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The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

APRIL 2024

Presidents Message



Welcome Spring!

Mike and I have just returned from two months in Arizona. We are slowly getting back into the swing of grandkids, appointments, cooler weather, pickleball and assorted other things. And it is great to be home! For those of you who didn't travel during the winter, it was sometimes warmer and drier HERE than farther south. That would be a consolation! LOL

Our first rally is fast approaching, and we are excited to get back to camping in our Airstream. This rally will be our first trip in our new-to-us trailer since last fall, and we are still getting used to it. Some of you have already had adventures in yours this year - California, Texas, Gulf coast and beyond. And I love that we are all out exploring our beautiful country in our silver wheeled homes. It is a wonderful way to travel!

We hope to see many of you at Branched Oak. I know there are some new and different things we will be spending our time doing, as well as some events we have grown to love from past years. There will also be time for a club meeting at Branched Oak. So, let's plan on great weather and even better companionship!

There is still time to sign up for the July 18-21 Joint Rally in Maysville, MO with the Greater St Louis club. I can guarantee a good time with this group, as well as with Nebraska members. We will have a day in St Joseph, MO to explore, as well as a day spent at our campground and around Maysville. Pull up the email I sent everyone on this and call the number for the Pony Express RV Park today to reserve your site. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

See you all soon!

Cheryl



Birthdays

- APRIL 12 Gordon Opp
15 Suzanne McNamara
30 Debra Opp
- MAY 6 Jim Wherrett
11 Jeanette Peterson
- JUNE 9 Jeanine Wright
20 Lana Olson
21 Cheryl Zeitz

Anniversaries

- APRIL 2 Jim & Mary Wherrett 1977
- MAY 13 Jim & Jeanine Wright 1972
17 Chris Leon & Lucius Bowen
- JUNE 6 Bill & LaDon Kallmer 1964
6 Steve & Katie Krivolavek 2009
8 Jeff & Jeanette Peterson 1996
10 Jeff & Christine Mann 1989
15 Bert & Donajean Sherwin 1956
24 Dwight & Lana Olson 1978
25 Bruce & Carolyn Coonrod 1970

2024 LUNCHEONS

Every second Saturday of each month

- April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9

*Luncheons are located at Sapp Brothers Apple Barrel
I- 80 & Hwy50 @ 11:30 am*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fix It Rally

Branched Oak SP
April 18-21,2024
Hosts: Manns, Opps & Wielands
Reserve your site now.

Region 8 Rally

April 24-28, 2024
America's Best Campground aka ABC Campground
499 Buena Vista Rd. Branson, MO

Joint Rally

Pony Express RV Park, Maysville, MO
July 18-21, 2024
Hosts: Sisks, Smiths

Fall Rally

September 5-8, 2024
Fremont, NE
Hosts: Wrights, Links, Olsons

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

October 5-10, 2024
Sweetwater Events Complex
Rock Springs, WY



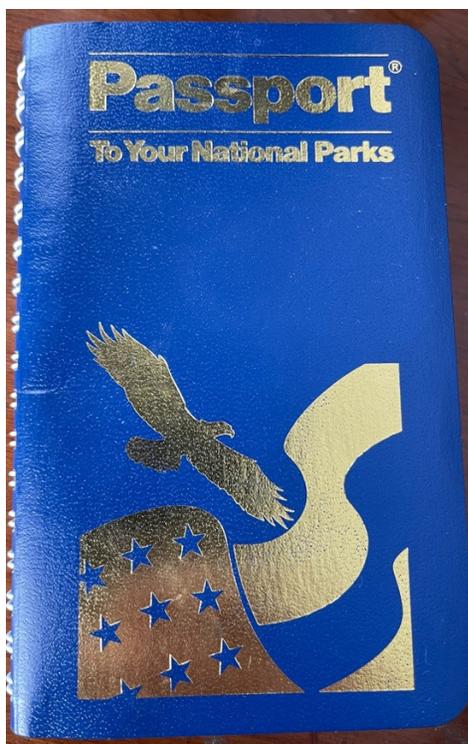
Installation Rally

October 11-14, 2024
Victorian Acres, NE City, NE
Hosts: Hoyts, Knowles, Wielands

Passport to Your National Parks

By Ashley Kavan

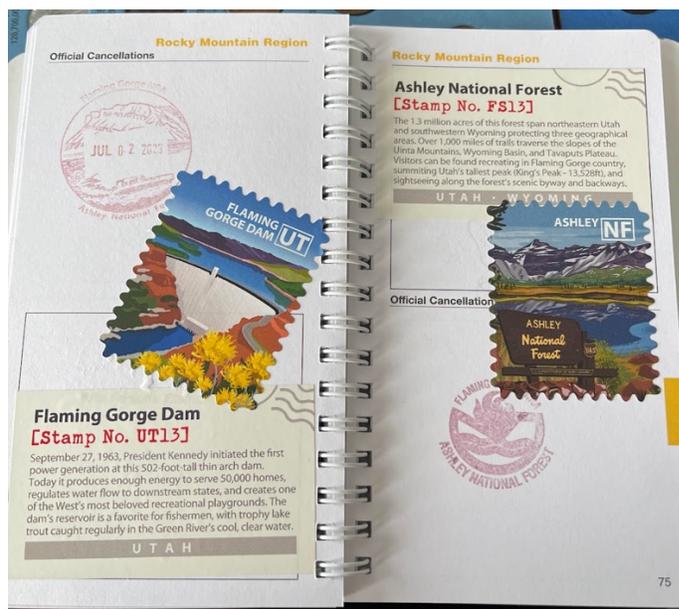
Our first big trip as Airstreamers was to the 2023 International Rally in Wyoming. We took advantage of the Rocky Mountain locale and visited several National Forests in the area. Something that I was not aware of prior to this trip was the Passport to Your National Parks. At every National Park in the country you can stop and get an inked stamp and a sticker stamp of the location you're visiting. The Passport comes with a great fold out map of the Parks included in the Passport, and the book is divided by region with great information on each area of the country.



There are different versions of the Passport. We opted for the \$12.95 paperback book, but there are hardcover, special edition, and even leather bound versions.

We decided to get just one for our family to share, but we definitely saw families where each member had their own passport. Expander packs are available and you can buy the sticker stamps online if you have visited a park, but didn't stop to get the stamps (or if you traveled to a park before you realized that the Passports were a thing, or if you forgot your Passport in the car and didn't want to have to go back for it...all of which have happened to us).

Our kids especially liked taking turns with the ink stamps and picking out which sticker we would add to the passport. I'm was slightly annoyed that I haven't gotten to pick a stamp or use the ink stamp, but I guess that is just motivation to head to the next place. See you down the road!

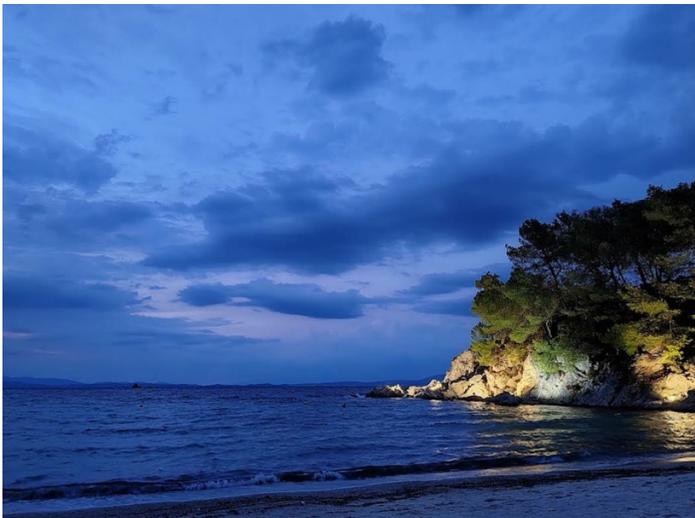


Ores, Shores, Waters & Lights Caravan

By Gordon Opp

Debbie & I had the privilege of going on the Ores, Shores, Waters & Lights national Airstream Caravan last year. It was AWESOME! We were camped right on a great lake all but one night and we had premier spots. We saw light houses, the Ship Wreck Museum and beautiful waterfalls. Our highlight was the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie.

It was there that we could look over into Canada. We took a sight-seeing boat through the locks too. We watched the huge ships inch their way from Lake Superior to Lake Huron through the St Marys River where we were camped. We Highly recommend this caravan.

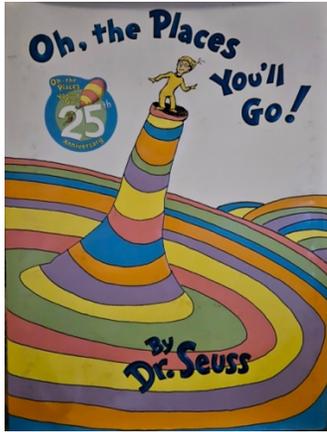


More photo from Ores, Shores, Waters & Lights Caravan



Oh The Places You will Go.

By Jim Wright



The best part of traveling with our Airstream is that we get to see and experience some of the most beautiful areas of our country. Some of our most memorable views are in the mountains, oceans, northern lights and deep underground caves as well as stars by the campfire.

This year the view was from 14,000 ft at Skydive Spaceland in San Marco's Texas. When you jump (actually fall) out of a plane 2.5 miles above the ground and free fall for over 1 minute the sight of the parachute opening is the best sight ever.



Airstream For Sale

By Larry Link

Marcia & I have downsized and purchased a 2021 27' Flying Cloud front twin; further preparation for our eventual move to a Sr Living Center. We still plan to travel in a newer unit but a smaller one; easier to pull and fewer things to go wrong, we hope. As a result we have a very nice 2014 30' Flying Cloud rear queen for sale. It is in excellent condition and we have pictures for anyone interested. Yesterday I listed it on AirstreamMarketplace.com so you can see it there, also. We will be taking it to Branched Oak Lake for our first rally of this year and will have an open house on Friday & Saturday.



Spring Fix It Rally

We currently have 29 people signed up to attend the Nebraska Airstream Club 2024 Fix-It-Rally. There is still time to book at Branched Oak and join us.

To be held on:
Thursday April 18 - Sunday April 21 at Branched Oak Lake SRA - Middle Loop

Please bring a \$15 (per person) Rally Fee to Happy Hour on Thursday.

Schedule:

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| Thurs 4/18 | 4PM | Happy Hour |
| | 6PM | Dinner @ Optimist Club |
| | Sundown | Campfire |
| Fri 4/19 | 9 AM | Breakfast @ Optimist Club |
| | Noon | Lunch on your own |
| | 2 PM | Open House |
| | 6 PM | Dinner at Bottle Rocket Brewing Company. GameTime Philly food truck serving dinner. |
| | Sundown | Nightglow & Campfire |
| Sat 4/20 | | Breakfast on your own |
| | 1 PM | Litter Pick Up |
| | 6 PM | Branched Oak Observatory Annual Meeting Chili Cookoff/Dinner White Elephant (one per Airstream) |
| | Sundown | Campfire |
| Sun 4/21 | 8-9 AM | Farewell Coffee (bring your coffee & chat before taking off) |

You can reserve your site online at:
Branched Oak SRA NE
Area 4-Middle Oak Loop
Happy Hour will be in the common area behind site number 170 so try for a site close by.
Site numbers to use - 168-174 and 176-181

Also, please register for the rally at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nebraska-airstream-club-fix-it-rally-tickets-864186754847> so you may keep up to date with a detailed schedule and any updates.

REMINDERS:

- Campsites are electric only so please plan accordingly.
- A Nebraska park permit is required.
- Alcohol is not allowed at the Optimist Club but is allowed at the Branched Oak Observatory.
- Our annual meeting will take place at the Branched Oak Observatory along with a Chili Cook-off. All registered should have received info on the cook-off.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and your site number for the meal count at:
manncustoms@gmail.com

Looking forward to this fun annual event,
Manns, Opps & Wielands



Future Streamers Airstream Club news

Attention All Airstreamers! We are excited to announce that Future Streamers Intra-Club are collecting pop tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO. Please start collecting as many pop tabs as you can from rallies, home, work and even your neighbors. You can bring them to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and pop tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Let's show our love for aluminum and make a difference together! Don't drink soda or have cans with tabs? No Worries here is a [link](#) dedicated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities-Kansas City where you can make monetary donations. See You In Sedalia.

If you have any questions please contact Misti Roach @

futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com

A New Caravan Starting in 2025!



Join the inaugural 2025 Kids On The Blue Ridge Caravan and make great memories! This is the ideal family caravan!

We will be engaging in exciting activities such as ziplining, rafting, hiking, and biking while traveling along the beautiful NC Blue Ridge Parkway! All of the activities are kid-friendly, but a few have age or weight restrictions. No worries though, there are alternate options available. And if you still have energy left at the end of the day, there will be plenty of campsite family games and campfires to cap off our fun-filled days! This is the first caravan of its kind for WBCCI, dedicated to kids and families having fun. The caravan is only 10 days long, including three travel days at your own pace to explore and take in the beautiful sites along the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway.

Dates: June 10-20, 2025

Start: Tuckaseegee RV Resort in Whittier, NC

End: Boone KOA in Boone, NC

Volunteer Leaders: Misti & Mark Roach (BRN 6912) and Ed & Joni Hall (BRN 5280) For More Information

&To Register: [Click Here](#)

For Questions: Please reach out to the Volunteer Leaders at kidsontheblueridgecaravan@airstreamclub.org

Future Streamers Airstream Club news cont.



Fun In The Sun Rally

Join us for a Fun In The Sun Rally at the Minnesota Airstream Park! We are getting together for a fun-filled weekend of swimming, golfing, and bonfires. To book your spot, please visit the Minnesota Airstream Park [website](#) and make a reservation using the code FUTURE24. This code will only give you a 15% discount on the Rally Nights (July 11-14). Please note that the group rate for the weekend will expire on May 1. Please make your reservation before you sign up for the rally.

The Fun In Sun Rally fee is \$60, which includes a pizza night, taco potluck, flamingo putting contest, glow golf, and many other exciting activities with prizes. This is an ideal opportunity to take your kids away for a fun weekend with other Airstreamers and their kids. Don't miss out on this amazing rally! [Rally registration](#) ends June 27th.

Please reserve your campsite first and then register for the rally.

Host: Misti & Mark Roach (BRN 6912) futurestreamersairstream@gmail.com



NE Airstream Club viewing the ECLIPSE

4 Corners Unit Eclipse Rally at Texas Lagoto Winery in Lampasas, TX

Opps & Manns attended this rally organized by the 4 corners unit. The 4 days included live music, wine tasting and delicious catered meals and a taco food truck. There were 117 Airstreams in attendance. It was to meet up with new and old Airstream friend. Clouds also made for an interesting Eclipse event.



NE Airstream Club viewing the ECLIPSE cont.

West Plains, MO

Hoyts and Heists attended this Eclipse rally. They enjoyed bluegrass music, the Clydesdales, farmers markets, fireworks, a parade and great food including catfish, frog legs, Amish breakfast, fried chicken and the most delicious prime filets.



NE Airstream Club viewing the ECLIPSE cont.

*Mount Vernon IL
Wielands iphone photos*



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