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Streaming Musicians Vice President Thom Wells carrying the flag at the Opening Ceremonies for the International Rally in Minot, ND

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President's Corner

September 2026



I have to admit, seeing all the photos and updates coming out of the International Rally gave me a little bit of FOMO this year! I hated missing the opportunity to be there with so many of our Streaming Musicians members, but it was great to see our Intra-Club so well represented throughout the week.

One of those moments was seeing our Vice President, Thom Wells, proudly carrying the Streaming Musicians flag. Check out the photo of Thom doing just that on page 1, and I think it's pretty great to see our flag—and our group—represented among the many clubs that make up Airstream Club International. Thank you, Thom, for carrying the flag for all of us!



I also want to recognize all of the hard work that went into this year's ACI Band and Choir. These concerts are one of the musical highlights of the International Rally, but what everyone sees on stage is only the end result. Our musicians spend a significant amount of their rally week rehearsing and preparing, and that takes a real commitment. To everyone who

performed, directed, organized, or helped behind the scenes: thank you for sharing your time and talents with ACI. I may have missed hearing you in person this year, but I certainly appreciate the work that went into making those performances happen.



From everything I heard, the Streaming Musicians Block Party was another great success! A huge thank you goes to Ron Backus and Mindy Downie, along with everyone who jumped in and helped make it happen. It's exactly the kind of gathering I love seeing from Streaming Musicians—an opportunity to meet each other, catch up with friends, and enjoy the community that has grown around our shared love of music. I really wish I could have been there with you!



We also had a group of Streaming Musicians members get together recently for a rally centered around attending Drum Corps International. What a perfect fit for our group—Airstreaming, spending time

with fellow members, and taking in some incredible music together! I'm hoping to have a report from Bruce to share more about their experience, so I won't steal his thunder here. I love seeing our members find opportunities like this to turn a shared musical interest into a reason to get together.

While I may have missed out on some of the fun this summer, it has been wonderful to see Streaming Musicians active and represented at events across ACI. And if you want to keep up with what's happening between newsletters, be sure to join our [Streaming Musicians Facebook page!](#) Many of the updates and photos I've been talking about—including what our members were up to at International—have been shared there. It's a great way to see what fellow Streaming Musicians are doing, share your own musical adventures, and stay connected with the group throughout the year.

Music may be what brought this group together, but the friendships, gatherings, and willingness of our members to get involved are what continue to make it something special.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great summer for Streaming Musicians. Now, let's keep the music going into fall!

Cody



ACI Band Director Message

September 2026

Why not Minot??? Let me tell you Why not!

Our experience for this International Rally was phenomenal. The Airstream International Band met on Monday, August 17th for our first rehearsal followed by a gathering time to rekindle old friendships and meet new band friends. Our group was smaller than previous years, 20 Airstreamers, however, it gave us time to really get to know each other. We were joined by 12 Minot Community Band members and with the help of Ken Starr (Minot member), borrowed their timpani and were blessed to have him as our designated timpani player.

Our program featured selections to celebrate Americas 250th Anniversary as well as pay tribute to North Dakota Musicians Lawrence Welk and Peggy Lee! The Great Locomotive Chase, by Robert W. Smith was a hit, tying in the railroad influence in Minot. Denny Kennedy sang a rousing rendition of Fever. Our Clarinet section was featured on The Clarinet Polka (with a few bubbles thrown in) as well as the Low Brass on Big Spender. The Music of Abba with Mamma Mia tied in the Scandinavian influence and the choir added so much with our combined performance of America and Sea to Shining Sea. Our program was well received by the Airstream Community with many excited about what we will do next year!

The Community itself embraced our Airstreamers in a way I have not seen at the past five International Rallies that we have attended. Minot is a friendly, welcoming place!

We want to say a huge welcome to our newest band members, Dan Steadman, Carol Spangler Vaughn, Kerry Russell, Jim Reynolds, Paul Aufderheide! We were also blessed to have Allana Pattersons sister, Ann Patterson with us, fantastic sax player who was the hit of the jam sessions. Thanks for joining us!

A very special thank you to Bruce Morrow who assisted with brass sectionals, Lisa Bordweisch and Steve Schruender who planned the social gatherings, Dave Vaughn who was our logistics specialist and Tim Baumann Minot Band Director for coordinating with the Minot Musicians.

Shout out to Ron Backus for organizing the Block party in the Green Campground! A great time was had by all at the Streaming Musicians with about 75 in attendance. We had several small ensembles as well as Karaoke hosted by Vicki Ketchum. There is so much talent within our community!

We are looking forward to Rock Springs International 2027 with a rehearsal space on the Sweetwater Events property! It is our hope to partner with the Rock Springs Community for our performances. They are already talking about our concert which be a part of their summer concert series held in their bandstand in the downtown park.

You will find our projected rehearsal schedule included in this email. Those participating in the band, arrive the Monday prior to the start of the International Rally with free parking for those five days. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for information to join the band, please send an email or text to Mindy Downie, meowsik@msn.com/540-520-2357.



Streaming Musicians At International Rally 2026

Minot, North Dakota

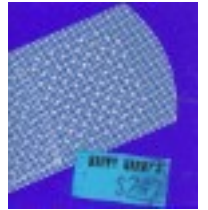
★ Music ★ Friendship ★ Community ★



Your Lift for Visibility

Most of you are getting this Newsletter because we ****LOVE**** staying in touch with fellow musicians in the Airstream community. Only about 100 of you have added the *Streaming Musicians Intra-Club* to your ACI membership. It's only \$10. We are completely volunteer led and administered. We use the dues to cover inventory purchases, banking fees, and facility rents.

Will you add YOUR small contribution to help lift the load? We'd love to have you [**CLICK THIS LINK**](#), and scroll down to join today.



DCI Rally - Bruce Morrow



The Streaming Musicians Intraclub had their first rally at the Drum Corps International Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 5 through 8. Mindy Downie and Bruce Morrow hosted the event. There were four rigs and seven people attending at Kamp Indy, an RV park on the south side of Indianapolis.

The Drum Corps competition is an annual event held in Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis. Lucas Oil Stadium is the home of the Indianapolis Colts NFL team. A drum and bugle corps is a musical marching unit made up of brass instruments, percussion, and a visual color guard. Unlike traditional school marching bands, a drum corps operates as an independent non-profit organization. It is not tied to a high school or

college. The ensembles use only brass and percussion instruments, plus electronic instruments such as keyboards, bass and perhaps guitar. Non brass instruments are sometimes used as solo instruments in the corps' production. Flute, oboe, saxophone and violin are especially popular as solo instruments. The color guard is a visual performance group that uses flags, mock rifles, sabers and dance to enhance the musical production. Corps members are generally high school and college age with an age limit of 21 years old. The corps learn their show in May and June and then spend six weeks touring the country, practicing constantly, and competing on football fields with an 8-to-12-minute show. The tour concludes at the DCI Championships in August.

On the first evening of the rally, everyone got together for dinner at St. Joseph Brewery and Public House. The brewery and restaurant are housed in the historic St. Joseph Catholic church that was built in 1879. The church closed in 1954 and set idle until the brewery moved in and opened in 2015. Dinner at St. Joseph was a great way to kick off the rally.

Competition started on Thursday, August 6 with the preliminary competition. The event began at noon with 33 corps competing. The last corps performance was at 11:00 P.M. Yes, that is a long day!

Friday, August 7, was the semifinal competition. The number of corps competing were reduced to the top 25 from the previous day. The event started at 1:30 P.M. and again wrapped up at 11:00 P.M. As you might presume, with the DCI competition schedule, there isn't much time for social gatherings at this rally.

Saturday, August 8, was the finals competition. The top 12 corps from the Friday's competition perform in finals. Because the finals show starts at 5:30 P.M., we had the opportunity to get together for lunch at the Slippery Noodle. The Slippery Noodle is a bar, restaurant and inn that opened in 1850. It has the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating bar in the state of Indiana. It's also historically significant as serving as a stop on the underground railroad during the civil war. After lunch we were off to the stadium for the show. As with the previous evenings, the Awards Ceremony concluded at about 11:00 P.M.



The Bluecoats from Canton, Ohio won this year's championship. The Bluecoats have won championships previously in 2016 and 2024. They are one of just five drum corps with three or more gold medals. They are also only the fifth corps to earn a 99-point score in DCI's 54-year history. The days are exhausting at DCI, but the performances are so amazing that no one seems to mind the sleep deprivation. Keep your eyes open for an announcement of the 2027 Streaming Musicians DCI Rally. If we get commitments early enough, we may be able to purchase tickets together. Otherwise, if you are planning to attend DCI Championships next year, and wish order tickets on your own, Super3 ticket packages are available for sale now at DCI.org. Don't hesitate, the deadline to purchase Super3 tickets is September 30, 2026. Kamp Indy will start taking RV reservations on January 1, 2027.



ROCK SPRINGS International 2027

Rehearsal Schedule – some of the times are tentative as we will wait for the International Committee to determine starts of evening activities.

(During sectionals, Bruce will run brass, Mindy will run WW and Percussion)

Monday, June 21	2:30 – 4:00 pm FIRST REHEARSAL - Airstream Full Band Happy Hour 5pm
Tuesday, June 22	9 - 11:30am Airstream Full Band 2:00 – 3:30pm Sectionals all
Wednesday, June 23	9 – 11:30am Airstream Full Band 2:00 – 3:30pm Sectionals all
Thursday, June 24	9 – 11:30am Airstream Full Band 2:00 – 3:30pm Sectionals all
Friday, June 25	9 – 11:30am Full Band ENJOY YOUR AFTERNOON!
Saturday, June 26	9 – 11:30am Full Band (with Rock Springs Members) Luncheon for all following rehearsal. 5:00pm – Set up 6:00pm - Call time for Band 6:30pm - Begin playing 7:00 pm OPENING CEREMONY
Sunday, June 27	DAY OFF 😊
Monday, June 28	9 – 11:30am Full Band with Rock Springs Members (if available)
Tuesday, June 29	9 – 11:30 Full Band with Rock Springs Members (if available) 1:00 – 2:00pm??? Band rehearse with choir
Wednesday, June 30	4:00pm - Set up 5:30pm – begin seating and warm-up for FULL BAND with Rock Springs Members (Please eat before arriving) 7:00pm BAND AND CHORUS CONCERT
Thursday, July 1	6:00pm – Airstream Band Call Time/ Pre Ceremony Music 6:30pm - begin playing 7:00pm CLOSING CEREMONY – Band stays seated for recognition

***ROCK SPRINGS Members are welcome to join us at any of the rehearsals

The Flags are Here!

The first shipment of the high quality 3 x 5 double-sided Streaming Musicians Flags has arrived. The price includes all fees, tax, set-up charges, and in-bound ship.

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