# Iowa Airstream Club

November 2026

**Notes from the President:**

We had such a wonderful 2026 camping season. New members hosting rallies in new locations. It seemed like we had an artsy theme for rallies this year. We started off with our Mason City rally and touring the Frank Lloyd Wright City National Bank Building and Stockman House. We also enjoyed the Music Man Square and Meredith Willson home. I could have spent more time watching the videos about Meredith Willson and the making of the movie Music Man.

Our June Rally in Muscatine started with a gift of personalized art work on a rock painted by Wina and her daughter. I've got to say that I loved them so much that I might have collected a few of the rocks that were not claimed. While in Muscatine, we enjoyed their beautiful Art Museum and Japanese Garden. And who knew that Muscatine has a Pearl Button Museum.

September brought us to Central City and we had a private tour of both the Grant Wood Studio and the Cedar Rapids Art Museum. We also experienced the excitement of bird watching and I wonder if Kathryn will have her BIG Year in 2027? What better place to end our camping season but by experiencing the beauty and art of NE Iowa. We were pleasantly surprised to check out the Studio Tour, where artists throughout the region show/sell their art. (not crafts). Who knew that there were so many artists in the driftless area. But the best part of this year was camping with all of you. I hope to see you at one of our winter luncheons.




Terie

**Iowa Airstream Club Executive**

President: Terie Taylor-Wolf
Vice President: Terry Cochran
Vice President: Wina Spread
Secretary: Angie Sperry
Treasurer: Tom Spread
Director: Carol Heckman
Director: Scott Deetz
Director: Denny Chapman
Director: Nancy Schoene

Committee Chairs

Constitution and Bylaws: Terry Cochran
Membership: Tom Spread
Directory Editors: Tom & Wina Spread
Ethics and Grievance: Terry Cochran
Newsletter: Terie Taylor-Wolf
Web Master/FaceBook: Terie Taylor-Wolf

# October Rally Highlights

Our last rally was in Spillville, Iowa where Denny Chapman and Mugsy Jespersen hosted us again in the northeast. The leaves were changing and the weather cooperated. Finally, I almost want to say that we have had rain every rally this year.

Some of us arrived early on Wednesday and enjoyed a BBQ together. Thursday was the kickoff of the rally. We spent a couple of days just enjoying the weather and checking out the Decorah area and picturing what an Urban Rally will look like next October. What is an Urban Rally? Well, we are planning on camping on Decorah's downtown street for a day and half. Similar to Silver in the City Urban Rally, we are going to try a bit of adventure in a beautiful town in northeast Iowa. Our plan is to park our trailers on Waters Street, answer questions about your airstream and the airstream culture and if you so choose, you can also open your airstream for a peek. Think of this as a rally on pavement.



But prior to sleeping under the stars on Water Street, we plan to camp at Pulpit Rock which happens to be a beautiful camp ground where you can view Pulpit Rock. If you have not ever been to the Decorah area, please check it out. [Visit Decorah, Iowa: Things to Do, Trails, Dining & Lodging]

We will have more to come via email regarding the reservation process as it will be very different that any other rally. Also, there is a quick turn around for our members to get a reservation before we open it to other clubs. (And we already have interest)



Friday and Saturday was spent touring the Decorah area. Some of us went to Seed Saver and explored their gardens. Some also went to the Studio Tour which highlights the many artists who live in the area. Some tried out fishing or just enjoying the changing of the leaves. We were also lucky to have a private concert of Terry playing the bagpipes. We enjoyed a nice fire each evening as the weather was beautiful.

Saturday, we had our installation of officers after a wonderful dinner prepared by Denny with loads of additional side dishes from all of the members. We have a new group of officers and they are listed on the first page of the newsletter. I am so excited to work with everyone this next year. Also, don't forget that you don't have to be an officer to get involved. You can sign up to host a rally or luncheon, take pictures at rallies/luncheons (as I always forget and it really is not my strong suit) or help to maintain the FaceBook page which is quite easy to do. Thanks to Denny Chapman and Mugsy Jespersen for hosting this rally. It was so fun and beautiful since the leaves were changing.











# Meet the Members: Norm and Linda Beu




Linda and I have owned an Airstream since 1981. Linda inherited our first one (of three) from her parent's estate. Wonderful pair - 1977 31' Excella 500 and a 1979 454 Chevy Suburban. I was in the Air Force then, so we took it to Fort Worth, TX, where we joined the North Texas Unit. We were members there for two years. Never heard from them. The next assignment was in Wichita, KS, where we joined the Greater Wichita Unit. Never heard from them either. We didn't rejoin until we had lived in ME, NH and England. After a seven year break from WBCCI, I had retired, and we were seeing the country. An RV park had been recommended to us while we were still in Iowa, so we eventually arrived at the Tropic Star RV Park in Pharr, TX just before Thanksgiving, 1992. We were not set up yet, when a Ford van rolled up, and a lady opened her window and said, "Who are you?" Our Excella 500 had a wide blue stripe around the body, and both sides said IOWA in big white letters. That's how we met Wayne and Helen Sutherland, Pella, Iowa. She continued, "We know everybody who has an Airstream in Iowa, but we don't know you." Our 8524 red numbers had been removed while the trailer was in storage. So, within 30 minutes, we had joined WBCCI, the Iowa Unit and the South Texas Unit. Wayne and Helen became immediate friends and mentors. Our old number had been reissued, so HQ gave us 8526.

In the Iowa Unit, we were asked to help host a rally. That's how we met Don and Darlene Pierce, Waterloo. We learned a lot about putting on a rally, and we had more friends. We shared host duties at Perry, with Dale and Joan Lafrentz, Manilla. We were grilling brats during a storm, when a tree across the parking lot took a lightning strike. Tree bark flew everywhere. And so it goes. Friends and memories. We started attending Region and International Rallies.



I went through Unit, Region, and International "chairs", starting with the Supply Trailer Chair. Much later it was my privilege to be elected and serve WBCCI as President 2010-2011. I selected Du Quoin, Illinois, as the location of the 2011 International Rally. Afterwards, during a caravan, our Ford let us down. It was at night in a Ford dealership parking lot when Linda was installed as Iowa Unit President. on the phone. We have both served in that capacity.

Times have changed. One of the constants in life is change. WBCCI/ACI is not the same club that Linda and I joined. The changes are not all good. Not all bad either. What I miss the most is the elimination of tradition, or custom by the new Club Administration, in the name of modern management practices. I am trying to avoid saying that it's not the way we used to do it. This line of thought could consume a lot of space, so I'll leave examples for another time.

Not too long ago Linda and I were visiting with some Airstreamers, and I mentioned that when we first started attending International rallies, we were happy to have three amps of electricity. You see, there was no electrical power provided in the early days. Eventually three amps were made available as an inducement to gain additional early workers needed to prepare for and sustain the rally. Three amps were enough to keep batteries charged so that the 12v appliances would operate. Standing beside her Airstream with 50 amp power and two air conditioners visible, she said, "Don't you mean 30 amps?". No, dear Heart, three.



Expectations of members have changed. Again, in the early days, you could spot experienced Airstreamers at International rallies. They were the ones with lawnmowers, used for clearing their parking spaces. Today it seems rallies cannot be scheduled without full hookups.

When I was looking for a location for the 2011 International Rally, one member suggested Myrtle Beach. His reasoning was that if the rally was to be a summer vacation, it should be at a "vacation destination". My reaction was there would be increased cost, and that families with children could ill afford locations like Myrtle Beach. Our last International rally was in Lebanon, TN. Far fewer children attended with parents or grandparents.

For current interests, Linda enjoys tatting, and she has won ribbons at the Iowa State Fair. She also is a major doll collector. Time permitting, I enjoy repairing things in my shop and collecting Civil

War era children's glass table sets. We want to sell our 34' trailer, in hopes of downsizing to a 25' or so. Our daughter wants us to take her 1977 Argosy. That would allow us to become more active in Iowa Club activities, and that would be super.

In closing, the strength of WBCCI/ACI is at the Unit/Club level. That's where life-long friendships are made. We have seen attractions all over Iowa that we wouldn't have known about without our Airstream and Iowa Club friends. So, keep the shiny side up when traveling. As Wally Byam said, "Adventure is where you find it."

**November Birthdays**

1 – Mark Buitenwerf
2 – Steve Cochran
9 – Eunice Buitenwerf
11 – Chuck Helle
21 – Chuck Cabalka
23 – Arden Taube



**November Anniversaries**

18 – Rasmussen
20 – Rickert
27 - Jensen



## Membership

It's that time of year again! During the next few weeks the Iowa Airstream Club directory will be updated. You may recall that the 2025-2026 directory was developed and delivered electronically with a few exceptions. Over the course of the year, new members were added and content was edited for accuracy; those changes were available immediately to those who have access for the "e-edition." The printed version was made available once annually at a cost of $20.

The directory, in its final form, is compared to an audit list provided by the Airstream International Club (ACI). If your name and personal information does not appear on the audit report, we do not have the authorization to publish. This means that dues remain unpaid or you need to check the box authorizing publication. Please review your personal information in the directory. Submit any additions or corrections to Tom Spread's attention at:

*iowaairstreamclub@gmail.com*

Several of you have traditionally included a secondary address for the winter months. That information is not available from ACI; any changes or additions will necessarily need to be forwarded to Tom.

There are fundamentally two (2) "e-editions. The first is the "full directory" that includes not only the membership roles, but also copies of the constitution, by-laws, policies, calendar of events, historical data, regional and international information, etc.It is delivered to all members in a .pdf file that is printable. The second edition is specifically formulated for smart phone use; it is limited to contact information and member photos. To date, about half of you have submitted photos. Should you wish to update your photo

## 2026/2027 Winter Luncheon Schedule

**November Luncheon**
When: November 14 @ 11:30
Location Millstream Brau House
741 47th Ave. Amana
Hosts: Mike and Linda Rickert
319-239-0646 (Mike) or 319-230-4289 (Linda)

**December Luncheon**
When: December 12 @ 11:30
Location: Foundry Food + Tap
3266 Crosspark Rd. Ste 101, Coralville
Hosts: Doug and Deb Ford
309-781-4057 (Deb) or 308-441-5763 (Doug)

**February Luncheon**
When: February 13 @ 11:30
Location: Noah's Ark Ristorante
2400 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines
Hosts: Mike Donahue & Tom and Shirley Herron
515-229-7881 (Mike) 515-556-9339 (Shirley) or 515-988-4950 (Tom)

**March Luncheon**
When: March 13 @ 11:30
Location: Whatcha Smokin BBQ and Brew
403 Iowa Ave., Luther
Hosts: John and Terie Wolf
515-360-7887 (Terie)

**April Luncheon**
When: April 10 @ 11:30
Location Pizza Ranch
219 W. 4th St., Vinton
Hosts: Chuck and Nancy Helle
319-270-1189

## 2027 Iowa Airstream Rally Schedule:

**May Rally: Tulip Time**
May 6-8, 2027
Location: Robert's Creek East Campground, Pella
Hosts: No host rally

**June Rally: TBD**
**July Rally: TBD**

**August Rally: Hoover Days**
August 5-August 8, 2027
Location: West Branch
Hosts: No host rally

**September Rally: Scottish Highland Games**
Sept. 9-Sept. 12,2027
Prairie Flower Campground, Saylorville Lake
Hosts: Terry and Tim Cochran

**October Rally: Aluminate Decorah**
October 14-October 17, 2027
Location: Decorah
Hosts: Denny Chapman, Mugsy Jespersen, Terie Taylor-Wolf

**Region 8 Rally** – More Details to Come
May 19-23, 2027
Location: Branson, MO

**2027 International Rally – Rolling Back to Rock Springs, WY**
June 26-July1, 2027
Sweet Water Events Center - 3320 Yellowstone Rd. Rock Springs, WY
https://airstreamclub.org/rally2027

Reservation: **NOW**



# Iowa Airstream Club Annual Meeting

**Spillville Rally**
**Minutes 10/10/26**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
Attendance:

- Present: President-Terie Taylor-Wolf; 1st Vice President-Terry Cochran; 2nd Vice President-Wina Spread; Secretary-Angie Sperry; Treasurer-Tom Spread; Director- Carol Heckman, via phone; Director-Scott Deetz; Director-Denny Chapman; Past President-Tom Herron, via phone
- Absent: Director-Nancy Schoene

Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes posted in August newsletter:

- Terry Cochran made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Earl Gass seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

**Committee reports:**

1. Treasurer related matters:

- Audit coincidental with the change in Treasurer
    - Audit completed by Terie Taylor-Wolf, Terry Cochran, Scott Deetz with Tom Spread.
- Iowa Club balance reported as $6,287.72.
    - Treasurer reported $86 in revenue from sales of Iowa logo items.
- There is a motion to adopt changes of authorized signers for bank accounts to Treasurer, President, Vice President.
    - Tom Herron made a motion for the changes in account signers
    - Kathryn Deetz seconded the motion
    - Motion passed
- Discussion of utilizing Quicken as the bookkeeping system for the club at $4.99/month.
    - Terry Cochran made a motion to approve the use of Quicken
    - Mike Rickert seconded the motion.
    - Motion passed
- Discussion of implementation of Jotform for rally and luncheon registration.
    - Free version of Jotform would work for registrations, member preferences, etc. only. Bronze would allow for financial transactions at an annual cost of $204/year or $102 as a non-profit. The club would need to apply first to determine if Iowa group would be considered non-profit.

    - Program would better track people attending, cancellations and adjustments for kids, new members and guests.
    - Wina Spread made a motion to use Jotform free version.
    - Tom Herron seconded the motion
    - Motion passed
- Discussion of changing over the Club's account to Community Bank and Trust in Muscatine.
    - Tom Herron made a motion to change banks.
    - Terry Cochran seconded the motion
    - Motion passed
- Terie reported this year's Tri-region Rally at Viking Lake State Park ran a loss financially of $162.70 due to issues with food, in which Mo-Kan covered. A suggestion was made that the Iowa Club reimburse Mo-Kan for 1/3 of this cost which comes to $54.23.
    - Earl Gass made a motion that Iowa reimburse Mo-Kan for 1/3 of the financial loss as stated above.
    - Tom Herron seconded the motion
    - Motion passed

2. Membership Update –

- Directory updates are ongoing. Let Tom Spread know if you would like a hard copy.

3. Newsletter –

- Newsletter continues monthly. Photos appreciated. Terie asking if anyone would like to help, please contact her. A sign-up list will be passed around for members to offer to contribute to the Meet our Members section of the newsletter. If not present for the sign-up, please contact Terie.

**New Business:**

1. Aluminate Decorah Urban Rally
    - Approval of Special Use Permit - $50 total ($25/day)
        - Terry Cochran made a motion for approval of the above cost of permit.
        - Mike Donahue seconded the motion
        - Motion passed.
    - Discussion of Aluminate Decorah Logo
        - Terie contacted artist that designed the Iowa group logo and they are now charging $200 for logo and changes. Discussion for adding the words, "Aluminate Decorah" to the existing logo, Denny Chapman showed example. This logo could be used for local brewery to add to beer cans as well as other event specific items. The background of this logo would be silver. Discussion of

excluding year on the logo to allow it to be used for future events thus spreading out the expense of the trademark and logo design over time.

- Terry Cochran made a motion for approval and trademark of the sample logo presented and the following design changes:
  - Add “Aluminate Decorah” in silver to the existing version of the club logo as presented AND
  - Exclude the year “2027” to allow for possible future use.
- Wina Spread seconded the motion
- Motion passed

**Old Business:**

1. Luncheons 2026-2027:
   - November- Amana, Host: Mike and Linda Rickerts
   - December – Iowa City, Host: Deb and Doug Ford
   - February – Des Moines, Hosts: Tom and Shirley Herron, and Mike Donahue
   - March – Luther, Hosts: John and Terie Wolf
   - April – Vinton, Hosts: Chuck and Nancy Helle
2. Rallys 2027
   a. May – Pella
   b. June-TBD
   c. July-TBD
   d. August-West Branch
   e. September-Saylorville
   f. October-Decorah

**Other:** No other items to discuss

Terry Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
Denny Chapman seconded the motion
Motion passed.