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Olive and Ella Explore From President Pamela Rawn

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Olive and Ella Explore

Greetings from the 2024 Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia MO where we're surrounded by approximately 1300 Airstreams! If you've never been to an International Rally, I'd encourage you to try it out. There's something special about the energy that happens when you're surrounded by so many like-minded individuals. And Airstreamers are just cool!

I want to take a moment to thank you for trusting me with the President title for the '24-'25 Minnesota Airstream Club season. I will do my best to leave a positive mark on our Members and our Club. I'd also like to offer a great big THANK YOU to our immediate Past President, Vernon Petersen, for his time, effort and leadership over his recent year as President, and to his wife, Carry Ensign. Being the spouse of a President is sometimes a job in itself! Thank you, Vern and Carry!

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A little introduction for those who may not yet know me. I'm Pamela/Pam Rawn, married to my best guy, Dave, for 30 years. We have two grown kids, our daughter lives in Minneapolis with her husband and our granddog and our son lives in Los Angeles. I consider us Airstream "most-timers" as we live in our Airstream most of the summer at the Minnesota Airstream Park, have a house in Tucson AZ and still travel in the Airstream frequently throughout the year. Our Airstream is named Olive (again) and our Yorkie, Ella, is in charge of us all. Seriously.

We have some exciting events planned for you this upcoming season and we have some important deadlines coming up VERY soon! Please be sure to read the article about them below so you don't miss out!

Until next time, travel safe and see ya down the road.

Pamela Rawn

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The Gypsy Traveler

Vernon Petersen

Immediate Past President

Minnesota Airstream Club

Region 7 2nd Vice President

The Minnesota Airstream Club held its Fall Installation Rally the weekend after Labor Day, where our members experienced an Oktoberfest theme, and fun was shared by all. Our venue was the Adrian Municipal Campground in Southwest, MN. The weather cooperated with cool temps, and no rain. We accomplished our business of installing new officers for the upcoming year, but we also managed to enjoy a wonderful weekend. Congratulations to our new officers! The upcoming year under the leadership of new President Pamela Rawn promises to be very exciting.

Any good rally must include happy hour where the beverage of choice is consumed, and great conversation is shared. Good Airstreamers can yarn a great story, but we never ruin a good story with the facts. Tall tales grow over time, so an old story is never the same twice. Seems we're all just as bad as fisherman, where the size of the fish gets bigger with each telling. The photo on the right shows our group waiting for the campfire and other festivities.



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Harry and Sharon Ramler made their famous fried bread for breakfast. Topped with sugar and cinnamon while combined with a fresh cup of coffee, this treat makes a combination that simply can't be beat.



Dinner at the Luverne Country Club featured a catered dinner provided by Bluestem Catering, from Luverne, MN. There were no complaints, and if you went hungry, it was your own fault. Our dinner featured roast chicken and Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, cooked carrots and a salad with plenty left for seconds. We even had enough leftover to take back to the campground to divide up among our members.



After dinner, we held our annual business meeting where our new officers were installed for the upcoming year. The Minnesota Airstream Club is in very good hands with our new Officers and entire executive board.

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On Saturday morning, our group was treated to a tour of Take 16 Brewery, right on Main Street in Luverne. We got to sample some of their beer right from the fermentation tank, which is an experience most of us have never tasted. And, thanks to Phillip Park, we all got a souvenir glass to take home. We want to give a special shout out to 1st Vice President Byron Day for arranging this tour.

Immediately after our tour, we retired to the Take 16 patio for more beer and food. The surprise of the morning was a parade featuring a renovated jeep that took part in the D Day invasion of Europe in 1944. This Jeep was located in a barn in France, brought back home, and found its way in a parade.



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We completed our rally with the Airstream Club Masskrugstemmen world championship. We can make this claim because this extreme athletic event has never happened at any Airstream Rally. Ever! Contestants must hold a stein of beer out straight in front of their bodies for as long as possible. Any spillage is automatic disqualification. Everyone is timed, and best time holding their beer out straight is the winner. The entire competition was a nail biter, but 1st VP Byron Day ended up victorious with a time well over 11 minutes. I would like to thank all who participated.

The Fall installation rally ended my one year as the Minnesota Airstream Club President. As is always the case, no one accomplishes anything by themselves. First, I want to thank my partner in life, Carry. The amount of work she put in helping out on my planned rallies cannot be measured. And for everyone else who contributed, I cannot thank you enough.

I will write about the Music and Mines rally in the next edition of this newsletter. This was a rally featuring the organizational talents of 1st VP Sarah Priest and Richard Narum, from Duluth. This was a rally I'm particularly proud that I helped organize. Read all about it in the next edition.

Vernon Petersen

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Welcome New MN Airstream Club Members

Lynn Thole & Sherri James, #15612 – Maplewood, MN

Dan & Julie Bittman, #7772 – Brainerd, MN

William & Annette Cook, #4570 – Hudson, WI

Scott & Carrie Berg, #6742 – Rochester, MN

James & Sharon Molde, #5983 – Bemidji, MN

Matt & Kristy Epp, #12212 – Minnetonka, MN



Please extend a warm welcome to our new members!

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2024/25 - MN Airstream Club Schedule

Event	Location	Dates	Host/Leader
2024 Holiday Party	Dragon's Lair Axe & Tap / Chanticlear Restaurant	Dec 22, 2024	Pamela Rawn
2025 Spring Rally	Crow Wing Lake Campground Brainerd, MN	May 15 – 18, 2025	Pamela Rawn
2025 MN Fall Rally & Region 7 Rally	Wildwood RV + Campground Shafer, MN (Taylor Falls)	Sep 11 – 14, 2025	Pamela Rawn & Chris Olsson

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Region 7 President Ramblings

Chris Olsson

Well, I think my trial by fire is over, and it went fairly well. I'm talking about the R7 Rally we held in Spearfish, SD from Sep 12th through Sep 19th. It was a very busy week for us, with a limited amount of sleep, but we had a blast! A BIG thank-you to many people that lent helping hands before and during the rally.

Rather than bore you with a lot of dialog, I'm going to share pictures of the various events we did at the rally. All were fun, but I think the one many of us will remember for a long time was petting the fluffy cows during the Buffalo Feeding Tours.



The venue was Elkhorn Ridge Resort in Spearfish. Here's an arial photo of the campground with most of the airstreams that attended the rally. Credit goes to Ray and Ryan Jilek for flying overhead and taking the picture. Due to scheduling, we never had all 26 airstreams at the campground at the same time.

The buffalo feeding tours were a big hit. Yes, we went out in a field in Elkhorn/Frawley Ranch suburban and pickup. They have a herd of 36 buffalo, that were certainly not bashful about coming over to the trucks to get their treats (alpha pellets about 1 1/2" in diameter). The larger females were the most aggressive, and we were thankful



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that we were in the ranch's truck and not ours as they jostled the truck around a fair bit while trying to get to the head of the line.



Heads in the window to get their treats!

Saturday was my day in heaven as we rode the 1880 Steam Train out of Hill City.



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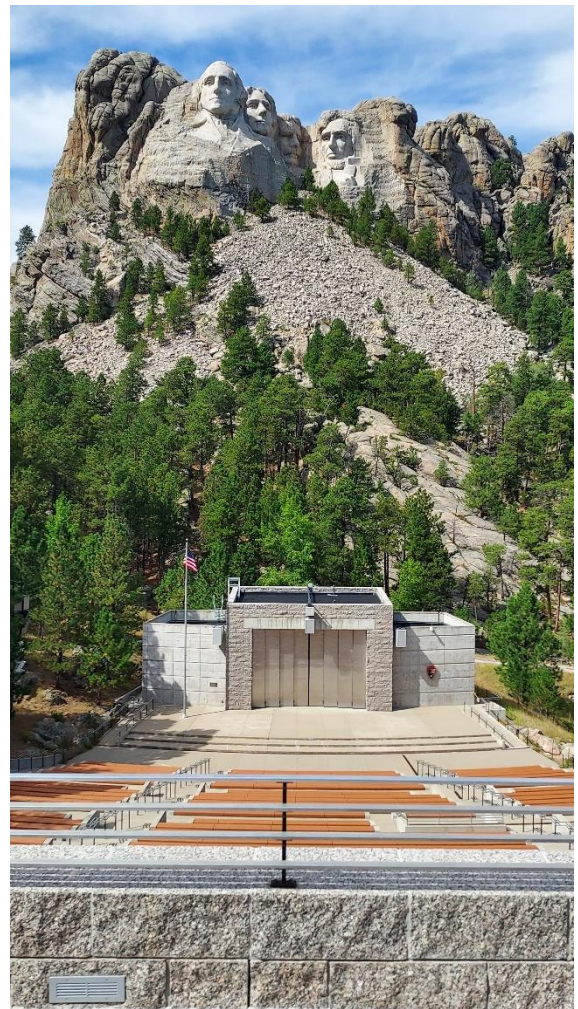
Sunday, we went to the Chuckwagon Dinner and Show in Fort Hayes. Good food and a really good show! A highlight was when one of the performers came out into the audience and serenaded several of us both on and off the table. This guy is a Pastor during his daytime hours. The band was great and played a wide selection of music from the 1950's to the present. The fiddle player was absolutely fabulous! If you are ever out that way, take in the dinner and show. It'll be well worth your time.



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Monday was our bus tour to Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore. It had been several years since Kay and I were there, and while Mount Rushmore itself hasn't changed, park area below the mountain has been greatly improved.



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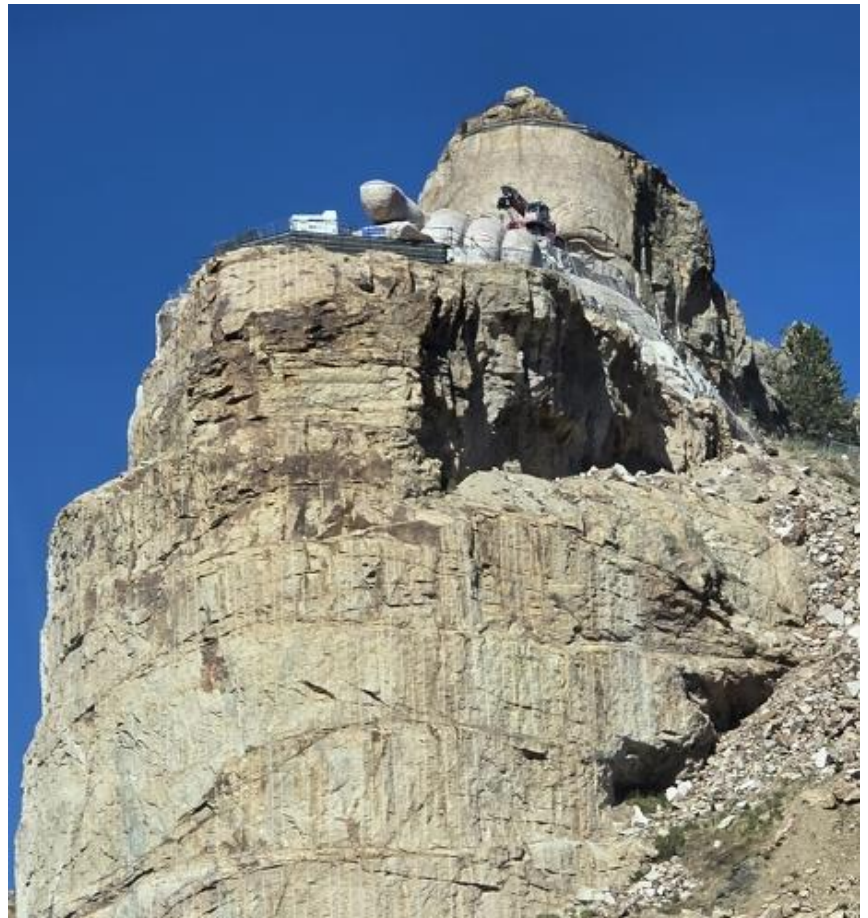
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We were also amazed at the progress made on Crazy Horse.

Last time we were there, his finger was still in progress. Now, it's pretty well done and he has knuckles on the other 3 fingers.

Being on the tour bus allowed us to get closer to the mountain and see the knuckles. They are not visible from the visitor's center.



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Our last night was a catered dinner in the Event Center.



Coffee and donuts to say goodbye Thursday morning.



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A couple of random pics to round things out:



One afternoon we had hail come through. Fortunately, small hail and no damage done.

Our dog Ricky kept watch over us as we had a campfires next to our trailer.



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One final note on the rally – we collected a total of \$363 to give to the Spearfish Foundation for Public Education, the local charity we selected to support. Thank-you to everyone that donated!

Next big thing on my agenda is the Region 7 Breakfast at the International Rally in Sedalia. We have 71 peeps signed up for breakfast, so we should have a pretty good time!

That's it for now.

Safe Travels!

Chris Olsson

R7 President

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Got a Question?

Got a question about the Wally Byam Airstream Club (aka, WBAC or WBCCI) or the MN Airstream Club? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to email them. Your question may be forwarded to and answered by another member of the MN Airstream Club.

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Name Badges

Did you know you can order new name badges from Airstream Club International? They have 3 different logos and cost \$3.00 each (plus shipping). Your name and Club name are printed on the badge instead of on a paper strip slid into a slot on the badge. They have Officer badges as well, including the Blue Stripes for Local Club President and Past President as well as Red Background for Region Officers and Past Region Officers. You can order them with or without a slot, and single sided or double sided (useful when hanging your name badge on a lanyard).

Link: <https://store.airstreamclub.org/collections/stuff-for-people/products/name-badge>

WINTER 2025 Newsletter

The Winter Newsletter will be published in early 2025. If you would like to contribute an article or pictures to the Newsletter, please send them to Bart Schultz (bartonschultz@gmail.com) by January 30, 2025. Topics can include a recent rally or caravan you attended, or a favorite campground you visited, or an experience that illustrates why you love being an Airstreamer. **Please** include a short description of any pictures that you submit (i.e. event, date, names of people and/or group).

Thanks,

Bart

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