

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

June, 2025

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Greetings,

What a busy time it has been since April 15th. After finding our new trailer it felt like a rush is our place. Cleaned out Bigfoot, set up the new trailer, and left for Region 8. Region 8 Rally was a great opportunity for fellowship, good food, exploring the Amana Colonies with over 85 trailers in attendance. Our walking tour guide was quite the personality, he was enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and humorous all just made for a fun time. The tours of the Mill and Furniture factories were also quite interesting which made you appreciate the 7 communities of the Amanas even more. Before we knew it, it was time to return home. After returning home we had to quickly get prepped for first Iowa rally. Audubon was excited to have us in their little town. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Returning home we have a couple days of honoring our Granddaughter, attending senior awards night, and graduation. We promised our middle son that we would camp with him and his new family and their new trailer the first weekend in June. We are looking forward to getting to know the grandsons and time at the lake.



Then before we know it's June 19th and the Tri-Club rally will be here. Howell Station will be so shining and silver. How fun will this rally be. Great area with lots to do, a lake and nice campground to hang at, both known and new friendships to develop. It promises to be fun weekend.

By now you should have received the invite to the new app for the Airstream Club. Shirley has downloaded it but has only had a short time to investigate. She says that it certainly looks like it will make it quicker to lookup BRN'S, and easy to navigate. Looking forward to next opportunity to use it to contact headquarters.

Have a Happy and safe Memorial Day. See ya in June.

Thomas

Welcome New Member:

Roger and Laurie Hakeman – BRN 03655
512 East St. Tipton, IA 52772



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.

There's Still Time to Hop on a Caravan in 2025!

Ready for your next Airstream adventure? A limited number of spots have opened up on select 2025 caravans! Whether you're dreaming of scenic byways, national parks, or historic routes, now's your chance to join a one-of-a-kind journey with fellow ACI members.

[North to Alaska](#)

July 12-September 12, 2025

Begin at mile 0 of the Alaska Highway in BC and explore Yukon and Alaska's stunning scenery. Highlights include Denali, glaciers, wildlife, fishing, and the Top of the World Highway—an unforgettable adventure!

[Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

[Southwest Adventure](#)

August 18-October 7, 2025

Rare openings on this super popular caravan! The Airstream Southwest Adventure Caravan runs from late August, through September, and into early October capturing the stunning beauty of the fall landscapes. Beginning and ending in Albuquerque, NM, we will discover many corners of the Southwest that other tourists may not normally see.

[Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

[ExplOregon!](#)

May 30-June 19, 2025

The ExplOregon! Caravan will start in Baker City, Oregon, birthplace of Wally Byam, and end in Sisters, Oregon, near the town of Bend. Participants will explore the geology, geography, history, viniculture, agriculture, Native American history, cuisine, and heritage of the state.

[Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

[Mother Lode of the Mother Road](#)

September 5-November 3, 2025

Join us as we take a “bucket-list” trip from Chicago to LA, 2200 miles, across 8 states, through three time zones, and lots of “oohs and aahs,” following as much of the pre-interstate alignment of the road as possible.

[Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

June Birthdays

3-Doug Ford
7-Dana Johnson
9-Tom Herron
14-Jamie Daily

June Anniversaries

13-Lafrentz
16-Ford
26-Heckman
26-Ryan

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

Region 8 Spring Regional Rally - A SEA OF SHINING AIRSTREAMS!

April 30 - May 4th, 2025

Amana RV Park Event Center



This was our first Region Rally. I was so amazed at how many people attended. Look at the group picture of Iowa and Iowa North!! So many airstreamers who live in our state. And that is not everyone.

Over the years living in Iowa, I would visit the Amana Colonies for various reasons like wine tasting, Christmas shopping with my mom or riding my bike while on RAGBRAI. But this trip was so different, first the people who settled here were not Amish or Mennonites but German speaking settlers who came to America because of their religion. They first settled in New York before making their way to Iowa. While here they lived communally and didn't change that way of life until 1940's or so. There are a total of 7 colonies: Amana (or Main Amana), East Amana, High Amana, Middle Amana,





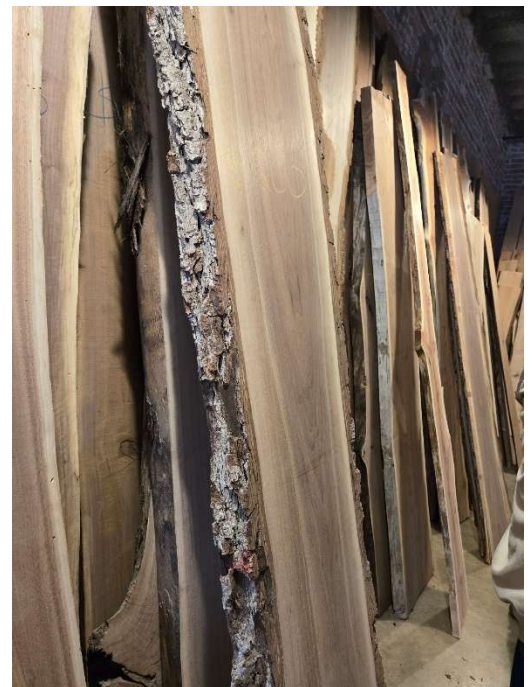
South Amana, West Amana, and Homestead. Our rally was in Amana. The colonies are approximately 26,000 acres.

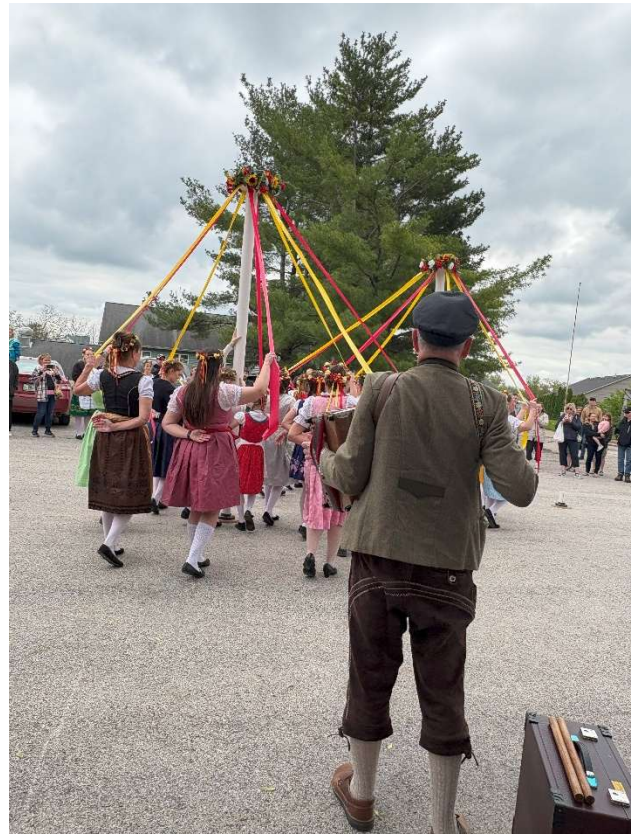
One of the first events was eating dinner at one of the restaurants that used to be one of the community kitchens. Dinners was really delish and super filling. Nothing like having many entrees to choose. I would definitely recommend trying any of the restaurants in you find yourself visiting. During the Rally, we went on a walking tour and got to see how they lived and appreciate the houses and how they lived communally, with community kitchens. We went on the woolen mill tour and really saw how they made their woolens. (of course we got to purchase some of their beautiful blankets, table cloths, runners, etc.). Finally, we also toured the

furniture store and the wood that they sold from their forests. All of the tour guides were so informative.

Because we were at the Amana Colonies during their Mayfest, we enjoyed the parade, dancers, horse drawn buggy rides.

Finally, a rally wouldn't be complete without a bonfire trying to stay a bit warmer since it was a bit chilly and a lot of social time with friends new and old. (unfortunately, no biking this rally)





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May - Mother's Day Camping

May 15-18, 2025

Albert the Bull Campground, Audubon IA 50025

Host Tom and Shirley Herron

Albert the Bull. 28 feet tall 48 tons of concrete replicate Hereford Cow. Built in the summer of 1964 by all local volunteers. I definitely appreciate and thank the town for working with us and establishing a reservation center for their little city park. It is a very nice shelter house which the winds forced us to appreciate use.

Our rally started with high winds boosting the attendees from the west to the rally, and coming from the east it was "against the wind" (wasn't there a famous Bob Seger song about that, possibly dating myself with that comment). Attendance was 6 Regular club members Allen's, Cabalka's, Chapman's, Herron's, Lafrentz, Spread's and 4 affiliate members, Cole's, Dailey's, Jensen's, and Kruse's. We might have been a small group but we still had fun. Audubon made for a nice central location with plenty to do. We left the schedule loose so each couple could do as much or as little as they wanted. Variety in the area oddities like



find the plow in the tree, single tree in the middle of the road. The locals were excited and happy having us in their tiny town even stopped by to share how happy they would be if we would visit the Nathaniel Hamlin County farm home museum, Full of collections from the county and neighboring communities, Thanks Wina, for passing the invite to us all. The store owners shared memories and stories readily. And of course, the Danish community of Elk Horn



with a variety of museums and the wonder of the 1848 Danish Wind Mill, Kringle Man pastries, and Egg Krate antique consignments. If you're wondering how they got their name? The building used to be an egg candling business. Highlight for some the tour to Templeton Distillery the interactive museum and production areas, tasting.



Plenty of time to make new friends and visit old acquaintances. It was very enjoyable having Micah and Tobias energy and zest for learning around to brighten our time also.



70th Anniversary ACI News

70th Anniversary Store

It's finally open! There's drinkware, accessories, and apparel for everyone, including a special 70th Anniversary T-Shirt with Wally's Creed on the back! Purchases are printed/embroidered on demand, so all sales are final. <https://airstreamclub.checkoutstores.com/>

The 70th Logo has also been uploaded to Land's End, for use on their apparel and we have 70th Anniversary decals being printed now. Those will be released in the ACI store and will sell for \$7.00, in the next couple of weeks.

August Blue Beret

The next Blue Beret is going to be a commemorative edition focused on the Club's 70th Anniversary. The issue will highlight the club's rich history, multi-generational member stories and more! We've set up a couple ways for members to participate:

- **Share Your Story:** Tell us about your family's history with the club, your favorite Club traditions, craziest Club adventures, and more! <https://form.jotform.com/251196029698166>
- **Share Your Photos:** Show off your best club adventure photos – select photos will be used throughout the issue and maybe even grace the cover! <https://app.kululu.com/9dqw1g>
- **Leave Your Mark:** Buy a 70th Anniversary Message that will be included in the magazine. You can choose a text only message for \$25 or text with photo/logo for \$100. All proceeds will be donated to the WBCCI Historical Center. <https://form.jotform.com/251103983344050>

All these links and more can also be found at AirstreamClub.org/70Years

ACI MEMBER APP

We're thrilled to announce a major milestone in how we connect and stay informed as a community — the launch of the **new Airstream Club International Member App**!

Developed *exclusively* for ACI members and completely free to use, the app puts essential club tools, event info, and member connections right at your fingertips — whether you're at home, on the road, or camped with your favorite Airstreamers.

What You Can Do in the App:

- Access your **member profile** and update info
- Use **Quick BRN Lookup** to match Big Red Numbers with member names
- Browse and register for **events, rallies, and caravans**
- View **club documents, bylaws, and policies**
- Stay up to date with **announcements and alerts from HQ**
- Connect with fellow members via the **Membership Directory**
- Join open discussions in the **Campfire forum**
- Send private, secure messages using **Whispers**
- And much more — with features like a **club blog, courtesy parking**, and even **emergency assistance** tools!

Members-Only Access

To log in, you must:

1. Be a current ACI member in good standing

2. Have a **unique email address** on file with HQ
(Shared partner emails will only allow one login. Contact HQ to update your information if needed.)

Built By and For Airstreamers

This app was made possible by a generous, anonymous donation— with no cost to the Club or its members. Special thanks to Kendall Felder for spearheading this initiative and bringing the App to life. This new member benefit reflects the spirit of our community: generous, innovative, and focused on bringing people together.

Ready to Explore?

The ACI Member App is available for **iOS and Android** devices.

[Download the ACI Member App for iOS](#)

[Download the ACI Member App for Android](#)

For technical support, please contact Kendall Felder at kfelder@airstreamclub.org.

Let's take our connection on the road, into the campground, and everywhere our Airstreams take us.

See you in the app!

Airstream Club International

2025 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

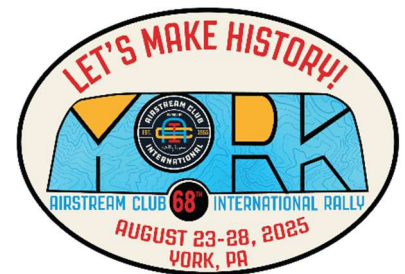
August 23rd - 28th, 2025 "Let's Make History"

68th International Rally

York Expo Center

334 Carlisle Ave

York, PA, 17404



2025 Iowa Airstream Rallies

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

Schedule for the June Rally:

Thursday, June 19th, 2025 (Hosted by Iowa)

Arrival - Hallo (Hah-low) Dutch for hello

Thursday upon arrival or after setup stop by the Welcome Table to register and pick up a welcome bag.

6:00 PM Bring your sack sandwich or picnic, drink, and your chair join us in the common area. (does not require a side)
Followed by a Smore Bar. Various Chocolates, Marshmallows, Grahams and Cookies to be provided. If campfire conditions are permitting.

Friday, June 20th, 2025 (Hosted by Iowa North)

7:00 AM Iowa North Volunteers Prepare Breakfast

8:00–9:00 AM Breakfast. (Bring your coffee or drink of choice, chair and place settings)

9:00-9:30 Cleanup

9:30–10:00 AM Iowa North Club Meeting Iowa Club Meeting. Destinations for both to be announced.

4:00–7:00 PM Cornhole Tournament

5:00–6:30 PM Grill & Share Social Dinner - Join us for a fun and casual evening! We'll provide grills and griddles (like a Blackstone) for you to cook your favorite main dish; bring your own meat, veggies, or anything you'd like to grill. To make it a true community meal, please bring a side dish to share. It's a great way to enjoy good food, meet fellow RVers, and swap stories around the grill! (Bring your drink of choice, chair and place settings)

7:00 PM Campfire

Saturday, June 21st, 2025 (Hosted by Nebraska)

9:00 – 10:00AM Morning Gathering

10:00–11 AM Brunch (Bring your coffee or drink of choice, chair and place settings)

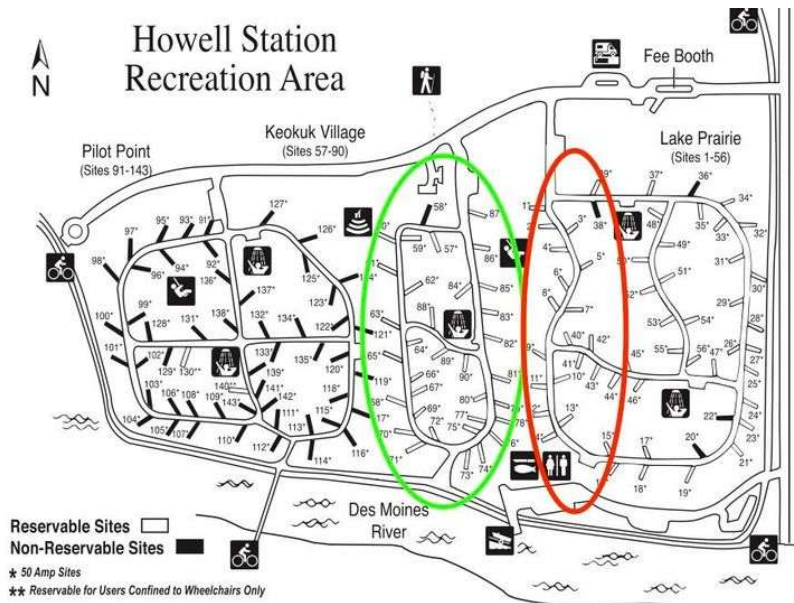
6:00 – 7:00 PM Ice-cream Social and Lawn Games. Bring your chairs.

7:00 PM Campfire

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 (Hosted by Iowa)

8:00 AM Join us for Casey's Breakfast Pizza. (Bring your coffee or drink of choice, chair and place settings)

See Ya down the road.



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 – Please let Terie know if you plan to attend this Rally. We are going to make all of the reservations so we can all camp close together. July 9th is reservation day.

Lake Ahquabi State Park

16510 118th Ave

Indianola, IA 50125

Terie and John Wolf

515-360-7887 Terie

terie62@icloud.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. New Asking price \$25,000. or best offer. Have several extra's that can go with it. If interested, contact Donella Watkinson at 319-396-9088 or email Deb Blaha at ahalbbbed@yahoo.com



****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.**