

Iowa Airstream Club

December 2025

Notes from the President:

I can't believe that it is November and we have been busy. The executive board met at the beginning of the month to start discussing plans for the next year. I included notes from this meeting at the end of the newsletter. The board has agreed to meeting monthly so stay tuned for updates.

We had a wonderful kickoff to Winter luncheon in Cedar Rapids. Thanks to Donella for hosting our first luncheon. We had beautiful weather to take a drive around the state and meet up with so many. Let's hope that we continue to have wonderful weather for the rest of the luncheons.

I am sure that some of you are busy getting ready for Thanksgiving. We are having the kids for breakfast this year and John is making his "famous" fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. It's just the two of us as I refuse to cook a turkey for two. I think I got the best of both worlds.

We also started to think about our camping in 2026. You should have received my email regarding the Airstream International Rally in Minot. I hope you all consider attending the International Rally. I always describe the International Rally as part conference and party. This is a great opportunity to learn from other members, discover new/old gadgets that are available for purchase and to have a whole lot of fun. If you decide to camp with us at Roughrider Campground in Minot, please let me know so we can plan to look for you. - Terie



Iowa Airstream Club Executive Board

President: Terie Taylor-Wolf

Vice President: Terry Cochran

Vice President: Wina Spread

Secretary: John Wolf

Treasurer: Kathy Allen

Director: Shirley Herron

Director: Margaret Jespersen

Director: Scott Allen

Director: Carol Heckman

Committee Chairs:

Constitution and Bylaws: Terry Cochran

Membership: Tom Spread

Directory Editors: Tom and Wina Spread

Ethics and Grievance: Terry Cochran

Newsletter: Terie Taylor-Wolf

Membership Introduction:

It's my turn to introduce Sarah and myself. Sarah is a retired attorney and I am a retired family physician. We practiced for 34 years in Fairfield before retiring and moved to Iowa City in 2023. We have 3 children and 1 grandson and a Jack Russell mix dog named pumpkin. Our first Airstream was a 1992 29ft Excella Classic which I noticed sitting unused in a driveway and convinced the owner to sell. It now lives with my cousin after we purchased our 2017 30ft Classic. We also have



a 1947 Airstream Liner and share ownership of a 1947 Curtiss-Wright designed by Wally Byam and built on the same assembly line as



the 1947 Liner. Sarah and I both enjoy golfing and spending time together at our place on Saint Simons Island, Georgia. I enjoy backcountry hiking and hiked across Scotland in 2023 with my brother Tim and my daughter and her boyfriend. Other hikes include The Dingle Way in Ireland and 2 hikes to Angel Creek Campground at the



bottom of the Grand Canyon. I apologize in advance as I play the bagpipes and will probably break them out at a rally or two. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our events and serving on the board.

Terry and Sarah

November Luncheon Highlights:

What a great turnout for our first Winter Luncheon of the season with 26 members in attendance. Our luncheon was held at an old favorite in Cedar Rapids, 16th Avenue Grill and our host was Donella Watkinson.



Pictured: Denny Chapman, Deb Gass, Angie Sperry, Laurie Hakeman



Pictured: Carol and John Heckman, Bill Smith, John and Terie Wolf, Hobie Darbyshire, Terry Cochran, Wina and Tom Spread, Scott and Kathy Allen and Linda Beu



Pictured: Roger Hakeman, Levi Sperry, Earl Gass, Margaret Jespersen



Pictured: Donella Watkinson (in the middle) with the whole gang

Sorry, I was not able to get everyone in a picture. Chuck and Nancy Helle and Norm and Linda Beu (not pictured)

December Birthdays

1-Pat Dellamuth
12-Michael Rickert
13-Jodi Jensen
15-Pat Van Klompenberg
15-Deb Gass
15-Shirley Herron
20-Nancy Schoene
29-Scott Allen



December Anniversaries

12-Helle



On the Road with Tom & Shirley...

Wow, we have packed alot in the month since we last penned this. We were in Albuquerque then. The government shut down interfered with some of the caravan plans like visiting Petroglyph National Park, Petrified Forrest, and Painted Desert. Instead we visited the artists of Santa Fe, rode a train to the



Sedona Red Cliffs

Grand Canyon, drove through the beautiful Sedona area, walked with the burro's of ghost city Oatman, visited a lava field, toured the Original McDonalds Museum, and a second wigwam motel, walked among the stars at The Graumen Theater and watched the Dodger fans as they celebrated the big win. Spent a sunset on Santa Monica pier. Cried as we said our goodbye's to the Caravan family. What a great secure, fun tool What's app is to share

photos, keep in contact with each other. We all agreed to post info on our homeward journeys. A couple traveling to



Grand Canyon

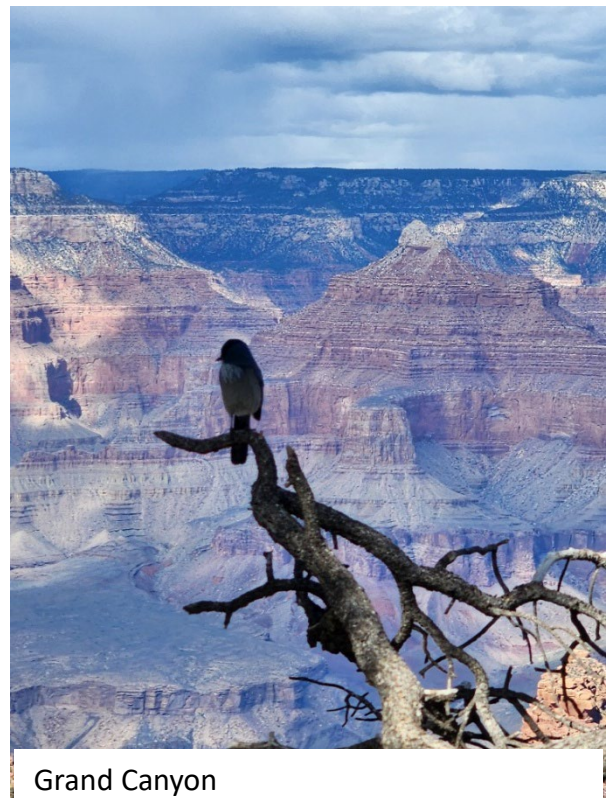
Oregon on extended after trip, and us are the only ones not to have reached home yet. Walked with dinosaurs, enjoyed the visit



in Apache Junction spending time with Cabalka's and Ryan's. Decided to deviate from Hwy 10 and drive thru Salt River Canyon since White Sands National Park was still on Government shut down, danced with aliens, two starless nights under tall pines in Texas, and revisited favorite restaurants from our Cajun Caravan. Fell in love with Mississippi Beaches. Found a noteworthy Blue Compass Service department in Mobile Alabama.

Parking currently in Alabama, move to Florida tomorrow, we talked with the kids this morning their driving straight thru will get in Florida today. Super excited for their wedding, Tuesday. Attending turkey get together at the resort today. Feeling blessed this holiday season, hope all back in Iowa have a wonderful season also. See ya down the road.

Tom and Shirley



Grand Canyon



Walked with Dinosaurs



End of the line, Ketchum's and Tom and Shirley at Santa Monica Pier

Winter Luncheons: Mark your calendars and make sure that you RSVP to the luncheon hosts

December:

Saturday, December 13th, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.

Black Sheep Social Club

600 1st St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

Hosts: Scott and Kathryn Deetz

Phone: 845-219-3650

Email: scottadeetz@gmail.com

February:

Saturday, February 14, 2026 – 11:30 a.m.

Pizza Ranch

219 W. 4th St.

Vinton, IA 52349

Hosts: Charles and Nancy Helle

Phone: 319-270-1189

Email: nancyandchuckhelle@gmail.com

March:

Saturday, March 14th, 2026 – 11:30 a.m.

Brau Haus

741 47th Ave., Amana, IA

Hosts: Scott and Kathy Allen

phone: 515-473-0256

Email: kathyallen3534@gmail.com

April:

Saturday, April 11th, 2026 – 11:30

Smokin G's

25 W. Main St. Marshalltown, IA

Hosts: Tom and Shirley Herron

Phone: 515.556.9339

Email: herrons13007@gmail.com

2026 Iowa Airstream Rally Schedule:

Region 8 Rally

April 29-May 3, 2026

Kansas State Fairgrounds, 2000 N Poplar St. Hutchinson, KS 67502

Reservation info. tbd

May Rally: Memories of Music In May

May 14-17, 2026

NcNider Campground, 901 Birch Dr. Mason City, IA

Hosts: Tom and Shirley Herron

Phone: 515.988.4950

Email: herrons13007@gmail.com

Reservation info. tbd

June Rally: Almost Friday Fest-Muscatine

June 25-28, 2026 (NOTICE NEW DATE!!)

Saulsbury Recreation Area on the Cedar River (24 sites)

Hosts: Tom & Wina Spread and Scott & Kathy Allen

We would like to thank all who have made reservations for the June, 2026 Rally at Saulsbury Recreation Area. To date we have reserved 21 of the 23 available sites in the main campground. We even have one new Iowa Airstream Club member reservation. So, only 4 electrical sites remain available. Should there be greater interest, there are primitive sites available in close proximity at the river campground.





We will keep you informed as our rally plans develop! -Wina & Tom
We hope that the club will enjoy an event on the Muscatine riverfront ("Almost Friday Fest") featuring live music, food and vendors, and kids play area, on Thursday, June 25th (5 -8 PM).

The rally location is a county park campground at Saulsbury Recreation Area on the Cedar River. There are 24 campsites featuring

20/30/50 amp service. Shower, restroom facilities, dumpster and potable water are readily available. The published rates are \$25 per night. We'll let you know when the reservation window opens. Please also know that Wednesdays are free at the campground, a convenience to any early bird arrivals. While Wednesdays are free, the date must still be reserved. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and Check out time is 11:00 AM. "Online reservations are given priority and are made at www.MyCountyParks.com." Please let us know when you have made your reservation. We look forward to hearing from you!

Phone: 563.554.0145

Email: winaspread@gmail.com or tomsread@gmail.com

July Rally: Tri-Club Rally (Iowa, Iowa North and Mo-KS)

July 30-August 2, 2026

Viking Lake State Park

2780 Viking Lake Rd., Stanton, IA 51573

Hosts: Terie & John Wolf, Scott & Jodi Jensen, Christine Embers

Phone: 515-360-7887 (Terie)

Email: terie62@icloud.com (Terie)

Reservations : April 30 (90 days early)

[Campground Details - Viking Lake State Park, IA - Iowa State Parks](#)

August Rally: 69th Airstream Club International Rally

August 22-27, 2026

Minot, ND

Reservations: Now



September Rally: tbd

October Rally: (Installation)

October 8-11, 2026

Riverside Park Campground

116 Bridge St., Spillville, IA 52168

Hosts: Denny Chapman and Mugsy Jespersen

Phone: 563-380-1385

Email: denny.chapman@rocketmail.com

Reservation info. will be sent out in January, 2026

Membership Directory

The 2025-2026 Membership Directory is under development. Look forward to a different format; the costs associated with printing and distribution have become a hurdle. We plan to provide the directory in both electronic and printed format. Since I last communicated with you, I have only one definitive request for a printed document. Please respond with your preference so that we may plan accordingly. I have talked with the Membership Chair for Region 8 and the MoKan Club; most have moved to a printable PDF file, a printed copy is delivered at a cost of \$20.



A potential enhancement is the addition of a photo for each member. Please feel free to forward your favorite selfie to that end.

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025

Present: Terie Taylor-Wolf, President; Terry Cochran, Vice President; Wina Spread, Vice President; Kathy Allen, Treasurer; John Wolf, Secretary; Margaret Jespersen, Director; Scott Allen, Director; Carol Heckman, Director

Absent: Tom Herron, Past President; Shirley Herron, Director

Committee Chairs: Tom Spread, Membership

Terie opened the meeting welcoming the new officers and spent time discussing her expectations to include the Executive Board in the decisions/planning the Club activities.

Rallys:

- 2026 Rallys-all rallies have been scheduled except September, 2026, Terie mentioned that she would like to see 2 couples to take the lead on rallies so the work does not just fall on 2 couple
 - a. It was suggested that we reach out to a couple of members to see if they would be interested in hosting
- 2027 Rallys-Terie suggested that work should start to plan the 2027 rally schedule.

Committees: We currently have 2 Committees

- Newsletter: Terie mentioned that it would be helpful to have help on the newsletter, including someone(s) who could take a lead on photography.
- Membership: Tom mentioned that he was working on putting together a Google Drive where we can keep information regarding the club which would also include the current directory where members can download or print. Tom Cochran suggested that we ensure security.
- Logo: Terie mentioned wanting to create a logo for our club where we can build camaraderie as a club, it was mentioned that ACI had policies regarding creating logos for the local clubs, Terie mentioned that she would review the policy before the next meeting.

Future Meeting: 1st Monday of the Month at 7 pm

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm