

WISC-UP



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Upcoming Events

(Click on event title to go directly to our website for more information and to register or [here for all events](#).)

Driftless Outing/Rally

May 29 - June 1

Viroqua, WI

Hosts Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson (BRN 11970)

Future Streamers Rally

Rio, WI

June 19 - 22, 2025

Hosts Stephanie & Zachary Lee (BRN 8583)

[Click here for more information!](#)

A Message from President Morten Lindstad

(BRN 1636)



April showers bring May flowers.

Jan and I are getting ready for the 1st Wisc-UP rally in Viroqua WI the last weekend of this month. We have fond memories from May 2022 when Jim and Joanne Peterson hosted the Driftless Rally at the same fairground. This town is very walkable and has several good restaurants and shopping opportunities. If you like books, then I think you will enjoy a visit to Driftless Books and Music which is about 1/2 miles from the fairground. We will have the 2025 Spring General Business meeting during this rally on Saturday morning.

About rallies. You might have noticed we only have three (3) events showing on the Wisc-UP web page. Jan and I are planning a fall rally, Thursday October 16th through Sunday 19th at Cliffside Park north of Racine. I will list the event with more details at our web site in a week or two. That makes it 4 rallies for this year.

Upcoming Events (Cont.)

Festival of Sail Duluth

Duluth, MN

July 10 - 13, 2025

Hosts Jane and Greg Hyer

(BRN 4297)

2025 International Rally

York, Pennsylvania

York Expo Center

August 23 - 28, 2025

[Registration Link Here](#)

2025 MN Airstream Club &

Region 7 Fall Rally

Wildwood RV & Campground

Shafer MN

September 11 - 14, 2025

Host Pam Rawn

(BRN 9757)

**Stay tuned, more events are
always in the works!**

A Message from President Morten Lindstad (Cont.)

(BRN 1636)

Fun, Friends and Fresh donuts.

YOU, please consider hosting a
rally this summer or fall! ☺

Rallies and lunches are where
new members get to meet old
and new members. If we have few
events there are less opportunities for new members to get to
know us.

The Wisc-UP Airstream Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club
International, Inc.

Yes, that is the official name.

We have a problem! New members do not renew
membership!

New members, many who get a one-year membership when
they purchase a new Airstream, select to NOT renew
membership. What are the expectations of new members
when they join the Airstream club?

When contacted they often say the few events is not enough
value to continue membership. What else could it be?

Pattie Cook, our membership chair for the last 5 years,
welcomes every new member and points them to our web site.
She is the friendly welcoming person who many new members
connect with. After 5 years she wants to hand this work over to
someone else. Pattie will resign at the Fall Business Meeting in
October. If YOU can give some time and help the club continue
to operate, please contact [Morten Lindstad](#) or [Jim Guthrie](#) to
learn more.



Rallies are Fun!

Chuck Zellermyer's Dad Passes

By Janet Zellermyer
(BRN 10230)

April 23 we began the Springtime in Kentucky Caravan. April 25th Chuck's dad went into the hospital; Chuck took a quick flight down to visit him. His dad passed away April 28th. We drove down to FL for the funeral May 6th. Robert Zellermyer was buried with full military honors. He was an amazing dad, granddad and great-granddad.

Chuck's dad was 100 years old.



A Message from President Morten Lindstad (Cont.)

(BRN 1636)

Ask not what the club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club.

On the lighter side, I'm upgrading the electric system in our 19ft Airstream, adding an Inverter. This will allow us to microwave a cup of coffee anywhere we travel. Yes, this is totally frivolous spending. To route the electric cables, I have removed front seats and opened spaces which have not seen daylight for many years, so now we are ready for traveling this summer.

See you down the road.

Morten.

Vicki Engelstad (BRN 2412) Meets New Pope's Brother!





Membership News

Pattie Cook BRN 22562

Pattie is our Membership Chair. Her email is: pattiejcook@gmail.com

Here are the latest new members of the Wisc-UP! Welcome!

Pattie 

John and Collette Etzell BRN 2654 Shoreview, MN

Stephanie Smith BRN 17097 Milwaukee, WI


Membership & Public Relations Coordinator Opening!

Embark on a Journey of Connection, Adventure, and Fellowship

As the Membership & Public Relations Coordinator, you'll be the welcoming and enthusiastic voice of our vibrant Wisc-UP Airstream community. Your role is to ignite curiosity, foster connections, and ensure every member feels like part of our club.

- **Welcome New Explorers:** Be the first point of contact for prospective members, sharing the exciting world of WBCCI and our Wisc-UP Club, inviting them to join our rallies and meetings.
- **Keep Our Roster Fresh:** Collaborate with the Treasurer to maintain an up-to-date list of paid members and assist in gentle reminders for dues.
- **Engage Families and Youth:** Provide resources to encourage family and youth participation in our events, ensuring our community thrives across generations.
- **Celebrate New Members:** Ensure new members receive a warm welcome in the Wisc-UP Newsletter and maintain the Wisc-UP Club Facebook page.

Consider volunteering as Membership & Public Relations Coordinator and join us in creating unforgettable experiences and lasting friendships as we continue the legacy of Wally Byam's vision of adventure and camaraderie!

Questions? [920-366-5578](tel:920-366-5578) Pattie Cook 

Message From the Editors

*Ed and Sandy Emerick
(BRN 4425)*

It's Rally Season!



I don't know about you but this is the time of year that I love, the beginning of the "Streaming" season. The Wisc-

UP Club has a number of events that I can't wait to attend. We get to meet up with old friends, make new friends, see new things and revisit places that we loved in the past.

Rally Season! Can you hear it calling you? Well it is, so get with it and get that Airstream out of the yard (and remember to mow under it), and hit the road.

As you wander, remember us, your loyal newsletter editors. Send us your cards and letters, show us where you have been.

We are now in our monthly publishing calendar so content is now king! We need content, but I will say, Wisc-UP has never left us hanging. THANKS!

Cutoff for the next issue is June 10!

We Rally Together! Future Streamers' Rally

Rio Wisconsin, June 19-22

Hosts Zach & Steph Lee (BRN 8583)

The countdown is on! Our reserved campground spots will be released in just a couple weeks and if you've been thinking about joining us, now's the time to lock in your site before they're gone.

The rally runs June 19-22 at Silver Springs Campsites in Rio, WI, and it's all about making memories across generations.

Bring the grandkids, the adult kids, or just yourselves, there's something for everyone.

We'll have fun, relaxed activities for kids and grown-ups alike, plus plenty of downtime to unwind, connect, and enjoy the Airstream life together.

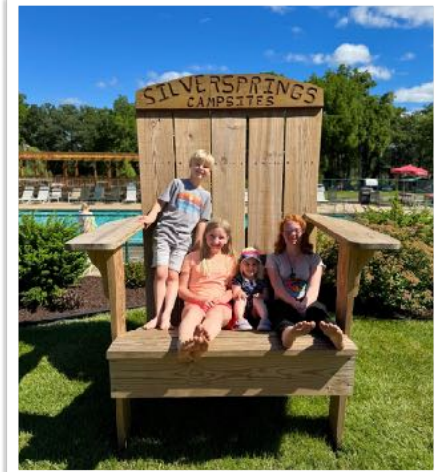
Whether you're rolling in with family or flying solo this rally is for you.

Reserve your spot at Silver Springs - <https://rebrand.ly/future-streamers-2025>

Register on WISC-UP - <https://airstreamclub.org/wisc-future-streamers-kids-rally>

Hope to see you there!

– Zach & Steph



We Caravan Together!

Springtime in Kentucky 2025 Caravan

Provided By Janet Zellermayer (BRN 10230)

All pictures from the Springtime In Kentucky-2025.

Janet Zellermayer and associate member of Wisc-UP Cindy Butzen at Old Friends Farm



Castle and Key Distillery



Chuck at the Old Friends Farm



Chuck and Janet at Churchill Downs

We Rally Together!

Harbor Brewing / Airstream Rally Winthrop Harbor Aug 1 - 3

Provided By Peter Fell (BRN 9155)

We just found out, Aug 1 - 3, is an Airstream Rally event at the Northpoint Marina in Winthrop Harbor, IL, hosted by Rivet-Life next to Harbor Brewing Company's Lakefront Biergarten and we're planning to go and camp out there for the weekend - if you are in the area and are in for a good time with good beers and meeting other Airstreamers, check it out and swing by.



The Biergarten will be open with all the outstanding Harbor Brewing beers on tap. Friday afternoon starting at 4pm will be a car show. There will be food trucks and live music as well. Same for Saturday. There will be an Airstream RV Show from a dealer in the Milwaukee area (we just got our 2nd trailer from them) followed by presentations around Airstream and boat maintenance, then hanging out in the Biergarten with live music and beer. Later will be a Venetian Boat Parade and fireworks.

It is all right by the Lake and nature preserves with bike and hiking paths. Dogs are allowed everywhere, including the Biergarten. It is also very family friendly with kids all over the place.

Mark your calendars and come hang out! We will be there with our Airstream as well.

For more information: <https://www.harborbeer.com/biergarten-2>

Hope to see you there. Send me an email pxfell@googlemail.com with any questions, I live in the area.

Peter, Birgit, and Milo

Editor's Note: This would be a No-Host Rally for the Wisc-UP Club. The rally is a non-Airstream Club event, but an event that members may be very interested in attending! And we are all about adventure! Here is the link with more information about dry camping onsite, the tentative schedule, on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1006627061597867>

Information from the Facebook Event page:

We are so excited to announce the inaugural Airstream "American Dream Rally" presented by Rivet-Life.

This event will take place on the shores of Lake Michigan at North Point Marina the largest freshwater marina & next to Harbor Brewing Company's "Lakefront Biergarten" located in the heart of Illinois State Beach Park Forest Preserve! Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

*Dry Camping is allowed, must rsvp. To rsvp, email Curtis at 1@rivet-life.com
More details to come.*

We Rally Together! Festival of Sail Duluth 2025 Rally

July 10-13, 2025

Hosted by Jane & Greg Hyer (BRN 4297)

Avast! Me Hearties, Come Chew the Fat and Bilge.

FESTIVAL OF SAIL DULUTH 2025 Rally – JULY 10-13, 2025.

Get your land yachts prepared and join Wisc-UP Airstreamers for a rally on the shores of the world's greatest lake. The festival draws thousands of ship-gazers to Duluth's shoreline for a parade of sails, tours, daytrips, educational programming and general gawking. It's a rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard and even set sail on some of the grandest ships of yore and fun for entire family. Ships can be viewed without paid passes but passes required (through festival website below) for onboard viewing or sailing.

Festival Web site: www.festofsailduluth.com

Contact Indian Point Campground in Duluth ([218-628-4977](tel:218-628-4977)) to reserve a site under Wisc-UP Airstream Club. A block of camp sites are reserved and held until May 18th. Available sites are 30 amp + water or electricity only sites. These sites will GO QUICKLY.

Indian Point Campground web site: www.duluthindianpointcampground.com

GET CRACKIN' YE BLOOMIN' COCKROACHES er I'll crush ye barnacles.

Folks will be responsible for their own tickets to the festival on Saturday and any other activities they want to do at the festival.... For example, taking a sail on one of the tall ships.

There will be a Friday afternoon activity that I will get tickets for. I reserved the gazebo at the campground for Saturday evening so there will be a pot luck, happy hour, fire, story fabrications.....you know.

Folks planning to attend need to let me know they are attending.

The rally fee is \$10 per person. [Click here to register!](#)

Jane and Greg Hyer

jwhyer@outlook.com

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New Member Spotlight

Pat & Deb Conway (BRN 7208)

Hello New Airstream Friends:

On Halloween Day 2024 we went to the Woodland Airstream in Grand Rapids, Michigan and said, “Trick or 2023 23-foot International” to fulfill a marriage-long dream of buying an Airstream! We are nearing retirement, visions of our Airstream Dream started dancing in our heads, we started following Facebook Airstream forums, got excited, bought a Chevy Silverado, one thing led to another, and we did it. Here's another piece of the puzzle. During the first year of our marriage, we made a lifetime goal to visit all 50 National Parks. As you may know, there are currently 63 National Parks and we have visited 62 of them. We are campers and backpackers at heart. With only one National Park remaining we are looking for the next round of big adventures.

Truth be told, owning a new Airstream is a bit overwhelming right now and a big change for us. For example, last summer we finally checked off a bucket-list item and drove the Lake Superior Circle Tour – starting at our cabin in Mercer, WI and going clockwise for 10 days. We slept in a backpacking tent, car camped, ate mostly one pot meals from our trusty backpacking cook kit, and were on the move to a different campsite every day. We feel that lugging around the 6,000# International will change things a little (smiley face).

We are writing this introduction to you a week after the American Birkebeiner cross country ski race from Cable to Hayward, Wisconsin. The Birkie is an integral part of our families' lives (Pat's first Birkie was 1983) and continues to bring our family, friends, and kids together for a joyous celebration of winter and a healthy dose of up-north revelry. We love winter! When we go the Birkie, we feel that we are hanging out with “our people.” Now, we are wondering if our tribe will expand to include Airstreamers. We feel we already have something in common with you – the thought/need to be part of a community with like-minded people.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories. Deb will be the one mixing Brandy Old Fashions.



Our Members' Travels

Rollin' to the Big Easy Caravan

By Craig Walker (BRN 3848)

Two couples from Wisc-UP joined the Rollin' to the Big Easy ACI caravan in March. Dave Sherman/Vicki Engelstad and Craig and Kathy Walker had a great time over the two weeks we explored southern Louisiana. We saw crawfish farms, sampled some rum, checked out the Tabasco factory, and explored New Orleans. As

a group of 52 people, we also managed to eat 200 pounds of crawfish in one sitting. We ate LOTS of fish and other seafood and drank quite a few beers and Sazeracs. The caravan was well-organized with the right combination of activities, all optional, and free time to explore on your own. If you're thinking about a caravan, this is a great one in which to dip your toes.



Our Members' Travels

Spring Camping in Colorado 2025

By Tyra Gariepy (BRN 6131)

Sadly, we didn't win a lottery involving money, but we did feel we won a Weather Lottery on a recent camping trip to Colorado. April is early, but we had some free time, so decided to take a couple of weeks and head for the hills. Plus we were able to get a reservation for a week at our favorite all time campground, The Golden City Campground, located just outside Denver in the foothills. Clear Creek tumbles from its source near Loveland Pass right next to the campground, and there are wonderful hiking paths which make it walkable to a great little town. We also stayed a week near Colorado Springs. We spent some time exploring old mountain towns, Red Rock Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park (only partially open) and the cities of Denver and Colorado Springs. En route (through the flat lands of Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska which seem to go on forever) we stopped at the Buffalo Bill State Park and home in Nebraska, along the shores of the Platte River (according to Bob, his father, as a child in Boston, met and shook hands with Buffalo Bill at his Wild West Show), and a small but totally adequate state park in Iowa (no state sticker required and \$15 for power). One snowstorm, otherwise lots of sun with temps close to 60. Nothing broke on either the vehicle or camper...we won!



Our Members' Travels

Attending the Draft in Green Bay Wisconsin

By Todd Bavery (BRN 7880)

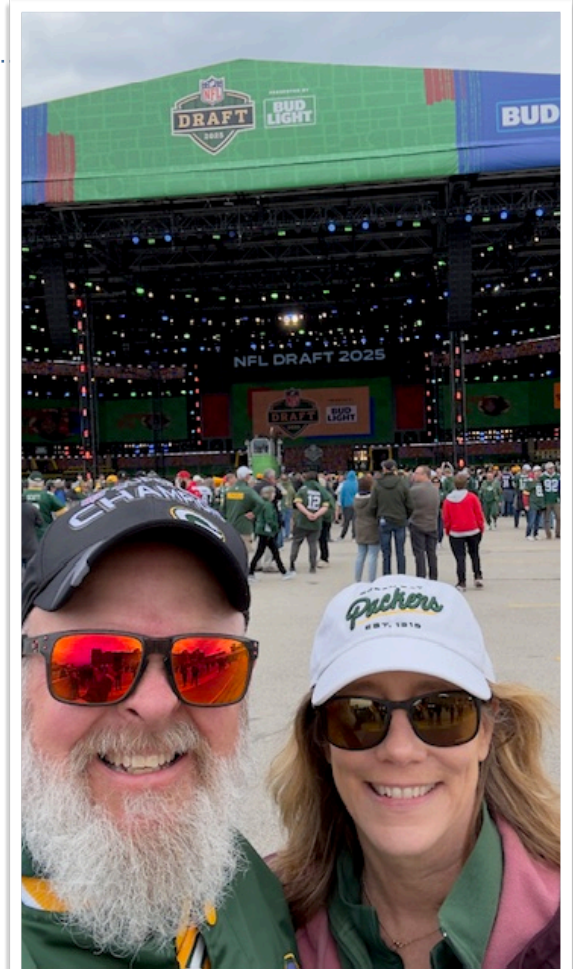
The Year is off and running!

First trip of the year was to the 2025 NFL Draft in Green Bay, yes we were in the middle of 205,000 people on opening night.. We stayed 2 nights at Point Beach State park, water wasn't turned on yet, but what a great alternative from the high price hotels in and around Green Bay.

We were able to attend a Club Seat Holder Premier event the night before the draft, which included Charlie Berens hosting an event that included current and former Green Bay Packer players. Players in attendance were Cooper, Musgrave, Williams - Along with Hall of Famers Kramer, Butler & Robinson.

Opening day of the Draft - we were able to park in our normal front yard that we do for games, however - we did not have to pay \$100 to park, which was the going rate.

We had a great time, and headed home on Friday.



What the Club Means to Me

By Steve Piotrowski (BRN 2900)

On May 14 of last year, I spent the day cleaning and loading our 2007, 23 foot Safari RB for our third camping trip of the year. I was grateful for the assistance given to me in October getting the Airstream ready for storage by a fellow club member. You see, I'd a minor health problem upon our return from the International Rally in Wyoming. It felt minor to me, but the doc's wanted me confined to the hospital while they determined how to fix my heart. In the end, I didn't leave the hospital until they had completed a triple bypass and our fall camping got canceled. Anyway, in early spring we took a trip to South Carolina to join our friends from the North Carolina Club for a campout. When we got home from that trip, we were able to go on a couple of trips to our favorite State Park, Wyalusing.



On the 15th, we were looking forward to ten days at our second favorite State Park, Parrot. Like Wyalusing, it is on the Mississippi River, and like Wyalusing, it makes for a great spring birding trip. Our two kittens were beginning to adjust to spending time in the Airstream, and Ruby was eager to go whenever we packed for a trip. In the morning, I walked into the bathroom, pee'd and as I turned to go to back to the bedroom and get dressed, I fell flat and couldn't move. Lynne thought I was playing some sort of weird trick, until I convinced her that I couldn't even use my arms to roll over. We summoned the ambulance and instead of spending the day towing the Airstream to Perrot, we spent it in the emergency room before being admitted to the hospital.

No one quite knew what was going on, but they believed it was Guillain Barre Syndrome, a one in a million virus that attacks the myelin lining of your nerves. In practical terms, it causes the signals from your brain to not follow the proper pathways. Like taking an electrical wire and pulling off the plastic coating, the current goes wherever it can. Fortunately, my initial bout wasn't devastating, and in a week, I began to recover some use of my legs. Unfortunately, I had a second attack and that left me paralyzed to the point of not being able to move anything but my head. Six months later I was finally released from the hospital. Lynne had come to visit me every day and I received excellent care from the staff at the VA hospital in Madison. When I was released, I could walk a very short distance with a walker, but not much else.

What the Club Means to Me (Cont.)

By Steve Piotrowski (BRN 2900)

Today, I wanted to drop a line to say thanks to the club members who let me know they were thinking about me while I was hospitalized. I want to say a special thank you to the friends from the club who winterized our trailer and got it into storage. It was a big relief to have that done, and all it took to get help was to ask. One huge worry taken off my plate thanks to the club.

I remain very limited in my ability to walk or move about, but I am getting better.

Unfortunately, in December Ruby came down with a fast moving form of cancer and in January we lost our feline friend.

Throughout this ordeal, one of the things most missed was traveling in our Airstream. We'd remained signed up for the Polar Bear caravan, but I recently admitted that I remain too limited to join that adventure.

We hope that before the end of this year we will be able to join you at one of the club functions and also hope we can restart our camping adventures. There are many things

that are important in our lives, but the joy of using our Airstream and joining the club functions is high on the list of things that we have missed. Please take heed of this simple reminder, "Don't take your Airstream adventures for granted, you never know when life will throw you a curve".



Wisc-Up Spring General Business Meeting Announced

You are invited to attend the 2025 Wisc-UP Spring General Business Meeting which will be at the Verona County Fairground on Saturday May 31 at 10 am. This meeting will be part of the Wisc-UP Driftless Rally hosted by Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of Officers

Past President – Jim Guthrie

President – Morten Lindstad
1st Vice President - Jenny Bibler
2nd Vice President – Zachary Lee
Treasurer - Kurt Jorgensen
Secretary - Jason Staffin
1st Trustee - Tim Valenza
2nd Trustee - Jeff Bibler
3rd Trustee – Matt Lee

3. Confirmation of Quorum – Minimum of 10% of membership

Members as of May 27th, 2025 Present

4. Approval of Fall 2024 General Business Meeting minutes

Copy is on Wisc-UP web site

5. Report of Officers and Committees

Membership and Public Relations - Pattie Cook

Treasurer - Kurt Jorgensen

Constitution and Bylaws – Elizabeth Rich

Newsletter - Ed and Sandy Emerick

Technology - John Cooper / Bob Manak

Nominating – Jim Guthrie

6. Old Business

Online Directory

Rally signup online

Constitution and Bylaws update

7. New Business

8. Announcements

More rallies

9. Adjourn



Flamingos and Flamingo References Now Forbidden in WISC-UP

In a stunning vote of 17 - 1, the Wisc-UP board has banned all flamingo references from the club. Current Wisc-UP President Morten Lindstad said in his weekly press conference “this has been a long time coming”.

Many who attended this vote said the meeting started very contentiously but soon an agreement was made after the flamingo dangers were presented. One member, who wishes to remain anonymous said once these dangers were properly identified it was easy to see why this ban is needed. The board provided many seen and yet unseen dangers including exceeding payload as many of our members tow with sedans, SUVs and 1/2 ton pickup trucks. Another danger identified during this meeting was “Color Clash”. A member who wishes to remain anonymous stated that the “Flamingo Pink” was in direct violation of the Airstream cream, beige, silver and gray color code and should not be seen within 1000 yards of an Airstream coach.

Another issue presented was the environmental and ascetic impact of flamingo display. When flamingos are displayed around an Airstream rally, state, county or city park this disrupts the zen of the parking place and often will destroy the natural beauty of the area. One member in attendance was heard to say “I hate it when I go camping and I am surrounded by a pink nightmare, this needs to change! The display will lead to conflict at the campground!

Probably the most disturbing reason given for the support of the ban was being Flamingoed. For those unfamiliar with this atrocity, this is when a stranger approaches your coach and leaves you with a plastic, ceramic, wooden or photographic image of a flamingo on your tank cover or doorstep. A club member who did not want to provide his or her name (We will call them Kriss) shared an upsetting encounter with being Flamingoed. “There I was sitting in my favorite place reading the sports page, no fans running just the window open when I was Flamingoed. This wouldn’t have been so bad had I not eaten BBQ the night before. I was mortified!” The board added that this activity is no longer approved and should stop immediately.

With the comments and evidence provided, the Wisc-UP Board approved a measure to ban flamingos. The mandate will replace flamingos with the Badger, or his drunken and unkempt cousin, the Wolverine.

For further information please contact one of the 18 board members.



Our Members' Travels

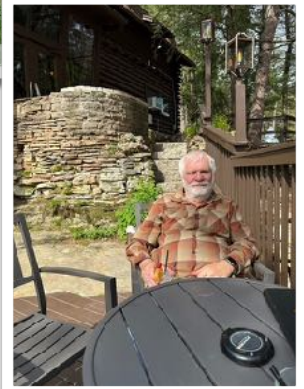
The Supper Club at Mirror State Park, Ishnala

By Mary Jorgensen (BRN6104)

Kurt and I have wanted to go to the supper club at Mirror Lake SP - Ishnala - for awhile. We thought going midweek might be to our advantage. So we booked 2 nights at Mirror Lake SP. Friends advised us to go early and our plan was to go when they opened at 3:30. The restaurant opened at 4 and they did not take reservations!

We were there at 3:30 and still had a 45 minute wait. So we hit the Tee Pee Bar. This restaurant is known for their Old Fashions, and that is what Kurt had and he said it was good. I had a G&T and it was pretty good. At our table, we had Ishnala shrimp as an appetizer - one of the best appetizers I have ever had. My main course was duck (fantastic) and Kurt had rack of lamb (good but not outstanding). Key Lime pie finished it off and was very good.

The true highlight of this meal was the location. The restaurant is perched above Mirror Lake and I think every table had a view of it. Our view of the food reflects our experience and you may have a different view or like different foods than us. Just remember to go early and plan on it taking the whole evening, but a very pleasant place to spend that evening. Oh, and we also ran into an old friend of Ed's - the badger!



Repairs, Restorations, Upgrades & Cool Airstream Things

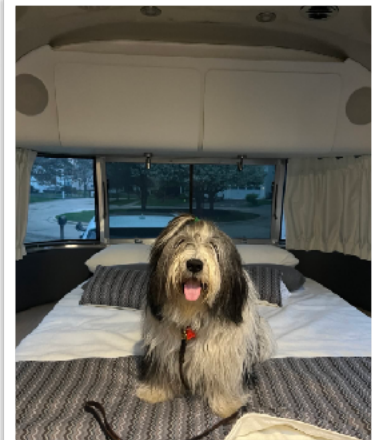
New "Stream" Battery Clean UP

By Peter & Birgit Fell (BRN 9155)

We did a thing – after enjoying our trips in our 23' Flying Cloud last year, we knew that Airstreams are for us. But one thing to wish for, and that was a little more space in it so we started to look at other floorplans and after some back and forth settled on the 27' FBQ and looking at different trims at the closest Airstream dealer for us we thought the Globetrotter is a real nice upgrade of the Flying Cloud. Well and then there was one sitting right there at a good price and we got a good trade in, so we did it. Friday 5/2 was pick up date (the folks at Ewalds are too funny, they got us a 12 pack Bitburger Pils from Germany (we are from Germany) and during the walkthrough at 10am had one with them right there). Got the trailer home in the afternoon and then the moving in started and next days installing yet another Epoch 300ah battery cleanly in the battery box the way a fellow Wisc-UP member taught me, now waiting for our first trip the last week of May to go up to Door County.



Got it home!



Milo likes it!



And then the battery install

ACI 70th Anniversary Store Now Open!

Provided By: Sherrye McCabe, Marketing & Communications Manager

Airstream Club International

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



Celebrate 70 Years of Airstream Adventures in the Commemorative Edition of Blue Beret!

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

Want to be part of this historic edition?
Here's how to participate:

✨ **Share Your Story** – Submit your Airstream adventures, memories, and photos in our 70th Anniversary Album. We'll feature select stories in the magazine!

📷 **Show Off Your Airstream Life** – Upload your best photos of club adventures to be considered for this special issue.

💬 **Leave Your Mark** – Purchase a 70th Anniversary message to celebrate the club and your Airstream journey. All proceeds will go to the WBCCI Historical Center.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025.

Visit AirstreamClub.org/70Years
for more details.



Alex, Roxy and Amy Harbison in
Newfoundland BRN6342



Hank and Blue Belle Enjoying the
Scenery – Tim Jackson BRN10608



Dale & Virginia Leipper
BRN1138



GLAAC Touring the Factory!
Paula & Steven Hammer BRN3701



Elizabeth Thompson's
Grandmama BRN15599



Elk in Banff!
Lori Grassi BRN716



CLUB NEWS



ACI Election Information

The 2025–2027 Airstream Club International Executive Council Election

It's that exciting time once again — when Airstream Club International members have the opportunity to shape the future of our organization through the power of their vote. The 2025–2027 Executive Council Election is officially underway, and this year brings a fresh new way to get informed, get involved, and make your voice heard.

Meet the 2025–2027 Candidates

This year's candidates represent a dynamic mix of experience, perspectives, and dedication to the Airstream community. These individuals are stepping forward to lead the Airstream Club International with integrity, vision, and passion.

To explore their backgrounds and platforms, head to AirstreamClub.org/IBTCandidate. Each candidate profile includes written statements and, coming soon, recorded one-on-one interviews.

Your Voice, Their Answers

NEW THIS YEAR: The Recruitment and Oversight Committee is conducting in-depth interviews with each candidate. Candidate videos will be released mid-May on the ACI YouTube channel. Then, mark your calendars for a live, interactive experience:

Live "Ask the Candidates" Webinar, May 21, 7 p.m. ET
Join the ACI community for this open forum where candidates will answer your submitted questions and take live questions via chat. Can't attend? The webinar will be recorded and available afterward on the ACI YouTube Channel.

Key Election Dates

Stay engaged with the full election timeline:

- **Mid-May** – Candidate interviews published on ACI YouTube channel
- **May 21** – Live "Ask the Candidates" webinar at 7:00 PM ET
- **May 27** – Deadline to request a paper ballot
- **June 1-15** – Voting period open to eligible ACI members
- **June 18** – Election results announced (pending receipt of paper ballots)
- **July 17** – New International Officers announced
- **August** – New Executive Council officially seated August 1 and installed at the International Rally

Make Your Vote Count

The Executive Council is a vital part of the International Board of Trustees, driving key initiatives and shaping impactful member programs. Now, it's your opportunity to help select the leaders who will guide this important work.

Voting will once again be held through ElectionBuddy, a secure and confidential platform. All members with an email on file will receive a ballot on June 1, 2025. To ensure you receive yours, confirm your email in the Member Dashboard or Membership Directory.

Prefer to vote by mail? Contact Club HQ at 937-596-5211 by May 27 at 4:00 PM ET to request a paper ballot. Completed paper ballots must be postmarked by June 15, 2025.

This is your club. Your vote matters.

Review the candidates, submit your questions, and take part in this important process. Let's chart the road ahead — together!

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To learn more about the candidates and their platforms, head to AirstreamClub.org/IBTCandidate.

Region 7 President Ramblings

Notes From Region 7

By Chris Olsson (BRN 7827)



At the April 17, 2025 IBT meeting, there was only one motion put before the IBT, and that was to change some of the wording in the job description for the Recruitment Oversight Committee's role in vetting candidates. The motion maker thought the wording may be misleading and might deter candidates from applying for candidacy. After some discussion, the motion was defeated with 18 no votes and 2 yes votes.

Other motions approved by the IBT using electronic voting prior to the IBT Meeting were:

- Policy Amendments to Align with the Finance Director Position Constitutional Change and to Close Gaps and Clarify Ambiguities.
- Boondockers Badge Logo for the Boondockers Intraclub.
- Georgia Airstream Club Permanent Charter

If you want to read the minutes for the April 17th IBT meeting, you can find them here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/2025-international-board-trustees-april-17-2025-business-meeting>

Scroll down to the Meeting Minutes Link and you can download them.

As a member of the IBT, I have had the honor of helping to start a new intraclub: The Fly Fishing Airstream Club. This new Intraclub has been put together by Anothny Robbins from the Carolinas Airstream Club, with me as the sponsor. If you know me, you may be asking what does someone who does not fish, fly fish, or really even like fish doing sponsoring a Fly Fishing Intraclub? The answer is simple. I asked what was involved and the answer looked pretty straight forward, so I said I would be their sponsor. Turns out, an IBT sponsor doesn't need to know anything about the new intraclub, just be willing to help them get through the process. I am happy to report that they are almost there! All of the background work has been done, officers elected, and dues set. They needed 10 charter members to start and currently have 90. They are even almost done with a really cool logo! My job now is to submit a motion to the IBT requesting that the Fly Fishing Airstream Club have a permanent charter. Draft motion is written and is being reviewed. By the time this newsletter is published, they will be a chartered intraclub. If you want to join, you can do so here:

<https://form.jotform.com/241686210915153>

This is the form to join any intraclub. Scroll down and you'll find the Fly Fishing Airstream Club.

The next IBT Meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2025. Watch your email for information on the IBT Meeting and how to watch it live if you want to.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or something you would like me to bring to the IBT, please let me know.

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