

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

April, 2025

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515.556.9339

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310 North State Hwy 58, Cazenovia,
WI 53924

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111 Timberline Rd., Carroll, IA 51401

Prez sez

The March Saint Patrick Luncheon in Ames was a success, good food, enjoyable companionship, a delectable double decker cookie dessert. We give special thanks to our Hosts, Terie and John.



As we write this April is fast approaching. Please advise our April hosts if you are attending the luncheon in Vinton. Nancy and Chuck will be looking forward to having a count of possible attendees.

Spring is the time for thinking about getting our trailers ready for the season opener at the Amana's. Region 8 rally is a great time to gather with Airstream owners, learn from others tips and tricks for the road. Make contacts with new and old friends. And experience the Iowa Amish community. Be prepared to enjoy good food, antiques, and well-crafted merchandise.

Plans continue for our May and June rallies. Booking info was sent out for May's rally at Albert the Bull Campground in Audubon. Hoping to see many of you there. Again, please let hosts know.

For our June Rally, there are approximately 40 trailers registered with The Iowa club having the largest amount of participants. Early in planning, we agreed to the Breakfast Task for Sunday before the departure. To manage for the amount of people, we are asking the Iowa Club to provide a casserole size portion of their favorite breakfast entrée which could be eggs, oatmeal, pancakes or fresh fruit whatever you prefer. We would appreciate it if you would let us know what you would like to prepare and provide.

Email Herrons13007@gmail.com

Or text 515-556-9339

This Year is proving to be a tuff year as we honor the Memories of two of our members. It might have been a while since we've been together but they are still in our hearts, sending prayers and hugs to their family's.

May our travels be safe and see you down the road.

Tom Herron
Iowa Airstream Club

IN MEMORIAL:

Michael Jay Paul

January 25, 1969 – January 31, 2025



Michael Jay Paul “Mike” of Boone, Iowa, passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of January 31, 2025. Mike is survived by his parents, Jerry and Sara Paul; his partner, Pamela Walker; his siblings, Quint (Laura) Paul, Nancy (Pete) Cherkas, and Karen Jolley; his children, JW (Amy) Weddle, Brandon (Rayne) Wright, Jessica Paul, Katherine Paul (Mitchell Vose), and Gregory (Emma Rose) Paul; and his beloved grandchildren.

Born in Millington, Tennessee, to Jerry and Sara Paul, Mike spent his childhood exploring the dogwood patches of Douglas County, Missouri. It was there that his deep connection to nature and boundless curiosity first took root, traits that would shape his life and inspire those around him.

Mike was a master craftsman, not just with his hands but with his ideas. He had a rare gift for transforming imagination into reality. This was evident in his dedication to Swan Creek Cabinetry, where his passion for fine craftsmanship left a lasting impact.

At the headwaters of Swan Creek, the inspiration for his own company’s name, Mike began his career in the wood products industry by working at his family’s sawmill and lumber drying business. In 1988, Mike started Swan Creek as a furniture manufacturer but transitioned to crafting custom kitchens and baths not long after.

Mike relocated Swan Creek Cabinet Company to Boone, Iowa in the early 90’s, where it has continued to operate for over 30 years. Swan Creek’s long history of excellence in the community is not only a product of Mike’s tenacity, but of his innate ability to see opportunity around every corner. His legacy of integrity, creativity, and determination will continue on through the hearts and hard work of the Swan Creek team.

Beyond his work, Mike found solace and adventure in the wilderness and on the water, exploring anywhere his sails or paddle would take him. His love for the outdoors was not just a personal passion but a gift he shared with his children and grandchildren, instilling in them the same spirit of adventure and deep reverence for nature.

Those who knew Mike will always remember the crinkle of his nose and his full-body laughter when caught in the delight of a story. His tales, rich with humor and heart, had a way of amplifying joy and returning it to all who had the privilege of listening.

A memorial service to honor Mike's life will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Iowa Arboretum and Gardens (1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid, IA 50156). A gathering to greet the family will follow from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the same location. The service will be livestreamed and available for viewing on Mike’s Tribute Wall on the Schroeder-Reimers Memorial Chapel website.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Schroeder-Reimers Memorial Chapel at Sixth and Marshall Streets in Boone.

Sandie Kiple

October 24, 1945 – March 18, 2025



Sandra Sue Kiple, 79, of Ottumwa, died at 9:31 p.m. March 18, 2025 at Vista Woods Care Center in Ottumwa.

She was born October 24, 1945 in Port Angeles, WA to Francis J. and Lucille Burke Orman. She married Charles Murray Kiple November 19, 1981.

A 1963 graduate of Ottumwa High School, Sandie had worked at Haw Hardware, Tennyson Enterprises and Ottumwa Center Partners. She also was bookkeeper and confidant for Kiple Family LLC.

She had been a member of First United Methodist Church and currently First Presbyterian Church. She had an amazing green thumb and love for plants and flowers. Sandie and Chuck enjoyed traveling in their Airstream trailer, spending winters in Texas and leading caravans throughout the country. They were members of The Wally Byam Caravan Club and the Iowa Unit.

Surviving is her husband, Chuck; step-children, Melissa Kiple of Ottumwa, Charles “Chip” (Shari) Kiple of Sergeant Bluff and Abigail (Jeff) Leonard of Ottumwa; 8 grandchildren, Grant Gullion, Bailey Gullion, Hunter Gullion, Lyndi Kiple, Grace Kiple, Clark Kiple, Mac Payne and Ben Logan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; uncle, Forrest Burke; and aunts, Daisey Marie Burke, Icle Hodges, Maude Wilcox, Myrtle Rowray, Eva Smith, Gertrude Townsend, Opal Blummer and Pauline Burke.

Visitation will be open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 24th at Reece Funeral Home. Her family will be present to greet friends one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 25th at Reece Funeral Home with Pastor Nancy Cameron officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Serving Davis and Wapello Counties or Heartland Humane Society.

CARAVAN CORNER:

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.

April Birthdays

4 - Linda Allen
5 - Mike Donahue

April Anniversaries

10 - Herron
15 – Vanklompberg
25 – Paine
28 – Johnson
30 - Cole

**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

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

March Winter Luncheon:

Let's Go Camping!! Our March Luncheon was hosted by John and Terie Wolf at Hickory Park in Ames. We had a wonderful turnout of 23 people and even though we had cool weather and lots of wind, I was so happy to see so many members brave the weather. New members, Nelson and Dana Haukap from Carroll, IA joined us.



We only have one more month until we start camping and if you are like John and I, we will be busy getting ready for the Region 8 Rally in the Amana Colonies this next month. Just a quick reminder that reservations can be made for all camping this summer except the October Rally. All of the Rally information is listed below. Don't forget to let the camp host know that you are attending and which site number you have reserved. The August Rally has turned into a Buddy Rally. That means that you can invite your friends who are not members or affiliates of the Iowa Airstream Group and may even own an SOB (some other brand) camper.

Next month, we have our last winter luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton, hosted by Nancy and Chuck Helle. Please make sure that you rsvp to them so they have a good count.



2025 REGION 8 AND INTERNATIONAL RALLY

April 30 - May 4th, 2025 – Region 8 Spring Regional Rally - A SEA OF SHINING AIRSTREAMS!

Amana RV Park Event Center
3850 C St,
Amana, IA 52203

The agenda with registration instructions has been posted on the website and you should have received it in your email

August 23rd - 28th, 2025 "Let's Make History"

68th International Rally
York Expo Center
334 Carlisle Ave
York, PA, 17404



2025 Iowa Airstream Rallies

May 15 - 18, 2025 – Mother's Day Camping

Albert the Bull Campground
1110 E Division St
Audubon IA 50025
Host Tom and Shirley Herron
515-988-4950 Tom
Herrons13007@gmail.com

June 19 – 22, 2025 – Tri-Club Rally (Iowa, Iowa North, Nebraska)

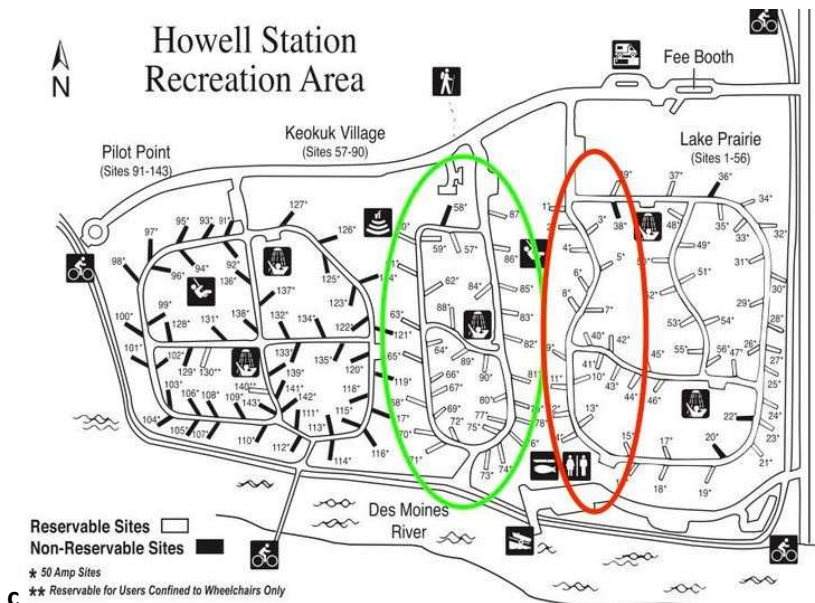
Lake Red Rock Corp of Engineers
Howell Station Campground
1081 198th Pl
Pella, IA 50219
Iowa Host Tom and Shirley Herron
515-988-4950
Herrons13007@gmail.com

Co-Host: Tom and Wina Spread
563.554.0145 (Tom)
tomsread@gmail.com
563.5540146 (Wina)
winasread@gmail.com

Make your reservation for the Tri-Club Rally:

Contact the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) toll free at 877-444-6777 or on-line at www.recreation.gov.

After you book, please let me know your site# and attendees as soon as possible for meals and activities are going to be planned based on attendees. Host for Iowa club Tom Herron 515-988-4950.



For the June Rally, try to reserve a spot in the **Green (sites 57-90)** or **Red (sites 1-16 or 40-45)** circle.

July 17-20, 2025 (This is an Iowa North Rally but Karen and Dave Cole are hosting-so if you are an affiliate, they would like to see you there)

Lake Manawa State Park (book sites 18-40 which is closest to the water)

1100 S. Shore Dr.
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Reservations need to be made by April 17.

Host: Dave and Karen Cole

dckc@cox.net

August 7 - 10, 2025 – Exploring Upper Iowa – This is a Buddy Rally -invite your friends

You can still make your reservation for this rally

Riverside Campground

116 Bridge St

Spillville, IA 52168

Dennis Chapman and Margaret Jespersen

563-380-1385

denny.chapman@rocketmail.com

September 11 - 14, 2025 – Camping on the River (register for this rally on 3/11-have your lifetime Golden Age Passport or National Park discount pass handy)

Corp of Engineers Thomson Causeway - (www.recreation.gov)

1600 Lewis Avenue

Thomson, IL 61285

Dana and Mike Johnson

563-340-1410 Mike

563-271-3030 Dana

airtandem@hotmail.com Dana

October 9 - 12, 2025 – Fall and Installation Rally

Lake Ahquabi State Park

16510 118th Ave

Indianola, IA 50125

Terie and John Wolf

515-360-7887 Terie

terie62@icloud.com

Reservations can be made on July 9th, 2024. Please do not delay as this park will fill up quickly. I will send a map when it gets closer to camping season.

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.