

Iowa Airstream Club

October 2026

Notes from the President:

I wanted to give you a quick update on Tom and Shirley Herron. Shirley called to let me know that while enjoying opening day in Chicago, Tom had fallen down and that an ambulance had been called. His blood pressure had dropped dramatically and he was admitted to the hospital for tests. The Airstream community surrounded them during this time by helping with meals, driving to the hospital and even figuring out a way to get into their Airstream to take care of the dogs. The tests found a large mass in his abdomen that was putting pressure on his organs and a biopsy was scheduled for end of the week. Last weekend, Shirley called to say that Tom was diagnosed with a Well Differentiated Liposarcoma. They are waiting to discuss options with their primary dr. and scheduling a surgery date. So, keep Tom and Shirley in your prayers during this time. I will keep you informed when we know more. Please feel free to send cards to their home in Des Moines. (The Route 66 caravan did have other leaders that stepped up to finish this caravan).

We have one more rally for this year. I believe that you can still get a site at Spillville. At this rally, we will have a board meeting on Saturday evening. The majority of this meeting will be to discuss the "Aluminate Decorah" rally scheduled for next October. If you have any questions reach out to Tom Spread, Denny Chapman or myself.

Below are the results of our voting and 2027 officers:

President – Terie Taylor-Wolf
1st Vice President – Terry Cochran
2nd Vice President – Wina Spread
Recording Secretary – Angie Sperry
Treasurer – Tom Spread
Director – Carol Heckman
Director – Scott Deetz
Director – Denny Chapman
Director – Nancy Schoene
Thanks goes to all officers who have served over the past year.

Terie



Iowa Airstream Club Executive

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: Carol Heckman
Director: Scott Deetz
Committee Chairs
Constitution and Bylaws: Terry Cochran
Membership: Tom Spread
Directory Editors: Tom & Wina Spread
Ethics and Grievance: Terry Cochran
Newsletter: Terie Taylor-Wolf

September Rally Highlights

Huge thank you to Scott and Kathryn Deetz for hosting a fun rally at Pinicon Ridge Campground in Central City. We may have had drizzle and gray skies, we enjoyed many tours and good food. Thursday evening some of us enjoyed going to Foxy 's Chill and Grill where they had the largest pork tenderloin I have ever seen. We also hosted 2 new Iowa Club members, Todd and Sadie Kunau from the Quad Cities and MAL, John and Lori Burleson who are full-time Airstream members.



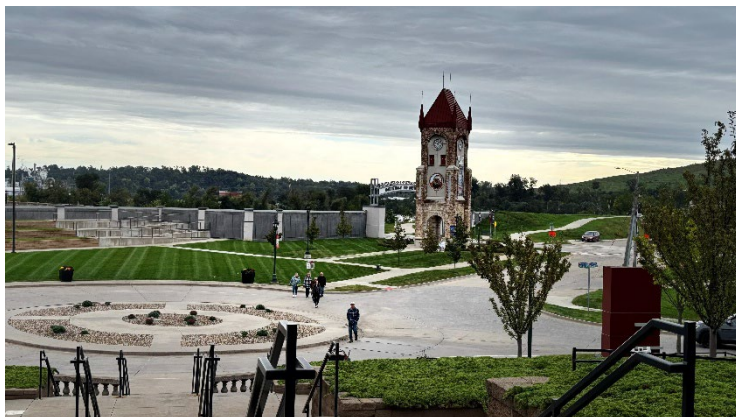
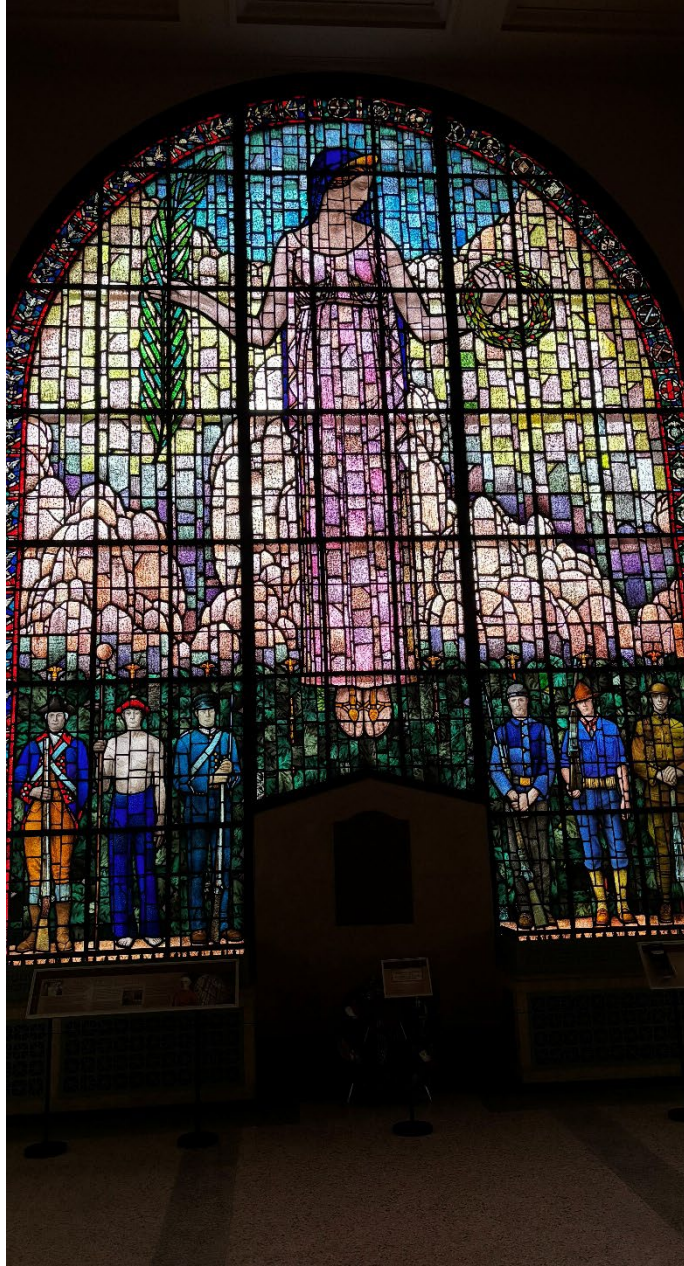
Friday, we enjoyed visiting the Grant Wood Studio and a private tour of the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art where we could enjoy more Grant Wood art. If you have not visited, I would highly recommend. Our tour guide was so knowledgeable about Grant Wood. We ended the evening by enjoying a full Oktoberfest meal provided by Scott and Kathryn. Everything was so delish. We enjoyed polish sausage, Schnitzel (breaded pork loin), Bratkartoffeln (pan fried potatoes) with brown gravy, Kase Spaetzle (German version of mac & cheese) and kraut. Sarah Cochran

also shared German Chocolate cake. We then watched the movie "The Big Year" which is loosely based upon people competing to find the most birds in the USA. We all had fun wondering/picturing Kathryn doing some of the crazy antics to add to her "Big Year". If you don't know, ask Kathryn her bird count, what is her rank and how close she is to getting to be number 1.

Saturday, we continued with enjoying a German-styled breakfast of cold cuts, smoked salmon, and cheeses. We spent the rest of the morning visiting the Czech Slovak Museum and Library. If you are not aware, this museum and library was flooded in 2008 and the community came together to help save the artifacts and move the museum to higher ground. The afternoon was spent enjoying lunch at Cedar Ridge Distillery for lunch and a tour. The distillery is known for it's award-winning whiskey/spirits.



Our rally ended with homemade cinnamon rolls, kolaches and fruit before heading home.





SAVE THE DATE!

Plans continue to evolve for "*Aluminate Decorah*," an Urban Street Rally in Decorah, Iowa.

Here are the details so far:

- Host: **Denny Chapman** (Terie Taylor-Wolf has offered to co-host)
- Location: **Pulpit Rock Campground & Water Street, Decorah, Iowa**
- Dates: **October 13-17, 2027**

Denny Chapman has been hard at work developing this rally in cooperation with the City of Decorah and the Decorah Chamber of Commerce. The general concept is for the club to camp at

Pulpit Rock Campground from Wednesday through Friday. On Saturday morning, we will caravan to Water Street to park on both sides of the street, boondock overnight, and depart Sunday morning.

Pulpit Rock Campground is managed by the City of Decorah, reservations for the entire season open on March 1st at 8:00 AM and typically sell out by noon. However, the City has agreed to hold 25 -30 campsites for our use. Campground fees at Pulpit Rock range from \$35 (back-in) - \$42 (pull through) per night; both 30 and 50 amp sites are available. The pull through sites range from 90' to 110' and we understand that some are shareable (there are two (2) posts). The fees for the shareable sites are \$42 nightly plus \$22 nightly for the second unit (making the nightly cost per trailer \$32). The campground accommodates two (2) adults per site; additional adults are \$8 nightly, children under the age of 18 are free. Water is shareable and is available throughout the campground. There are three (3) dump stations on site.

The club plans to manage the campsites sites on behalf of the membership. You should expect us to open site reservations to club members as early as November, 2026 with payment due at that time. If we do not fill all available sites, we will open registration to Airstreamers from the Vintage Airstream Club, the Fly Fishing Club, and neighboring state clubs (Minnesota, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, etc.). **If we cannot fill the allocation, we will simply reduce the number of sites we secure on March 1st.** If there is overflow, other area campgrounds are available, and a municipal parking lot in Decorah can accommodate additional units that do not fit on Water Street.

For the Saturday and Sunday portion of the event, two blocks on Water Street would be closed. This provides a 900-foot area utilizing both sides of the street (1,800' total), which can accommodate 25 to 30 campers depending on trailer and tow vehicle length. Overflow space is also available at a nearby municipal parking lot. Closing Water Street requires a Special Use Permit at a cost of \$25 per day (\$50 total).

Assuming a commitment of 25 trailers, here is the pro forma rally expense:

Pulpit Rock Camping Fee: \$110.00 / \$131.00 (3 days at \$35 or \$42 plus a \$5 booking fee per reservation)

Special Use Permit: \$2.00/rig (\$50/25) *There are no additional camping fees to boondock on Water Street.*

Rally Fee: to be determined

Denny has approached the Decorah Fire Department about a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning.

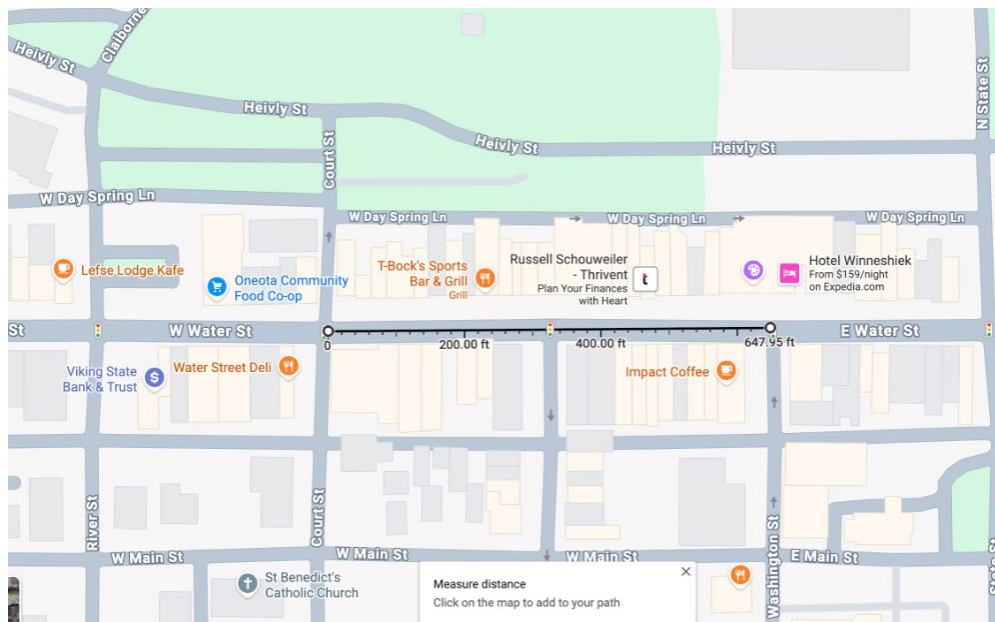
Additionally, consideration is being given to development of a Rally Logo, which carries a \$200 design fee. The logo could appear on shirts, sweatshirts, flags, etc. all of which would be available for purchase to participants. The logo expense could be shared among those who order

shirts; it could be part of the Rally Fee; or the Iowa Airstream Club has sufficient funds to carry the expense.

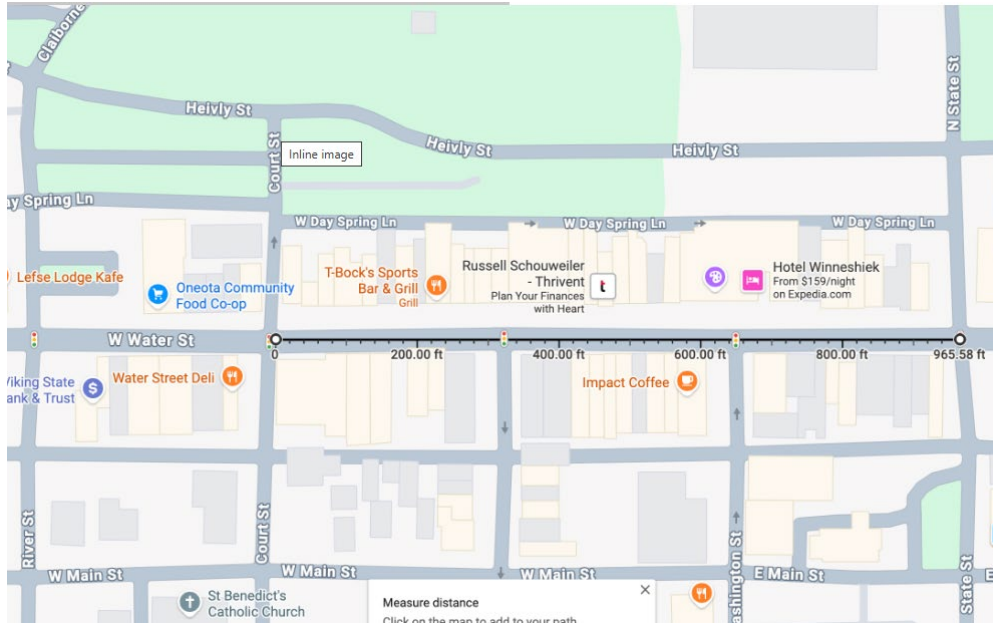
Please let your opinions be known via email, phone call or discussion by the end of September and we will discuss further at our next meeting in October. This is an exciting new possibility for the club; we hope to see all of you there!

See you down the road!

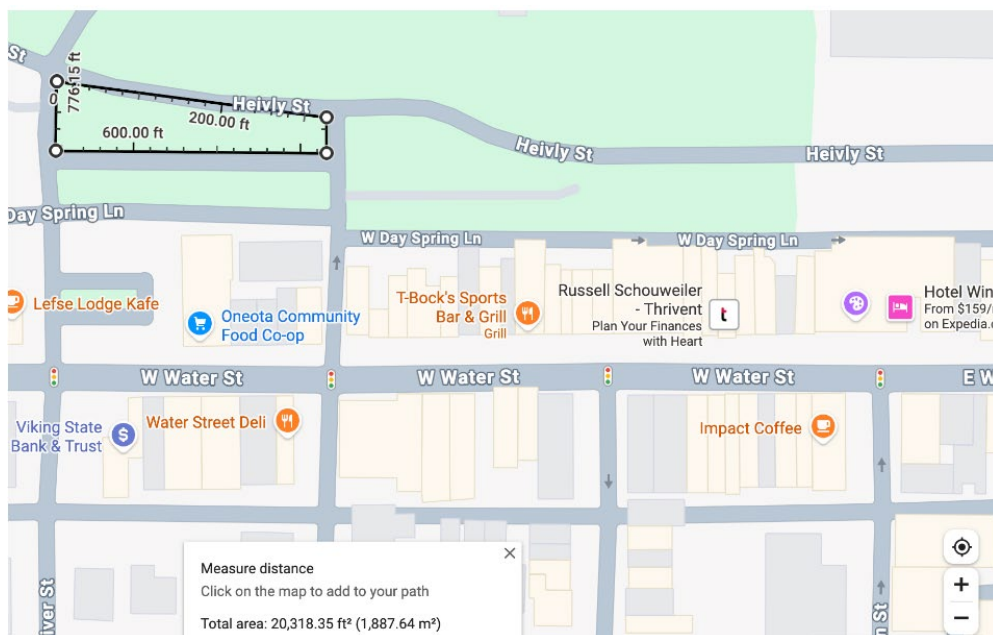
Below is Water Street and the main business district street in Decorah. The cross streets for us would be Court St. to Washington Street, approximately 650 feet. Parking on both sides would get us about 1300 feet of parking space.



If we could wrangle three blocks of Water Street that would net us about 1900 feet of parking.



In the upper left-hand corner is the city parking lot that is used for Farmer's Market. In October it should be available. That section is about 200 feet long. This can be used as overflow boondocking space. The west end is about 75 feet wide and the east end is about 40 feet wide, room for another dozen or so rigs.



October Birthdays

3 – Tom Spread
7 – Margaret Jespersen
10 – Dave Cole
14 – Dale LaFrentz
21 – Hobe Darbyshire
22 – Terie Taylor-Wolf
26 – Karen Cole



October Anniversaries

13 – Allen S & K
15 – Kvidera
25 – Allen M & L



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 or provide one for the first time please forward a copy to Tom.

Last year we printed ten (10) copies of the directory. Nine (9) were delivered to members at luncheons or rallies thereby eliminating any delivery expense. This year we plan to take advance orders. Should you desire a printed and bound copy please let us know. We anticipate that production expenses will amount to about \$20 and mailing another \$3.60. Those of you who have access to the e-editions will enjoy a seamless transition to the 2026-2027 directory. You will simply receive an email notice telling you that the document has been updated.

For those who may have lost track, here are the links to the existing directories:

Smartphone

Directory <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kDLHlzm4cLDb1OQqlc9CuMELcNhS1alsPcJYYB9m1pl/edit?usp=sharing>

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Directory <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ymOo9mCF27mQyMW0nH0RiDqqwvqs2PRJ2HWDqJinI/edit?usp=sharing>

As always, should you have any thoughts about how to improve the directory please let us know. One suggestion is that we add the annual calendar of luncheons and rallies to the smart phone directory. We'll certainly take a shot at that.

(Please review for accuracy and content)

Tom R. Spread
BRN 5709

2026 Iowa Airstream Rally Schedule:

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>

We will have a board meeting at this rally. The main agenda item will be the 2027 Aluminate Decorah rally in October. If you are not able to attend the rally, we are trying to include a virtual option so please reach out to Terie (515-360-7887) so we can send you a link to the meeting.

October Itinerary

Thursday evening – Arrival

6:00 Dinner at Wenzil Taylor Restaurant in Spillville

Friday:

Breakfast on your own

Lunch on your own

6:00 pm Pot Party – Bring a dish made in a pot to share (Crockpots, Dutch Ovens, Instant Pot)

After Dinner – Movie Night at the Community Center

Saturday:

7:30 am Breakfast (French toast, sausage, mixed fruit and fixins)

After breakfast – Aluminate Decorah drive-by (check out Pulpit Rock campground and Water Street)

12:30 pm Lunch - Reservations at The Landing Market (next to Pulpit Rock Brewery)

Afternoon – on your own (Options- Seed Savers-self guided tour for free, exploring Decorah)

5:30 pm Dinner at the Community Center (Smoked pork, please bring a side to share)

7:30 pm Installation of Officers

8:00 pm Board Meeting

Sunday

7:30 am Breakfast at Riverside Park (Kolaches and coffee)

End of the 2026 Camping Season – Drive carefully on your way home

2027 Iowa Airstream Rally Schedule:



Region 8 Rally – More Details to Come

May 19-23, 2027

Branson, MO

2027 International Rally – Rolling Back to Rock Springs, WY

June 26-July 1, 2027

Sweet Water Events Center - 3320 Yellowstone Rd. Rock Springs, WY

<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2027>

Reservation: **NOW**



Agenda for October Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes – posted in the August newsletter

Committee Reports:

Treasurer related matters:

- Audit coincidental with the change in Treasurer
- Adopt resolution for banking (Authorized Signers): Treasurer, President, Vice President, Secretary
- Implement Quicken as the bookkeeping system for the club @ \$4.99 per month
- Consider implementation of Jotform for rally and luncheon registration; free may work, but Bronze level may be necessary at an annual cost of \$204.

Membership Update

Newsletter Update

New Business:

- Questions about the Aluminate Decorah Urban Rally
- Approval of Special Use Permit - \$50 total (\$25 per day)
- Approval of setting up a trademark for “Aluminate Decorah”
- Approval for \$200 for logo design

Old Business:

Luncheons:

- November –
- December – Iowa City, Host: Deb and Doug Ford
- February – Des Moines, Hosts: Tom, Shirley Herron, and Mike Donahue
- March – Luther, Hosts: John and Terie Wolf
- April – Vinton, Hosts: Chuck and Nancy Helle

Camping:

May 6-8, 2027 Tulip Time

Location: Pella

Hosts: No host rally
Region 8 Rally: May 19-23,
Location: Branson, MO

June Rally:

International Rally: June 25-July 2, 2027
Location: Rock Springs, WY

July Rally:

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

September Rally: Sept. 9-Sept. 12
Prairie Flower Campground, Saylorville Lake
Hosts: Terry and Tim Cochran

October Rally: October 13-October 17, 2027
Location: Decorah
Hosts: Denny Chapman, Mugsy Jespersen, Terie Taylor-Wolf

Other:
Adjourn: