

Iowa Airstream Club

June 2026

Happy June!

It seems like our summer is going by really quick. We have already had our Region Rally and May Rally. What fun it has been to get our campers out, meet up with old and new friends.



I am really looking forward to our June Rally. This rally will be held in Muscatine and at the end of the month vs. the second weekend of the month. I know that Tom & Wina Spread and Kathy & Scott Allen have a lot of fun activities in store for us. So hopefully you have made your reservation. If not, please contact Wina to get on the wait list. We have already had one cancellation and someone on the wait list has been added. I have also heard there are options for boondocking.

We are in the final stages of the July Rally and if you made your reservation, please make sure that you also clicked on the link to the jot form. This is how we will figure out rally fees and ask for payment ahead of the rally. The instructions are below. There are still sites available.

Finally, several of us are going to International Rally in Minot, ND. You can still make reservations. If you like full hook ups, I did see that there are still openings at Roughrider Campground in Minot where several of Iowa Airstream Club members will be camping.

I also want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Tom Herron, Terry Cochran, and Nelson Haukap for all of the help at the May rally. John was not able to attend the rally so I drove up by myself and Tom helped me with directions in backing into the campsite. Terry and Nelson helped me with our awning and of course the water leak. It's always nice to have friends that will help when you are trying to figure out problems with our airstream.

Terie

Iowa Airstream Club Executive Board

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Membership: Tom Spread

Directory Editors: Tom and Wina Spread

Ethics and Grievance: Terry Cochran

Newsletter: Terie Taylor-Wolf

Website/Facebook: Vacant

Membership Introduction: Doug and Deb Ford

Hello, we are Doug and Deb Ford. Our first camping trip was to Loveland Colorado with a tent. We went to the Rocky Mountain National Park. We then upgraded to a pop-up camper and visited Yellowstone National Park. Since then, we have had several 5th wheels & straight trailers.



Niagara Falls

But in 2014 we bought a new Airstream International and then in 2016 we joined the Iowa Airstream club. Unfortunately, our camper had many issues so in 2022 we sold the Airstream, but we remained friends with the group and continued to join the Iowa Airstream Club on the buddy rallies with our SOB. In 2026 we bought a new to us 2004 Airstream Classic, 28' with bunk beds. So far, we have enjoyed the May rally in Mason City and look forward to joining in on the club rallies this year. Our favorite trip was to Washington State. We took the whole month of July to travel.



Mt. Rainier



Hurricane Ridge

Doug & Deb Ford

May Rally Highlights:

May Rally: Music Man Re-Visited

May 14-17, 2026

Our first rally was in Mason City. We camped at a really nice campground in the middle of town, McNider Campground. We had 11 trailers This was our first buddy rally of the season and Marcia Woolley joined us.

Friday was our organized tour day. Our first tour was to the Frank Lloyd Wright City National Bank and Hotel. Located in Mason City, Iowa, the City National Bank and Hotel was commissioned by lawyers James E. Blythe and James E. E. Markley, who became acquainted with Wright's work after Markley sent his children to the Hillside Home School in Spring Green, Wisconsin. The structure served a variety of functions—it featured a bank, hotel, and law offices for the firm of Blythe, Markley, Rule, and Smith. Wright created a unified design that responded to the distinct needs of these commercial enterprises. The imposing, cube-shaped mass that served as the bank imparted a feeling of solidity and security. It featured offices, a cashier's room, centrally located vaults, and storage. The hotel had a central lobby, dining room, kitchen, bakery, and pantry on the first floor, and guest rooms on the second and third. The law offices occupied the building's third floor and featured a waiting room and lobby. The structure took two years to complete, and William Drummond oversaw its construction after Wright left for Europe in late 1909. The bank was remodeled in 1980's and the hotel was remodeled in 2005/2006. The bank is currently used as a meeting space and many politicians have been known to use it for town halls. Amy Klobuchar used the old bank as a launching of her 2020 presidential run. The hotel is still in use to this day.

The second tour was the Music Man Square and Meredith Wilson childhood home. The Music Man Square features an indoor 1912



streetscape with an ice cream parlor and gift shop, all in set designs recreated from the Warner Bros. motion picture *The Music Man*. There's also a museum highlighting Meredith Willson memorabilia and music-related exhibits.

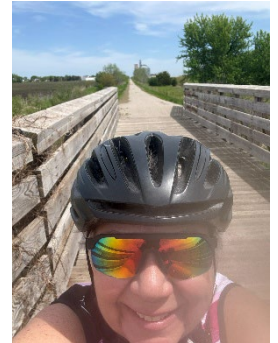


Plus, visit the restored 1895 modified Queen Anne house that was Meredith Willson's birth place and boyhood home. I was just facinated by the tour of his childhood home and the two short movies about the making of the movie and Meredith's life.

It is always wonderful when you can enjoy a good dinner with friends. Friday night we ate at a little local place call the Blue Heron Bar and Grill and enjoyed their fish fry and we had a wonderful waitress. I would really recommend checking this place out if you are ever in Mason City.



On Friday evening we also experienced our first storm so we did not have a campfire. Some of us braved the storm in our campers, cars and even the storm shelter. (which is really nice and one of the largest I have seen in a campground)



Saturday was a free day. I went on a bike ride where I got lost on my way to Clear Lake but I found a wonderful long crush limestone trail called the Prairie Land Trail. And the best way to end a bike ride is a stop at Birdsall's Ice Cream Parlor, where I ran into Tom and Shirley Herron. Great minds think alike! I



did hear that several others found their way to the ice cream parlor too.

Some others found their way to the Stockman House which is another Frank Lloyd Wright home which was build in 1908. It is a prairie style house that FLW was famous for designing. There was so many interesting



things in Mason City that I would highly recommend visiting again. Later I heard that the Indoor Farmers Market was pretty interesting.

We also got a chance to introduce ourselves to other campers in the area. Our next door neighbor who was in a SOB, was celebrating his birthday on Saturday night and after seeing him bring in his homemade smoker and grill set up, we had to find out what he was planning and we got to know that he was a local who camps here all of the time and that he was celebrating his and many of his friends birthday. Anyway, Mike Donahue and Marcia Woolley asked if he would also be willing to smoke a brisket for us. And surprisingly he did. (and it was delish) So, we enjoyed our dinner with the added brisket. Isn't it fun to meet new people.

Saturday night we actually had decent weather that we had our first campfire of the season. It was so fun chatting and getting to know Doug and Deb Ford and Levi and Angie Sperry.

On Sunday, we had a relaxing breakfast and then the camp manager came by to thank us to coming to his campground and he took our picture. I would highly recommend anyone to try this campground out if you find your way to Mason City.



Thanks to Tom and Shirley Herron for hosting our first club rally! There was so much to do in River City.

June Birthdays

- 3 – Doug Ford
- 7 – Dana Johnson
- 9 – Tom Herron



June Anniversaries

- 4 – Jespersen/Chapman
- 13 - LaFrentz
- 16 – Ford
- 26 – Heckman
- 26 – Ryan



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.

2026 Iowa Airstream Rally Schedule:

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 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)**



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.iotform.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.

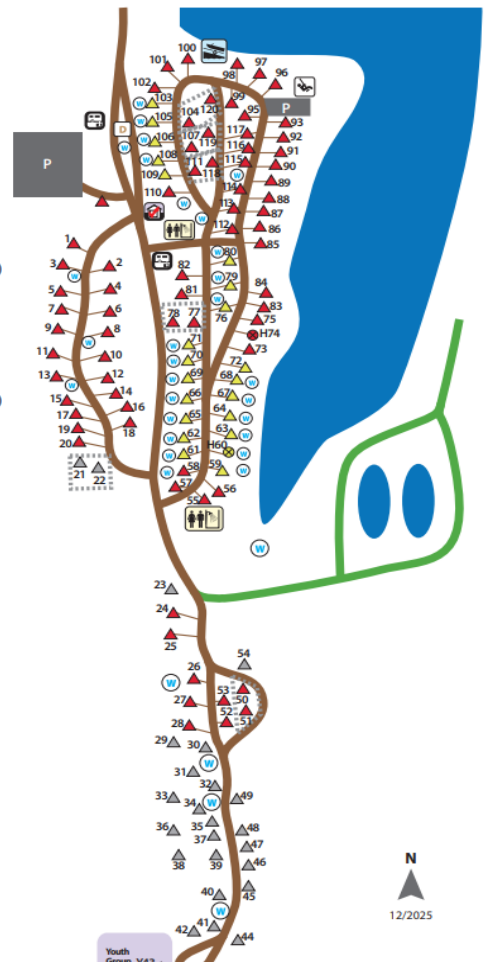
Also, if you decide after you made your reservation that you need to cancel, please contact **Jodi Jensen, Iowa North Club, (515) 321-0703** as she may have someone who is on the waitlist to take your place. Please **DO NOT** cancel your campsite without contacting Jodi first. We want to make sure that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

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.

**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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- 📄 Registration
- 💧 Water Hydrant
- 🗑️ Dumpster
- 🅅 Parking
- 🎡 Playground
- 🚰 Dumpstation
- 🚤 Boat Ramp
- 🚻 Restrooms/Showers
- 👯 Buddy Site
- H = Host site



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

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.

Executive Board minutes 4.20.2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Terie Taylor-Wolf, President; Terry Cochran, 1st Vice President; Wina Spread, 2nd Vice President; John Wolf, Secretary; Kathy Allen, Treasurer; Shirley Herron, Director; Tom Herron, Past President

Absent: Carol Heckman, Director; Margaret Jespersen, Director

New Business:

Iowa Airstream Club Apparel Store: Terie presented the Apparel Store to the board and discussed options for pricing. We discussed making the apparel store a fundraiser for the club and the club could decide what to do with the money at a future meeting. Terie presented a recommendation that the apparel would be marked up \$2.00 per item.

- Terry Cochran a motion to add \$2 to every apparel item purchased
- Tom Herron seconded the motion
- Motion passed

Club Flag: Terie presented that Martin Flag Company can do a custom flag for the club for \$161.00 but with more orders the cost could go down with more flag orders. This company is located in Valley Junction and the flag would be American made and American owned. There was discussion regarding having officer flags vs. non-officer flags.

- Terry Cochran made a motion that the club purchase a non-officer flag for the club.
- Wina Spread seconded the motion
- Motion Passed

Terie said she would include the flag option for club members to purchase to see if we can reduce the costs of the flags in the newsletter as well as an email.

- Terry Cochran made a motion to close the meeting
- Tom Herron seconded the motion
- Motion passed, Meeting closed at 7:56 p.m.