



# Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

JULY 2024

## Presidents Message



### Spring Housecleaning Time!

I have been going through the President's tubs....you know, the ones passed on each year to the 'new' president? Most of us prez's have not really looked into these tubs for years and it shows! So, it is time to downsize what goes into each one.

People, we have flags! There are 3 American, 2 Nebraska, 1 Canadian. There is a WBCCI beret, name tags, THE gavel and the INFAMOUS President's tie (on the back are the names of our Club's former presidents, dating to Ryan Knowles). Copies of the Club's directories, dated 1966-2015, are also included in this tub (we will be updating those as well). AND, did you know we have a PA system that works well? There are also two walkie talkies.... So far, I have not attempted to try them out.

A 'gem' I found in one of the tubs was an old WBCCI Idea Book, International level. There are games,

rally instructions, skits, food (quantities and recipes), crafts and many more ideas from years gone by (1970s-80s). One thing I thought you all might enjoy is a tribute to Wally Byam. It should be in the newsletter farther down. Some items in this notebook are very outdated and have been tossed. The Executive Board has voted to modernize the light blue President flags, as they currently say UNIT instead of CLUB. The order for updated ones will go out in the near future. These flags are handed down each year, to the new President, new 1<sup>st</sup> VP, new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and immediate Past President. After a president's term at that level, the flags are passed down yet again to the next in line.

I just want to mention our upcoming rallies: Joint Rally with Greater St Louis Club July 18-21 in Maysville, MO, Fremont Rally September 5-8 and Installation Rally October 11-14 in Nebraska City, which is immediately after International in Sedalia, MO. Please join us for any or all of these get-togethers!

Mike and I are headed to Europe on June 15, visiting England, Ireland and Scotland. Oh, and a side trip to Liverpool to see the Beatles! Bucket list trip time... Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with camping, renewing friendships, forming new ones and visiting places you have never been to before.

Blessings!

Cheryl Sisk



## *Birthdays*

JULY 16 Kevin Kavan  
17 Sam Boman  
23 Diann Lehman  
26 Kathy Allen  
30 Crystal Wieland  
31 Bill Kallmer

AUGUST 6 Steve Krivolavek  
17 Katie Krivolavek  
21 Kandi Smith  
25 Carolyn Perrin

SEPTEMBER 1 Marcia Link  
6 Jim Wright  
9 Scott Jensen  
10 Terri Bailey  
25 Jessica Brandt  
29 LaDon Kallmer

## *Anniversaries*

AUGUST 5 Bob & Sue Heist 1966  
23 Jim & Carolyn Perrin 1980  
24 Mike & Cheryl Sisk 1974  
26 Gordon & Debra Opp 1978  
31 Larry & Marcia Link 1968

SEPTEMBER 17 Chris & Diann Lehman 1988  
21 Partrick & Suzanne McNamara 1991

## *2024 LUNCHEONS*

*Every second Saturday of each month*

July 13  
August 10  
September 14  
October 12  
November 9

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

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

### *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  
Missouri State Fairgrounds  
Sedalia, MO 2024



### *Installation Rally*

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

# *From the Wally Byam Caravan Club International*

*WBCCI Idea Book, 1978 - Tribute to Wally Byam  
Submitted by Cheryl Sisk*

Please open your heart and mind and allow the memory of the man responsible for our way of life, Wally Byam, to again say hello and God Bless to his beloved caravanners.

Wally Byam....to the trailering public he is legend....a shadowy figure down the road ahead of us all, leading us to adventure. Urging us to try new places and see new faces.

To the members of the International Club which bears his name (even though most of us never personally met him), he was a man who pulled his Airstream through muddy river beds and nursed his tow car over mountain passes, who hitched and unhitched a million and one times, here and abroad, and who pulled away at least once with his jack down!

He rides beside us on every caravan, as we do those things which have become second nature to us, forgetting that he was the FIRST one to do it THAT way.

His "meeting time" bullhorn call is echoed whenever trailerites get together to plan, to share the work, to divide the cost, and to enhance their travels with fellowship.

He listens in on the bull sessions and is pleased at the fruitful exchange of ideas from which improvements in the Airstream still come.

His folding chair is pulled into the circle when we relax at the end of a day and talk about where we've been and where we're going.

His laughter is heard at every skit, kidding our way of life.

The story goes that when he was small, Wally Byam thought the fireworks on the Fourth of July were in honor of his birthday.

This International Rally, the Roman candle finale of a year of activities for WBCCI members, is an especially initialed birthday present for Wally Byam, wrapped with our thanks for opening a fun-filled, friend-filled way to bring the world to our doorstep.

## *Congratulation to Avery Knowles*



*Nebraska Airstream Club members celebrating Averys High School Graduation*

# June 2024 Luncheon

*It was great to have so many club members at the June Luncheon, especially so many new members.*



# *Charged Rally for EV Towing*

*By Wielands*

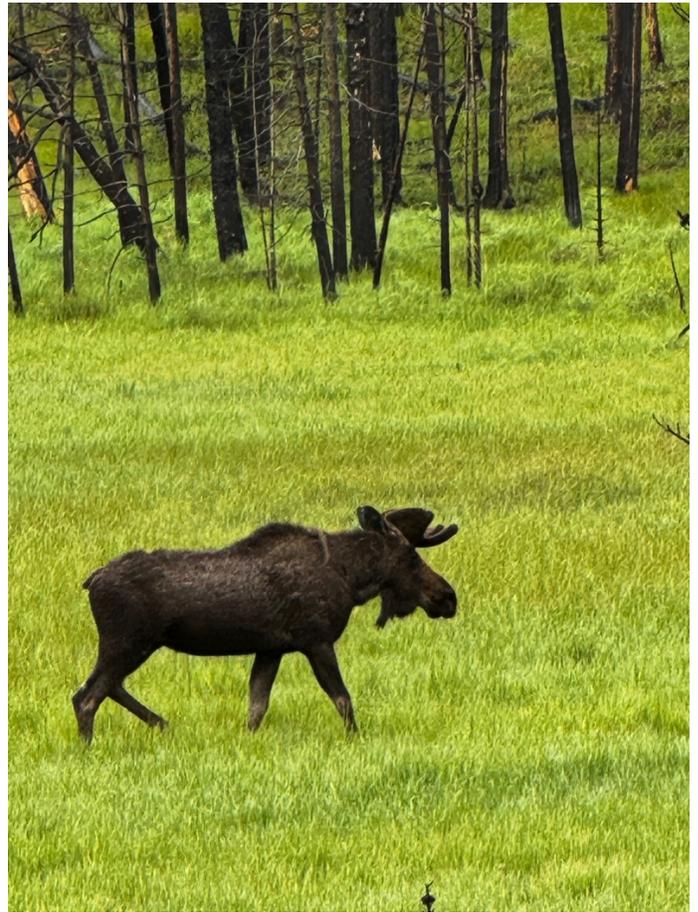
What an adventure we are having in Colorado in June. We started out traveling to Granby for the Charged Rally for EV towing adventurers at Sun Outdoors Resort. We had a couple of friends tow from Canada to join us. Off-roading fun was had by the Rivians and fireside chats were bonding. As the Rally came to a close, our good friends and travel companions joined us at the resort and took in the sites of Rocky Mountain National Park. Curvy roads and majestic Moose did not disappoint. We traveled from there to Glenwood Springs to camp by the Colorado River and found beautiful waterfalls and cool caves at Rifle Falls State Park in Rifle, CO. We are headed to Ouray, CO to spend the 4th and traverse the Million Dollar Highway. These adventures are amazing but so much better with friends.

The Wielands

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# *Charged Rally for EV Towing cont.*





## *Sip of Kentucky*

### *A Rally of the ACI's Grapes and Grains Intra-Club*

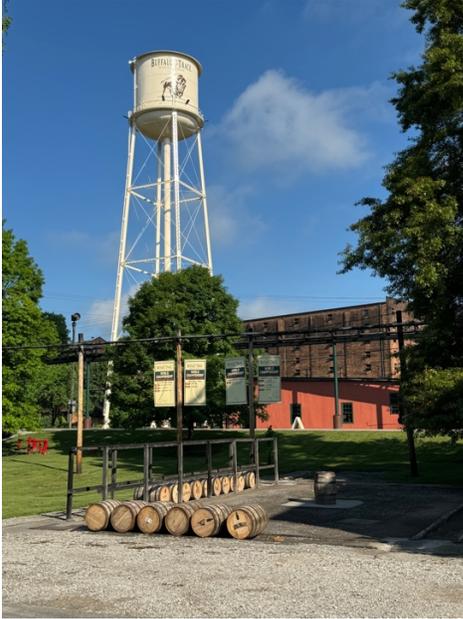
*By Jeff Mann*



Do you Like Bourbon? Well, I don't really but that didn't stop us from driving to the Elkhorn Creek RV Park in Frankfort Kentucky to join the Grapes & Grains Intra-Club's Sip of Kentucky rally May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>. The 5-day rally consisted of 7 Distillery tours and tastings that included, Buffalo Trace, Castle & Key, Woodford Reserve, J. Mattingly, Four Roses, Lawrenceburg Bourbon Company and Whiskey Thief Distilling Company. All of these Distilleries had great tasting Bourbons and whiskeys from what I heard, I tasted them all and out of consideration for those in our club with sensitive ears I will zip it and rely on the words of the others "They all tasted incredible". Don't get me wrong, the rally was great, the other members of the Grapes & Grains Club came from all across the country and all were wonderful, we made many new friends and will plan on attending every one of the club's rally's that we can, it was just plain fun. The work and planning of the host members was beyond belief, day one started with speakers

from the Frankfort Bourbon Society that joined us at the RV park and gave us all a history rundown of the town and surrounding area as well as the legalese of what the differences are between Bourbon and whiskey, what make the area water that is used so unique and the importance of the Elkhorn Creek. Day two started with the arrival of the tour bus that delivered us to all our tour and tasting venues as well as provided us all with lunch mid-day and then returned us all safely back to the RV Park where a catered dinner was waiting for us. Day three started just as the previous day and again provided us with lunch and returned us back to our home away from home for another catered dinner. Day four started with a huge breakfast followed by a presentation from Woodland Airstream that talked about what is new, what they see coming, a Q&A session and handing out of all kinds of "Merch".

## *Sip of Kentucky cont.*



Buffalo Trace Distillery

The rest of the day was a free day to go explore the town and get yourself a good beer..... Though the tastings of Corn Juice that burns were not my favorite, the tours and the history of the distillery's and the area was fascinating and worth every minute of the rally, For those that have not joined the Grapes & Grains Intra-Club I highly recommend that you do so and sign up for one of their rally's and meet all their wonderful members just as soon as possible.



All the hugs!



Woodford Reserve



Castle & Key Distillery



Whiskey Thief Distilling Company.



## *Region 8 Rally, Branson, MO*

*By Terri Bailey*

The Region 8 Spring Rally was held at America's Best Campground in Branson MO. Stopping part-way for a night at Peculiar Park RV were Bailey, Kallmers, Links and Olsons with Hoyts stopping at a park in MO.

After being guided to our individual spots at the Branson campground it was time to sign in at the clubhouse. Included with the swag was a cutting board provided by Gateway Airstream (Bill Thomas). Using the clubhouse for meetings, Neals and impromptu gatherings was much appreciated as we had an indoor space away from the rainy weather.

Highlights of the rally included: A tour of College of the Ozark with a short organ recital at the church; Lunch at McFarlain's where a display on people of the Holocaust of WWII was in the main hallway; Attending shows including Presley's Country Jubilee, Clay Cooper Country Express, and Haywood's.

The Region 8 business meeting was held Saturday morning with Dale Ann finishing her term as Recording Secretary. She was recognized and applauded for her service to Region 8.

As usual, Community Service donations were collected with The Christian Action and Women's Crisis Center in Branson as the recipient. \* The auction of donated items add to the coffers. As the final give-away, a stay at a condo in Florida, Dwight and Lana were the lucky recipients.

\*Unfortunately, Glen Waters GSTLC was unable to be at the rally because of health concerns. He was instrumental in planning the rally as well as the behind the scenes work to the Community Service Donations Drive. He has since passed on June 26th.



# *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](http://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.



# *Airstream For Sale*

*By David Olson*

We are thinking of selling our 23' AS.

Upgrades: 15 inch wheels; 200 watt solar panels, bike rack, upgraded charger. We are original owners, in excellent condition, (AS in excellent condition, we are slowly falling apart 😊). Give us a call if interested.

302-630-0798

# *From the Airstream Kitchen of Cheryl Sisk*

## FUNKY FRITO FRUCKIES

### **INGREDIENTS**

10 ½ OZ Corn Chips (Fritos or whatever brand)  
1 C White Sugar  
1 C light corn syrup  
1 C peanut butter (creamy)  
11 (1.5 OZ) milk chocolate bars

### **DIRECTIONS**

Place corn chips into a greased 10x15 pan with sides

In a saucepan, bring the sugar and corn syrup to a boil over medium heat. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter until smooth. Pour this over the chips and smooth level.

Place chocolate bars in a single layer over the hot mixture and wait few minutes until the heat melts them. Smooth the chocolate out to form a thin layer. Allow to cool and then break into pieces. Enjoy!

(I have placed the pan into a warm oven to speed up the process of melting the chocolate)

## HOME AWAY

Home Away will have a vendor booth at Alumapalooza, in Jackson Center, OH, September 3-8 and the International Airstream Club Rally, in Sedalia, MO., October, 6-10. In the meantime, check out our website at <https://www.homeaway5008.com>.

We are adding new products every day and offer local pickup (or delivery to most monthly Airstream Luncheons in Omaha).



Facebook: Home Away



Instagram: homeaway5008



YouTube: Home Away

# Spring Fix It Rally

By Christine Mann



The Manns, Opps & Weilands hosted our annual Fix It Rally April 18-21. The weekend included happy hours and many delicious meals. On Friday we toured each other's airstreams with light refreshments and enjoyed the food truck at Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. in Seward, NE. Saturday, we had a chili cookoff and tour at the Branched Oak Observatory and then had our annual meeting and white elephant exchange on Sunday morning.



# *Spring Fix It Rally cont.*



## *Nebraska Unit (062) Officers*

President .....	Cheryl Sisk
1st Vice President .....	Ashley Kavan
2nd Vice President .....	Jeff Mann
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Treasurer .....	Kandi Smith
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Trustee (2024) .....	David Olson

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