



Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

APRIL 2025

Presidents Message

Ashley Kavan



Happy Spring! It's officially here...trees are leafing, flowers are blooming, and my garden is patiently waiting to be planted. I hope everyone is excited to gear up for camping season. I can't wait to hear what everyone has planned for this year, and look forward to visiting with everyone at the Fix It Rally at the end of the month. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who has grandkids to bring them along to a rally! I have three boys (Henry 9, Harrison 8, and Hutch 4) who would love some playmates!

Plans are moving forward with our other rallies, and I appreciate everyone who is hosting and planning these events! Please contact me if you have any interest in co-hosting our Joint Rally in June or the September Rally at Pioneer Village. I would like encourage new members to consider volunteering for a role on our executive board. Currently we are in need of a 2nd Vice President.

Also, to new members...if you have a minute to fill out the bio questions I sent out I would appreciate it! We would love to introduce you to the club via these questions and the newsletter!

I'm off to de-winterize the trailer, and install a new microwave!

Cheers,
Ashley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fix-It Rally

Branched Oak Campground
Rayond, NE
April 24-27
Hosts: Sisks, Paubas & Smith

Region 8 Rally

Amana, IA
April 30-May 4

Joint Rally

June 19-22, 2025
NEB/IOWA/IOWA N.
Location TBD
Hosts: Conzettts
Hosts: **2 more hosts needed**



INTERNATIONAL RALLY

August 23-28, 2025
York, PA

Pioneer Village

September 25-28, 2025
Minden, NE
Hosts: Kavans, Hoyts & **1 more host needed**

Installation Rally

October 16-19, 2025
Mahoney State Park
Hosts: Manns, Weilands, Owens

Contact Ashley Kavan if you are interested in being a host.

Ultimate Airstream Grand Lounge

By Gordon Opp

We bought our 25' Airstream International FBT 6.5 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Airstream community. We've traveled on 3 Caravans: Springtime in the Rockies, The Great Lakes, and Springtime in Kentucky. Each one was fabulous. We're active in the local and regional clubs as well.

While at the international Rally last year in Sedalia, MO, we contracted with Ultimate Airstreams to have their Grand Lounge installed. We have a heated garage where our Airstream spends her time while not on the move with us. That garage can't accommodate a larger trailer. That's a relief to me in that I don't have to trade our Airstream in for a longer one. Therefore, we don't mind updating our rig since we plan to keep it.

At the Rally, we saw the Grand Lounge installed in a trailer Ultimate Airstream brought to the rally. We loved it. It took most of the week for us to decide to pull the trigger and order the custom update. We were scheduled to drop the Airstream at Ultimate Airstreams near Portland, OR on the 10th of February. We routinely visit Southern California the last week or two of January to visit Debbie's side of the family. So, after our visit in California, we drove up the coast to Oregon. We drove through lots of rain, but spent a few nights right by the ocean and then dropped off the trailer.

Six weeks later we drove back to Oregon. Ultimate Airstreams had sent us a few pictures of the deconstruction and construction of the custom update while it was in progress. We worked with Nancy Garmen at Ultimate and she was great. However, she didn't send us a picture of the completed work. She wanted us to be surprised. Well, we were not only surprised, but also amazed at the transformation. Not only does it look so much better, but more importantly, it is so very much more comfortable, and there is no longer the wasted space that the huge curved cushion took up behind the back of the dinette seat. That Cushion never stayed in its place anyway. We now can seat more people around the table, and when we put half of the table down, it provides both of us a great place to comfortably lounge and watch TV on those rainy days.

Besides the super comfortable lounge and solid walnut tables, Ultimate added drawers where the mostly unused end of the old couch was. We enjoy the extra storage immensely.

We have no regrets and no disappointments. We love the look and comfort of Ultimate Airstreams' Grand Lounge Custom Update.



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Birthdays

APRIL 12	Gordon Opp
15	Suzanne McNamara
18	Gary Krejci
30	Debra Opp
MAY 3	Dave Jakubowski
6	Jim Wherrett
JUNE 1	Liza Jane Parnell
9	Jeanine Wright
18	Alisa Krejci
20	Lana Olson
20	Valerie Conzett
21	Cheryl Zeitz

Anniversaries

April 2	Jim & Mary Wherret
30	Dave & Karen Cole 1994
May 13	Jim & Jeanine Wright 1972
June 1	Dave & Pam Jakubowski
6	Bill & LaDon Kallmer 1964
10	Jeff & Christine Mann 1989
15	Bert & Donajean Sherwin 1956
24	Dwight & Lana Olson 1978
25	Bruce & Carolyn Coonrod 1970

2025 LUNCHEONS

Every second Saturday of each month

May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13

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

2024-25

NE Airstream Club Board

Ashley Kavan.....	President
Jeff Mann	1 st VP
Chris Lehman.....	2 nd VP
Crystal Wieland.....	Corresponding Secretary
Terri Bailey.....	Recording Secretary
Diann Lehman.....	Membership
Kandi Smith.....	Treasurer
Jim Perrin.....	Trustee
Jeanine Wright.....	Trustee



NE Airstream Club Gear

Nebraska Airstream Club gear is now available at www.zazzle.com/ne airstream club! You can now order T-shirts and various items at your convenience online! If there are any other items (sweatshirts, long sleeved t shirts, etc.) you would be interested in buying please let me know and I can add those to our store!