



Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit – WBCCI

OCTOBER 2024

Outgoing Presidents Message

Cheryl Sisk



Dear Members,

This is my last note to you all as your President. On one hand, I am sad to leave this position, as it has given me an insight into the workings our fantastic organization and the ability to get to know better the many people in our club. This organization is run by volunteers, and I hope you will consider stepping up to serve in some capacity in our club when asked (or just volunteer). Our varied backgrounds can enable us to lead our unit into a wonderful future. As one member once told me, “Are we a camping club that has luncheons, or a luncheon club that camps?” I vote for the camping club!

This past year, our club has added many new members, which is exciting. I believe our ‘seasoned’ group will continue to reach out to include these individuals in the fold. And new members...the best way to be a part of any group is to participate, volunteer, join in!

As we all have experienced, the Nebraska club is a wonderful group of people. We have been open to trying an additional rally (one of my goals for the year), as well as having new rally hosts (fresh ideas, different ways of leading rallies, fun activities), increased attendance at luncheons and a general love of camping. Here’s to more adventures in the future of our club!

Thank you all for being a part of this memorable year!
Cheryl

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: **3 hosts needed**



INTERNATIONAL RALLY

August 23-28, 2025
York, PA

Pioneer Village

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

Installation Rally

October 16-19, 2025
Mahoney State Park
Hosts: Manns & **2 hosts needed**

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

Incoming Presidents Message

Ashley Kavan



Hello Nebraska Airstream Club members! As the camping season winds down for most of us I wanted to quickly introduce myself as the new club president, and give a brief overview of what to expect in the next year. My name is Ashley Kavan. I'm the mom of three boys: Henry, 9; Harrison, 7; and Hudson (Hutch), 4. My husband, Kevin, is a homebuilder in Omaha, and I do the interior design work for his homes, along with managing 18 rental properties in west Omaha. We were not able to camp as much as we wanted to in 2024 so we are very much looking forward to getting out on the road in 2025. We have a 2002 30' Classic with a slide out that has had a long history in our club.

I'm thrilled to be the club president for 2025, and encourage anyone who is interested in getting involved with leadership in the club to do so. A great way to get involved is to co-host a rally (*see schedule on front page*); contact me if you are interested. Hosts are responsible for planning activities, meals, and organizing events that occur during a rally. Our family co-hosted the Installation Rally in 2022 and had so much fun with the Halloween theme.

Two things that are on my radar for the following year are getting our Facebook presence sorted out. We currently have a Facebook business page and a "group." I would like to streamline our online presence, and make it easier for people who are curious about our club to reach out to us. I also would like to make it easier for those club members who are interested in posting pictures of their travels on Facebook to have a clear path to finding us and sharing their travels. We also have quite a few new members to the club! Yay! I will be sending out an email to our new members that will have a short bio/questionnaire to fill out so we can introduce you to the club via the newsletter.

Don't forget about our monthly luncheons on the second Saturday of every month at the Apple Barrel Restaurant 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive, Gretna, NE – 11:30ish arrival.

I bought a banner at the International Rally with a quote from Wally Byam that I will leave you with as inspiration for upcoming travel planning: Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see if you can find out what's over the next hill, and the next one after that...

Ashley



Birthdays

OCTOBER 16	Bruce Coonrod
25	Sue Heist
NOVEMBER 4	Carolyn Coonrod
6	Rib Merrill
19	Mary Stolinski
20	Bert Sherwin
23	Tim Wieland
28	Mark Brandt
DECEMBER 2	Mary Wherrett
4	Chris Lehman
5	Fran Olson
13	Jodi Jensen
14	Bob Heist
22	Donajean Sherwin
29	Scott Allen
30	Becky Hollibaugh

Anniversaries

OCTOBER 13	Scott & Kathy Allen 1990
27	Kevin & Ashley Kavan 2012
NOVEMBER 22	Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt 1969
27	Scott & Jodi Jensen 2017

2024-25 LUNCHEONS

Every second Saturday of each month

November 9
December 14
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

*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



*2025 Airstream Club International
Rally Registration NOW open*

<https://airstreamclub.org/2025-international-rally>

Installation Rally 2024

By Ashley Kavan



The Installation Rally was held in Nebraska City, NE at the Victorian Acres RV Park. This year's rally was hosted by Tim and Crystal Wieland and Ryan and Amy Knowles. Friday arrives saw club members travel from the International Rally in Sedalia, as well as folks coming from home. Ed and Jill O'Conner from the Mo-Kan Club joined us so that Ed, the 1st VP of Region 8, could install the new group of officers. Friday evening, we enjoyed an Oktoberfest themed dinner with brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, and Sam Adam's Oktoberfest beer.

The Installation was held Saturday after a fried chicken lunch. New officers are: Ashley Kavan – President, Jeff Mann – 1st Vice President, Terri Bailey – Recording Secretary, Crystal Wieland – Corresponding Secretary, Kandi Smith – Treasurer, Jeanne Wright - Trustee

Saturday also included a tour of the Arbor Day Farm Mansion and live music, along with a murder mystery event at the Mansion. (Mike Sisk did it...in case you were wondering).

Sunday morning the hosts provided a pancake and sausage breakfast, and we were joined by Eric and LaVerne McHenry (Eric is President of ACI and LaVerne is the Region 12 President) who were on their way home to California from the International Rally. Sunday evening, we enjoyed dinner at Roc Hopper Brewery.



New 2024-25 Officers



Installation Rally 2024 cont.



67TH AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY

By Jeff Mann

So how was the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri? Those of you that were unable to attend ask. Well, let me tell ya, it was pretty good and it was pretty big; 1300 or so Shiny Airstreams and lots of sun and warm weather spread over the 400 Acre fairgrounds. Christine and I had the chance to park with many of our club friends in the vintage Airstream Club section and were able to have many happy hours get together and local restaurant outings and learn about everyone's adventures over the past few months and plans for the quickly coming winter months, I even learned a couple new jokes from Gordon Opp, I think he is working on a book of them.

Many of our club attendee's told tales of the seminars that they attended and what they learned from them, the vendors they stopped at and what they bought and the food trucks on site, one of which harkens back to memories of Pella Iowa's tulip festival which soared our expectations of the now famous among a few of us street vendor ribeye sandwiches, We waited in the line, we placed our orders, we waited for our name to be called and once announce, grabbed the rectangular container and hustled to the tables in the park like setting, I think we all took a bite at about the same time, no one said a thing, there were glances, some shifting in our seats yet we didn't talk, didn't want crush the others expectations -- but I think we all thought, when can we have a rally in Pella Iowa.....

Something new for us this year, Christine had a vendor booth for her new business (Home Away) which she worked from 9 – 4 very day, It was a lot of work for her and I got some naps in but she really enjoyed the opportunity of connecting with so many other Airstreamer's, hearing their stories and starting new friendships with many. Christine also volunteered to host two seminars on Airstream interior designing and organization, at one point she had 390 attendees signed up so it was standing room only, pretty proud of her.

It felt as though the rally went quickly and it seems that you never have enough time to do all the things you planned on doing but we are glad we attended, glad we could spend time with our club friends and are looking forward to next year. Now off to a relaxing vacation from the vacation.



Opening Ceremonies



Nebraska Club President, Cheryl Sisk, carries the Nebraska Club Flag at opening ceremonies.

67TH AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY *cont.*



Eric and LaVerne McHenry shopping at the Home Away Booth



Jeff Mann enjoying some spirits at the Grapes and Grains Mega Tasting



Weilands prior to their Balloon Ride



Christine Mann receives second place in photo contest.

Solo Trip

By Ashley Kavan



The International Airstream Rally was extra exciting for me this year because I traveled to Sedalia by myself! Typically, I travel with three boys and a husband, but because the International Rally was in October this year my kids were unable to attend. Initially we planned on taking the kids out of school, but field trips and football games ended up being higher on the kids' list of priorities than sitting through seminars on keeping your black tanks clean, and how to get good WIFI on the road. That meant I would be pulling the trailer and setting up camp on my own. I have taken our trailer the two hours to DJ's RV Service in Adel, IA several times (shout to Scott and Jodi Jensen who do great work on Airstreams), but I have never gone camping by myself or traveled so far with the trailer by myself. The drive was uneventful, and I got lots of thumb's ups from truckers as I got fuel with the big rigs in Faucett, MO. Upon arriving in Sedalia and getting parked I realized that my tongue jack was dead. I hate asking for help, so this was an exercise in letting go for me. I received help from so many people...Tim and Chris from our club helped get the trailer off the truck, and loaned me a block to hold the trailer up. Craig Harwick from the Alabama Club and Peter Cutler from the Top of Georgia Club installed the new jack I ordered and had delivered to the Missouri State Fairgrounds. I had never met Peter or Craig, and it just reiterated what is so great about belonging to WBCCI/ACI. Total strangers took time out of their day to get their hands dirty and help me.

To the women in the club...if you don't know how to hook up your trailer, or pull on your own, I would encourage you to give it a try. If I can do it, so can you! Taking a solo trip was a learning experience on many levels, and I look forward to many more solo trips in the future.

Nebraska / Greater St. Louis Rally

By Cheryl Sisk

Our joint rally with the Greater St Louis Airstream Club was a great success!

We camped in Maysville, MO at the Pony Express RV Park. A total of 28 trailers were in attendance, some arriving the day prior to the start of the rally. The hosts were Berta & Rick Everson, Kandi Smith and Cheryl & Mike Sisk. The weather cooperated, a bit warm but no rain until Sunday morning. The gathering area for our group was down the hill by the hosts' trailers, and had a large tree which shaded the area every afternoon. Early each morning coffee was provided by the hosts outside their trailers.



Thursday night started off with a provided dinner of barbequed hamburgers and hotdogs, coleslaw, chips and dessert. After the meal, we visited in a large circle and started with introductions. The group lasted well after dark, until the bugs forced us inside.



Friday morning at 9am, the group caravanned to St. Joseph and toured some of the places of interest in the city. We started with the Pony Express Museum, followed by the Patee House and Jesse James home. The morning ended with a large, flavorful lunch, provided by the Frederick Inn. Our day continued with a visit to the Missouri Theater. There were additional ideas presented on things to do after our last tour. Dinner was on your own, if you felt like eating a meal after the midday meal! We gathered back at the campground to relax in the evening.



Saturday was an on-your-own day, exploring the area of St Joseph...or hanging out at the campground. Some headed to town again to go antiquing, sightseeing or shopping. At 4pm, we gathered for a Happy Hour. Games were set up as entertainment for the afternoon – corn hole, giant Jenga and Ladderball. We opted to do our ice cream cone

dessert BEFORE the meal to accommodate the campground. And as everyone knows, it doesn't matter when you have dessert, just that you DO have dessert! For dinner, we barbequed our own meat and shared sides. We played the games into the evening, even an after-dark competition of Jenga. Sunday was for goodbyes and wishes for safe travel!

