Fall 2026



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Happy Fall, Y'all

As another fun camping season ends and trailers are winterized and put away – I find myself reflecting on how each season seems to fly by faster than the last!

This past year brought some well- attended rallies, and the International Rally in Minot was a blast! I hope everyone who attended, whether it was your 1st International or your 10th , thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We are already looking forward to heading back to Rock Springs, WY, in 2027! Reports indicate that the rally is already 70% full, so hopefully many of you are planning to attend. Rock Springs was a great venue in the past, and I'm sure it will be again. As the date gets closer, we'll need to discuss whether anyone is interested in caravanning together so we can park as a group. Watch for more information to come!

I want to thank everyone for participating this past season, especially those who stepped up to take on officer positions, volunteered to help with rallies, or pitched in with setup and cleanup after our functions. Working together as a group not only makes everything run more smoothly but also adds to the fun and gives us more opportunities to get to know our fellow members better.

I also want to apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter to Jeff to publish. I'm discovering that confirming campgrounds and rally destinations can be a bit challenging this time of year. However, I'm happy to report that the dates and campgrounds for our 2027 season are now scheduled! Please add these to your 2027 calendar!

2027 RALLIES

Spring Rally June 3 – 6, Clear Lake RV Resort – Riding Mountain – Onanloe, MB
International Rally June 26 – July 1, Sweetwater Events Complex – Rock Springs, WY
Summer Rally July 22 – 25, Carrington City Park – Carrington, ND
Fall Installation Rally Sept 9 – 12, Medora Campground – Medora, ND

We've also been discussing the possibility of a holiday get-together in Bismarck this January for those who are able to attend. It would be a wonderful opportunity to stay connected during the winter months. Something as simple as dinner at a local restaurant would be a fun way to catch up. Maybe we can set up a Zoom call with the Snowbirds! I would love to hear your thoughts and get an idea of who might be interested in joining us on a Saturday or Sunday in January.

For those of you heading South, **safe travels!** Hopefully, winter up North will be mild and short, and we will all be able to get back to camping early in 2027.

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FALL INSTALLATION RALLY BUSINESS MEETING
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDEN (NDPG) UNIT

SunValleyRVPark,2nd Avenue NE, Beulah,NorthDakota
September 10 - 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Maier at 9:34 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Unit members present were Capp-Carter, Coonrod, Fikkert, Hanson, Larson, Ryan & Kelley Jilek, Maier, Ruebel, Schnell, Wall, and Wells. In order to conduct a meeting, there must be 15% of the Regular Members in attendance, excluding Affiliate Members. The NDPG Unit has 32 Regular Members with 15% being 4.8% members or 5 Regular Members. Eleven (11) Regular Members are in attendance.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:	President	Vacant
	1st Vice President	Mary Maier
	2nd Vice President	Barb Hanson
	Recording Secretary	Bev Wells
	Corresponding Secretary	Vacant
	Treasurer	Bob Maier
	Past President, Nominating Chair & Trustee	Jeff Hanson
	Trustee	Larry Ruebel
	Trustee	Chris Wells

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Spring Installation Rally Business Meeting of June 13, 2026 were emailed to all members and provided to those in attendance. A motion was made by Jeff Hanson to amend the minutes, under Treasurer's Report remove the Current balance amount of $1,825.95 and insert $1,829.95, with this amendment the minutes of June 13, 2026 be approved and seconded by Larry Ruebel. MOTION CARRIED.

Rally Fee: A motion was made by Barb Hanson that the Rally Fee be set at $15.00 per person and seconded by Ryan Jilek. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Maier presented the Treasurer's Report. Opening balance of $1,829.95 with income of $500.00 and expenses of $907.23, with a current balance of $1,422.72. A motion was made by John Fikkert to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Laurie Capp-Carter. MOTIONED CARRIED.

New Business:

Newsletter: Jeff Hanson would appreciate pictures from the Minot International Rally and the Beulah Rally. Any cool trips this summer for articles in the newsletter please submit.

Directory: Please provide missing pictures to be included in directory.

Donation:

A motion was made by Larry Rueebel that a donation not be made at this rally and seconded by Chris Wells. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Acknowledgement: Larry Ruebel thanked Bob and Mary Maier for stepping into their rolls to keep the Unit going. Thank you to Jeff and Barb and everyone else and new faces at this rally.

2027 Rallies:

Vice President Maier inquired if the coffee and breakfast at 7:30 and 8:00 okay. The members present are agreeable to continue with these times for next year.

Chris and John reported that Carrington Campground takes reservations, lots have new water lines and 50 and 30 amp service, with an additional 8 sites for a total of 17 sites. Camping fees is $35.00 per night.

Vice President Maier reported that she is considering rallies in Manitoba, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Installation Rally being in Medora after Labour Day or during the Balloon Festival. Camping at either the Medora Campground or Rough Rider State Park.

June rally being proposed for early June in Manitoba and late July for Aberdeen or Spearfish, SD. To be finalized by Vice President Maier.

Nominating Committee: On behalf of the Committee Past President Jeff Hanson reported the slate of Officers as follows:

President	Mary Maier	Treasurer	Bob Maier
1st Vice President	Barb Hanson	Trustees:	Jeff Hanson
2nd Vice President	Stephen Schnell		Larry Ruebel
Recording Secretary	Bev Wells		Chris Wells
Corresponding Secretary	Bob Maier		

Jeff Hanson volunteered on the Standing Committees, including Membership, Newsletter and Webmaster Manager.

A motion was made by Larry Ruebel, to accept the Nominating Committee report and seconded by Laurie Capp-Carter. MOTIONED CARRIED.

Installation of Officers:

Bruce Coonrod, Past President of the South Dakota Unit completed the swearing in of the Unit Officers. Bruce thanked Bev Wells for directory and Jeff Hanson for newsletter and welcomed other members to contribute articles. Thank you to Mary Maier for stepping up to support the Unit in 2026. Bruce proceeded with the introduction of the ceremony and the NDPG Unit specific installation ceremony. The following Officers were installed:

Mary Maier President

Barb Hanson	1st Vice President
Stephen Schnell	2nd Vice President
Bob Maier	Treasurer
Bev Wells	Recording Secretary

Jeff Hanson, Larry Ruebel, & Chris Wells Trustees.

Other Business:

The Wildlife Museum tour is scheduled today at 1:30 p.m., with a $10.00 per person enter fee.

Attendees to car pool to the museum.

Welcome to Ron and Rose Larson, long time members and Past Presidents. Also welcome to Floyd and Laurie Capp-Carter for attending their first Unit Rally,

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jeff Hanson that the meeting be adjourned at 10:28 a.m. and seconded by Kelley Jilek. MOTION CARRIED

Respectively submitted

Bev Wells
Secretary

Minot International Rally

The 69th Airstream Club International Rally was held in Minot, ND August 22-27. There were signs all throughout Minot and the fairgrounds welcoming the Airstream club to Minot.



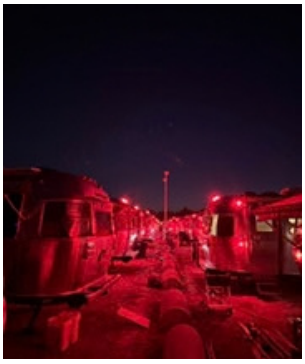




Our home for the week was the Blue Campground near the main exhibitor hall. We were parked next the Maier's beautifully restored motorhome. Bob and Mary also hosted our unit party which was a lot of fun. I apologize for not having pictures of our party but I was having so much fun visiting with everyone I kind of forgot to take any.







Socializing is a huge part of any rally and Minot did not disappoint. Our mornings usually started at our newest club member, Jazmine Schultz's Airstream for breakfast and coffee. Barb also attended the Mad Hatter Tea Party. We also had fun at the Airstream prom.







One of the coolest things of the rally was the club's community service project. All throughout the week club member's donated food or money for the Backpack Buddies program. On Thursday afternoon several hundred club members packed 2300 bags of food for the project. The club also presented a check for over $40,00 to the program at the closing ceremonies.







It was great having so many members of our club participate in the International rally this year. I hope more of you can go to Rock Springs next year. As we were driving to Minot, Barb and I discussed not going to Rock Springs since we had been there 4 years ago. We quickly realized after about 2 days in Minot that we were going to Rock Springs. We saw many people we had met at previous International Rallies and those friends are the reasons to attend, not necessarily the destination.

Beulah Rally

The last rally of the year was at Sun Valley RV Park in Beulah, ND. Activities included our usual club breakfasts and happy hours. Our first tour of the rally was at the Dakota Gasification Plant. We saw a movie about the plant and then entered a huge room that had a scale model of the plant. The company built the model first and then used it to help build the actual plant. Our second tour was at the Pfennig Wildlife Museum.





One of the activities that was popular was the crafting class taught by Barb and Mary. As you can see from the pictures there are some talented artists within our group.











We had our business meeting and installation of officers on Saturday morning. The installation dinner was held at the Country Kettle restaurant in Beulah.





Reflections

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At the Beulah Rally Friday morning after breakfast, Jeff brought up the historical significance of that morning and asked everyone where they were twenty-five years ago this morning. Everyone could tell, to the minute detail, their thoughts of hearing about the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. So many different viewpoints, from taking the kids to school, to an airline pilot and his crew being grounded and stuck in Wisconsin, to military service members on alert. The morning of recollections evolved through the rally to memories of good times and great people who have shared our Airstream adventures. The more seasoned members spoke of the formality of the installation rallies past and required attire: The real Blue Beret. I continued to think about this and all the fun we've had with the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit in nearly 25 years of "down the road". When Jeff was looking for input for this newsletter, I thought I would share a few of the hundreds of photos I took over the years.

We were first members of the Indianhead/Wisconsin unit in 2002; Shirley Pederson was the ND unit president in 2003 and during the winter months, they contacted us a couple times to invite us to their Spring rally in Washburn. To be frank, this was not high on my list, as 2002 did not provide positive Airstream club memories. Larry said we could join then and leave any time. Okay. They were actually waiting to see us, even though we were arriving later as we were both working. They were happy we were there and talked to us (as opposed to experiences from the prior year). What a night and day difference! So we stayed.

Here are some photos of our new friends and the good times we enjoyed from 2003 to 2006…










Arlene and Jack Bailey were long time members, and at one time Jack was Region president and always a good time. And good cook, too! July 16 - 20, 2003, we followed a caravan of three trailers, four with us, to Morris for the Manitoba Stampede Rally hosted by the Manitoba Unit. How many Airstreamers does it take to change a tire on the side of the Interstate? The Pederson's 34' blew a middle tire, thankfully curbside. Bailey's had a spare. No significant aluminum damage. Larry put out the hazard triangles. Soon were were on the road again In Morris, we met Don and Terrol and Airstreaming was never the same after that. At the Region Rally later that summer, each unit had to produce a skit for entertainment. Don and Terrol were "Harv and Marge" and the kids going cross Canada seeing the sites – they stole the show. Installation rallies, and the Internationals were a lot more formal back then, White shirt, dark trousers, red tie and the Blue Beret was the uniform du jour.

North Dakota had a candle ceremony that seems to have faded away now. Each year, the outgoing unit president would choose a word that summed up their year. That word was scribed into a wood candle holder. At the Installation Rally, each year the names and words were read, lighting the candles as they went. It was nice that it recalled the names of people who were no longer "on the road." In June of 2005 we joined the South Dakota unit in Pierre – great people and good times. July 2005 the summer rally was in Medora. The Region Rally was in Winnipeg that year. We got to spend some time with my parents' great friends Evelyn and Ron; Ron was also a past Region President and are still members of the North Dakota Unit now. The Fall Installation Rally was at Bismarck's Sibley Park and one of the most endearing rallies. Staying up late under the awning and tarps and the rain continues falling, clearing up to a beautiful autumn weekend.

Something else that seemed to fade away over the years was early spring luncheons; we even had several Christmas parties for those who couldn't go south for the winter. In April 2006 the spring luncheon was in Bismarck with very good attendance. In May 2006 we joined the South Dakota Unit at Spearfish and had some tours that have left lasting memories. The Fall Installation Rally was in Mobridge – we all braved a strong prairie wind for a group photo at the Sitting Bull memorial. These photos and so many more bring back great memories of the people who crossed our paths and those who are still faithfully there. Perhaps I will share more memorable photos in future issues of this newsletter if you are interested. As we approach the season to be thankful what we have harvested, we are very grateful for our fellow Airstreamers. Thank you for the memories

Editor’s Message

It seems like the summers go by faster every year. We’ve had some fun Rallies this year highlighted by the Internatioal Rally in Minot. It was great to see so many of you at Minot this summer. I’m still mad at myself for not taking any pictures during our unit party, but it was so fun visiting all of you I forgot to take any. We added 6 new regular members and 4 new affiliate members bringing our total membership to 46. It looks like Mary, with the help of Chris and John have set up some fun Rallies for next summer. I hope many of you will be able to attend some of our rallies. I want to thank Cathy Ruebel for her Reflections article. It was great seeing the old photos and learning some history of our unit. I’m always looking for articles and photos for future Newsletters.