

Iowa Airstream Club

May 2026

Notes from the President:

Happy Spring and an early May Day!

I hope many of you made it to Region 8 Rally. As I write this newsletter I am still waiting for my grandson to be born so it doesn't look like we will make it this year to Region Rally. Have an wonderful time.



Camping Season is always so exciting and this year we have so many really fun rallies scheduled across the state. You should have received an email from me this week about signing up for the Tri-Club Rally at Viking Lake State Park in July. I know that I will be making my reservation very early in the morning and I hope you plan to attend. Please follow the instructions posted in the email/newsletter so we know who will be attending.

There are instructions on if you want to order a Iowa Airstream Club flag later in this newsletter. We are hoping to benefit from many orders to save on costs. If we place our order by mid to late May, we can ensure that our new flag will arrive in time for International Rally and possibly by the Tri-Club rally.

Our apparel store should be posted soon. The store will remain open as long as we want. The also nice thing is we can add or remove items, change apparel colors. I know that I heard that some may be interested in a jacket. All we need to do is ask. Orders placed through the store will be shipped to your home for a shipping fee of \$6.00.

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: Vacant

Director: Carol Heckman

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Constitution and Bylaws: Terry Cochran

Membership: Tom Spread

Directory Editors: Tom and Wina Spread

Ethics and Grievance: Terry Cochran

Newsletter: Terie Taylor-Wolf

Website/Facebook: Vacant

Membership Introduction:

Hello everyone,

Many of you have camped with us since we joined the Airstream Club in 2014. Owning an Airstream was a lifelong goal for Tom, who grew up camping across Kansas, Colorado, California, and Nevada. After traveling for work as an electrician, he eventually settled in Des Moines to raise his three sons.



In contrast, my childhood summers involved visiting 48 states and Canada, though we always stayed in cabins or motels. After my first husband passed away, I was raising my two sons on my own. Tom and I were eventually introduced by my late sister-in-law, and within a month, we were inseparable. Despite our first camping trip involving a flooded boat and a mud bath and required our rig to be towed free from mud, obviously I wasn't scared off.



Tom finally got his Airstream in 2013. We joined the Airstream Club shortly after and quickly became active. Tom progressed from Director to President, we've added to our inaugural '92 34', my beloved '61 22" and we attended our first International Rally in Lebanon, TN. While we have enjoyed supporting the club through leadership roles, our deep-rooted love for travel remains our primary focus. In 2024, we completed caravanner training under the Ketchums',

added our '17 28', we co-led 2025 "Mother Lode of the Mother Road" caravan. Deep in plans for our 2026 100-year anniversary Route 66 Caravan. Fantastic year to drive the Iconic road.

We are currently training to lead the Cajun Country Caravan this March. It is a wonderful 16-day starter caravan based around Lafayette, LA, featuring Cajun traditions, seafood, and Zydeco music.

As we look ahead, I remain active as a Director for the Iowa Club, and Tom serves as the Immediate Past President. We are moving closer to our goals of spending winters in the south and finishing our tours of the remaining 26 states. Spring will be "Cajun Country Caravan", Fall "Mother Lode of the Mother Road". What a fun experience it is to help others enjoy our great country.

Best regards,

Thomas and Shirley Herron

What would Wally do? Go on a Caravan



April Luncheon Highlights:

This month's luncheon was at Smokin' G's BBQ in Marshalltown. We have been trying to eat at this restaurant for a couple of years but snow and ice had always cancelled our luncheon. No snow or ice but it was cold and windy.

Anyway this was a very good place and I would recommend it. It was great to finally meet Mark Kvidera and hear his stories of camping. It also seems like Bill Smith has a project that we may need to see pictures.

Shirley and Tom welcomed us with Popcorn carrots for Spring which was fun and delish.





We had a very good turn out for our last luncheon of the season and really look forward to our camping season this year. Thanks to Tom and Shirley Herron for hosting our luncheon.



May Birthdays

- 1 – Paul Ryan
- 2 – Scott Deetz
- 9 – Karen Kvidera
- 11 – Bill Smith
- 17 – Norm Van Klompenberg



May Anniversaries

- 22 – Spread



2026 Iowa Airstream Rally Schedule:

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.: **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 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.jotform.com/260746516441154>

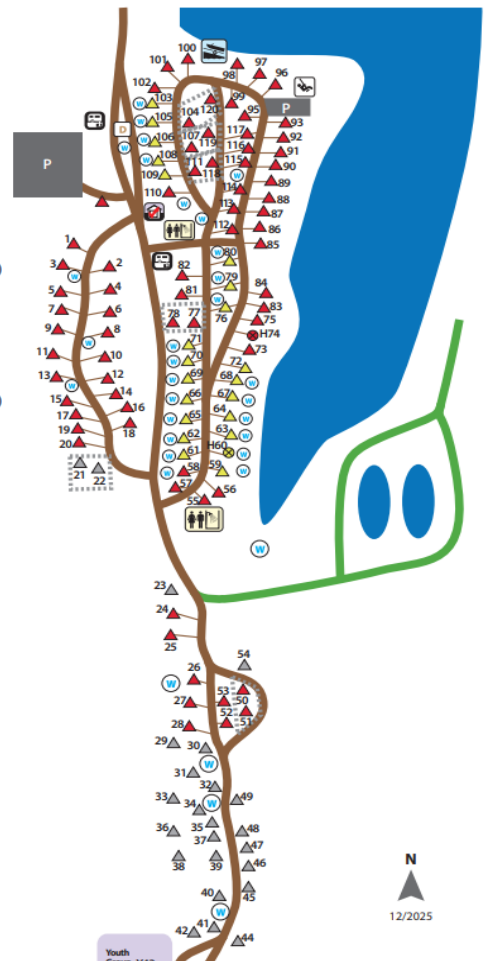
Step 3: Paying Rally Fee (There will be a separate jotform for rally fee collection at a later date.)

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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- ⊗ Non Electric
- ⊗ Electric with Water (20/30/50-amp)
- ⊗ 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

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.

Club Flag

The picture tells a story. On the horizon you see the sun with an embedded windmill, it establishes the landscape, beautiful views, vacation and relaxation. The river signifies fishing, boating and nature. The bicycle honors the many trails and the activities they provide. This windmill pays homage to our history, and is a nod to the future as we travel throughout the state. The rolling hills remind us of the beautiful scenery, and our culture as evidenced by our 83 state parks and 2,500 miles of bike trails. The Airstream grounds us to all of the above elements.



As I mentioned at luncheon, our small committee decided that it was important to find a vendor who is American owned and American made. We found that vendor in Valley Junction. They make custom flags and of course the more we order the less expensive they will be. What I need is to know how many members would like a flag for their trailer. The picture

to the left shows what the club flag would look like. It is a 3 X 5 ft flag with grommets on the left to attach to the flag pole. The Executive Board decided to not have individual officer flags. Pricing below by the number of flags ordered.

1-2 flag	\$161.00 plus tax
3-5 flags	\$108.00 plus tax
6-11 flags	\$86.20 plus tax
12-24 flags	\$74.20 plus tax
25-49 flags	\$62.60 plus tax
50+ flags	\$54.30 plus tax

If you are interested in ordering a flag, I would need to know by **Friday, May 15, 2026**. I will know what the pricing will be and I will let you know how to place your order. Our goal is to have the flags available for International Rally in Minot. Please send me an email to terie62@icloud.com if you are interested. Getting the lowest price on the initial order vs waiting on a later date.

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](#)

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.