Idaho Airstream Club

Wally Byam Caravan Club International—Region 10



A Word from Our President, by Tony Wilson, President



Hello my fellow Airstreamers ...

Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to serve as your President. I'd like to take a moment to share a little about myself.

I come from a family of eight and spent my early years in both California and Idaho. At 18, I joined the U.S. Navy and proudly made a career of it, serving for 21 years. During that time, I had the opportunity to visit 14 countries and truly loved my time in the service.

For the past 19 and a half years, I've worked at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and plan to retire within the next year or so.

Lorrie and I have been members of the club for six years now after spending five years rebuilding Athena, our 1959 Tradewind. We were recently married during the Installation Rally in September after being together for almost 14 years – making that event extra special for us!

This year began with our Breakout Rally at Mountain Home and ended in Tetonia with the Rally in the Valley, with 3 rallies in between. Thank you to all of the hosts and volunteers that contributed to making this a successful year of gatherings.

Coming up next, we have the Harvest Dinner in Mountain Home on November 8th. We would love to see you there! An email with details was sent out on October 17th with a link. Please RSVP no later than November 2nd so we can confirm our numbers with the Steakhouse.



Looking ahead to 2026, Region 10 will host a rally in Hood River, Oregon, so keep an eye on your inbox and their newsletters for updates.

We are actively looking for hosts for next year's rallies. If you're interested, or have rally ideas, please reach out to Mark & Jeannie Pinkman, our new Rally Coordinators. If you would like to get your feet wet hosting a rally, consider volunteering as a co-host – it's a great way to get involved and learn the ropes.

Thank you all for being valued members of OUR club. Without your participation and support, there would be no club.

We look forward to meeting even more of you in the months and years to come. It's been wonderful spending time with our fellow travelers. *Until we meet again — stay safe and get out there to enjoy the journey!*

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Hot Topics:

- Harvest Dinner
 - o Saturday, November 8, 2025 4:30 7:30pm
 - o Savory Layne Steakhouse 1130 US-20, Mountain Home, ID 83647
 - o Link to JotForm to RSVP.
- 2026 Rally's
 - o Now is the time to start planning!!
 - Contact Mark or Jeannie

2026 Executive Board and Volunteers

(= New Assignment)

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Idaho Airstream Club Social Hour

Got an idea for a Social Hour? We want to hear it!

Email your suggestions to <u>President Wilson</u> — whether it's a cozy café, a lively lounge, hometown event, or a backyard bonanza!



Once we nail down a location, date, and time, we'll send out details by email along with an RSVP request so we can plan for a great turnout.

Got a place in mind? Don't keep it to yourself — let's make it happen!

JaiAldi Social Hour Recap

July 31 Hosts: Mark & Jeannie Pinkman

16 members attended the social hour before going to enjoy the festival in downtown Boise. JaiAldi is the largest Basque festival in the United States and larger than most in the world. Even Basques living in Basque Country (a region straddling the western Pyrenees mountains in northeastern Spain and southwestern France) make the trip to Boise to experience the event which takes place every five years. Treasure Valley is home to the largest Basque population in the world, outside of Basque Country.













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Membership Update by Lorrie Wilson, Past Membership Chair

The Idaho Airstream Club currently has 67 BRNs!

Whether you are a Lifetime member (4), Regular member (43), or an Affiliate (20), your support and involvement are what make our community so special. **Thank you** for your dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for the Airstream lifestyle.

Exciting news! Mark & Jeannie Pinkman have graciously volunteered to be our

Membership Committee for the coming year - thank you, Mark & Jeannie!



Airstream Club International - Reminder

Membership Renewal Season is here!

For many of our members, the 2026 Membership Renewal season began **October 3**rd.

Below are a few highlights to remember:

- Membership dues are \$99 per year.
- The primary or partner member MUST be logged in to the member-only portal to renew online. (Unless you signed up for auto-renewal.)
- Members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN) can renew their additional BRN in the member-only portal at the time of renewal.
- HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.
- All Lifetime members must go through the renewal process.
- HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email and social media starting <u>November</u> 1st.
- The deadline for the 2026 Published Membership Directory is January 31, 2024.
- Members can pay by credit card or ACH (bank transfer).
 - Credit card payments will be charged a 3% convenience fee but are processed immediately.
 - ACH payments may take 3–5 business days to process.





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Follow this link to the 2026 Reminders/Guidelines for Renewals for additional information.

If you have any questions, email Amber at membership@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211.

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New Members: Brody & Alissa Minnich, BRN 28918

We are very excited to be a part of the Idaho Airstream Club! We appreciate your warm welcome and explanation of upcoming events. We're excited to meet everyone and get involved.

We live in Boise and have a 2-year-old son (Cooper) and a daughter on the way this upcoming November. We also have a white Shepard named Dakota who is 10! We are originally from Pennsylvania but moved to Boise 5 years ago (for work) and absolutely fell in love with Idaho. The people, quality of life and access to the outdoors are second to none. We love camping (with our creature comforts, of course (3)) and enjoy kayaking, fly fishing, hunting (bow + rifle), and hiking.



We purchased our 2021 Flying Cloud to enable our family to make memories together for years to come and explore all the beauty the US has to offer. This is our first camper. We're already dreaming and planning our trips for next summer. We look forward to meeting you soon!



New Members: Tom & Tracie Munds, BRN 21698



This is not our first airstream, we enjoyed our (2015) 19ft Flying Cloud for three years and decided the corner bed and bathroom was just too small for the longer travel that we were doing. So, we recently purchased the 25ft (2017 FB).

Back in the days when we were raising our 3 boys, we had a cabin in New Meadows, ID and we spent all our vacation time there. Our kids are all grown and have their own babies, so we decided to do more traveling. In the fall of 2022, we purchased a new to us AS and enjoyed the heck out of it. We knew we wanted something larger after doing

some longer trips. We purchased our 25FB and have enjoyed it so much already!! We love the room it provides and having a bigger bed is so luxurious!

Tom grew up in Hawai'i, so camping was not something he experienced. As for myself, being a native Idahoan, we camped every weekend my dad was off work and so I am used to being out in the great outdoors and on the road. It is a lot different now than it was back then with a lot more people in travel

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trailers, but still so much fun! We spent two weeks on the coast this past June and that is what solidified our want to do this for as long as God allows.

Tom retired this year. I have a way to go before I am old enough to do that, so we have to travel around my schedule. Fortunately, I own my own business (I am an esthetician) so I can usually block off dates so we can make some nice long outings. We spent our first time out this spring in Hells Canyon. It was windy and chilly, but we sure enjoyed it anyway! We have had just over 30 nights in our Airstreams this season, so we feel like we have been out a lot considering our schedules with grand babies and my work. We have a Boxer named Zoey and she loves to travel with us. She is goofy and silly! We have not gotten bikes yet but that is the plan as long as we can figure out how to get Zoey on a cart...lol...seriously though, having a big dog with us does change things a little.

We have lived in Caldwell/Middleton area for 32 years and at our current address for 24 years. We have 3 boys and 3 lovely daughters-in-law and 4 very precious grand babies. The twins love our AS and call it "mimi's yiddle house".

We have 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter; our grandsons are all the same age, turning 2 this fall. We finally got a girl, and she is so adorable and sweetly chunky at 4 months old. I babysit 3 days a week and work the other 3 days so when we are out in our AS I truly feel I'm on a luxury vacation!

We're looking forward to meeting everyone and learning all about the AS clubs.

Idaho Club Celebrations

September Birthdays

Michael Allen Regina Allen Kelly Huit Brian Ballard LeeAnne Ballard

October Birthdays

Michael Archer
Kathleen Archer
Earl Brace
Calvin Huit
Myrna Merell
Tom Munds
Dorothea Robinson
Donna Whitham
Allison Ebbers



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

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Our <u>new</u> Rally Coordinators, Mark & Jeannie Pinkman, are seeking Rally Hosts for 2026. If you're interested, please email: <u>mpinkman1@gmail.com</u> and/or <u>impinkman58@gmail.com</u>.

2026 Rally Schedule

April Need

Annual Break-Out Rally @

Hosts:

May TBD Hagerman Village RV Park, Hagarman, Idaho

Hosts Charlie & Betty Burke Co-Hosts: Need

If you're interested in being a co-host, please reach out to Charlie & Betty directly!

June Need

July Need

August Need

September Need

Annual Business Meeting & Installation

October Need

November - 2026 Harvest Dinner (TBD – open to suggestions!)

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

68th International Rally in York, Pennsylvania Recap

August 23-28
Attendees: Mark & Jeannie Pinkman

(watch for this information in the next newsletter)

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Installation Rally Recap

September 19-21 Hosts: Tony Wilson & Lorrie Bauer

This year's Installation Rally was one for the books! Held at the scenic Murtaugh Lake Cove RV Park in beautiful Twin Falls County, the location was absolutely perfect—with 10 cozy sites offering water and electric hookups, it was the ideal lakeside retreat for our Airstream weekend.

Ten shiny Airstreams from the Idaho Club rolled in, ready for a weekend full of fun, food, friends, and a little bit of romance (more on that later!). Nine families attended the rally. Myrna arrived with both of her Airstreams, thanks to the help of her sister and daughters who joined us for the weekend.

We kicked things off Friday evening with a "heavy hors d'oeuvres" potluck social—which, let's be honest, quickly turned into dinner for most of us. As the sun set over the lake, we gathered to catch up, laugh, and chat about the weekend's plans.

Saturday morning brought a mix of tradition and celebration. Mark Pinkman made his final delivery as President (thank you, Mark!), and Jerry Collins led the installation of our new officers who were in attendance.

Congratulations to:

- President Tony Wilson
- > 1st VP Stuart Cook
- Secretary Lorrie Bauer
- Trustees Kimsley & Kerry Kelley





Jerry also took a moment to officially induct new members, Robert & Delynn Bird, #1895, with a warm welcome to the Idaho Airstream Club.

The afternoon buzzed with excitement as we prepared for a night to remember—complete with delicious food, toe-tapping entertainment, and our *Hitchin' Event*! That's right... **Tony and Lorrie finally tied the knot!**

The celebration was heartfelt, joyful, and full of laughter. So many hands helped make this day a smashing success—Tony and I are beyond grateful for the love and support from our Airstream family and friends.

Sunday morning's potluck breakfast wrapped things up. It was the perfect ending to an unforgettable rally.

Here's to new beginnings, lasting friendships, and more unforgettable adventures down the road!

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Rally in the Valley 2025 Recap

October 3-5

Hosts: Stuart Cook & Elizabeth Donaldson Co-Hosts: Mark & Jeannie Pinkman

Hosts Stuart Cook and Elizabeth Donaldson along with Co-hosts Mark and Jeannie Pinkman, welcomed 7 Airstreams to Teton Valley October 3-5, 2025, for a total of 9 Airstreams at **Teton Peaks Resort** in Tetonia. Those 7 Airstreams brought the following members: Tony and Lorrie Wilson, Dave and Gwen Twyver, Robert and Delynn Bird, Phil and Jan Lopez, Gary and Kim Betts, Scott and Kelly Lea, and Kirk and Ruth Erickson.

The Rally officially started on Friday afternoon, but the Birds, the Ericksons, the Leas, and the Betts made it to the Valley early. The early birds enjoyed a happy hour at the resort pavilion on Thursday along with Stuart and Elizabeth and the Pinkmans. Friday's happy hour officially kicked off the rally. As often happens, the quality and quantity of appetizers brought to the happy hour satisfied the crowd and nobody felt the need to go out to eat afterwards. Our resort host, Nick, made a roaring campfire and the weather cleared enough for the Tetons to "peak" out and provide a glimpse of the beauty that attracted us to this valley.

Saturday was as drizzly as predicted, but that didn't stop attendees from exploring the shops and other attractions in Driggs and Victor. Most of us took the opportunity to get a tour and tasting at the Grand Teton Distillery in Driggs. Their flagship product is potato vodka, but they also age some pretty awesome bourbon.

Saturday night dinner would have been at the resort in better weather, but the pavilion did not provide enough shelter from the 30–40-degree weather and drizzle. So, the event was moved to the Cook/Donaldson's airstream garage, only 3 miles from the resort. In typical Airstream fashion, everyone adjusted to the change, and we had a great time together. Of course we had two rounds of Left, Right, Center, which were as hilarious and exciting as always. Jeannie Pinkman and Delynn Bird came away with the big winnings.

After what seemed like too short a time together, we broke camp and hit the road Sunday morning, bringing to a close the 2025 camping season. Let's do this again next year! See you in April for the Breakout Rally.



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Mark is getting ready for Rally in the Valley.











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