



Idaho Airstream Club

Wally Byam Caravan Club International—Region 10



A Word from Our President, by Mark Pinkman, President



With a new camping season comes some changes to the club. We look to introduce new things to our members as our lives evolve and the necessity for change becomes apparent. In the last few years, we've noticed a dynamic within the club to embrace the digital world, work with our different schedules and adapt to lifestyle changes. These topics inspired me to gather the board together to have a discussion around the topics causing these challenges within the club. To that end, I am happy to announce that as we drive full-speed into the 2025 Rally Season, we have made a few changes that I hope will help the club. As always, club member input has been and will always be the driving force, as we strive to make our club a "club for the members".

The Board met in April and discussed the following:

- **Newsletter Frequency and Distribution:**
 - Frequency: It was agreed to maintain the current bi-monthly schedule and If the President wishes to communicate in-between newsletters, they can do so as needed. The goal is for frequent communication, even if the content is shorter or less detailed.
 - Distribution: The newsletter will be posted on the Idaho Club website in PDF format, with a link included in an email to all active Idaho Club members stating, "the month Newsletter is now posted on our website."
- **Monthly Club Breakfast** at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Boise: Low attendance and very little concern about continuing was the foundation for a decision on whether we keep/change.
 - Decision: The monthly breakfast is canceled. Instead, we plan to try different venues and times, focusing on creating a more casual "Social Hour" activity. Possible times are Friday nights or late Saturday afternoons. The sitting President, Vice-President, or a board member will decide the location, day, and time for each event. All members are invited to make suggestions.
- **Boise Airstream Dealer** – There was discussion about whether continuing our relationship with Boise Airstream could create a conflict of interest within the club.
 - Outcome: The board unanimously agreed to continue our relationship with Boise Airstream with no concerns about any conflict of interest arising.
- **Nominating Committee – Volunteers Needed:** The Board is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee will be responsible for identifying and recruiting candidates for the 2025-2026 term to fill vacant officer positions including 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President (*currently unfulfilled*).
 - Action: All regular members of the Idaho Airstream Club who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee are encouraged to contact [President Pinkman](#), (512) 703-7320.
 - The committee will require the upcoming months to gather nominations and prepare for our **Annual Election of Officers and Installation Ceremony**, scheduled for [September 20th in Murtaugh, Idaho](#).

Thank you to all who read this newsletter. My gift to you is an open invitation to one of our upcoming 2025 Rallies. Safe travels and I'll see you down the road,

Mark

GET OUT THERE and COME JOIN US!

Idaho Airstream Club **NEW** Social Hour

We have decided to discontinue the monthly breakfast gathering, effective April 2025, due to feedback and reduced attendance. Instead, we will be transitioning to a Social Hour format. These events will typically be scheduled for a Friday evening or late Saturday afternoon. The specific date and time will be determined by the President, Vice President, or a Board Member.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this decision. I'm excited to see you all at an upcoming Social Hour or one of our rallies.

All club members are invited to email location suggestions to the board officers.

Note: Future Social Hour events will be announced via email, where we will request RSVPs to help us plan for attendance.

Stay Safe Online: Cyber Security Tips, by Tony Wilson, Webmaster and 1st VP

Phishing Scams: Phishing scams remain one of the most common and dangerous threats. These scams involve fake emails, text messages, or even phone calls designed to steal personal information such as login credentials, credit card details, or Social Security numbers.

Example: Did you receive a text from Amazon stating there was a problem with your package?

Action: Don't click on any embedded link. Go directly to Amazon and check. Then, mark the text message as SPAM or Block it.

Common tactics: Scammers often impersonate banks, healthcare providers, or other trusted entities, creating a false sense of urgency (e.g., "Your account has been compromised. Click here to resolve this issue immediately!").



How to avoid:

- ➡ Look for red flags, such as poor grammar, misspelled email addresses, or requests for sensitive information.
- ➡ Hover over links before clicking to verify their legitimacy.
- ➡ DO NOT DOWNLOAD attachments from unknown senders.

Action to take: Mark it as SPAM (Email & Text) and Delete, Stop and Think first!

If you suspect a phishing attempt, report it immediately to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Remember, staying informed and cautious can help you enjoy a safer online experience.

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Membership – Lorrie Bauer

Newsletter Editor – Lorrie Bauer (Temp)

Rally Coordinator – Karen Ekblad

Webmaster – Tony Wilson

Idaho Club Celebrations

May Birthdays

Marilyn Collins

Rick Ferguson

Mike Filbin

Heather Lauer

Kelley Lea

Clark McDonald



June Birthdays

Becky Brougher

Dillon Cole

Jerry Collins

Eve Kym

Casey McMullen

Jeannie Pinkman

Lauren Hammerberg



May Anniversaries

Rick & Mary Ferguson

June Anniversaries

Kim Blackburn & Gary Betts

Jerry & Linda Settle

Bob & Lauren Hammerberg

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



Are you passionate about communication? Do you have a desire to make a positive impact through volunteering? We're looking for a **Newsletter Editor** to help us create engaging content for our newsletter!

You'll collaborate with Club members to gather content; help write, edit, and proofread; and help manage deadlines to ensure timely publications. We try to publish every other month.

If you're interested, please contact Lorrie ([email](mailto:lorriebauer7@gmail.com)). We'd love to hear from you!

Membership Update by Lorrie Bauer

The Idaho Airstream Club has **65 BRNs!**

Whether you are a Lifetime member, Regular member, or an Affiliate, your support and involvement are what make our community so special. Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for the Airstream lifestyle.



New Members: Mike & Kelley Filbin, #2361, McCall

Mike & Kelley are proud owners of a 2021 Caravel. This is their first Airstream and first RV. They have enjoyed a few short trips to Utah, Eastern Idaho and the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. They love to get out and explore. Summer plans include a trip to the Oregon coast and the Rally in the Valley in Tetonia. They are looking forward to learning about RV life and meeting fellow Airstreamers.



In Memoriam



Bill Sargent, passed away in his sleep April 21st in the Boise area. He was President in 2019-2020 of the Idaho Airstream Club. We greatly appreciated Bill's dedication to the Idaho Unit and our friendship! The members of the Idaho Airstream Club extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family. No services have been announced at this time.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/idahopress/name/william-sargent-obituary?id=58265863>



Membership participation is crucial to keeping our club active. Every year we need volunteers to serve on the Executive Board, Committees, and be Rally Hosts. Please consider volunteering for a role next year. Keep watching ... more information to come!

Upcoming Events

All rally information and registration details are available on our website – <https://airstreamclub.org/idaho/>. Please keep checking for updates!

2025 Rally Schedule

- May 15-18** ^{Registration Closed} Desert Retreat @ Oasis on the Snake, Huntington, OR
Hosts: Charlie & Betty Burke
- June 20-23** Silver Boondock Adventure Rally @ Starlight Mountain Theater, Crouch, ID
Hosts: Gary & Kim Betts
- July 30-Aug 3** Jaialdi 2025 & Lukainka Exploration @ Hi Valley RV Park, Boise, ID
Hosts: Melbourne Kym & Karen Ekblad
- Aug 23-28** 68th International Rally in York, Pennsylvania
<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025>
- Sept 19-21** Installation Rally @ Murtaugh Lake “Cove”, Murtaugh, ID
Hosts: Tony Wilson and Lorrie Bauer
- Oct 3-5** Rally in the Valley @ Teton Peaks Resort, Teton, ID
Hosts: Stuart Cook and Elizabeth Donaldson
- November** - 2025 Harvest Dinner (TBD)

Don't miss out on the action –

register today and be a part of the excitement!



Current Rally Tally:

Date	Rally	Location	Sites Reserved	Registered	Last Date to Register
May 15-19	Desert Oasis Retreat	Huntington, OR	10	7	Closed
June 19-22	Silver Boondock Adventure Rally	Garden Valley, ID	10+	7	June 6
July 30 - Aug 3	JaiAldi Basque Rally	Boise, ID	10	2	Contact Campground
August	open for Hosts				
September 19-21	Installation Rally	Murtaugh, ID	10	5	Sept 1
October 3-5	Rally in the Valley	Tetonia, ID	15	12	Contact Campground

Breakout Rally Recap
Mountain Home RV Park
April 11-13

14 Airstreamers gathered for a fantastic Breakout Rally!

After a brief Club meeting Saturday morning, we enjoyed beautiful weather perfect for relaxing, sharing conversations, playing games, savoring delicious food, and taking a fun trip to Cold Springs Winery.

A big shout-out to **Boise Airstream Adventures** for bringing the stunning **2025 Flying Cloud – Black Flamingo** for us to check out—what a treat!

A heartfelt thank you to **Mark & Jeannie** for hosting and helping us kick off the camping season in such a memorable way!





The Idaho Airstream Club Rally Coordinator, Karen Ekblad, is seeking Rally Hosts for 2026. If you're interested, please email her: ekblad@smithandstark.com.



Exciting News for May 2026!

Hosts Charlie & Betty Burke are starting to plan the **May 2026** Rally and are currently [looking for co-hosts](#) to help make the event a great success. The rally will be held at the newly refurbished Hagerman Village RV Park in beautiful Hagerman, Idaho.

More details will be shared as plans are developed. If you're interested in joining as a co-host or helping out in any way, reach out to Charlie & Betty directly!



Please contact [President Pinkman](#), (512) 703-7320 for the following:

Can you recommend a location for a Social Hour?

Would you like to be on the Nominating Committee?

Please contact [Lorrie Bauer](#), (208) 994-1696 for the following:

Do you have anything to share in the next newsletter?

Would you like to volunteer to be the Newsletter Editor?

Please contact [Karen Ekblad](#), for the following:

Would you like to Host or Co-Host a Rally 2026?

Cook/Donaldson Travels ...

After a great time at the Breakout Rally in Mountain Home, we headed West to [Washoe Lake State Park](#) near Carson City, NV. On the way we spent the night in Winnemucca at the New Frontier RV Park (a convenient one-night stopover, which I'm guessing a lot of our club members have used.)

Washoe Lake Park is a convenient home base for exploring Lake Tahoe, which we did on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday we went up the NV side of the lake, stopping at Sand Harbor State Park, which has a very nice beach and great views of the Lake. We ventured counterclockwise as far as Tahoe City, CA. But in reality, if we had turned around at Sand Harbor, we wouldn't have missed much.



On Wednesday we went clockwise around the bottom of the lake about halfway up the California side. The difference in topography between East and West shores is amazing. I think Elizabeth squeezed her eyes shut on some of the narrow winding places with sheer drop offs on this trip. There are numerous places to stop and get good views of the Lake on the California side. Unfortunately, we were a couple of weeks early for opening of many of the access roads down to the water.

On Thursday we ventured farther West over Donner Pass to Sonoma County, California, the home of many of our favorite wine makers. We stayed 3 nights at the Petaluma KOA Resort. This park is expensive, but it did make a convenient home base for visiting wineries in Sonoma County. We were joined at the KOA by Affiliate club members, George and Jeanne Mitchell.

On Friday we four visited two wineries near Healdsburg: Porter Creek and Rochioli. Both of these wineries are set in the beautiful countryside on Westside Road. The weather was perfect for outside seating. At Rochioli we enjoyed 3 wines paired with a selection of cheeses and other treats -- perfect, since our appointment there was at 12:30.

After a rest/nap back at the Airstreams, we went back to Healdsburg for dinner at [Barndiva](#), which has been one of our favorite restaurants in the area.



Stuart, Elizabeth, Jeanne, George at Rochioli



On Saturday we got a slightly later start and headed right for [Dry Creek General Store](#), which has the best sandwiches you can imagine. Stuart saved half of his for later -- George and Jeanne, having more self-control, saved all of theirs for after the next tasting. Just across the street is [Dry Creek Vineyard](#), where we tasted a flight of delicious Zinfandels. After our tastings we enjoyed our lunch under a cherry tree in full bloom.

On the way back to Petaluma we stopped in at the [Davis Family Vineyards](#) tasting room. Stuart and Elizabeth have been members of their club for several years. We enjoyed the wines and seeing the facilities, including the vats where "the magic happens."

On Sunday morning we started home. George and Jeanne live in Lodi, California, and in Meridian. They were ready to head north, so we caravanned together back to Idaho. We stopped the first night in Winnemucca, back at the New Frontier RV Park. Then on Monday we completed the return trip to Idaho. Perhaps the highlight of this leg of the trip was a stop in Jordan Valley, OR at [The Rockhouse](#), featuring "Unforgettable Restrooms" as well as a good selection of ice cream and coffee drinks.

We went our separate ways just south of I-84, and the Cook/Donaldson Airstream, "Bullwinkle," paid a visit to our club President and First Lady, Mark and Jeannie Pinkman.

With lots of coaching from Mark, I parked Bullwinkle in their RV parking spot next to the garage. We then were able to relax over a few adult beverages and lots of good conversation, then a delicious dinner, and a few rounds of Mexican Train.

On Tuesday we completed the homeward trip and put Bullwinkle back in storage until time for the next adventure.

We had a great time on this trip -- especially spending time with other club members.

Stuart Cook & Elizabeth Donaldson, #6444



11 Scenic Byways in Idaho Everyone Should Drive at Least Once, by Meg Archer (Published May 4, 2016)

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/trip-ideas/idaho/scenic-byways-id>

Idaho offers numerous scenic byways showcasing its diverse landscapes, from rugged mountains to serene lakes. Idaho is a big, beautiful state. That means there's a lot to see - with at least 32 designated scenic byways or backcountry drives to explore. Idaho is known for its 'taters, but you'll see so much more than just potato fields. What you will uncover in The Gem State is even better: rugged mountains, millions of acres of wilderness, and world-famous lakes and rivers. You'll want to have your camera ready!

Teton Scenic Byway

It's hard to imagine anything prettier or more spectacular than the Teton Mountain range in eastern Idaho. The Teton Scenic Byway traverses the western slopes of the Tetons in Idaho, which definitely don't get as much press as the Tetons do from the Jackson, Wyoming side. But it's a well-kept secret that you'll want to explore. Be sure to stop in the Emporium in Victor for a huckleberry shake and up the road in Driggs hop on a hot air balloon to fully immerse yourself in mountain grandeur.



Lake Coeur d'Alene Scenic Byway

The panhandle of northern Idaho is extremely beautiful with its enormous high alpine lakes. Along Idaho 97 and hugging Lake Coeur d'Alene, this 35-mile drive is the perfect opportunity to see bald eagles, the largest population of nesting ospreys in the Western states, tall evergreens, and stately homes; all with plenty of pull-outs for photo ops.

Salmon River Scenic Byway

This route follows the Salmon River through the Salmon-Challis National Forest into the stunning and rugged Sawtooth Mountains in central Idaho. For amazing scenery, it's hard to beat. The tiny towns of Challis and Stanley are rare gems. The byway retraces the steps of Lewis and Clark as they searched for an easier route to the Pacific Ocean in 1805. Can you imagine what they were thinking when they stumbled upon this wild backcountry?





Payette River Scenic Byway

You will be blown away by this scenic byway that covers 111 miles on State Highway 55 in eastern Idaho. Must stops include McCall, Smiths Ferry, Horseshoe Bend, Rainbow Bridge and Boise, which is the state capital and the largest city in Idaho. Huge sections of whitewater abound, and activities such as rafting, camping, kayaking and fishing are plentiful.

Peaks to Craters Scenic Byway

This unique byway covers some interesting and diverse landscape that includes high desert, large lava flows and some of the state's tallest mountains, including Mount Borah, the highest peak in Idaho. Craters of the Moon National Monument in central Idaho will make you think you landed on another planet.



Pend Oreille Scenic Byway

Back into northern Idaho for more picturesque views of glass-like water, Pend Oreille Scenic Byway goes along State Highway 200 all the way to the Montana border. Lake Pend Oreille is the largest in the state, so if you love water and spectacular views, this quiet drive will knock your socks off.

Owyhee Uplands Back Country Byway

With quintessential western scenery, this loop is located 80 miles southwest of Boise. The landscape is vast with high desert scenery, sagebrush, rolling hills, mountains, meadows, and rivers. It's also special because it's uncrowded, remote and rugged. It would make for some good camping if you have time.





International Selkirk Loop Scenic Drive

Don't forget your passport! The Selkirk Mountains span eastern Idaho, southern British Columbia and western Washington. The loop starts way up there in Sandpoint and goes in a counter-clockwise direction. The International Selkirk Loop is 280 miles of gorgeous rivers, lakes and mountains. It is designated as one of only 32 All-American Road National Scenic Byways in the U.S. and one of the top 10 scenic drives in the Northern Rockies.

Oregon Trail-Bear Lake Scenic Byway

Bear Lake, which straddles the Idaho-Utah border, is called the Caribbean of the Rockies because of its turquoise waters. The 54-mile byway begins in the town of Soda Springs, home to the world's only "captive" geyser that spouts into the air every hour. There are 13 official Oregon-California Trail sites located in the Soda Springs area. Also located along this unique byway is the small town of Lava Hot Springs, which is home to some of the most famous natural hot springs in the country. It's a fun day for the whole family if you get a chance to soak in one of these non-sulfur hot springs pools located in several places throughout town. Lava is a quick half-hour drive from Pocatello.



City of Rocks Back Country Byway

Located in south central Idaho, the City of Rocks Back Country Byway encircles the Albion Mountains on State Highway 77. The drive goes through historic and rural areas. The last stop ends in Oakley, which is on the National Register of Historic Places and contains the state's largest collection of old stone and wood-framed buildings. The City of Rocks National Reserve is a mecca for technical rock climbers and described as rivaling Yosemite National Park.




Sawtooth Scenic Byway

The Sawtooth's stunningly beautiful wilderness will show you why Ernest Hemingway fell in love with and moved to the Sun Valley area. The Sawtooths are called "America's Alps" for a reason. This drive promises to leave you breathless. It's that beautiful. The resort towns of Ketchum, Hailey and Sun Valley await your arrival.



As you can see, there is so much to explore along the scenic byways in Idaho, even if it's from the car...with the windows rolled down.

Lots of great information on this website: [Only In Your State](#).



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