

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

May, 2025

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Prez Sez



Spring is here and many of us have been getting our trailers ready for the new season. Region 8 Rally will kickoff our club camping. Iowa club has been assigned along with Iowa North to clean up Pioneer Building on Thursday and maintain Campfire for Friday night. Saturday 5pm Herron's invite Iowa attendees to join us for Happy Hour bring drink of choice and a Shareable appetizer get together at our trailer.

We all will be called upon in June to vote for our choice of candidates for the 9 open positions for international executives. Please watch your emails from the Home office as they are sending us the candidates' info so our choices are informed.

Rally time is here. We have a lot of exciting opportunities to experience this summer and plenty of time to relax, renew friendships, and experience lots of what Iowa has to offer so try to attend as many rallies as you can.

See you soon safe travels.

Thomas Herron



Happy Spring!!



Quick Note from our members...

John and Carol Heckman – We had a storm come through in the early hours this morning (5/18/2025) that caused some damage. Nickle sized hair, wind and heavy rain broke the roof vents, destroyed the AC unit and dented our Airstream. John's truck is sporting a golf ball textured roof and hood. As a result. it will be a while getting repairs done and the trailer useable. Our insurance provider has visited and will be sending an adjuster soon. In the meantime we wish you all happy camping. The Heckman's

Let's keep John and Carol in our thoughts as they navigate all of our worse nightmares who own an airstream. We will also hope for a quick return to camping.

Crazy airstream activity in the Airstream Community...

Who would have thought that AMC Theaters would create such a scramble of Streamers this week with the release of the movie The Accountant 2 and their souvenir popcorn bucket. I've got a story but I am sure some of you have too.



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.

May Birthdays

1-Paul Ryan
2-Scott Deetz
9-Karen Kvidera
11-Bill Smith
17 Norm Van Klompenberg

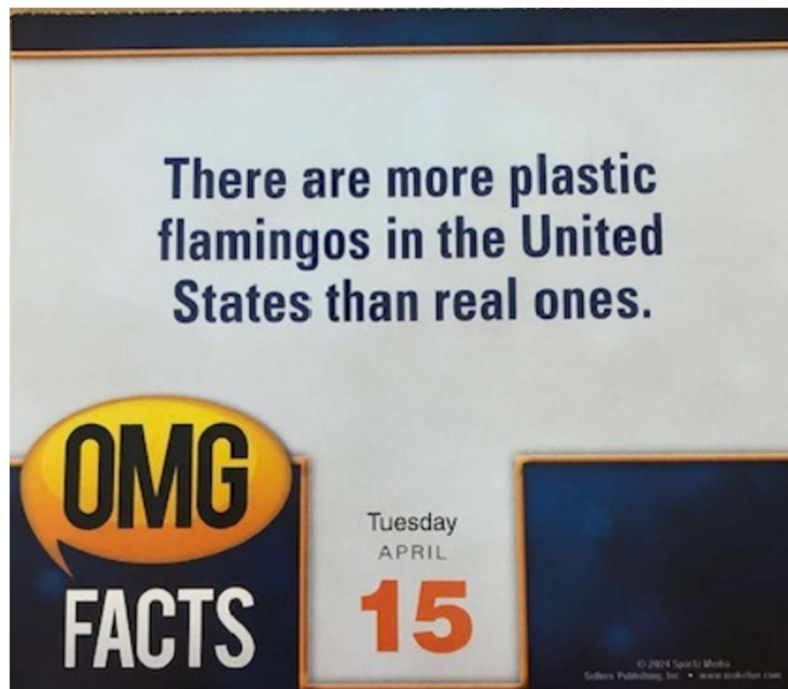
May Anniversaries

22-Spread
25-Dailey

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

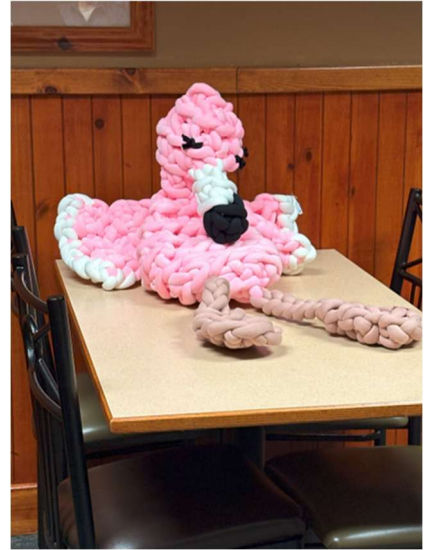
Fun Fact...

Thanks to Dana Johnson



April Winter Luncheon:

The April Winter luncheon was held at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton, IA. We had an amazing turnout, possibly more than in March. Thank you to our hosts, Nancy and Chuck Helle.



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 Region 8 itinerary and Maiday flyer are attached at the end of the newsletter.

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)Please contact Wina and Tom Spread with what you are bringing for the Sunday brunch.**

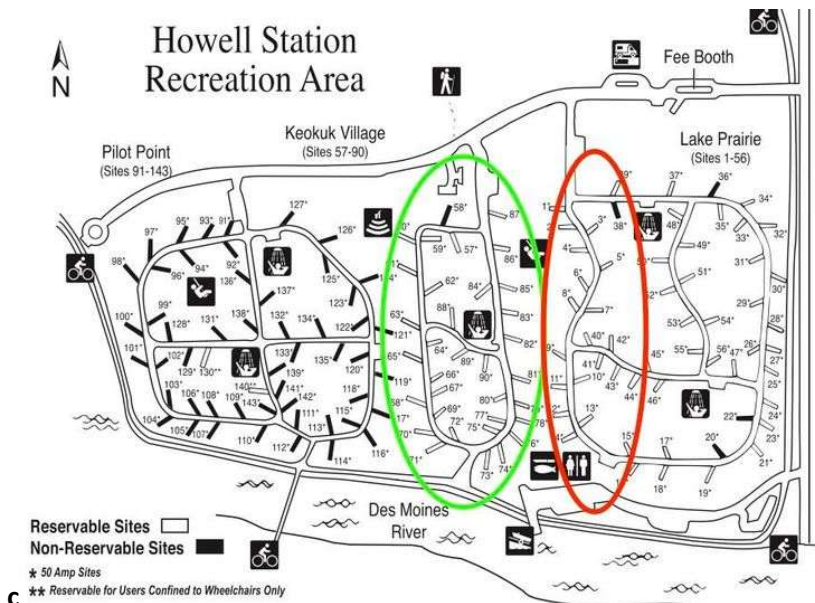
Lake Red Rock Corp of Engineers
Howell Station Campground
1081 198th Pl
Pella, IA 50219
Iowa Host Tom and Shirley Herron
515-988-4950
Herrons13007@gmail.com

Co-Host: Tom and Wina Spread
563.554.0145 (Tom)
tomspread@gmail.com
563.5540146 (Wina)
winaspread@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.**

2025 WBCCI Region 8 Spring Rally

April 30th – May 4th, 2025

Amana RV Resort

3850 C Street, Amana, Iowa 52203

319-622-7616 - <https://amanarvpark.com/>

Campsite Cost = \$41 per night, Rally Fee = \$78 per person, Kids = \$25

Wednesday, April 30th

- 12:00p – 5:00p – Arrivals - Sign up for all tours at the welcome table in the Pioneer Bldg
- Dinner on your own
- 6:00p – Ice Cream Trucks (sponsored by Bill Thomas/Gateway Airstream) An **orange** ticket will be in your 'Welcome Bag' for each attendee to use for a complimentary Ice Cream
- 7:00p – Welcome Gathering (Pioneer Building) / Bill Thomas Intro
- 7:30p – Amana history presentation
- Campfire to follow

Thursday, May 1st

- 8:00a – Coffee and Donuts in Pioneer Building (sponsored by Kleen Tank)
- 9:00a – Kleen Tank presentation / demonstration
- Lunch on your own
- 1:00p – Amana Woolen Mill Tour or Walking Tour (meet at Amana Heritage Center – 705 44th Ave) (Included in Rally Fee)
- 3:00p – Amana Woolen Mill Tour or Furniture Store Tour (Included in Rally Fee)
- 5:00p – Happy Hour at Ox Yoke Inn (Cash Bar)
- 5:30p – Dinner at Ox Yoke Inn (4420 220th Trail, Amana, IA.) (Included in Rally Fee) (Car Pool)
- Campfire to follow

Friday, May 2nd

- 8:00a – Coffee and Donuts in Pioneer Building
- 9:00a – SkyMed Presentation
- 10:00a – Region 8 Business Meeting
- Lunch on your own
- 1:00p – Amana Woolen Mill Tour or Walking Tour (Included in Rally Fee)
- 3:00p – Amana Woolen Mill Tour or Furniture Store Tour (Included in Rally Fee)
- 5:00p – Food Trucks for Dinner (Pay for your own) BBQ by Keepin' up with the Jones's, & hamburgers & fries by Boulevard Grill
- Campfire to follow

Saturday, May 3rd

- 8:00a – Coffee and Donuts in Pioneer Building
- Free Day to Explore Amana and the Maifest Activities
- **4:00p to 5:30p – Flea Market in Pioneer Bldg. Bring those things you thought you needed and find that item you always wanted!**
- Dinner on your own
- 7:00p – Farewell Gathering, drawing for door prizes. Must be present to win. Stan “Bumpy” Schwenke presentation
- Campfire to follow

Sunday, May 4th

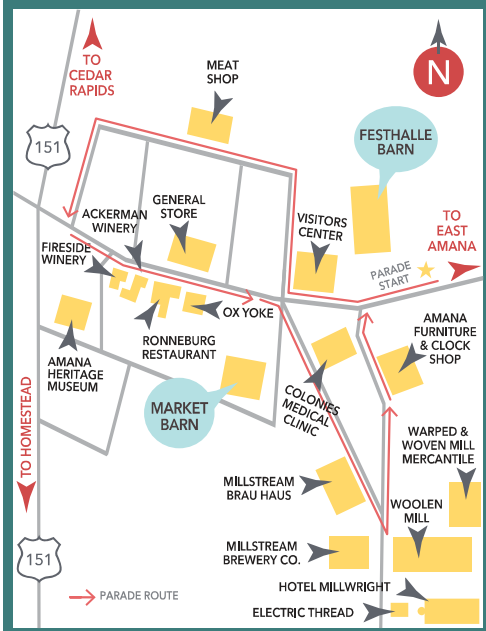
- Depart for home

Club Assignments

	Cleanup of Pioneer Building	Group Campfire
Wed:	Mo Greater Ozarks & Nebraska	GSLAC
Thur:	Iowa & Iowa North	Mo-Kan
Fri:	Mo-Kan	Iowa & Iowa North
Sat:	GSLAC	Mo Greater Ozarks & Nebraska

The Pioneer Building will be open all day until 10:00p

MAIN AMANA MAP



MAIPOLE DANCERS

FRIDAY

7pm Millstream Brewery

SATURDAY

11am Festhalle (After Parade)
11:45am Amana Heritage Museum
12:15pm Amana General Store
2pm Festhalle (Visitors Center)
2:30pm Amana Meat Shop
3:15pm Brau Haus

SUNDAY

11am Amana Meat Shop
12:30pm Amana General Store
1:15pm Festhalle (Visitors Center)
2pm Blumen Haus

In case of rain, all dances in Festhalle Barn.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

World on Wheels Food Truck Fair

Saturday, May 3

Festhalle Barn: 10am-5pm

Enjoy lunch and dessert from local food vendors while enjoying beer and drinks. Live music & performances to entertain.

Amana Heritage Society

Saturday, May 3

Festhalle Barn: 10am-4pm

We're serving up a taste of our German Heritage during the World on Wheels Food Truck Fair. Stop by our booth inside the Festhalle for delicious homemade potato pancakes and Obstkuchen. Plus, all four of our museum sites are open on Saturday. Be sure to visit them all to learn about communal life in the Amana Colonies.

Wine & Beer Walk

Sunday, May 4, 10am-4pm

Purchase a Wine/Beer Walk Passport for \$5 at any of the participating businesses. Enjoy samples and get your passport stamped at each of the 5 wineries/breweries. The first 275 people to turn in their passports to the Visitors Center receive a free Maifest Logo Wine glass! Provide your name and phone number to enter a drawing for one of 5 \$25 gift certificates.

Must be 21 to partake in the wine and beer.

SPONSORS



Join us as we celebrate and honor the everyday heroes who keep our communities safe and strong. This year's theme, "Spring Into Action," pays tribute to first responders, volunteers, and all those who step up when they're needed most. Leading the parade as our Grand Marshal is the Amana Fire Department. Come enjoy colorful floats, lively music, and a heartfelt salute to our local heroes! Parade begins near Amana Farms on 220th Trail and will happen rain or shine.

Need more information about participating in or watching the parade? Call us at 319-622-7622!

FESTHALLE ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY

11am Maipo Dancers
11:30am-1:30pm Blame Not The Bard
2-2:30pm Maipo Dancers
2:30-3:15pm RTD Irish Dancers
3:30-5:30pm Blame Not The Bard

Amana Colonies Visitors Center

622 46th Ave., Amana, IA

319-622-7622

Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Sun 9am-4pm

AMANA COLONIES

Maifest

2025

MAIPOLE DANCERS

FOOD TRUCKS

WINE & MUSIC

DANCING

MAY 3-4

FOR MORE FESTIVAL INFORMATION GO TO:

AMANACOLONIES.COM

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Amana Colonies Visitors Center: 9am-5pm

Stop in for all of your Maifest merchandise! Various t-shirts and pilsner glasses will be available. New to the area? Ask staff for a map!

Millstream Brewing Co: 5-8pm

Amana Maipole Dancer and Rock 108 Maibock Release Party! Drink a Maibock with an Auntie Anne's pretzel and watch the Maipole Dancers in our biergarten at 7pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Amana Colonies Visitors Center: 9am-5pm

Stop in for all of your Maifest merchandise! Various t-shirts and pilsner glasses will be available. New to the area? Ask staff for a map!

Ox Yoke Inn:

9-11am Enjoy Bloody Marys & Mimosas on the North Lawn while enjoying the parade.

11am-3pm Geode Cracking on the North Lawn.

11am-8pm Kinder Gift Bags complimentary for children at their tables with purchase of children's meal. While daily supply lasts.

5-8pm Live music at our Bierstube Cellar Bar - Amana favorite Jeff Weimer and Jessica Mar.

Colony Carvers: 9am-5pm

Visit the rustic Gallery of Chainsaw art, located in a historic Amana barn. All carvings are made onsite. Take home a treasure that makes you smile!

Heritage Designs: 9am-5pm

Come check out Spring Items! 10% off all finished quilts and wall hangings.

Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile: 9am-5pm

Stop in to see the new addition to the "Park" series, Backbone State Park, and many other styles of cotton and wool blankets.

The Clothes Encounter: 10am-5pm

Find spring and summer dresses! All purchases over \$100 will receive a free pair of earrings!

Lisa Lammey Fine Arts: 10am-5pm

Raffle for a free wood panel print!

Ackerman Winery: 10am-6pm

Wine slushies are back! Featured cocktails: Dandelion Lavendar Martini, and Morning Sunrise. Delicious macarons and French Pastries

by Sandrine. Macaron & Wine Pairing flights with featured cocktail for \$15.

The Chocolate Haus: 10am-5pm

Sampling our homemade lemon fudge! We will have a limited amount of caramel apples!

Midwest Leather: 10am-5pm

Sign up for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate!

Fireside Winery in the Village: 10am-6pm

Wine-A-Rita cocktails paired with cheese, chips and salsa. We will also have Jell-O Wine shots! Enjoy drinks while sitting out on the patio!

Millstream Brewing Co: 10am-10pm

Enjoy live music and Maibocks. Josh Sinclair plays at 10am. The Barry Boyce Band performs all afternoon. Millstream Brau Haus & Comfort Food 154 food trucks and Maifest Merch.

Four Winds Farm Apothecary: 11am-3pm

Make Your Own Maipole with hemp stalks, dried flowers, and ribbon. While supplies last.

Ronneburg Restaurant: 11am-3pm

Dance with Barefoot Becky & The Ivanhoe Dutchmen on the front lawn. Enjoy a grilled lunch and a mug of beer! (weather dependent)

Amana RV Park & Event Center: 11am-4pm

Beer/wine sales in Festhalle (After parade to 4pm.)

The Noble Stone: 11am-4pm

Buy a mining sluice bag and mine for treasures to take home. 12 bags filled with extra special treasure, so make sure to get in early! Bring a geode from home or buy one in store, and get it cracked for free! Sign up for door prizes with drawings taking place at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm! Must be present to win. (Saturday only)

Hotel Millwright: 11am-9pm

Weekend Drink and Dinner Special.

Amana Woolen Mill: 11am-4pm

Take a tour of the Production Mill and see the process of how Amana blankets are woven.

White Cross Cellars: 11am-4pm

Sample Summer Sangria made with White Cross Cellars wine.

Schanz Furniture: 12-4pm

Self-guided tours of our workshop in South Amana. Watch a demonstration of the making of Maifest baskets.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

(See Saturday events for descriptions and specials.)

Amana Colonies Visitors Center: 10am-4pm

Ox Yoke Inn: 9am-2pm

Sunday Brunch Buffet - Kids ten and under eat FREE with a corresponding adult meal purchase (beverage not included).

Ox Yoke Inn: 9am-6pm

Kinder Gift Bags complimentary for children at their tables with purchase of children's meal. While daily supply lasts.

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Heritage Designs: 11am-4pm

Come check out Spring Items! 10% off all finished quilts and wall hangings.

The Noble Stone: 11am-4pm

The Chocolate Haus: 10am-5pm

Millstream Brewing Co: 10am-7pm

Enjoy live music featuring Hudson & Overly performing in the biergarten 1-4pm.

Ackerman Winery: 11am-5pm

Ackerman Winery: 2-4pm

Fun and easy pressed flower spring lantern craft! All supplies included. \$20 Drink wine while crafting! (Pre-registration recommended.)

Fireside Winery in the Village: 11am-5pm

SPECIAL PRICING

Adults: \$10, Kids: FREE (with adult entry)

Amana Heritage Museum

Friday: 10am-4pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

Sunday: 11am-3pm

Communal Kitchen Museum

Friday & Saturday: 10am-5pm

Homestead Church Museum

Saturday: 10am-5pm

High Amana General Store

(always free)

Friday & Saturday: 10am-5pm

Sunday: 10am-3pm

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 3

Fireside Winery in the Village: 10am-6pm
Kid-friendly flights, Jell-O shots, and MockTails!

Kinderplatz Face Painting Peace Garden: 10:30am-4pm

Face Painting and a Balloon artist! (Peace Garden is the area next to the Visitors Center.)

Ackerman Winery: 11am-1pm

Make an Egg-Carton Caterpillar! All supplies provided. Complimentary soft drink included. \$10. (Space limited. Pre-registration recommended)

Four Winds Farm Apothecary: 11am-3pm

Make your own Maipole with hemp stalks, strawflowers, and ribbon. While supplies last.

Ox Yoke Inn: 11am-3pm

Geode Cracking on the North Lawn.

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LODGING

Looking for the perfect place to stay?
Head to AMANACOLONIES.COM to find details on our local Hotels, B&Bs, & our RV Park!