

IOWA AIRSTREAM CLUB

AUGUST, 2025

OFFICERS:

President: Thomas Herron
515.988.4950

Vice President: Terie Taylor-Wolf
515.360.7887

2nd Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: John Wolf
515.473.4982

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515.473.0256

1 yr. Director: Chuck Helle
319.270.1189

1 yr. Director: Norm Van Klompenberg
641.791.9547

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563.422.8182

2 yr. Director: Shirley Herron
515.556.9339

Prez Sez

Seems like time is flying by, Hard to believe it's Fair time soon, Back to school tax free weekend almost here, but best of all looks like a fun time in Decorah fast approaching. Water opportunities like fly fishing, possibly a float through the cliffs either by tube, kayak, or canoeing. lots of biking trails. See friends we haven't seen for a while. Enjoy upper Iowa's beautiful drift less area.



In July, the elite Past Unit President's (PUP's) of the Iowa Airstream club met and enjoyed a fun afternoon of comradery. Turnout was great, out of 15 invites, we had only 4 missing Presidents due to other commitments and couldn't make it.

Attendance for camping on the River has kept growing, confident it will be great adventure. Terie has been on an out of state bike ride or two this year but is still busy putting together a fall installation event to be enjoyed.

Confident the Iowa Airstream Club will rally around these upcoming events. And show support for hosts and fellow members, while enjoying food at the winter luncheons, our New President Terie Taylor-Wolf is planning.

Looking forward to August Rally before we depart for International Rally in York PA. Then on to the Mother Lode of the Mother Road, Rt 66 experience. if anyone has September 7 thru November 3rd open, we have a unique opportunity open up with an unfortunate cancellation. Visit the Airstream club event list and register to join us.

See ya down the road,

Thomas Herron

PS: If anyone has collected items for the community service donations, please let us know at site 7 in Spillville, thanks



Membership Update:

At the rally in Pella, I agreed to manage the “Blue Book” and membership roster. Having had some time to consider the matter, I have some thoughts that I’d like all of us to consider. As is the case with everything else in life, things have changed, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. By considering an alternative, we may be able to contain costs and improve effectiveness. That said, I would like to propose that we offer two (2) forms of delivery for the “Blue Book,” the traditional printed media, and an electronic alternative. Those who wish to continue to receive the printed booklet may continue to do so. Alternatively, we can make the same information available electronically. I would anticipate creating a document or documents in Google Drive, and share access with the membership; it would be available to all members at their convenience.

There is another reason to manage our membership roster electronically. Many of the longer term members are billed annually at year end for their AIC and Iowa Club dues. However in recent years (effective 2021), members are billed annually on their anniversary date. In our case, Wina and I joined in October making our renewal dues payable in October. As a result, the membership roster is updated monthly rather than annually. I plan to maintain the membership roster in the electronic format on a monthly basis.

Another matter for consideration is the kind(s) of information to be published. In this day and age, all of us are likely to be conscious of privacy concerns. What follows are the key pieces of information that have historically been provided and published. Please let me know if you have any thoughts or concerns about your private and personally identifiable information.

Name(s)

BRN (Big Red Number)

Physical Address

Phone number(s)

Email address

Birthday (month and day)

Anniversary (month and day)

Leadership positions held (past and present)

Affiliate membership(s) i.e. Iowa North, Nebraska, Four Corners, etc.

As I review the current booklet, it appears that in some cases there is a preferred primary contact. Is it fair to assume that in the case of a joint membership the first person listed is the primary contract? Alternatively, does it matter?

All thoughts, suggestions and comments are welcome.

I’ll also need to know which method of delivery you wish to receive.

Thanks, all!

Tom Spread, Directory Editor

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563-554-0145

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.

August Birthdays

15 – Deb Blaha
17 – Wanda Paine
22 – Marilyn Mulbrook

August Anniversaries

10 - Pauley
10 - Wolf

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

2025 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

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

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



Items needed for the community project this year in York PA. If anyone would like to donate any of the following items for this project please bring to August Rally. Herrons' will personally deliver Iowa Club O46 offerings to committee in York.

- Socks (men's and women's)
- Pocket/purse-sized hand sanitizer
- Antiperspirant or deodorant (2 oz. or larger)
- Bath/body wipes (10-pack, size 8x10 or larger)
- Anti-bacterial ointment
- Small pocket-sized flashlights (with batteries)
- Small first aid kits

Airstream International Club News



Airstream Club International's 70th Anniversary Celebration

Wally Byam, inventor of the iconic Airstream travel trailer, had been leading groups of intrepid travelers on international caravans in their beloved Airstream trailers for four years when the idea to incorporate a caravan club was born. On Aug. 3, 1955, during the Eastern Canada Caravan led by Wally's cousin, Helen Byam Schwamborn, travelers gathered in Kentville, Nova Scotia, for the first Wally Byam Caravan Club membership meeting. This marked the beginning of a rich tradition, uniting generations of Airstream enthusiasts in our passion for adventure, camaraderie, and exploration.

To celebrate our Club's 70th Anniversary, we have a year-long schedule of activities and educational opportunities.

Blue Beret Magazine: 70th Anniversary Commemorative Edition

This August, *Blue Beret* is celebrating 70 years of adventure, community, and Airstream pride! Our special commemorative edition will be filled with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a heartfelt tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey so special.

Share Your Story

Do you have a long family history with the Club? Or a unique perspective on what it means to be an ACI member? We want to hear from you! Share your story for a chance to be featured in this special issue. [Submit your story here.](#)

See Your Photos in Print

We're also showcasing the stunning photos you've been posting on the 70th Anniversary Kululu Board. Keep sharing—your picture just might appear in the magazine! [Submit your photos today!](#) Need help? [Learn how to share your photos and videos here >](#)

Buy an Anniversary Message

You can ensure you'll be a part of this milestone edition. Purchase an anniversary message to celebrate your connection to the Airstream legacy.

- **Text-only message:** \$25
- **Message with image or logo:** \$100

All proceeds support the WBCCI Historical Center, helping preserve our shared history for future generations. [Buy your message today!](#)

ACI 70th Anniversary Store

The ACI 70th Anniversary Logo Store is officially open – and it's packed with must-haves for every ACI member!

- Men's, Women's & Youth Apparel
- Drinkware for your daily grind
- Pet gear so even your pup can rep ACI
- Lifestyle accessories that bring the celebration home

Don't miss the limited-edition 70th Anniversary T-shirt – featuring Wally's Creed on the back! It's more than a shirt. It's a legacy.



We are looking for a few good Airstreamers who are willing to provide leadership to the Iowa Airstream Club. Below is an abbreviation of the roles of each of the officers, the complete list is in the directory. Iowa Airstream Club officers consist of: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Directors. Please reach out to Tom Herron if you are interested in helping to lead this organization for the next year.

President:

- Preside at all meetings of the Iowa Airstream Club and Executive Board
- Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws
- Appoint all standing committees

Vice President:

- Attend all meetings of the Iowa Airstream Club and Executive Board
- Assist the President
- Assume the duties of the President in the President's absence

2nd Vice President:

- Attend all meetings of the Iowa Airstream Club and Executive Board
- Assist the President and Vice President
- Assume the duties of the Vice President in the absence of said officer

Recording Secretary:

- Record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the club and the Executive Board

- Record the attendance of the officers at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present

Treasurer:

- Maintain the financial records of the Iowa Airstream Club and shall receive all monies, as prescribed by the International Policy 16.6.1 Financial data Management

Directors:

- Attend all meetings of the Iowa Airstream Club and Executive Board

Rally and Luncheon Hosts:

We are still looking for volunteers to host or co-host a rally for the 2025 camping season as well as hosts for our luncheons this next winter. The months listed below are still needing a host. Please reach out to Terie if you are interested in hosting either a Rally or Luncheon. Show off your favorite restaurant or campground.

Rally:

- September
- October

Luncheon:

- December
 - February
 - March
 - April
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2025 Iowa Airstream Rallies

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

Riverside Campground

116 Bridge St

Spillville, IA 52168

Dennis Chapman and Margaret Jespersen

563-380-1385

denny.chapman@rocketmail.com

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**August 2025 Rally
Riverside Park
Spillville IA**

Thursday, August 7 - Lawn Chair Night at Impact Coffee in Decorah. Washington Street is closed off for live music starting at about 6 p.m.

Friday, August 8 - Tour of Bily Clocks/Antonin Dvorak Museum. Approximately 3:30 p.m.

Friday evening - Your choice meal - We have the Shelter House #2 for the weekend if you would like to bring your supper and share some time together. All of the restaurants and bars in the area would be happy to see those of us who choose to patronize them. New food choices include Wenzil Taylor in Spillville and The Smoky Dough in Calmar. Pivo Brewery is also in Calmar, about 6 miles from the Riverside Park

Campfire ring is ours to use.

Saturday, August 9 - 7:30 A.M. Breakfast - fresh kolaches and coffee at Shelter House #2.

Saturday, August 9 - 9:30 A.M. Our own tour of Vesterheim Museum in Decorah. We have a guided tour of the main building and the outside exhibits are 'on your own'.

Saturday afternoon - We have reservations for lunch at Toppling Goliath Brewing at 1:30 P.M. followed by a tour of the brewing operation.

After Toppling Goliath we have a few hours before suppertime.

Saturday, August 9 - 7:00 P.M. - Evening meal at Shelter House #2. Smoked pork and fresh sweet corn prepared by Paul Wermers, Mayor of Spillville. Bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Sunday, August 10 - 7:30 A.M. French Toast and Sausages as well as mixed fruit and fresh coffee. Shelter House #2

Also - no hurry to check out on Sunday morning if you want to hang out or take any of the many recreation opportunities in the Decorah area.

The word is out "September is a fun rally"!! We are now able to offer it as a "Buddy Rally", help us get the word out. Host Mike and Dana Johnson would appreciate a Site Number when booked

September 11 - 14, 2025 – Camping on the River - (register for this rally - 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 – If you plan to attend, please make your reservation to: [Campground Details - Lake Ahquabi State Park, IA - Iowa State Parks](#)

The Wolf's are camping on Site 10 and most of the other members are camping near site 10. Please let Terie know your site number after registration. (if you haven't already)

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:

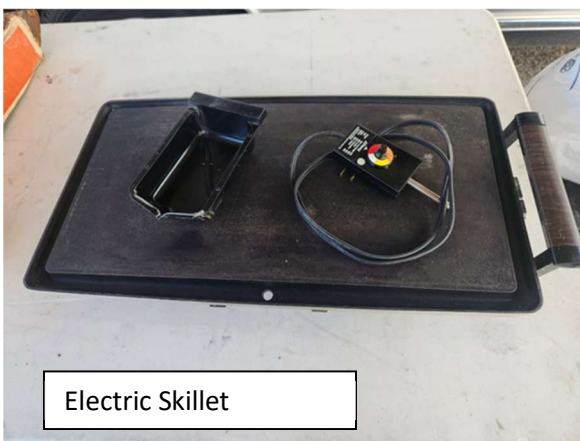
For Sale: Donella sold her trailer!!



**CLEARANCE
SALE**

As discussed at the June board meeting, a decision was made to sell some of the assets of the club that are not getting used. Help make these items wanted again. Please send Terie an email if you are interested in any of these items. (first come first serve). Proceeds will go to the Iowa Airstream Club.

SOLD



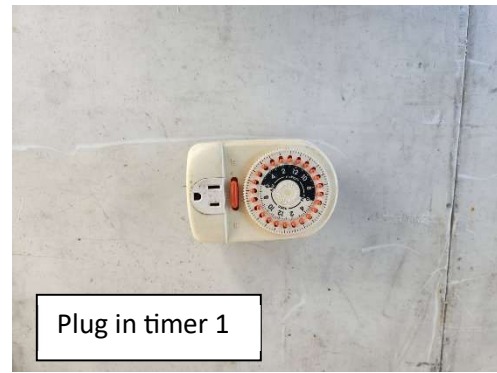
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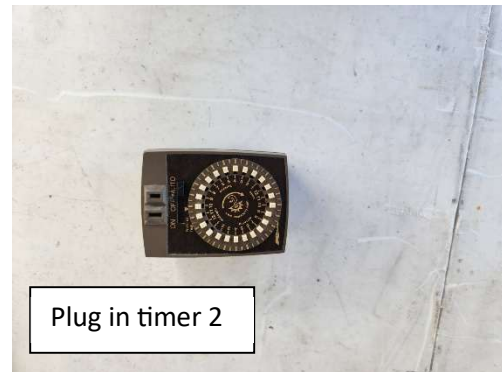
Green Coffee Pot



White Coffee Pot



Plug in timer 1



Plug in timer 2

SOLD



Grill with 2 LP tanks



Sign



2 Gallon Water Jug

SOLD

Extension cord with multiple plug-in



SOLD

50' number 12 drop cord



Wally Byam Caravanners Beret (16-small, 2-medium, 1-xl)

SOLD

Old Past President flag, Iowa unit club flag



****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.**