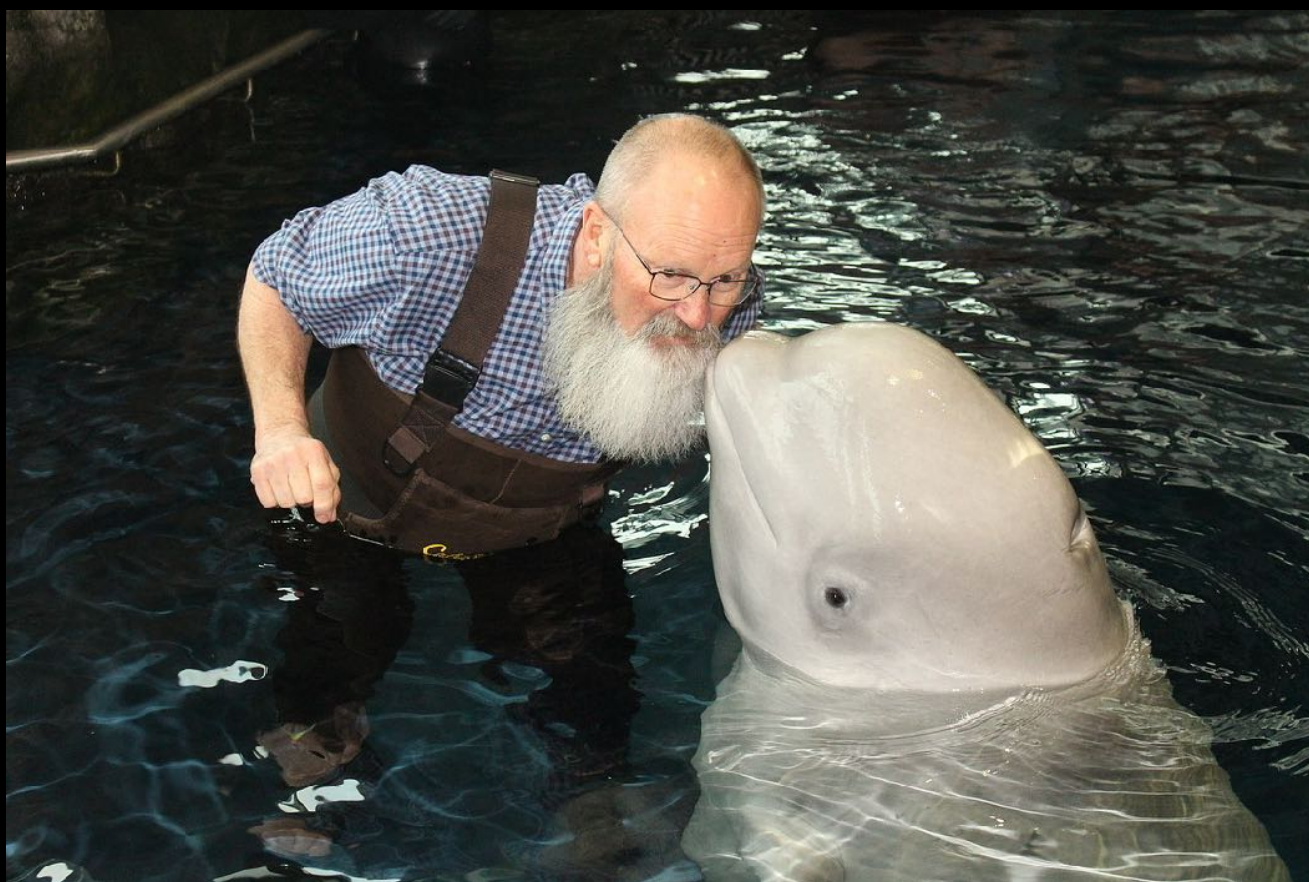

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UPCOMING WISC-UP EVENTS!

February 21, 2026

Luncheon at the Delafield Brewhouse
in Delafield WI RSVP by Feb 19th. Click link to RSVP! More info on Page 6.

May 14-17, 2026

Uff Da, We're Doing this Again Rally!
Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua WI. Click link to register now! More info on Page 6.

June 4-7, 2026

Pikes Peak State Park McGregor, IA (Just across the Mississippi River from Prairie du Chien WI.) Watch for notification when registration opens!

Contact Jenny Bibler and volunteer to host a rally today!



OTHER EVENTS!

May 7-9, 2026

Urban Air

Eaton Rapids MI
Click link for information and to register!

August 22-27, 2026

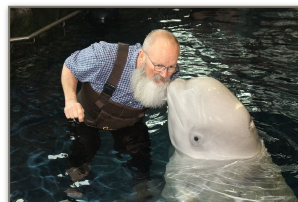
69th Airstream Club International Rally, Magic in Minot

Click link to register and information.

ON THE COVER

By Ed Emerick

Ed enjoying his new favorite wildlife while exploring the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago! Remember to submit a photo to the editor to land on next issue's cover and our Facebook Page!!



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WHAT'S UP!

Happy New Year to You & Yours

Happy New Year Wisc-UP Airstreamers! I hope the year is a positive one for you.

I am going to start by thanking everyone who took the time to first, read our newsletter and second sent in your articles, photos and thoughts in 2025. We can't thank you enough for your help.

But I am concerned about a couple of things. First and foremost I feel that people are not reading our emails about when the next newsletter is coming out. We send an email around the first of the month to the group announcing when the cut off is for the next issue. Now I know I am not real rigid on things that come in after the due date and that is ok, you have lives to deal with. But just as a reminder we publish the newsletter every other month; January, March, May, July, September and November. The cutoff is the 10th of each of those months. Now you don't have to wait for the due date announcement, you can send (emerick4425@gmail.com) things anytime and we will get it in the next issue and make you famous!



Next, we asked that you submit a favorite photo and a short note about it for the webpage banner and front page photo of the next issue of this newsletter. We asked for your holiday photos and had hoped to have a page filled

with your holidays. Well those went over like lead balloons. Only one response (thanks Janet), one photo (thanks Janet). Now I have to make things up and you know I will. Since I am the only one who participated in the cover contest, I declare myself the winner! Now if you don't like the photo on our Facebook page banner this month or the cover of your new magazine, then send your photos. It's all about participation!

We have some rallies in the making, the hosts are working hard on finding places and dates that will work for them. If you would like to host a rally (it's really not that hard) please reach out to President Jenny. It's really not that hard....to host..... a rally.

Have a good winter, be safe and as always FISH ON! Editor Ed



A Message from President Jenny Bibler (BRN 8484)

Happy New Year Airstreamers! I do not know about all of you, but we have been digging ourselves out of the snow way too much this year. And although winter only started a few weeks ago, I have already had my fill of the winter wonderland and am ready for spring to arrive. The problem with this is that spring is still months away. Okay, wishful thinking.

However, even though the date and temperature are deep into winter, it is not too early to be thinking about and planning Wisc-UP events and opportunities. Whether it is hosting a luncheon, or a rally, let us make 2026 a year to discover new places, meet new friends, reconnect with “old” friends, and have the best excuse in the world to gather as Wisc-UP members. The goal this year is to have at least (but hopefully more) one event per month starting with February..... Rally stuff...



If you think hosting a rally is intimidating or difficult, it is not, and, nor does it have to be. And the best place to start is to ask yourself...where do you like to go, do you already have a camping weekend planned, or is there somewhere you have not been but always wanted to go? If so, pick that place and let the rest of us know, and there you have, just like that, a rally! It would be great if we could head up north to the Upper Peninsula, northern Wisconsin, or even to a neighboring state. A few incredibly fun and memorable rallies have been on Lake Superior, St Ignace (Mackinac Island), Amana Colonies in Iowa, taking the ferry to Washington Island, and last year up in Duluth, MN. So, if you have a favorite place you have been or are interested in exploring, please consider hosting a rally and letting us join you. If this is your first time, we can certainly help find a “seasoned” Airstream member to assist and guide you if that would be helpful. And best of all, thanks to Sandy Emerick, there is a new and improved updated 2025 Rally Guide, which can be found on the Wisc-Up website under the Rally Planning Materials. Sandy, who is one of our veteran Air Streamers and “Rally Host Connoisseur” has done all the hard work for you and has it made it easy to plan and host any type of rally you want. Thanks Sandy!

Additionally, we would love to have multiple rallies in a month. This way if you cannot make a certain one, there is another opportunity for you to attend one in the month. So just because someone has scheduled a rally for a certain month, it does not mean, someone else cannot host another one the same month. Especially if they are in different geographical locations in or out of state (even better). All this to say, we would love the entire club to have as many opportunities and options as possible this spring, summer, and fall.

If not hosting a rally, how about a luncheon? Again, this can be anywhere and if you have a favorite hangout or again, have a place you would like to try, consider hosting a luncheon for the group. This is a fun way for new members to meet current Air Streamers. If you are curious about hosting a rally, this is a terrific way for you to talk to someone in the group who has done so. And a chance to get great advice on Airstream repairs, updates, remodeling, installing a new floor, and plumbing from many of our talented members who have done it all!

A Message from President Jenny Bibler (BRN 8484)

Speaking of rallies, Jeff and I will be hosting our Pikes Peak rally June 4-7, 2026! You will notice that this is a change from the date in the November newsletter. Jim Guthrie will be planning and hosting a rally in Viroqua on May 14-17, and Jeff and I will host this one in June. This rally will be held at Pikes Peak State Park in McGregor, IA and I hope you check it out, especially the gorgeous views of the Mississippi River. Note: the campground does not hold a block of campsites. Instead, you will need to go onto the Iowa Department of Natural Resources starting 90 days prior to June 4 to reserve your site. I will be sending out reminders through email for you to be ready on March 4 to reserve your site. I cannot wait to see ALL of you there! More information to come for sure.

Although the calendar says January, the temperatures are (most of the time) below zero, and there is still (most of the time) snow on the ground, please consider sharing your favorite camping places with the rest of us. We all want to discover new places to see, along with meeting old and NEW friends. Again, the best excuse ever, to get in your Airstream and connect with your fellow Air Streamers.

I hope everyone is well, and please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions on rallies, lunches, or if you are interested in learning more about hosting a rally. We are here to encourage, help with planning, help with registration, and everything in between.

See you all very soon,

Jenny Bibler



Meet Your Membership Chair!



Kathy Anderson is our Membership Chairperson. Kathy's contact information is:

Kathy Anderson, BRN 2062
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Welcome New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to Wisc-Up Airstream Club!

Thomas Lee and Philip Sobotka
Milwaukee, WI
(BRN 5460)

Elizabeth Geller and Evan
Rullman
Northbrook, IL
(BRN 14413)

Patricia and Mark Hawkins
Box Elder, SD
(BRN 21486)

Beth and Jim Carlin
Brookfield WI
(BRN 20491)

LET'S RALLY (OR LUNCH) TOGETHER!

February 21, 2026

Delafield Brewhouse, 11:00am

Hosts Jeff and Jenny Bibler



Save the Date! Let's rally together for lunch and make plans for the upcoming Airstream season! Jenny and Jeff Bibler will be hosting a belated Valentines luncheon February 21st at the Delafield Brewhouse, 3832 Hillside Dr Delafield, WI.

Meet at the bar for a beer, Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, or mocktail at 11:00am and we will be seated for lunch at 11:30am. Bring ideas for other luncheons, and rallies! If you are a newbie, this is a great time and place to talk to your fellow club members for ideas and how-to host. See you soon.

The registration page is open so please RSVP so we can get a head count to the restaurant. Please register by February 19th!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

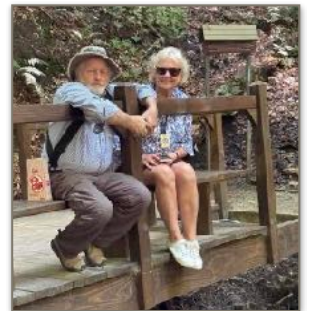
Any questions? Just drop me a line! jenny.giles@att.net

UFF DA, WE'RE DOING THIS AGAIN RALLY!

May 14-17, 2026

Vernon County Fairgrounds, Viroqua WI

Hosts Jim Guthrie and Joanne Peterson



The Driftless Area is one of the most scenic areas in the Midwest. Vernon County, the heart of this geological area, has become a tourist destination not only because of the beauty of the unique unglaciated land features, steep hills, forested ridges and deeply carved valleys, but also because of the many interesting things to do.

It is the home of Organic Valley Co-op, that includes numerous small organic farms as suppliers. Also, in the area there are numerous Amish owned family farms that sell organic food, as well as handmade arts and crafts.

Camping will be at the Vernon County Fairgrounds, on the north side of Viroqua on Hwy 14. There are numerous sites available, most have 30 amp electric service. There are new bathroom facilities and potable water at the main entrance for filling fresh tanks. A dump site is also available on site.

Rally fee is \$60 for camp site + \$20/person(s) over 12 for the rally. Including 3 nights (Thursday thru Saturday) of camping and breakfast Friday thru Sunday.

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We also plan on doing a Friday Fish Fry (not included in the Rally fee). Please sign up on the registration form so that we can give the restaurant an accurate headcount. We will order off the menu.

Breakfast on site at the youth barn, 8 am Fri, Sat, & Sun. Please bring your own coffee.

Things to do!

- Go to the Farmers Market downtown Viroqua Saturday morning 7 to 11 am. Many Amish, organic farmers and local artisans bring in their best.
- Go downtown Viroqua, stop in to some of the unique and interesting shops, and great restaurants.
- Westby is celebrating Syttende Mai all weekend. Stop by for festival activities, including a Rommegrot Eating Contest.
- Visit Amish farms. We'll have a list of farms selling food, furniture, plants and handmade rugs and quilts.
- Canoe the winding Kickapoo River. Canoe Rentals are available in Ontario. - Hike or bike 24 miles of off-road trails of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
- Fish one of the 65 Class 1 Trout streams nearby.
- Visit Norskedalen, a Norwegian Nature and Heritage Cultural Center in Coon Valley.
- Follow the historic Black Hawk Trail; the route taken by the Sauk tribe, led by Chief Black Hawk, who were fleeing American soldiers in 1836.
- Tour The Great River Road, The Scenic Byway along the Mississippi River. - Visit some of the many wineries and breweries in the area.
- Visit Jim's favorite resale store, Trails End, aka The Amish Walmart in Cashton.
- Go for a long drive through the beautiful rolling hills of the Cooley region.
- Have a great meal. There are several excellent restaurants in the area, including the 4 Star, Driftless Cafe.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

Contact Jim or Joanne for more information! wbac11970@gmail.com or p1999jk@gmail.com

Holiday Celebration Photo!



Chuck Zellermayer doing his annual reading of Cajun Christmas Carol to grandkids. Youngest grandchild, Molly getting a closer look at the photos.

January Photo Contest Winner Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)

Ed makes new friend while spending a weekend in Chicago!



Congratulations Ed! Remember to submit your photos for a chance to be on the cover of our next issue and the banner of our Facebook Page!

Send your photos to emerick4425@gmail.com!

Letters to the Editor

This is a new column for your newsletter: "Letters to the Editor". If you have questions about the newsletter, the club, or life in general this is the column for you! Send us your questions and we will answer any and all questions. Some of the answers may be factual.

We received the following question from our member Joe Mann (BRN 15964):



Dear Editor,

I know there is a Repairs section in the newsletter. I was thinking it would be nice if:

- 1) there was an index somewhere on the website that lists past repair topics covered that could be pointed to in the newsletter.
- 2) people could ask a question in the newsletter about repairs that hadn't been covered yet.

I have a repair question!

I have had other campers complain about how loud my 2022 Dometic furnace is. I'm wondering if anyone else has had this happen and if they have found a reasonable way to make the exhaust quiet.

Dear Joe,

These are great questions! First, is there an index that lists past repair topics? At the moment there is not, this has been discussed in the past but we have not had a volunteer willing to go back through the past 3 years of newsletters to gather that information. We have however, with our new format, included an index of topics at the beginning of the newsletter that might be of help in the future.

Can people ask questions? Of course you can! You ask about the loudness of your Dometic furnace? I'm sure someone is reading this and will have an answer for you. I personally never had an Airstream with a Dometic furnace, all of mine are Suburban.

So this Editor is asking for help from our members!

First, if anyone can assist Joe regarding his Dometic furnace, please send us your advice. We will forward your email to Joe and share your valuable information in our next issue.

Second, would one of our members like to volunteer for the task of reviewing our past newsletters and creating an index of repairs and renovations to guide members to the appropriate issue? This winter would be a perfect time to accomplish this task!

Please send your offer to volunteer for indexing and any help for Joe's Dometic furnace to us at emerick4425@gmail.com.

Ask your Editor, you will be famous and OUR MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW!

New Member Spotlight

Elizabeth Geller and Evan Rullman from Northbrook, IL (BRN 14413)

We just joined the Wisc-UP as an affiliate member. We are members of the Northern Illinois club.

We are super excited to connect with everyone! We have a 27FBT International, went out to Arches National Park and Zion National Park this June, and we were also in Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois and Mammoth Cave in KY. We also got to the mothership for a much needed cabinet repair (they covered under warranty as we had previously documented the issue, the work was phenomenal and the cabinet is locked in now!) It was another epic year of traveling! We are both still working full time and get creative with when and how we travel. Next year we are off to Skidaway Island GA and Charleston, Arkansas, the Ozarks, Door County Wisconsin and the Road America Rally in the springtime.



We added some DIY projects including a bidet, hinges to the closet doors so they open all the way, a new TV that will play through the sound system and double as a workstation for a bigger screen.

We also added some more solar panels with Clayton and Steve at Midwest Airstream in Wisconsin, HIGHLY recommend them! We also added a stove cover by Tayfun.

In a month, we will drop the camper off to Vintage Base Camp in KY for a luxury lounge uplift, a new fridge gaining 2 cubic feet and Maxim skylights.

We typically travel with myself and my fiancé Evan and our little dog Kylie. Sometimes we travel with my son Chris who just turned 18 and his 95lb service dog. Chris has autism and is non verbal, I actually started Airstreaming because of Chris as I wanted to find ways to travel and get outdoors but keep a cozy familiar setting for my boy. He named our Airstream, Baby Shark.



Looking forward to catching up with y'all!

Elizabeth & Evan

Caravan Report!

Mary & Kurt Jorgensen (BRN 6104) Travel on the West of the Pecos Caravan

In November, Kurt and I participated in the West of the Pecos WBCCI caravan which explored western Texas and Big Bend National Park. It is Airstream's last sanctioned caravan of the year and it was an unexpected delight.



Our meeting spot was Camp Riverview in Concan. This stop was for getting aquatinted and getting ready to head off. The highlight here was a Texas storyteller named Lee Haile. I think storytelling is big down there and he told a delightful story about his pet rattlesnake! Haha!

Stop number one was Seminole Canyon State Park to see petroglyphs and to get the feel of desert camping.

The next stop was Davis Mountain State Park where Kurt and I hiked until our dog Sadie decided it was too hot with too many burrs in her feet to continue. That night we all went to the McDonald Observatory, which is run by the University of Texas, for their evening show. The whole area out there is considered dark sky area and star watching is spectacular. We were

now in the Chihuahuan desert. It was here we were able to visit the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and really see some fantastic cacti. The Chihuahuan desert is the largest desert in North America - about 200,000 square miles.



The next stop was Alpine Tx and the Lost Alaskan RV park. Here we visited the Museum of Big Bend. We got to experience cowboy food at the Reata Restaurant which was very tasty. It was here in the evening that we had the potential to see the Marfa lights. These are unexplained bursts of light in the desert near Marfa.

Our next stop was the Road Runner RV Park in Terlinqua. This was our door to Big Bend National Park. Desert hiking is very different and an interesting sighting was the tarantula that crossed our tail on one hike. Here we also went canoeing on the Rio Grande River - a very fun afternoon and no one tipped! Kurt says that it was here that we patrolled the Southern border. What we discovered is that it is very remote here and that the river is not very big!

It was also here that we had a day trip to Boquillas - a remote town on the Mexican side and it was like a throwback in time. We crossed the Rio Grand by sitting in a boat that was then pulled across the river.

Our final stop was the Maverick Ranch. We had a great dinner at the Starlight Theater and then a final banquet. We were still close enough to Big Bend for hiking and just driving around enjoying the desert.

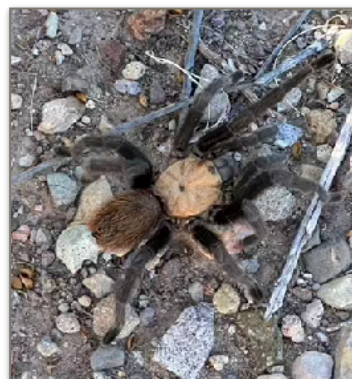
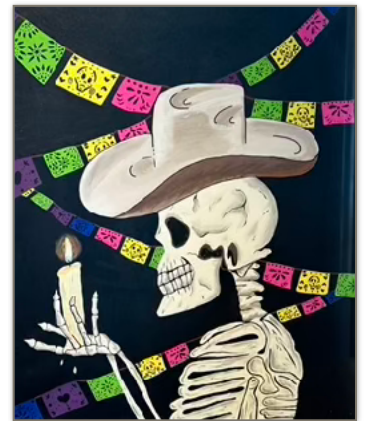


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This caravan was only a couple of weeks long, which will appeal to many. Nancy and Brian Powers are seasoned caravan leaders who love this part of Texas which enhanced this caravan!



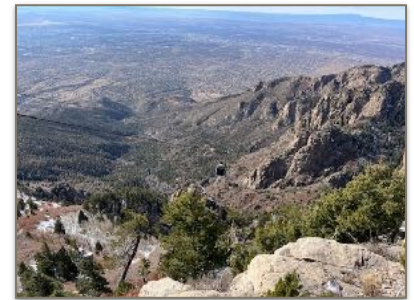
Our Members' Travels!

Allen & Arrietta Clauss (BRN 6023) Airstream Life

Happy New Year fellow Airstreamers,

This is Allen and Arrietta Clauss from Madison, WI. We are sharing some highlights from our farthest-from-home adventure to date to the southwest U.S. We have been Airstreaming for five years. We own a 23ft International and have taken winter get-aways of increasing duration most of those years. Until this year, we have headed southeast to find warm weather and explore southern destinations in Florida (east coast, central and panhandle), Georgia (Savanna), Alabama (Mobile) and Louisiana (New Orleans). Each year, we have stored our Airstream in the southern destination for the rest of the winter to avoid pulling it back into the snow and ice of Madison. We have then retrieved our unit in late spring for summer camping in Wisconsin and Michigan.

One of our favorite things about Airstreaming is exploring new parts of North America while staying in our little home away from home. This year we headed to the southwest with stays of two weeks in Albuquerque, NM (including a day trip to Santa Fe) and Encinitas, CA (overlooking the beach). We then proceeded back east, spending a week in Las Cruces, NM, and finishing our trip with 4 days in San Antonio, TX. In this contribution to the Wisc/UP newsletter, we will share some highlights and photos from our trip and share some trouble shooting/maintenance tips from a couple of problems we had along the way.



Sandia Peak, Albuquerque, NM



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On our various trips since we have owned our Airstream, we have stayed in State Parks, County Parks, and privately owned RV parks including quite a few KOA's. We have enjoyed all of these, and all types have their pros and cons. The state and county parks have offered the best nature experiences, while the KOA's have offered the easiest reservations and consistent amenities including full hookups, clean bath houses, and laundry facilities. On this trip, we stayed in KOA's at every destination except Encinitas, CA where we stayed at the San Elijo State Beach campground. We can highly recommend all of the campgrounds we stayed in. The KOA's in Albuquerque, NM, Las Cruces, NM, and San Antonio were among the best we've experienced.



Regarding trouble shooting and maintenance, we have only experienced relatively minor problems with our

San Elijo State Beach,
Encinitas, CA



Santa Fe, NM

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International over the whole five years we've owned it. On this trip, we experienced two of the more significant ones. Since we were not leaving Madison until November 18th, and with sub-freezing temperatures coming early this year we winterized our unit to protect it until departure time. Since we didn't know much about how to properly winterize it, we asked our Wisc/UP president, Morten Lindstad if he could help us find a member who could help us. Morten recommended former president, Bill Scheuerell, who graciously came to our home and showed us how to do it. Helpful actions like this one from Bill are one of many things that make this a great club to belong to.

We arrived at Albuquerque KOA on November 20th after two nights of boondocking on the way and found that when we connected out water that we had a leak seeping out onto our floor. We traced it to our tankless water heater, and thought, "Oh no, we didn't get all the water out of the heating coil when we winterized, and it had burst in the sub-freezing temperatures before we left Madison. We called the local Airstream service center, and they confirmed that we likely had a leaking coil. They said they could not replace the coil but could replace the whole water heater for \$3,000. (We had replaced just the coil previously for a few hundred dollars.) What to do? We were "over a barrel" so to speak. We calmed ourselves down and said,

"lets carefully examine everything before taking it in for a \$3,000 water heater replacement. After lots of experiments turning on and off the water and looking for the source of the leak, we found that it was coming from a threaded plastic fitting that WE had reconnected after winterization. Allen had hand tightened the fitting as tightly as he could, following the old rule, "never take a wrench to a plastic fitting". In this case, it required a wrench to stop it from leaking. Problem solved! \$3,000 saved!



San Antonio Sunset

After celebrating our victory, we went to finish our set-up and emptied our blackwater tank into our sewage hookup. Nothing came out! Clogged at the outlet. After calling some local RV service centers, we consistently heard that they use an enzymatic declogging product sold under the "Unique" brand name. These are much preferred to using highly caustic drain cleaning products like Drano. We had always added enzymatic digester to maintain our black water tank, but this product is highly concentrated to remove clogs. We added it and tried again after 24 hours to drain the blackwater tank without success. We then found online a really slick trick to remove outlet clogs. You fill the sewage drain hose up with water, then open the blackwater valve and abruptly raise the drain hose and shake it to backflush the outlet valve. Voila! Success! You can easily find a video on YouTube showing you how to do this. All problems solved...On to our best Airstream adventure to date.

Our Milo is Going Through Things.

Remember this handsome boy from a newsletter last year enjoying the first jump on the bed of our new GT?

By Peter Fell (BRN 9155)

We had a lot of fun traveling with him over the summer and fall in 2025 and with my retirement in April coming up had a lot of plans which now unfortunately are in limbo somewhat.

Late September '25 he developed a limp on his right front leg and vet diagnosed a sprained wrist and had us restrict his activity so it can heal. Later in October it still did not go away so my wife insisted on an x-ray with our vet, which ended up showing a bone lesion and hence strong signs for bone cancer. So we went to a specialty vet clinic in Bannockburn here in northern IL who performed a Fine Needle Aspirate (FNA) that was inconclusive. We followed up with the Oncology department at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and they then did a bone biopsy, which is fairly invasive and he was not happy wearing that cone for two weeks I can tell you. The results of that were not good, it confirmed cancerous cells, yet again no conclusive results as to what cancer we're dealing with. The worst form is osteosarcoma, which is not curable and even with amputation and chemotherapy would not give him more than 9-12 months. There are other forms which best case would be cured with the amputation. So in order to act quick now after we spent so much time trying to figure out what it is and potentially avoid amputation, we went for the first available appointment for the amputation which was back to Bannockburn. He went in on 12/29/25 to get his lungs x-rayed and if clear proceed with the amputation of his right front leg. We struggled for long until then to go that route, but that's the only way to go about it to take away his pain in the leg and try to prevent those cancerous cells from spreading into other parts of the body.



We picked him up in the morning of 12/30 and brought him home, since then he is confined to a small area of our family room to avoid movement as much as possible and any trips or falls onto the wound. My wife is sleeping on an air mattress with him there. He hates being restricted a lot and hates the cone again.

He was doing fairly well with the adjustment to walk on three legs even on day one, animals in general are pretty good with that. It's not his cute trotting walk anymore, but he gets around and seems happy outside in the snow. He loves, loves, loves snow – this was earlier in December after we got this snow storm!



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However, he's a boy, so he struggled with doing his business when trying to lift his leg and just two more to stand on now. Initially he remembered "puppy style" and finally after 24 hours he went for two minutes straight. Later he just used trees to lean against with the lift up leg – he's a smart one lol. By now he manages to balance it out and gets better day by day.

We'll find out in a week or two now which cancer it exactly is and what the treatment plan is going to be and will proceed from there with his quality of life as the guiding principle. We hope we don't deal with Osteosarcoma and it can be managed so he can live a good life still for some time, even on three legs. Our travel style would have to change in that long hikes won't be possible, but that we're going to be fine with as long as he can be with us.

So yeah, our holiday season and new year were different and our mood sure not festive as we deal with this, but he seems to recover fine, is pain free and with us. We'll go one day at a time and do whatever it is to keep him comfortable. In about another week that cone is going to come off – he'll throw a party for sure!

In the meantime our Airstream is currently with the dealer for a few weeks to repair a scratched up side panel that I managed to generate pulling it out of our storage unit and got stuck on the door of the garage.....that happened 3 weeks after we got the GT last May....big oops, but fortunately nothing that had prevented us from travelling last year and could wait until now in the winter.

Life sure throws a lot of lemons at you, but heck, we're going to have enough lemon juice to get through the next year at the least!

Please keep Milo in your thoughts and reach out if you had a similar experience with your pet – we're still learning about dealing with this and supporting a "tripawd" to keep him well and safe at home and when hopefully traveling again.



Region 7 President Ramblings

Notes From Region 7 By Chris Olsson (BRN 7827)



Hello R7 ACI Members,

As some of you have heard by now, Jenny Schnettler has resigned as the ACI President. That is true.

Some of you have also heard that other IBT Members (Executive Council and Region Presidents) have also resigned. That is NOT true. No one else on the IBT has resigned. The IBT and Club are stable.

The IBT is working through the process of dealing with Jenny's resignation. To that end, our Parliamentarian, Lori Grassi, is gathering guidance from the ACI Club attorney who is doing a complete review of the applicable bylaws and constitution sections. I am hopeful that by the time you read this in a newsletter, you will have already received at least one email from me talking about this. Please be patient and allow Lori and the IBT to complete the upcoming process. I will keep you all up to date as much as I can.

On a different but now related topic, the next IBT Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026 at 10:00 am CST. There are several motions being considered at this IBT meeting. If you want, you can attend and listen to the IBT meeting. You can also read through the Meeting Book before the meeting. Both a link to the Meeting Book and how to attend the IBT meeting can be found at this ACI Webpage:

<https://airstreamclub.org/international-board-trustees/2026-international-board-trustees-january-22-2026-business-meeting>

To give you some focus, Section 9 of the meeting book shows all of the consent motions. These are motions that unless someone on the IBT objects, will be passed based on no objections. If someone objects to a motion, then that motion will be removed from the consent items and added as new business. Section 10 contains the new business motions. The motions that I think affect Regions and Local Clubs the most are:

10.4 Region President Terms

This proposes aligning the Region President Term of Office to the Executive Committee (Jan 1 – Dec 31 two years later) Current terms are Aug 1 – July 31 2 years later. Local club president terms are not changing.

10.5 Executive Council Election Cycle Policy

Moves the election period closer to when people actually take office to eliminate the 9-month time span between the elections and taking office on Jan 1st. Moves election from March to September.

10.6 Use of Airstream Club's Authorized Email Domain

The motion provides every IBT Member with an Airstreamclub.org email address so personal email accounts do not need to be used. Currently, Region President do not have an Airstreamclub.org email address.

I plan on sending two emails out to all region members in the next couple of weeks. One is an update on the President resignation and what happens next. The Second email will be a summary of the IBT meeting on the 22nd. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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A Reading from Region 7's VP Chuck Zellermayer (BRN 10230 for life)

Greetings Wisc-UP members of Region 7, I'm Chuck. As soon to be president (and none too soon) of Region 7, I am responsible to WOW you with an epic Region 7 Rally. With that said I am having an Airstreamer's Brain Fart and can't decide on on a rally site or location. Because of this, I need you.

Where would you like to go? What would you like to do? If you are like me, no matter where we go or what we do, it needs to be epic. So help us plan the next EPIC Region 7 Rally.

Send your suggestions and recommendations to: czellermayer@me.com (The sooner the better!)

