

# Idaho Airstream Club





## A Word from Our President, by Mark Pinkman, President



We had a wonderful Harvest Dinner on November 9th at the Cottonwood Grille in Boise, marking a great conclusion to our 2024 as the Idaho Airstream Club. With an attendance of 26, we exceeded the capacity of the private dining room! I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding in this post-COVID service environment, where many restaurants are facing staffing challenges. Your flexibility was truly appreciated.

During the dinner, we were honored to present Tony Wilson and Lorrie Bauer with a "Significant Contributor Award" in recognition of their contributions to our club in 2024. Their dedication has made a meaningful impact, and we are grateful for all they've done.



It was a fantastic evening with a mix of long-time and new members, and the conversations were full of enthusiasm about how we can all contribute to shaping the future of our club. It was a great way to end the year, and I look forward to all that lies ahead for us!

The new camping reservation system for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) went live on January 6<sup>th</sup>. You can check it out here: <u>Camping | Department of Parks and Recreation</u>. Reservations link = <u>https://getoutside.idaho.gov/</u>.

Special thanks to Lorrie Bauer, who was this newsletter's architect, editor, and coordinator!

### **SPAM ALERT!**

Please be mindful of emails being circulated to Airstream Club members worldwide asking them (you) to "do something" either for the president of their club or any other club member. This is a nefarious activity and please DO NOT RESPOND and DO NOT CLICK on any links or attachments! Check out the article in the <u>Blue Beret Blog</u>.

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# Monthly Club Breakfast





Join us at 8:15 a.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month (*except November*) at Golden Corral, 8460 Emerald St, Boise, for a nohost breakfast.

# Idaho Club Sunshine News

November Birthdays Stuart Cook Scott Lea Gail Madsen-Clayton Darrell Ostyn

**December Birthdays** 

Susie Borowicz

Mike deRuyter

Mary Ferguson

Pam Vernegaard

**January Birthdays** 

**Donna Bortfeld** 

Maureen Ostyn

Mark Pinkman

Jeanne Mitchell

Faith Simms

Aaron Firth

Linda Settle

Apologies for the tardiness, but the cheers are sincere. **November Anniversaries** Michael & Regina Allen Michael & Kathleen Archer Mel & Eve Kym Niels & Pam Vernegaard

December Anniversaries Bob & Darlene Caldwell Raymond & Sherry Hoem Calvin & Kelly Huit Kerry & Kimsley Kelley

January Anniversary Scott & Kelley Lea

February Anniversary Jerry & Marilyn Collins

#### February Birthdays

Lorrie Bauer Darlene Caldwell Rich Doering George Mitchell Jon BrougherCharlie BurkeAudrey ColeLeendaah DixonLeah FirthGerard van GilsKelin Schoessler Trent SchoesslerTony Wilson

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, or incorrect, please share your celebration month with me @ <u>lorriebauer7@gmail.com</u> THANKS!

# Membership Update

The Idaho Airstream Club has **70 BRNs** registered: 4 Lifetime, 44 Regular and 22 Affiliates.



New Members:

Rolando Garza, #7392, Nampa, ID Scott & Kelley Lea, #7055, Star, ID Gerard & Amanda van Gils, #1421, Nampa, ID

New Affiliate Members:

Tim & Allison Ebbers, #5337 (Texas) Brian & Katherine Mulligan, #29813 (Pennsylvania) Eric Parker & Diane Shiner, #4878 (Oregon)



#### Introducing: Scott & Kelley Lea

We have a 2017 International Serenity, which is our first Airstream as well as RV. We have had her for 7 years and absolutely love it. We moved from the Seattle area to Star just over two years ago. We absolutely love to travel and explore our beautiful country. We have been in seven states so far. We enjoy bike riding, skiing, cooking, kayaking, pickleball and spending time with family and friends.

#### Introducing: Gerard & Amanda van Gils & Family

We are happy to have joined the community of Airstream with our recent purchase of a 2019 Flying Cloud 30 RB. We previously owned a Grand Design Reflection 5th wheel, which was a big first step into the RV lifestyle. We sold it and then moved into a 2020 GeoPro 20' with bunks, which fit our family well these last three seasons. But now that the girls are a little taller, we decided it was time to step up to a bigger unit again. I am hoping for a more quality camping experience from our Airstream.

In 2024 we camped about 40 nights. We loved camping in the McCall/New Meadows area for several weekend trips. We hope this year to spend more time in the greater Sawtooth area as well. Last season we went to Elk River where we saw the Champion Tree of Idaho which was wonderful. We also shot over into Montana for a trip to Glacier National Park, then down to Yellowstone. Another



wonderful trip we stayed in the Three Rivers, Idaho area, where the Selway meets the Clearwater. Idaho is a magical place, and we look forward to exploring it even more. We love mushroom hunting, hot springs, and cooking over a fire.

On the whole, we stay busy but always find time to putter around the forest and make new friends. We hope our interests align and we look forward to meeting you all!

#### Introducing: Tim & Allison Ebbers

We have a 2016 Pendleton purchased in 2017 from Boise Airstream sort of sight unseen and it is our first Airstream (first RV). The story is interesting ...at least to us. We knew we wanted an RV because we like to

hike and car camping got old as we got older and hotel/motels/Airbnb were just too far from national parks, state parks or hiking trailheads. We looked at several models but did not know what we wanted. My grandpa had an airstream and Tim's uncle also had an airstream and was part of this cool group. When the Pendleton came out, we wanted it, but they were all sold out. We liked this model because of several things... we wanted a hatchback, we wanted a walk around queen, we wanted a dry bath, and most of all...we wanted ducted vents. We were bummed that they sold out quickly but were optimistic we would get a used one in the future. I didn't realize Tim was scouting around for one until he told me about *Twenty3* in Boise. I was hesitant because why would someone sell their Airstream after only one year...or less. If Tim's uncle,



Darryl Ostyn, would take a look at it and give us his opinion I told him I would maybe consider it...maybe. Darryl and his other uncle, Bill Taylor, went to look at it and said it was a beautiful rig...clean, no dents, and smelled good. That's all it took! We drove up from TX and bought it after a little haggling. It was used after all so haggling was a must. We love Twenty3. We prefer Airstream travel over airplanes or staying in a hotel.

Tim was born and grew up in Wilder, ID while I was born in the Philippines and grew up in Eden, AZ. We met near Los Angeles, fell in love, and decided CA was too expensive so we moved to Leander, TX to be close to my family. We usually go to Idaho in the non-snow months to visit family and to stay cooler and to explore the northwest and everything in between. We are hoping to do some rallies with you during the summer months if we are in the area.

#### Introducing: Bob & Lauren Hammerberg



We are in Heber City, Utah but were from Iowa previously. We had a home part time in Utah and decided to retire here. We spontaneously bought an airstream, 2022 Globetrotter, in Des Moines on one trip between Utah and Iowa and this was our third season using it.

For two years we did our own thing and in 2024 we joined a few rallies and learned about adjacent states clubs. When we renewed, we joined Idaho, Four Corners, Wyoming, Colorado and Oregon. We attended two rallies and hope to join others



this year.

We usually travel with our two golden retrievers, Enzo and Shelby. My parents live with us in the summer months, so we like Spring or Fall travel the best. Bob road the Idaho BDR this summer on his adventure bike! We look forward to future exploring Idaho.

#### Introducing: Brian & Katherine Mulligan

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We've been married for 33 years and have four adult children, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren; two were born this year.

We belong to the Keystone Club in PA, Region 2. I am the first VP and Katherine is a trustee. We own a 2016 28' International we bought a few years go. Unfortunately, I still work full-time and then some so our travels and time-off is somewhat limited. Our club is quite active, and we try and host at least one rally a month and get together on the off months/winter with some lunches.

Next year we are booked for the International in York, PA, which is not too far from where we live. I can certainly understand folks from the west not being able to attend. It will be our first International. We also have a few club rallies in Delaware and Maryland. Exploring your beautiful state is still on our wish list.

**REMINUEA** It's Membership Renewal season for a lot of members! Please take a moment to renew your membership. If you have any questions, you can email Lorrie @ <u>lorriebauer7@qmail.com</u> or email Amber at <u>membership@airstreamclub.org</u> or call 937-596-5211.



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# **Upcoming Events**

## 2025 Rally Schedule

- April 11-13
   Breakout Rally @ Mountain Home RV Park, Mountain Home, ID

   Hosts:
   Mark & Jeannie Pinkman

   https://www.g7rvresorts.com/rv-park/mountain-home/
- May 15-18Desert Retreat @ Oasis on the Snake, Huntington, ORHosts:Charlie & Betty Burkehttps://www.oasisonthesnake.com/
- June 20-23 Silver Boondock Adventure Rally @ Starlight Mountain Theater, Crouch, ID Hosts: Gary & Kim Betts www.starlightmt.com
- July 30-Aug 3 Jaialdi 2025 & Lukainka Exploration @ Hi Valley RV Park, Boise, ID Hosts: Melbourne Kym & Karen Ekblad <u>https://www.g7rvresorts.com/rv-park/hi-valley-rv-park/</u> <u>https://www.jaialdi.com/</u>
- Aug 23-2868th International Rally in York, Pennsylvaniahttps://airstreamclub.org/rally2025
- Sept 19-21 Installation Rally @ Murtaugh Lake "Cove", Murtaugh, ID Hosts: Tony Wilson and Lorrie Bauer https://twinfallscounty.org/parks\_w/parks/murtaugh-lake-park/
- Oct 3-5 Rally in the Valley @ Moose Creek Ranch, Victor, ID Hosts: Stuart Cook and Elizabeth Donaldson https://moosecreekranch.com/

November - 2025 Harvest Dinner (TBD)

Rally information and reservation forms will soon be available on our website - <u>https://airstreamclub.org/idaho/</u>. Please keep checking for updates!



**Special Mention**: The 2025 Region 10 "Redux" rally in Coeur D'Alene has been cancelled. Planning has begun for the 2026 Region 10 rally at Hood River, Oregon, June 24-28. (Region 10 Website)

# Supplemental Rally Information:

#### July 30-Aug 3 = Jaialdi 2025 and Lukainka Exploration – by Melbourne Kym II, #8351

My Wife and I always look forward to all our enriching travel experiences with mucho gusto. When we travel, we meet interesting, good folks and experience Cultures at ground level. Airstream Clubs and their subgroups offer opportunities for Discovery, Growth, and Mirth in a "grassroots" environment. Last July 2024 we joined the Colorado Club and 22+ BRN Coaches for Longmire Days in Buffalo Wyoming and experienced Steamboat loads of hospitality and Book'ishness in small venue surroundings. This next late July please join us for Lukainka Exploration while we are Basque-ing in Boise.



We have an opportunity this coming late July in Boise for a once every five years to participate and experience the Celebration of some of the best of Basque Culture at Jaialdi and it is right here in our own Neighborhood. Music, dance, sport, Culture, performances, and Basque Cuisine. Experience Basque like you were at a large family reunion in Basque Country. Activities begin Wednesday 30 July in the Basque Block downtown Boise and continue through Sunday August 03. Visit this website for details, schedules and ticket information: <u>https://www.jaialdi.com</u>.



Event tickets go on sale in January 2025. As July approaches we'll share additional rally information on the website. I confirmed Hi Valley RV Park is Pet Friendly, with our sites near the dog park and near but upwind of the dumpsters.

The Idaho Airstream Club has nine (9) pads reserved for the Jaialdi event beginning Wednesday, July 30th. Pads are first come first served. When filled the Event Host will maintain "The Wait List."

The last day for you to book with Hi Valley RV Resort Park for our reserved sites is March 30th.

Make your site reservation directly with Hi Valley RV Resort Park. (Cancellation fees may apply.)

Hi Valley RV Resort Park 10555 N Horseshoe Bend Rd, Boise 83714 888-457-5959 or 208-939-8080

# Idaho Club Snapshots















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