

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

November, 2024

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Prez sez,

I don't know about anyone else but seems the older we get, and the deeper we get into each year, time goes faster. Maybe I'm fooling myself, maybe it was just October had so much fun packed into it. We are looking forward to the October announcement for York PA'S 68th International Registration. Rumor has it Oct 30th 1pm is that witching hour.



November is looking busy also, we are planning a whirlwind trip with a moving van, and hoping to dodge snow-flakes in the Rockies. Don't worry just bringing some furniture home from Boulder City, NV.

Donella has a fun luncheon planned for November and we are planning on being back in Iowa to attend. I hope to see a lot of you in Cedar Rapids. Shirley's son and lady friend are hosting Thanksgiving this year, we will be sharing the cooking tasks.

Hoping everyone has a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Tom Herron

Iowa Airstream President



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 67TH ANNUAL AIRSTREAM INTERNATIONAL RALLY:

IMPRESSIONS FROM TOM AND WINNA SPREAD (BRN 5709)

We're new to all of this, our first Rally was Region 8 in Branson, MO last spring; and this was our first International Rally. We were impressed to see that many Airstreams all in one place! Several of us met at Marshall, MO the day before so that we could caravan into Sedalia together; our first ever caravan. Kudos to Tom, Shirley, Chuck and Doris Jean for organizing.



on October 30th for York, PA.

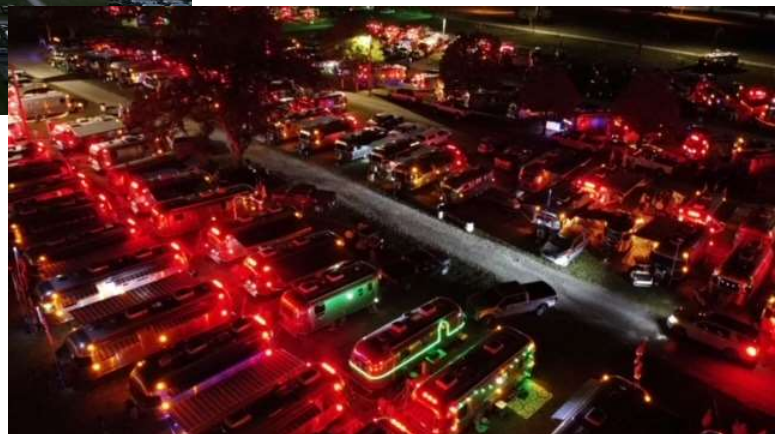
We particularly enjoyed seeing the Vintage Airstreams; and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting as making many new friends. To all of the volunteers involved in the check-in process, well done! The people were great...having fun; the process was efficient and effective. The vendor booths were both informative and expensive. The varied opportunities were particularly well done...Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Halloween Dance, Jam Sessions, Airstream Aglo, Grapes & Grains, hot balloon lift...it goes on. Had a great time decking out our campsite and golf cart. We highly recommend going to the International Rally, and plan to register



View from the campsite



View above the Iowa Airstream club during Airstream Aglow





Airstream Aglow parade and balloon flights

What a Rally!

As first-timers attending the International Airstream Rally in Sedalia, MO, Dave and I had no idea what to expect.

From Day 1, the rally was non-stop new friends, learning opportunities, and social activities! I particularly enjoyed the seminars about cooking and organization in the Airstream, where I learned some fantastic tips and tricks to make our travels more enjoyable. Dave found the seminar on Internet access while traveling the country incredibly useful, gaining insights into staying connected on the road.

Some of our favorite social activities were the Halloween party (we need to up our “game” on costumes!) and the Grapes and Grains Mega Tasting event, where we sampled a variety of wines and craft beers. To top off the week, we were able to spend time with our Iowa friends and meet others from the Iowa North and Nebraska clubs.

If you haven’t ever attended an International rally, we highly recommend it. The sense of community and the wealth of knowledge shared make it an unforgettable experience. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone in York, PA, in 2025!

Karen and Dave Cole
Council Bluffs IA
BRN 9618 “Fiona”



If you haven't heard already--

It is time to sign up for the 68th Annual International Airstream Rally!! Only 1,000 campsites available, so get registered asap. ([International Rally 2025 | ACI](#))

Location: York, Pennsylvania - August 23-28, 2025

Volunteers Needed...

One more Rally host needed. The camping rallies are held between May-October. This rally can be held at the hosts choice. First time hosting, consider partnering with another person/couple to help with the planning.

Please reach out to Tom at 515.988.4950 if you are interested or have questions. Keep in mind that without a host, we may not have an event that month.

May Rally – May 15th-18th, 2025

CARAVAN/CAMPING CORNER...

2024 REGION 8 VAC NORTH WOODS



John and Carol Heckman enjoyed the 2024 Region 8 VAC North Woods caravan lead by Brian and JoAnn Peterson. We joined the 7 other Airstreams in Chippewa Falls WI and travelled along the south shore of Lake Superior then on to Sturgeon Bay WI in Door County. The three-week trip was filled with beautiful scenery, historical sites, sociable campfires and blessed with good weather. The easy pace of the caravan made for a fun, relaxing trip.

The caravan began Aug. 16 at Coralville Lake in Iowa City, we joined them at Lake Wissota State Park in Chippewa Falls WI on Aug. 19th where stayed 3 days then traveled to Bayfield WI. While there we took a scenic cruise to the Apostle Islands. After 4 days we moved to McLain State Park near Houghton MI for a few days. Next was Gitche Gumee RV park near Marquette MI while there we had a glass bottom boat tour to view



wreck sites of steam ships that had sunk years ago. While there we visited with some other tourists at the local DQ only to find they were from a small Iowa town within 20 miles of our home. Small world! Our last move was to Sturgeon Bay WI and participation in a long-awaited Fish Boil and tours around the many wineries, cheese outlets and orchards the area is well known for. The caravan concluded Sept. 6 and we then traveled to our son's home near Madison Wi and camped in their driveway for the weekend, best site of all! We returned home on Sept. 9th.

Thanks for sharing John and Carol, this sounds fun and I will have to find a fish boil sometime.

Looking for members who are willing to share the highlights of a caravan or camping trip they have participated in the last few years. It doesn't have to be long and I can send you some questions to help. Please reach out to Terie if you are interested in sharing your adventures with the club.

November Birthdays

1-Mark Buitenwerf
1-Louise Mercer
2-Steve Cochran
9-Eunice Buitenwerf
11-Chuck Helle
11-Chuck Kiple
15-Tom Whitehouse
21-Chuck Cabalka
23-Arden Taube

November Anniversaries

18-Rasmussen
19-Kiple
20-Rickert
24-Haller
27-Jensen

**New members, please send me your birthday and anniversary as I don't have them and I don't want to miss it.

Winter Luncheons:

Please let all of the hosts know if you plan to attend

November: Veterans Day Luncheon

Nov 16th, 2024 11:30 am

16th Ave Grill

3130 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Host Donella Watkinson 319-396-9088

ANNOUNCEMENT-Executive Board Meeting:

President Tom Herron requests an Executive Board Meeting following November 16th Luncheon in Cedar Rapids, up for discussion and decision making the correspondence received today 10-26-2024.

"ACI has recently changed their fiscal year to end on Dec 31st. We have been notified by ACI that they want all local Clubs and Regions to strive to change their fiscal year to ending in Dec 31st. "

According to ACI record our current end is September 30TH.

Forms have been received to complete the change upon Executive Board Decision.

December: Almost Luncheon Christmas

Dec 14th, 2024 11:00 am

Smoking G's

25 W Main ST, Marshalltown, IA

515-988-4950 Tom

515-556-9339

Herrons13007@gmail.com

February: Sweetheart Luncheon

February 15th, 2024 @ 11:30 AM

Boonies on the Avenue

214 Iowa Ave, Muscatine, Iowa 52761

563-554-0145 Tom

tomsread@gmail.com

563-554-0146 Wina

winasread@gmail.com

March: Lucky Luncheon

March 15th, 2024 @11am

Hickory Park

1404 S Duff Ave, Ames, IA 50010

Host Terie and John Wolf

515-360-7887

Terie62@icloud.com

April: Almost Spring Luncheon

April 12, 2025 11:30 AM

Pizza Ranch

219 W 4th St, Vinton, IA

Hosts Nancy and Chuck Helle

319-270-1189

nancyandchuckhelle@gmail.com

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB MARKETPLACE:

For Sale: 1979 Airstream Land Yacht Tradewind 25Ft. It is self-contained. Everything works. It has 2 new axles and a new furnace. Rear bath. A twin bed and a couch in front. Gas/electric refrigerator, 4 burner gas stove with oven, gas water heater. Newer TV antenna, radio will run CD's & other. 2 recently new 50 lb gas tanks and tires. All water and holding tanks have been replaced recently.

Asking \$30,000. or best offer. Have several extra's that can go with it. If interested, contact Donella Watkinson at 319-396-9088.



**Anyone interested in posting a gently used/new camping item for the Marketplace, please send the information on your item and a picture to Terie at terie62@icloud.com and I will get it posted in the next newsletter.