



July 28, 2024
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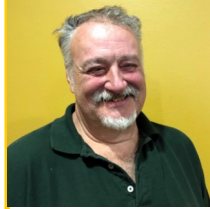
NEW MEMBERS

We have had several new members since the first of the year. Here are two of them.

Swiss Valley rally found Rod and Pam Doubek joining from Collins. They 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.

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

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB



PREZ SEZ

As we write this, we are hearing that multiple funnel clouds are popping up across our wonderful state. We hope everyone is safe and our prayers go out to everyone in the path of all the flooding that is happening.

We were truly blessed with great weather for our June Rally at Lake Wapello. Thanks to our first-time hosts, John and Terri Wolf. We might have been a small group, but had a wonderful time, visiting with members who had absent for a while and greeting the two couples who are new to Airstreaming.

July is promising to be a fun rally as well, and we are looking forward to seeing those who have planned to join us. Green Valley has always been a pretty and enjoyable lake to visit. We have enjoyed several fish fries in the past. The DNR fishing report for this week is saying that catching was slow, with water levels good.

Voting for our International Treasurer is going on now thru headquarters. Every registered email should have received their ballot. For those who want to follow the International "Fun in the Fall" Rally, here is a Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acirally2024/?ref=share&mibextid=NoJtEM>. Stores are already starting to get fall items in. I saw some pumpkin decorations today. Sedalia-rally time is nearing. Stay safe, travel often and see you soon.

RALLY HOSTS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

Tom and Shirley are looking for members willing to host a rally in 2025. Tom will be the nominee for President for 2025 (you know what that means) and is trying to get the rally sites and hosts for next year determined. There may be some of you who look at recent rallies and feel that what the hosts have done is a little more than what you care to take on. What meals the rally host is responsible for are considerably less than what has been the case. Typically, for decades, the Thursday evening meal has been a "bring your own sandwich and beverage and a salad or dessert to share" meal. Friday and Saturday evening meals have been a potluck and an group "dine out" at a local restaurant. The host determines which evenings are which. Friday and Saturday breakfasts are the host responsibility (do whatever they want – pancakes, French toast, biscuits & gravy, Casey's breakfast pizza, etc) and Sunday morning has been pastries and juice. Anything other than this has been entirely up to the host.

The only other host responsibility is to decide where to go and what to see in their area for one, or two, out-of-the-campground excursions. So, hosting a rally is really not that difficult. It mainly involves locating a rally site and preparing two breakfasts. If you need some help, all you need to do is make that known and you will be surprised how quickly and how many volunteers you will get. With this information, hopefully several of you will step forward and help Tom. Remember, this is your opportunity to show off and brag about your community and area.

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DEALER & REPAIR SPOT-LIGHT

GATEWAY AIRSTREAM

101 Thomas RV Way
Wentzville, MO 63385
1-800-367-5767
www.btcamper.com

US Adventure RV

5120 N. Brady Street
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22063 M Dr.
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MORE TRIP PLANS

If you plan to travel with the caravan from Marshall to Sedalia, you **MUST** have registered for one extra day at International, so as to arrive at the rally on Friday, October 4th, the day before General Parking begins. 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 4th), you can do so by calling WBCCI Headquarters at 937-596-5211 and they will help you. If you haven't yet registered, you can add that day (October 4th) when you register. Either way, **GET REGISTERED!!!** The rendezvous for the Iowa Caravan to International is at the Happy Times RV Park in Marshall, MO. Their phone number is 660-631-0551. It is our understanding that there are already 14 or 15 units that have made reservations at Happy Times, so available spaces may become scarce if you wait.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

6 - Joan Lafrentz
6 - Dave Jones
10 - Lynette Rasmussen
12 - Robert Ulveling
19 - Larry Dellamuth
23 - Kathy Allen
28 - Kurt Rasmussen

ANNIVERSARIES

July

30 - Andrea & AJ Hayes

IOWA CARAVAN TO SUGAR CREEK, OHIO

Just a reminder that it is not too late to make a reservation to attend the 61st Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH in late September. The rally dates are 22-29. Simply Google **2024 WBCCI Swiss Festival Rally** and you will find a website that tells about the rally, as well as provide a registration form. At this time, Dale and Joan Lafrentz and Tom and Shirley Herron are traveling with Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka to attend the rally, arriving there on Friday, September 20th. The rally is in the heart of the Amish-Mennonite area of Ohio and tours of local businesses highlight the first three days of the rally. Parades and celebrations in Sugarcreek occupy the last three rally days. For guys, the NFL Football Hall of Fame and for gals, the First Ladies Inaugural Gown Museum, are in Canton, just 30 miles NE of Sugarcreek.

The rendezvous for the caravan is at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport on Tuesday, September 17th. The Wednesday drive is to the City Park Campground in Earl Park, IN, about 226 miles and 6 hours. Day 2's drive is 208 miles (about 5 hours - really just 4 clock hours since we pass into EDT) to the Terraport at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, OH. Chuck has reserved 12 tickets for a 2:30 tour of the new factory. Past caravans have arrived at Jackson Center by noon, so there is plenty of time to grab a lunch before the tour. Day 3's drive is just 153 miles (about 4 hours) to the rally site at the Winklepleck Grove Park campground at Sugarcreek, arriving at there in early afternoon. Before leaving Jackson Center, Chuck plans to head to Walmart to pick up some pastries to share with the staff at WBCCI Headquarters. This has become somewhat of a tradition when Chuck and Doris Jean lead caravans to the rally.

At the end of the rally, on Sunday, the 29th, the trio are heading to Marshall, MO to meet other Iowans to drive the final 30 miles to the International Rally in Sedalia. The planned overnights on that trip are Sunday back at the Terraport in Jackson Center (153 miles), Monday back at the City Campground in Earl Park (208 miles), Tuesday at Millpoint Park in E. Peoria, IL (123 miles), Wednesday at Driftwood Campground in Quincy, IL (141 miles) and Thursday at Happy Times RV Park in Marshall, MO (184 miles). Each day's run is short enough that there will be time to stop and visit any interesting sites along, or near, the route.

So, read up, get registered and join your Iowa Airstream friends for 17 days of travel, adventure and sightseeing. You won't regret it if you do.

A computer technician was called to a small business to repair a computer. He wasn't able to find a close parking spot, so he left his car in a No Parking zone and placed a note on his windshield saying, "James Bauer, computer technician, working inside the building."

He completed his work within thirty minutes and returned to his car to find a ticket with a note that read, "Peter Westin, police officer, working outside the building."

SWISS FESTIVAL CARAVAN & RALLY

If you are looking for an interesting and informative place to go with your Airstream before you put it away for the winter, the Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH is a great place to visit. Three days of tours of Amish and Mennonite businesses, along with two parades and four evenings of entertainment and all the beautiful rolling countryside to explore, make for a busy, but enjoyable time. The rally dates are September 20-29, 2024. Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka will be leading an Iowa caravan to the rally and you are more than welcome to join them. Rendezvous will be at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport, IA on September 17th. The first day's travel (September 18th) will be 226 miles to a city park campground in Earl Park, IN. The second day's drive will be 208 miles to Jackson Center, OH with arrival such that the group will tour the new Airstream factory at 2:30 in the

afternoon. Chuck has already reserved 12 tickets for the tour. With only three couples already signed up to go, there are still six tickets available. The third, and final day, will start off with rolls and coffee with the WBCCI staff at headquarters in Jackson Center, before driving 153 miles to Winklepleck Grove, the rally site. As you can see, the daily driving distances are very nominal and should not be very tiring. 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. Following the rally, those who are headed to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO will be caravanning to Marshall, MO to join others from Iowa and Nebraska for the 30-mile drive to the International Rally site. This is a wonderful way to end your 2024 camping season, so sign up and join your fellow Iowa Airstreamers for a great time in Sugarcreek and Sedalia. If you register for Sugarcreek, let Chuck and Doris Jean know so they can include you in the caravan.

GATHERING SPOT FOR GOING TO INTERNATIONAL

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 are available for Iowa Club members to make their reservation for the night of October 3rd. 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 co-ordinates 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 entrance 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 3rd, 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.

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 Sugarcreek, 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 4th, 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 4th), you can do so by calling WBCCI Headquarters at 937-596-5211 and they will help you.

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HOT! HOTTER!! HOTTER YET!!! This was the formula for the weather at the July IAC Rally at Green Valley State Park near Creston, IA. Eleven Airstreams and one buddy arrived at the campground on Thursday, with the temperature in the upper 80's. Then, Friday and Saturday warmed up into the 90's, with heat indexes over 100. Ugh!! Air conditioners really got a workout. Those who had spots with shade really



John Heckman, Dale & Joan Lafrentz, Carol Heckman

appreciated it.

The Thursday supper, prepared by our hosts, Tom and Shirley Herron, consisted of pulled pork sandwiches, a vegetable tray, a variety of chips and several kinds of cookies. Following the meal, Tom even started a campfire, although no one sat very close. Catch-up conversations were the order of business until all headed back to their units to cool off and get to bed.

Friday was a "do your own thing" day, with numerous suggestions of places one might visit. Among these were the Union County Historical Village and downtown buildings with murals painted on the outside, both in Creston. Others explored some of the Mormon sites, since southern Iowa was on the Mormon Trail that ended in Salt Lake City. Several just stayed at their rigs or visited other Airstreamers. Your newsletter team drove into town to find the building murals and discovered several quite impressive wall paintings.

Our "eat out" evening was Friday, when the rally attendees caravanned to the Wallace Family Farm near Orient, for a pizza supper. Following a 20-minute explanation of the history of the Wallace family and farm, it was time to order your own 10" pizza, With a choice of eating outside on the deck surrounding the building, eating at a table out on the lawn or eating inside the air-conditioned building, everyone decided eating inside was best. There was a wide variety of pizzas from which to chose, so everyone got their favorite. Then, it was back to the campground where several gathered at the Herron site for some more visiting.

A brisk breeze, blue skies and sunshine greeted everyone on Saturday morning when all gathered at the Herron trailer for a breakfast of French toast, sausages, fresh fruit and orange juice. With a forecast of high temperatures in the 90's and a heat index in the 100's, the 15-20 mile per hour breeze off the lake was quite welcome. However it did make it somewhat difficult to keep paper plates and nap-

kins corralled. Tom did a great job keeping the French toast coming, despite fighting the breeze and keeping the grill hot enough to cook the toast.

Following breakfast, the Iowa Club business meeting was held. The major item of business was the announcement of the nominations for club officers for 2025. They were Tom Herron for President, Terri Wolf for Secretary, Kathy Allen for Treasurer, and Margaret "Mugsy" Jespersion and Shirley Herron for Directors. There was no one willing to accept nomination for Vice President.. Filling this position is vital if the club is to continue past 2025. (See another article in this newsletter for more info).

The rest of the day was also a "free day" for members to visit interesting locations in the area. Your newsletter team went to the Union County Historical Village and Museum and found that to be quite interesting. The museum held numerous items that looked quite familiar if you were around in the 40's and early 50's. It was kind of shocking to see things that we grew up using in our every day lives are now museum pieces. My, how the years fly by! It was also quite interesting to find that Frank Phillips, the gentleman who founded Phillips Petroleum Co, had lived in the old farmhouse that is now in the village. The old one-room schoolhouse, the last in use in the county, was moved to the Village in 1966. Except for the hot weather, the visit to the village was very interesting and informative. Then, it was back to the AC-cooled trailer to cool down before supper.

Supper found everyone gathered at Tom and Shirley's trailer for a potluck, of a sort. Those parked in odd numbered spaces were to bring a meat dish, while those in even numbered spaces were to bring a salad or dessert. That resulted in a wonderful variety of dishes from which to chose and no one went away hungry. Following supper, most of the attendees sat around in what shade could be found and visited while the breeze blew through from the lake. It was after 9:00 PM before the group started breaking up to head back to their Airstreams after a warm, but full, day.

A Sunday breakfast, consisting of a fried egg and a choice of bacon or Canadian bacon on a croissant along with fresh fruit and juice, got everyone off to a good start. The weather was still HOT, but the breeze blowing in across the lake made it somewhat bearable, as everyone hooked up and headed back home. Except for the hot weather (which no one could control) it was a great rally. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Tom and Shirley for hosting another wonderful get-together.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

At the June rally at Wapello State Park, we were pleased to welcome two couples who were attending their first Iowa Club rally. They are AJ and Andrea Hayes and Jeff and Andrea Morrow. Following is a little info about each couple.

AJ and Andrea Hayes: The couple lives in Davenport, IA, where AJ is employed as a radiologist and Andrea works for a firm that installs air moving equipment in commercial establishments. The couple have no children, but do have pet chickens in their backyard. As hobbies, they enjoy hunting and fishing, while AJ has been involved in competitive shooting. They have a 2024 25-foot Airstream Globetrotter, which they affectionately named "Harlem the Globetrotter".

Jeff and Andrea Morrow: North Liberty is home for Jeff and Andrea, where both have retired. Jeff had been employed by Pearson Education, a firm that is involved in developing software for grade level testing in schools, while Andrea had worked in the Finance Office at the U of I. The couple have a son and daughter. Jeff enjoys woodworking as a hobby, while Andrea claims quilting as her hobby. The couple have a 2024 Airstream Interstate.

The Iowa Club welcomes both couples and hope to see them at our future rallies and winter luncheons. Current members: make sure you get acquainted with these couples and make them welcome.

Saturday, July 13, 2024
Iowa Airstream Club Business Meeting
Campground, Green Valley, State Park
Creston, Iowa

The meeting was called to order at 9:54 AM by President Tom Herron.

Roll call found the following present:

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| Pres. Tom Herron | 1st Vice Pres. John Wolf |
| Secy. Doris Jean Cabalka | Treas. Kathy Allen |
| P. Pres Chuck Cabalka | Dirs. John Heckman & Norm Van Klompenburg |

Absent were: Directors Hoby Darbyshire & Chuck Helle

Minutes of the June 15, 2024 meeting were read. Teri Wolf moved their approval. Seconded and carried. Treasurer Kathy Allen presented the following Report:

June 12, 2024 Balance:	\$4,848.47
May Rally Expn.	280.45
Fee Paid	280.00
Income	
Membership	15.00
Interest	0.14
July 1, 2024 Balance:	\$4,879
Common Cents	236.75
June	37.50
Donations	1.00
Food Auction	36.50
Balance June	275.25

Shirley Herron moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit. Seconded and carried. The President called for old business. There was none. Fifteen units were reported present.

Chuck Cabalka reported the following nominees for next year's officers:

- President—Tom Herron, 1st Vice Pres—none, Secretary—Teri Wolf, Treasurer— Kathy Allen,
- Directors— Margaret (Mugsy) Jespersen & Shirley Herron.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11.

Respectfully presented,

Doris Jean Cabalka, Secretary

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RALLY SCHEDULE

August 8-11, 2024

Gehrke's Lake and Campground

19747 - 205th St., Iowa Falls, IA

Hosts: Tom and Shirley Herron

Driving Directions:

From I-35: Go east from Exit 139 on CR D-41 for 13.2 miles, turn left (north) on J Ave. for 0.5 mi., then left (west) on 205th St. for 0.3 mi. to campground.

From US 65: From the Hwy 65-175 intersection west of Eldora, go north on Hwy. 65 for 2.5 mi. to CR D-41, turn left (west) for 2.5 mi. to J Ave., turn right (north) for 0.5 mi. on J Ave. to 205th St. and turn left for 0.3 mi. to campground.

From Hwy. 20: From the Hwy. 20-65 interchange, go south for 3.4 mi. on Hwy. 65 to CR D-41 and turn right on D-41. Follow the above directions to campground.

GPS co-ordinates for campground are 42°24'17.5"N and 93°18'53.8"W

NOTE: You are to bring your own place settings, beverage and chairs to all meals unless otherwise advised.

Thursday: Check in with Tom on arrival for parking instructions. He is hoping to accomplish a wagon wheel in our allotted parking area.

6:00 PM Supper of hamburgers, with buns and fixings provided

Bring a salad or dessert to share

Campfire following supper, weather permitting

Friday 8:30 AM Breakfast of muffins, fruit and juice.

11:30 AM Pack a lunch with beverage and join us at the Calkings Nature Center, 18335 - 135th St., Iowa Falls. The Center Staff will make a presentation, following which you can walk the trails or enjoy the museum and butterfly house.

2:30 PM Travel into Iowa Falls for tour of the Pat Clark Art Collection, the museum and Dow House at 520 Rocksylvania Ave.

5:00 PM Supper at Babe's Steakhouse, 211 Isabella St., Radcliff, IA. Either caravan from the campground or meet the group at the restaurant.

Back to the campground for a campfire, weather permitting.

Saturday: 8:30 AM Breakfast casserole in Center, with fruit and juice provided.

The morning is open for "on-your-own" time.

Suggestions in Iowa Falls are:

Farmers Market, 8-30 to 11:30, Estes Park NW on Estes St.

Iowa Falls Swinging Bridge, Rocksylvania Ave.

Multiple parks to explore, plus there is a bike path for those interested

Nimrods Meats have meats and dairy, farm-to-table sales. 214 High St.

Coffee Attic & Book Cellar has coffee, cookies, muffins and books. 604 Washington Ave.

Iowa Falls Sewing Machine Co., fabrics, notions & Sewing machine service, 520 Washington Ave.

There are several boutiques, thrift stores and antique shops along Washington Ave. in Iowa Falls

Grab lunch on your own and meet up at:

1:30 PM 1113 Union St. at the Scenic City Empress Riverboat Landing for a 90-minute floating tour on the beautiful Iowa River. Cost is \$10 per person. Cruise starts at 2:00 PM

6:00 PM Supper at campground. Bring a dish. If you brought a side dish or dessert to the Green Valley supper, you are assigned a meat dish. All others bring a side or dessert.

Following supper, another campfire, weather permitting.

Sunday: 9:00 AM Breakfast of oatmeal and ice cream, followed by an auction of leftover food for Common Cents.

SAFE TRAVELS. SEE YA DOWN THE ROAD

BALLOT



Iowa Airstream Club

2024 Election for 2025 Officers

President:Tom Herron Yes ____

Write In _____

Vice President: Write In _____

Secretary:Teri Wolf Yes ____

Write In _____

Treasurer:Kathy Allen: Yes ____

Write In _____

Directors:Margaret Jespersen: Yes____

Write In _____

Shirley Herron: Yes ____

_____Write In _____

Chuck Helle and Norm Van Klompenburg each have one year remaining on their terms as Directors, while John Heckman and Hoby Darbyshire go off the Board.

Remember, if you cast a vote for anyone other than the nominees, that person **MUST** have indicated a willingness to serve, if elected.

You can cast your vote in four different ways. **1)** Attend the August rally and bring your completed ballot with you **2)** Complete your ballot and mail it to Secretary Doris Jean Cabalka at 1205 S. 8th Ave., E., Newton, IA 50208 to be received by August 7th **3)** Email your vote to the Secretary at cdjcabalka@gmail.com prior to the business meeting and **4)** Phone your vote to the Secretary at 480-216-8096. Obviously, the preferred way is to bring your ballot to the August rally. **Each member has one vote (husband and wife or member and significant other).** Installation of the 2025 officers will be at the September rally at Little Wall Lake Park due to the International Rally cancelling out our October rally.

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OUR CLUBS NEEDS YOU As you can see from the included election ballot, no one was willing to accept nomination for the office of Vice President for 2025. Filling this office is **VITALLY IMPORTANT** if the club is to exist beyond 2025. That is because the Vice President has the responsibility to secure hosts and sites for rallies and winter luncheons in the following year. The 2026 International Rally is scheduled for August 22-27 in Minot, ND. This means there would be five Iowa Club rallies to schedule (May, June, July, September and October) because we traditionally **DO NOT** have a club rally during the month of the International. The Vice President can either determine where the rallies will be held and secure hosts, or do the opposite; secure hosts and let them determine the rally sites. Luncheons are held in November, December, February, March and April. If anyone is willing to take the office of Vice President, write in the name on the ballot and mail it to Secretary Doris Jean Cabalka at 1205 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA 50208 or call her at 480-216-8096. Remember, anyone nominated for an office in the club **MUST** be willing to serve if elected, so make sure whatever name you submit has indicated a willingness to serve. It cannot be stressed too much that we **NEED** someone to step forward and agree to serve the club by accepting nomination for this office. **Otherwise, you won't have a club after 2025. Think about that!!**

This past month, we had a couple join us for their first Iowa Airstream Club Rally. They were Dave and Karen Cole from Council Bluffs. They are the proud owners of a 2018 30-foot Classic Airstream trailer. They have had other trailers and had planned to get an Airstream for retirement. They had done their research and decided they wanted a 30-foot trailer with twin beds and had thought they might have to drive halfway across the country to get one. To their surprise, on the internet they found an Airstream that seemed to meet their desires AND, it was in Bellvue, NE, only 15 or 20 miles from where they lived. They wound up buying it and became Airstream owners a few years earlier than they had planned, However, Karen says they don't regret it one bit.

The couple are still working, with Dave employed at Mutual of Omaha Insurance, while Karen works for Douglas County. NE. They have two sons and one daughter, as well as four grandchildren; one boy and three girls. Dave lists his hobby as being a drummer in a rock band, while Karen enjoys reading and doing crafts. We welcome them into the Iowa Club and hope to see them at future rallies, even though Council Bluffs is quite a distance from many of our gatherings.