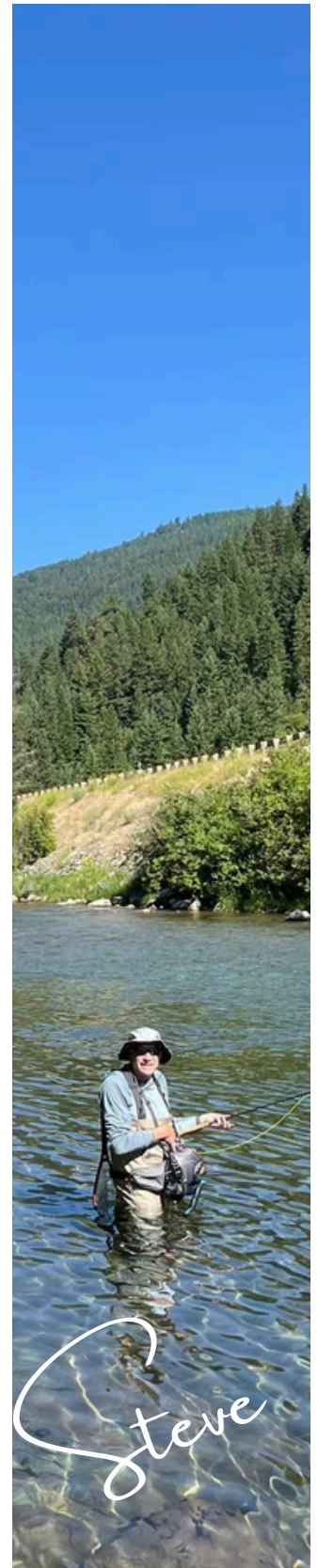
The Nugget Rally brought us to halfway through the season and Rich Doering attracted 11 Airstreamers to the St. Regis, Montana venue. For those considering hosting, Rich has proven that not everything has to be scripted and planned. Hosting a rally can actually be a very non-stressful event. If the venue is rich in attractions, people still assimilate for daily outings, fishing, and food get togethers. The weather taxed our air conditioners, however, the evenings were filled with conversation between INWAC regulars and affiliates. I hope Rich keeps the St. Regis Nugget Rally on our annual calendar.

We have five more rallies and a month-long caravan ahead of us. At this halfway point, I encourage each of you to have your tow vehicle serviced and spend a bit more time on Airstream maintenance. There are online guides recommending 60/90/180 day maintenance. Airstream recommends focus on serviceability of your tires, lug nut torque, battery health, cleaning/replacing air conditioning filters, replacing water filters, testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and focus on recommended lubrication points. We want all members to travel safely, so please spend just a little bit of time going through the maintenance procedures in your manual. I also personally recommend each person purchase the RV version of the California duster. I know each of you have a little bit of OCD in you!

Thanks to all the volunteers that have made this season a success so far! Deb and I will see most of you at the remaining rallies or on the Canadian Caravan.

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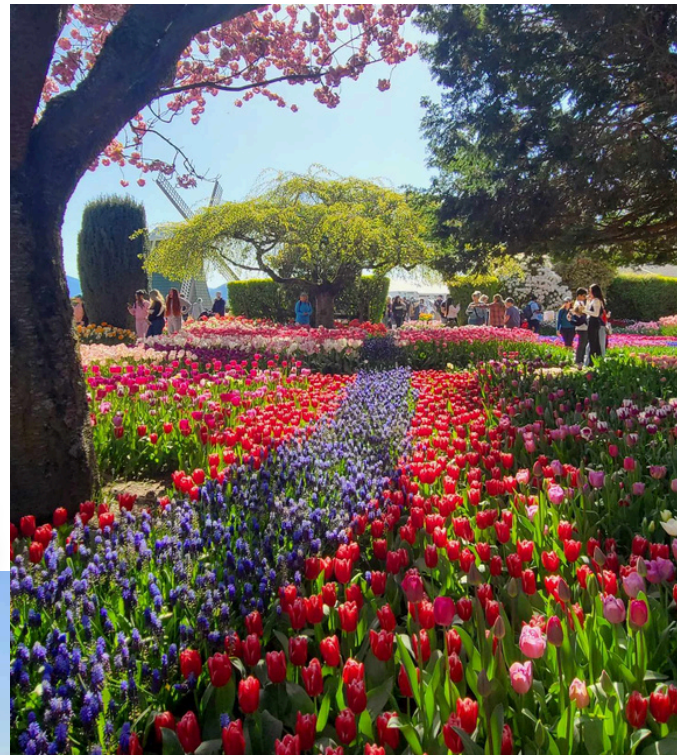
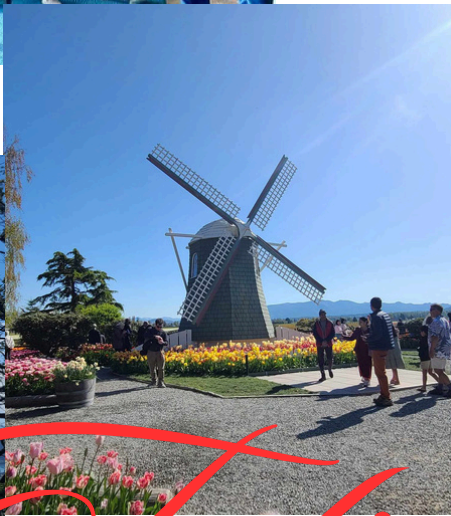




A beautiful early spring rally hosted by Joan Pittenger & Bruce Harruff. (Thank you!)

### Tulip Festival Rally, Swinomish Casino RV park-April 18-22, 2024

The weather cleared and the puddle dried up just in time for us to descend on Swinomish. There was still plentiful bloom to enjoy. Unforeseen circumstances closed the casino but the hotel offered us their common rooms to gather and the RV park was just outside the doors with scenic views and a walk along the shores. Members hiked stunning trails in the surrounding areas, explored Anacortes and La Conner. Still a little cool for sitting by the fire but it didn't keep us from good food and conversation.



*Tulip*  
**TIME**



**DEBBIE TABACEK - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer and enjoying some great travels and rallies in your Airstream. A big welcome to all our new members and affiliate members. I look forward to seeing you at future INWAC rallies.

The Region 10 rally this past May in Blackwell Island, CDA was such a great chance to visit with and meet so many members from all the clubs in the region. I would encourage new members to make time to sign up for any rallies and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with hanging out with fellow Airstreamers. I have to say that I was amazed to find a member that lived in Sitka, AK at the same time as me when we were 2nd graders and just recently a new member lived in the same neighborhood as I did but many years apart! You just never know who you will meet and connect up with based on the joys we get from our silver and shiny trailers!

Please make time to check out our member's only Facebook page and join to stay connected and get postings on all the adventures we have at rallies and travels around the country. I love seeing where people are going and I know many of us find it helpful to hear from other members on great locations to stay with our Airstreams. We also have a website that posts information for members about our club, events, and the rally schedule. Most recently, we have been able to add the link for people to join as an affiliate to our club.

August is right around the corner and I am looking forward to more travels with our Airstream and the fun times we have with our dog, Kona. I hope to see you at future rallies so stop by and say "HI"!



*Debbie*

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### **New Members**

**Mary and Ray Bird (Spokane)**

**David and Cerise Cox (Sandpoint)**

**Allan and Sarah Yee (Kimberley, BC)**

**Ron and Tracy Bull (Walla Walla)**

### **Current Membership**

47 Member Airstreams

35 Affiliate Airstreams

**- RALLY COORDINATORS -*****A message from our new Caravan/Rally Committee!!!***

In June, the Inland NW Airstream Club (INWAC) Board appointed Suzanne Caron and Andrea Lloyd as co-chairs of the Caravan/Rally Committee. Also agreeing to be part of the committee are Becky Amend, Dave Johnson, Tim Werner, and Linda Muir.

Over the last several weeks, our committee has begun work on the INWAC 2025 Caravan/Rally schedule. We are excited to offer a few new opportunities along with some historically popular Rallies. We also have some openings in the 2025 schedule and would like to find new hosts/co-hosts, with ideas for a new Rally location. Please send an E-mail to [INWACrallycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:INWACrallycoordinator@gmail.com) if you have any such ideas!

One of the new opportunities that has emerged and been approved by the Board is a Spring 2025 Rally themed "ALL INWAC." The vision for this Rally is to bring all INWAC Members together to kick off the 2025 season. Thirty-three RV spaces (30 full hookup and 3 water/electric) have been secured at the RV park. This Rally will be hosted by the INWAC Caravan/Rally Committee. Early registration and site selection is possible for Members by responding to Suzanne Caron's Google Form inquiry sent out on July 19th , or by emailing Suzanne @ [INWACrallycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:INWACrallycoordinator@gmail.com).

**Stay tuned for the full 2025 Event Calendar.  
In the meantime, safe travels!**





Over 140 Airstreams from all over Region 10 descended upon beautiful Coeur d'Alene May 8th-12th.. Dinners, workshops, a cruise on the lake, dancing, wine tasting....so much to do and see. A huge undertaking for our club to take on for the first time.

Many thanks to all our members, region members, and community businesses who gave of their time and talents to make a great Region 10 Rally at Blackwell Island.

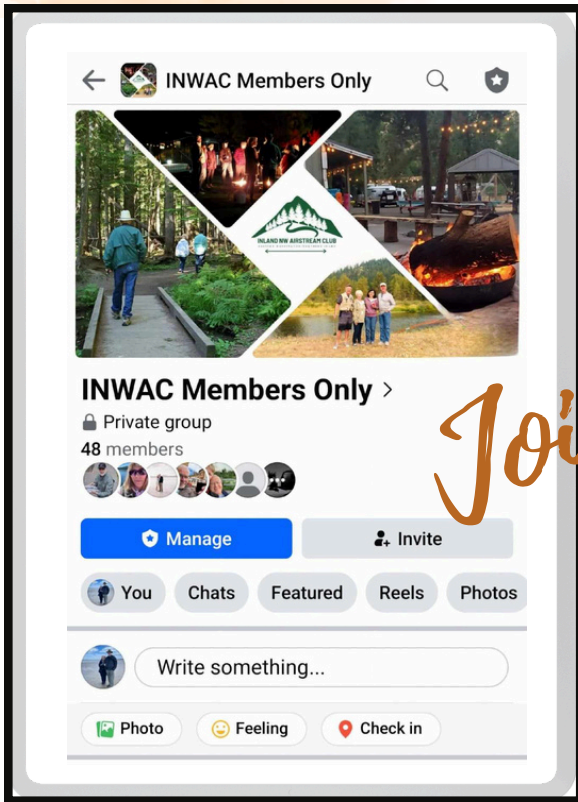
Special thanks to Region 10 President, Florence Trameni and our President Steve Tabacek.



# Region 10 Rally



Members and Affiliates have a private club Facebook page where we share news, tech talk, travel photos and such, ask questions. If you're a member/affiliate, find our page and hit JOIN to get in.



Members and Affiliates Facebook Page

## Join us online!

Are you on Instagram yet? Great place to cruise Airstreams, camping spots, travels. We currently have 160 followers.

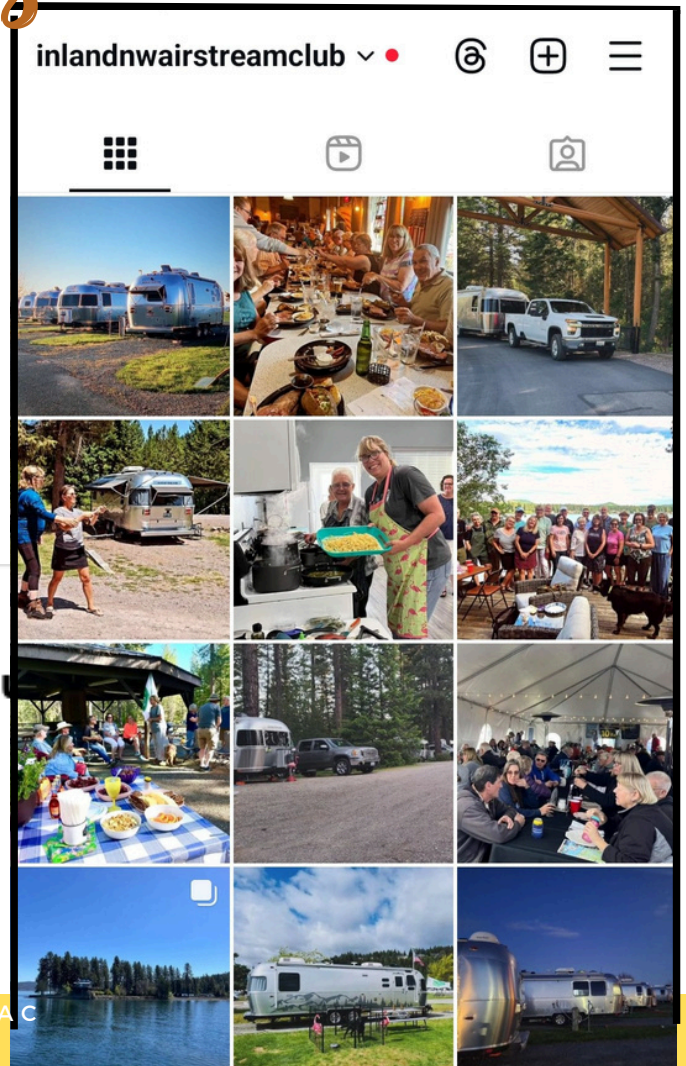


Send me pictures you'd like to share and like our Instagram page!!

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When the Chelan Rally didn't work out, we called a favorite, Wine Country RV! Got wine, homemade pasta and good people - got a great weekend.

Thanks to the Tabaceks for hosting, Andrea Lloyd for the pasta class and Becky Amend for her wonderful meatballs and sauce!

# PROSSER





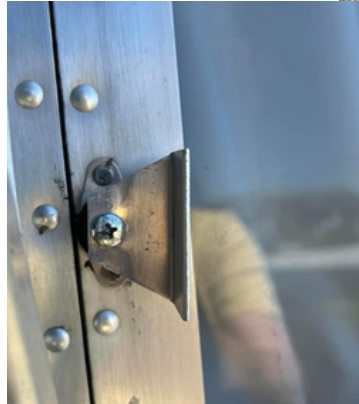
# We get by with a little help from our friends!

In May, Andrea and I found ourselves stuck while driving through Spokane after attending the Region 10 rally in Coeur d'Alene. Our roadside window rock guard swung open suddenly at 50 mph and slammed against our trailer! We heard a loud thump and quickly pulled to the side of the road to see what happened. The two brackets that held the window in place actually sheared off, which caused the rock guard to swing back on its hinges. We inspected the damage and removed the window from its hinge. Obviously, our journey came to an abrupt halt. Continuing our trip without the rock guard could have led to a broken window, a much more expensive repair!

Deb and Steve Tabacek graciously offered to let us stay with them while we sorted out this warranty claim through Airstream Adventures. Steve then offered to help us apply a ceramic coating to our trailer while we waited to get our new rock guard installed. Not only did we have a lovely visit with the Tabaceks while waiting for the repair to be completed, but our 27' Globetrotter also had a beautiful, shiny ceramic coating and NEVER looked better!

Thank you Deb & Steve!

Tom O'Donnell



# LITTLE DIAMOND



Tucked into the woods, not far from home, a great weekend to relax. Thank you, Dave and Linda Johnson for hosting us and to your family, Jeff and Kristie, for a gourmet pizza dinner and a stunning view followed by an evening cruise on Diamond Lake. Sweet time together.



# ST. REGIS, MT



Thank you, Rich Doering & Linda Dixon for hosting us again this year in St. Regis, Montana July 10-15. It was a hot time in St. Regis. Not great for fishing but perfect for huckleberry milkshakes, possibly more than one....

