

# Iowa Airstream Club

April 2026

## Notes from the President:

Happy Spring!

This is going to be a busy Spring for John and I as our daughter is having her first baby, a boy, sometime in April. I am looking forward to being a GIGI to a grandchild who lives in Iowa, John on the other hand does not know why our grandchild can't just call him "John". Fun times are heading to our household.

I don't know about the rest of you but I am really looking forward to getting "Auggie" ready for the camping season. John and I spent part of last weekend getting the inside ready. I am so excited for our rally locations this summer, Mason City, Muscatine, Stanton, Cedar Rapids and Spillville. All of the rally hosts have spent so much time planning engaging activities and opportunities to really enjoy the summer.

Our good news is that our logo has been approved by IBT. We have started working with a vendor in Des Moines to set up a "store" for us to purchase apparel items directly. We have selected all kinds of options from crew neck, v-neck short sleeve t-shirts, polo shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, quarter zip pullover, sweatshirts, and hats/visors. Hopefully, everyone will find something that would be of interest to you. I will send out an email when the store is open with instructions on how to go about ordering.

We have one more luncheon on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in Marshalltown at Smokin' G's. Shirley and Tom Herron are the hosts, so let them know if you are coming.

*Terie*



## Iowa Airstream Club Executive Board

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**Ethics and Grievance:** Terry Cochran

**Newsletter:** Terie Taylor-Wolf

**Website/Facebook:** Vacant



## Membership Introduction:

Hi, we are John and Carol Heckman, Airstream members since 2010 and longtime campers. For years our annual camp-out was at Oshkosh, WI for the EEA Fly-In Convention. We have camped in our station-wagon, pick up camper, various tents, a couple of SOB's before moving up to a 1979 26' Airstream in 2010 then on to a 1997 28' Excella in 2013. Our Excella was totaled in a hail/wind storm in 2025 and we have since acquired a 1999 Airstream van. We are no longer as active as we once were but have fond memories of many rallies, several international gatherings and tours of places we

would not have seen without the creative planning of event hosts. In addition to Airstream travel we have enjoyed several cruises, visiting Panama, Hawaii, Alaska and the Baltic Sea.

During our working lives John was employed in several manufacturing settings; 27 years with Chamberlain Mfg. as a project manager, designer, procuring tooling and overseeing production and testing of munitions. I, Carol, worked in a variety of health care facilities. In my last position I was the RN in a Family Practice clinic in our hometown for 21 years retiring in 2004.

We are currently in the process of relocating to a new living arrangement. Our 13-acre home place near Shell Rock, IA requires and deserves more care than we have the energy to provide so this past fall we investigated the assisted living facility in Waverly IA. We were surprised to be notified of an available apartment the first of March and now are in the process of moving. We will be in the "process" of clearing out 45 years of accumulated treasures as well as many tools and equipment for the next few months. We are staying at the new place now and moving small things as we can. We are definitely enjoying the amenities and the helpful staff her at Linden Place. New address is 1922 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, #311, Waverly IA 50677. Stop by if you are in our area!

## February Luncheon Highlights:

We had our St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Saturday, 3/1 at the Millstream Brau Haus at the Amana colonies. We had a good turnout of members, affiliates and friends of the club. Kathy and Scott Allen were our gracious hosts and the Millstream Brau Haus was a really great place to gather as a group and break bread. Denny Chapman gave a presentation regarding the potential

of an Urban Camping experience (which I will cover a bit later in the newsletter). Kathy was much better at taking pictures of our group of Leprechauns so I included what she posted on the facebook page for those that did not see it. Look at all of the Leprechauns. We had great weather but



no rainbows or pots of gold.  
Thank you to Scott and Kathy  
Allen for hosting.



Brau Haus, Amana Iowa  
Luncheon  
March 14, 2026

### April Birthdays

4 – Linda Allen  
5 – Michael Donahue



### April Anniversaries

10 - Herron  
15 – Van Klompenberg  
26 – Paine  
28 – Johnson  
30 - Cole



## Luncheon: Mark your calendars and make sure that you RSVP to the luncheon hosts

### April:

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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. The only way to register is to simply click on this link.

Join Us for the Region 8 Rally!

We're 35-days away from the 2026 Region 8 Spring Rally in Hutchinson.

The Rally starts on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026. To date, we have 75 trailers registered to attend. The deadline to register for the Rally is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The only way to register is to simply click on this link:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/252955716888174>



## 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](mailto:herrons13007@gmail.com)

Reservation info.: **NOW**

MacNider Campground Map: <https://share.google/L058u4azFOpbifULo>

Call Marion Olson at 641-590-2419

Sites are set aside for our club:

Full Hook up sites \$29 per nite. (B1, B2, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9)

Water and Electric \$20 per nite. (D3, D5, D7, D9, D11, D13, D15, E2, E4, E6, E8, E10, E12, E14)

**This is a buddy rally, so feel free to invite your SOB (Some other Brand camping friends to join us)**

Please let Tom and Shirley know what site you have reserved

## 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

Planning continues for the June 2026 rally. This rally is **SOLD OUT**. If you want to be placed on a wait list, please contact Tom and Wina.

Phone: 563.554.0145

Email: [winaspread@gmail.com](mailto:winaspread@gmail.com) or [tomsread@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:terie62@icloud.com) (Terie)

Reservations : **APRIL 30 (90 days early)**



**This campground is very popular for the area, so please do not wait to make your reservation. The instructions below should help. This is a 3-step process, so complete Step 1 and Step 2 at the same time.**

### Step 1: [Campground Reservation - Viking Lake State Park, IA – Iowa State Parks](#)

**Step 2:** Let us know you are coming by filling out the jotform:

<https://form.jotform.com/260746516441154>

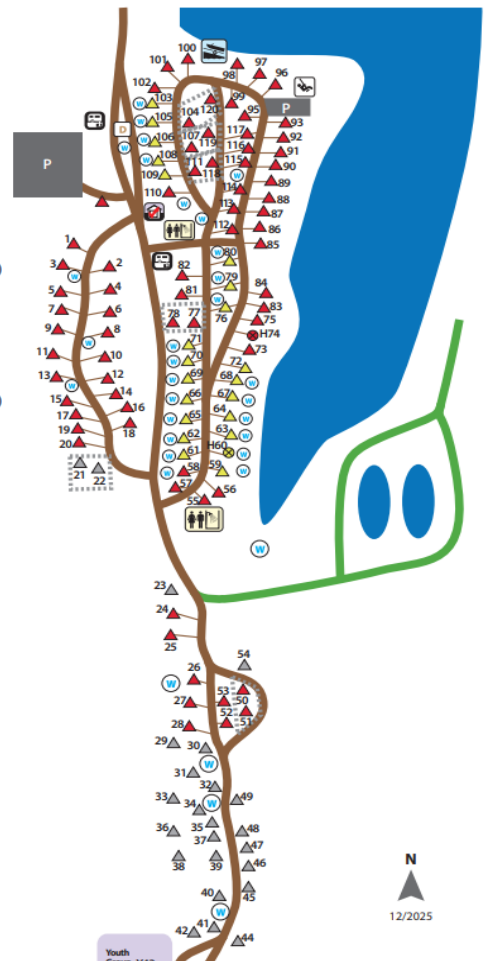
**Step 3:** Paying Rally Fee (There will be a separate jotform for rally fee collection at a later date.)

If the campground is full, we will take a waitlist. Please contact **Jodi Jensen, Iowa North Club, (515) 321-0703** to let her know that you would like to be on the waitlist for this rally.

Also, if you decide after you made your reservation that you need to cancel, please contact **Jodi Jensen, Iowa North Club, (515) 321-0703** as she may have someone who is on the waitlist to take your place. Please **DO NOT** cancel your campsite without contacting Jodi first. We want to make sure that this vacancy is filled with another Airstream Club member.

#### Viking Lake State Park CAMPGROUND

- △ Reservable
- ▲ Non Electric
- ▲ Electric with Water (20/30/50-amp)
- ▲ Full Hook-up (20/30/50-amp)
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- ⊗ Full Hook-up (20/30/50-amp)
- 📄 Registration
- 💧 Water Hydrant
- 🗑️ Dumpster
- P Parking
- 🎡 Playground
- 🚰 Dumpstation
- 🚤 Boat Ramp
- 🚻 Restrooms/Showers
- ..... Buddy Site
- H = Host site



Draft Agenda:

- Nightly Fireside Chats
- Walks/bike rides around the park
- Many social activities and games
- Tours:
  - Restored Burlington Northern Depot and WWII Museum
  - Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center or
  - Optional - Johnny Carson Birthplace Society
  - Optional – Villisca Axe Murder House
- Movie Night complete with popcorn and candy.



**Airstream Club International Rally**

August 22-27, 2026

Minot, ND

Reservations: **NOW**

Please let Terie know if you plan to attend the Airstream Club International Rally. We are talking about having an Hors d'oeuvres night and want to make sure you are invited.



### **September Rally:**

September 24-27, 2026 – **NOTE NEW DATE**

Pinicon Ridge Park – Firefly Campground

Reservations: Make your reservation **NOW**

#### **My County Parks**

Hosts: Scott and Kathryn Deetz

Phone: 845-219-3650

email: scottadeetz@gmail.com

### **October Rally: (Installation)**

October 8-11, 2026

Riverside Park Campground

116 Bridge St., Spillville, IA 52168

Reservations: Make your reservation **NOW**

Hosts: Denny Chapman and Mugsy Jespersen

Phone: 563-380-1385

Email: [denny.chapman@rocketmail.com](mailto:denny.chapman@rocketmail.com)

Reservation info.: Click on the link below to make your reservation. Once you click on "Book your Camping Spot Now" it will take you to the reservation page.

<https://www.spillville.org/business-attraction/riverside-park-campground>

NOTE: PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU LET THE HOST KNOW WHAT SITE YOU HAVE RESERVED SO THEY CAN PLAN ON YOUR ATTENDANCE. IF PLANS CHANGE, PLEASE LET THE HOST KNOW SO THEY CAN REACH OUT TO ANYONE THAT IS ON A WAITLIST.

## **Membership Directory**

The 2025-2026 Membership Directory was released at the February luncheon. A pdf version was sent out via email and a link to the mobile friendly version was also sent to members to use. If you purchased a hard copy of the directory, it should be in the mail soon. If you still want to purchase a hard copy directory, please send payment of \$20 to Kathy Allen.

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

## Urban Camping Proposal:

Denny Chapman asked the club to consider sponsoring an Urban Camping experience in Decorah, Iowa in October, 2027. His idea is basically creating an event similar to Silver in the City in York, South Carolina. He has been posting a couple of videos and articles of Silver in the City so we can get a picture of what he is proposing. His proposal would mean that about 20-30 campers would camp on the main street in Decorah Iowa for an overnight experience. (that would mean boondocking from Saturday-Sunday, there will not be water or electric) We would be available for visitors in Decorah to answer questions, talk about our Airstream Camper, maybe even have games or activities. I have included a link to the 2025 Silver in the City event below.

Denny is asking that Iowa Airstream Club vote to sponsor this event in October, 2027. The club would need to vote and sponsor because we would need to ask for insurance for the event. Now that does not mean that only Iowa Airstream Club members would do the camping. If voting to support, we would form a committee which would design the event activities, send invitations to Region 8 members and other clubs from surrounding states and interclubs which may also be interested in participating. We would have a little more than a year to do the planning. But we want to make the decision to move forward by June so we can get support at International in Minot.

So please review the information that Denny has shared on Facebook and I have also included a link below. Please send me your questions asap so we can answer them in a timely manner. We will have an opportunity at the April luncheon and May rally to discuss in person. We will want to take a full vote sometime in late May/early June so we can start the planning if we decide to move forward.

[2025 Silver in the City video](#)