

MONTANA AIRSTREAM CLUB UNIT 061 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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2025 Dust Off Rally Updates

Things are moving right along with our plans for The Dust Off Rally in Red Lodge, MT for June 5th - 8th, 2025. We will be Dry Camping at Parkside Campground (12 miles south of Red Lodge) in two group sites (right next to each other) and can accommodate 12 units. I already have 8 of those sites filled, so if you wish to attend this event, PLEASE contact me so I can get you added to the attendance list ASAP. If we get lucky enough to fill all 12 sites, I will attempt to reserve adjacent sites so more can attend. As John Gibson said, "the more the merrier!" With that being said, Bill Muth was coordinating a caravan/rally at Devils Tower in Wyoming with the Wyoming Club the weekend following Red Lodge. Unfortunately, that option has fallen through because that next weekend is Father's Day weekend and Wyoming pulled the plug. But ... the Wyoming Club has expressed an interest in joining us in Red Lodge! So we are keeping our options open at this time and see if we can generate enough space to include a few rigs from Wyoming in Red Lodge as well. Once again Bill Muth is our contact with the Wyoming folks. PLEASE send us any input you have on this exciting opportunity.

The welcome packets are nearly complete, but a lot of businesses in Red Lodge are shutting down for the season and my contacts are getting thin. Will need to wait a few months to wrap up some loose ends, but the promotional materials for the Montana Renaissance Festival should be ready in February. Remember, each of you will be responsible for purchasing your own tickets to that event as well as any other activities/banquets/golf/ tours/ etc. that you elect to attend while in the town of Red Lodge or the surrounding area. Of course, hiking, biking, kayaking, walking on the Forest Service Land is free. Questions ... give me shout! Remember ... "it ain't no fun if you don't come!"

HAB 2026

With lots of positive input from numerous members, I took the dive off the cliff, and decided that HAB Rally 2026 will take place in Butte, MT, September 3rd - 7th, 2026. The camping location will be The Copper Mountain Sports Complex. I am still in negotiations with the Butte-Silver Bow Parks and Recreation department about what other options are available for us here, but this is a large complex surrounded by a paved walking path, grass picnic areas, indoor toilets, pavilion attached to a concession style serving counter and close access to miles of paved walking and biking paths. I have been in contact with the Chamber of Commerce and they will arrange to pick us up at the campsite for the Trolley Tour of Butte. I have arranged for a pump truck to pump all our holding tanks on Saturday afternoon. This Rally is a ways out yet, but BSB and the Chamber have been very cooperative and thanked me for the early start. With ethnic restaurants, distilleries, breweries, museums, mountain biking, a very large copper mine with 185 years of mining history both underground and open pit to match, I think we will find plenty to keep us busy. More to come on this story as we plan this historic opportunity.

Happy Halloween!

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