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THE MAGAZINE



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UPCOMING WISC-UP EVENTS!

May 14-17

[Uff Da, We're Doing this Again Rally!](#)

Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua WI. Click link to register now! More info on Page 7.

June 18-21

[Mississippi River Rat Rally](#)

McGregor, IA (Just across the Mississippi River from Prairie du Chien WI) Click link to register and for more information.

August 13-16

[Future Streamers Buddy Rally](#)

Rio, WI Silver Springs Campsites Reserved sites are available now for booking! Click link to register and for more information!



OTHER EVENTS!

May 7-9, 2026

[Urban Air](#)

Eaton Rapids MI Click link for information and to register!

August 22-27, 2026

[69th Airstream Club International Rally, Magic in Minot](#)

Click link to register and information.

ON THE COVER!

Carol McMahan enjoying Goblin Valley State Park!



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WHAT'S UP!

It's Time for a New Voice

We have been thinking, (I know, that can be dangerous for me) thinking that it might be a good time for a change. Our newsletter may have become dated or even outdated and it's a time for a new voice to lead your Wisc-UP newsletter.

Sandy and I have enjoyed our time providing you with cutting edge news from the club and its members. We have taken you to places you couldn't even imagine, shared with you the secrets of the Airstream life and helped you with learning about repairs, updates and gadgets for your coach. We have made you famous! But in reality, you the members provided all that entertainment, we just put it together. However, in time all things change and we feel a change is due.

So with this said, we are looking for a new voice for the Wisc-UP newsletter going forward. This is not a hard job, the membership provides the strong back to do the heavy lifting. The members provide the content, the photos, the stories and the newsletter editor(s) just put it together in some kind of cohesive manner or something along those lines. If you think you would be a good fit, please reach out to [President Jenny](#), she would be very grateful to hear from you.



Sandy and I would like to thank all of you for your cards, letters, photos, crayon written posters and all the other correspondence over the past four years. Your input is really appreciated and again made this job easy. We hope you support the new editor(s) like you have supported us over the years. I know one or two of you will step up, help the club's newsletter to continue informing because our members need to know!

As usual, we will see you down the road.

Ed & Sandy Emerick

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A Message from President Jenny Bibler (BRN 8484)

Happy Almost Spring Wisc-UP Airstreamers,

I looked outside today as the temperature is in the 50's and I see ferns popping up already. Signs that it is soon time to prepare our Airstreams for another rally season. It is only just around the corner, and I hope you are all excited to once again, hit the road. I am also looking at the calendar and knowing that tonight we turn our clocks ahead, that too, tells us spring is near.



Before we talk about rallies, Jeff and I want to thank ALL of you for attending our pre-spring luncheon on February 21 at the Delafield Brewhaus. We had approximately 40 members come out for lunch, and it was a perfect time to catch up with “old” friends and meet new friends. Jim Guthrie provided some information on the upcoming kick-off-the-season Uff Da Rally at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua, WI May 14-17! If you have not registered yet, there still is lots of time to do so. We had lots of fun last year and I am sure it is the same this year, so you surely do not want to miss shopping at the Amish Wal-Mart and exploring the charm of Viroqua and the Driftless area.

Then in June, Jeff, Della, Tessa, and I would love to see you at the Mississippi River Rat Rally at Pikes Peak State Park in McGregor, Iowa, June 18-21. Here you will find beautiful views overlooking where the Wisconsin River empties into the Mississippi River, historical places to visit, rent a boat or kayak, or try your luck at the Riverboat Casino. Of course, it would not be an “official” rally without a Friday night Fish Fry, and we are planning on a Saturday evening potluck at the park shelter, with a roaring fire in stone fireplace.

And from there, we move to the Future Streamers Buddy Rally hosted by Zachary Lee. This rally to inspire our future Airstreamers will be held August 13-16 at the Silver Springs Campsites in Rio, WI. For these rallies, please go to wisc-up.org for more information and to register.

Speaking of rallies...we need your help. If you have a favorite place to camp OR, if there is a place you have always wanted to go and see, but were “afraid” to, this is a great opportunity to do so. We would love and really need a rally in April, July, September and October to fill our season. All you need (and I really mean this) to find a place, whether that be somewhere in Wisconsin or even a nearby state, and pick a date. The rest...we can help you with. If it is your first rally (like mine), start with a place and a date, and let me know if you need help with the rest. There are experienced rally hosts to ask, and John Cooper can help (and don't I know) with your registration. He makes it so easy to set up the registration. And the rest...just make up as you go along if you want. It really is that easy. Please everyone, if we want to keep our club going, we need rallies and other types of gatherings, like the luncheons. Just think how much you like to attend the rallies, but if you hosted one, you would get to pick the place! That is what piqued my interest in wanting to host. But on a serious note, it is the rallies that are the foundation and the reason for this club to exist and continue for us and any future members.

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And lastly, the granddaddy of them all, the 69th Airstream Club International Rally August 22-27, 2026, at the North Dakota State Fair, in Minot, ND! I know there are already a number of us who are planning on attending and we would love you to join us. Meet some of our fellow Region 7 members as they will be hosting this year. And take advantage of the International Rally fairly close to Wisconsin making travel quite doable. For information and registration, go to airstreamclub.org/rally2026. At least take a look at all of the events they have to offer.

So, with this Friends, I implore you to help us fill the 2026 Wisc-UP Rally calendar with places for us to gather, make new friends, and have fun this summer. Note: we can also have more than one rally a month, so don't worry about this when considering the date and time. We love for everyone to have options of places and dates.

See you all soon, and take care,

Jenny



WANTED! NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Have you every wanted to be that gal or guy? You know the center of attention? Have you wanted to be the hot topic around the campfire? Ever wonder what it is like to be able to influence the rich and famous? Well we have a job for you! ***The Wisc-UP Newsletter Editor*** is the job for you. It's a great working environment and the money is unbelievable.

Quickly contact President Jenny Bibler as this offer will not last long!

[Jenny Bibler Email Link](#)

Meet Your Membership Chair!



Kathy Anderson is our Membership Chairperson. Kathy's contact information is:

Kathy Anderson, BRN 2062
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Welcome New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to Wisc-Up Airstream Club!

Jocelyn and Kurt Wilhelm
Barrington IL
BRN 1303

Kim and Cynthia Laseki,
De Pere WI
BRN 11972

Ronald Slapinski and Sharon
Reigstad
Whitewater WI
BRN 2227

Matthew Mittelstaedt and Mark
McCracken
Lerna IL
BRN 1217



LET'S RALLY (OR LUNCH) TOGETHER!

Held on February 21, 2026
Hosts Jeff and Jenny Bibler
Photos by John Cooper

A Great Time with Great People!



UFF DA, WE'RE DOING THIS AGAIN RALLY!

May 14-17, 2026

Vernon County Fairgrounds, Viroqua WI
Hosts Jim Guthrie and Joanne Peterson



The Driftless Area is one of the most scenic areas in the Midwest. Vernon County, the heart of this geological area, has become a tourist destination not only because of the beauty of the unique unglaciated land features, steep hills, forested ridges and deeply carved valleys, but also because of the many interesting things to do.

It is the home of Organic Valley Co-op, that includes numerous small organic farms as suppliers. Also, in the area there are numerous Amish owned family farms that sell organic food, as well as handmade arts and crafts.

Camping will be at the Vernon County Fairgrounds, on the north side of Viroqua on Hwy 14. There are numerous sites available, most have 30 amp electric service. There are new bathroom facilities and potable water at the main entrance for filling fresh tanks. A dump site is also available on site.

Rally fee is \$60 for camp site + \$20/person(s) over 12 for the rally. Including 3 nights (Thursday thru Saturday) of camping and breakfast Friday thru Sunday.

We also plan on doing a Friday Fish Fry (not included in the Rally fee). Please sign up on the [registration form](#) so that we can give the restaurant an accurate headcount. We will order off the menu.

Breakfast on site at the youth barn, 8 am Fri, Sat, & Sun. Please bring your own coffee.

Things to do!

- Go to the Farmers Market downtown Viroqua Saturday morning 7 to 11 am. Many Amish, organic farmers and local artisans bring in their best.
- Go downtown Viroqua, stop in to some of the unique and interesting shops, and great restaurants.
- Westby is celebrating Syttende Mai all weekend. Stop by for festival activities, including a Rommegrot Eating Contest.
- Visit Amish farms. We'll have a list of farms selling food, furniture, plants and handmade rugs and quilts.
- Canoe the winding Kickapoo River. Canoe Rentals are available in Ontario. - Hike or bike 24 miles of off-road trails of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
- Fish one of the 65 Class 1 Trout streams nearby.
- Visit Norskedalen, a Norwegian Nature and Heritage Cultural Center in Coon Valley.

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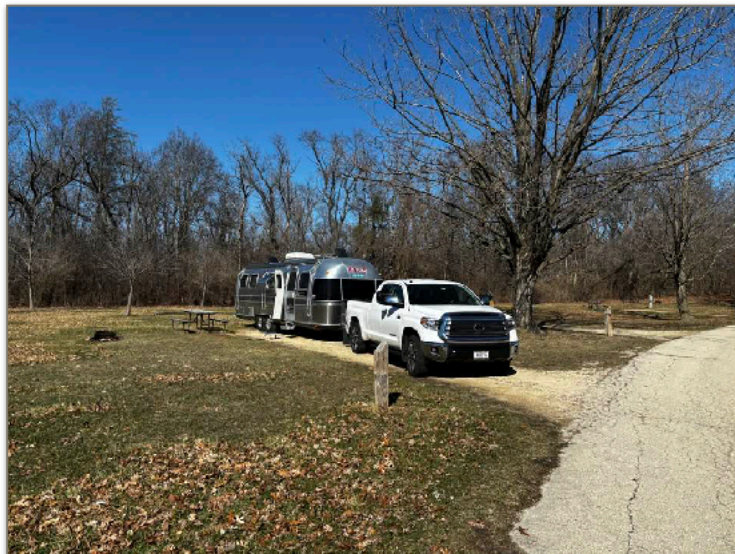
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- Follow the historic Black Hawk Trail; the route taken by the Sauk tribe, led by Chief Black Hawk, who were fleeing American soldiers in 1836.
- Tour The Great River Road, The Scenic Byway along the Mississippi River. - Visit some of the many wineries and breweries in the area.
- Visit Jim's favorite resale store, Trails End, aka The Amish Walmart in Cashton.
- Go for a long drive through the beautiful rolling hills of the Cooley region.
- Have a great meal. There are several excellent restaurants in the area, including the 4 Star, Driftless Cafe.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

Contact Jim or Joanne for more information! wbac11970@gmail.com or p1999jk@gmail.com



2026 Mississippi River Rat Rally

Pikes Peak State Park, McGregor, IA

June 18-21

Hosts Jenny & Jeff Bibler



Walk the half-mile trail to see Bridal Veil Falls, hike to Point Ann overlooking the nearby town of McGregor or see where the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers meet atop a 500-foot bluff. A hiker's delight and one of the most picturesque regions in the state, Pikes Peak is a must for anyone wanting to see the breathtaking views of Iowa and Wisconsin.

Camping reservations must be made on your own and can only be made up to 3 months in advance. Recommend that you get on the reservation site beginning March 18, to reserve your site. I would recommend if you want to camp as a group we try to reserve sites 4-20. Jeff and I will try to reserve site 4. However, if you want a spectacular view of the Mississippi River, you may want to venture off a little and check out sites 47, 48, 49, or 51.

Camping reservations must be made through the [Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#). A block of sites cannot be held. So please make sure if you want a site, that you check the reservations beginning on March 18 (3 months before the rally). Also, there is no Iowa State Park fee.

Amenities at a Glance, Hiking trails, Concessions, Shelters ; ADA Accessible, Modern restrooms, Showers; ADA Accessible, Electric campsites, Non-electric campsites, Youth group only campsites, Dump station

Agenda

Thursday, June 18: Informal Happy Hour and Dinner on your own

Friday, June 19: Breakfast. Explore the campground and the charm of McGregor and Marquette, IA. Fish Fry at a local restaurant on the Mississippi River.

Saturday, June 20: Breakfast. Tour the Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien. Other options include the Riverboat Casino, local winery, antique shopping, hiking, boat rentals,, and much more to explore. Potluck dinner under the camp shelter and campfires.

Sunday, June 21: Breakfast and farewells

[Registration open, click here!](#)

FUTURE STREAMERS BUDDY RALLY!

August 13-16

Silver Springs Campsites, Rio, WI

Hosts Zach & Steph Lee



The Future Streamers Buddy Rally is officially open for booking! Our reserved sites at Silver Springs Campsites in Rio, WI are available now, so if you've been planning to join us, now's the time to grab a spot.

The rally runs August 13–16, 2026 and this year we're opening it up as a true Buddy Rally. That means friends who are curious about Airstream life, future owners, or anyone who just wants a glimpse into our club are more than welcome to join.

Expect relaxed, family-friendly fun (kids welcome but never required), casual activities, campfires, good food, and plenty of time to connect and enjoy the Airstream lifestyle together. Whether you're rolling in with family, friends, or flying solo, this rally is about community, not credentials.

To reserve a site, call Silver Springs Campsites and let them know you're part of Zachary Lee's Airstream Rally group. Sites are limited and already filling.

Additional info regarding sites and to make your campground reservation, [Silver Springs Campsites, link here!](#)

[Click here to register on Wisc-UP.org.](#)

Hope to see you there!

– Zach & Steph

March Photo Contest Winner!

Carol McMahon (BRN 5881)

Goblin Valley State Park



Congratulations Carol!
(We said we would make you famous!)

A Message From the North to Alaska Caravan

Hello Airstreamers!

This is an important message about the 2027 North to Alaska Caravan. You are receiving this message because you have been on the waitlist/interest list, for the North to Alaska Caravan for some time - we are now ready to offer invitations to the 2027 North to Alaska Caravan Go List.

If Alaska is in your plans for 2027, please read on: Changes to registration procedures, interest list maintenance, and payment expectations have recently been implemented.

We are retiring the current waitlist - Please review the following information carefully and respond accordingly.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE GO LIST FOR 2027 NORTH TO ALASKA:

If you want to go on the caravan in 2027, you will be required to make a 50% deposit to hold your place. The expected Kitty Fee for 2027 is \$12,000 - the 50% deposit is \$6000.00

The first 25 members who make this deposit will be placed on the "Go List."

STANDBY LIST OPTION

After the first 25 members are accepted on the caravan, a standby option will be available.

People on the standby list will be asked to join the caravan if someone on the go list cancels.

To sign up for the standby list, members must pay \$250, which will be refundable if they do not get to go on the caravan in 2027.

If you are on the standby list and do not get to go in 2027 you will be offered the chance to go in 2028, if space is available, by paying half the Kitty Fee for the 2028 Caravan - your \$250 deposit will be credited towards the 2028 Kitty Fee.

NO MORE WAITLIST - We are retiring the existing waitlist - **IF YOU DECLINE TO GO** in 2027, you will need to register for a future year when registration opens for that year. The current waitlist will be retired on March 31, 2026. At that time, any remaining openings for 2027 will be offered to the general membership. Act now if you want to go in 2027!!

Leaders: George and Pam Beckwith, #29401 Co-Leaders: Tom and Vicki Ketchum, #878

Dates for the 2027 North to Alaska Caravan: July 12 - September 12, 2027

We are excited to continue planning for this "Grand-daddy of Caravans!" If you would like to join us, follow this link to verify your registration by <https://form.jotform.com/260705168593160>

You will be asked for identifying information and payment information for the 50% deposit.

If you are not interested, or not able, to go in 2027, remember that when you are ready, you will need to re-register when registration is open for coming years. The current waitlist is being retired on March 31, 2026 - any remaining openings will be offered to the general membership.

George and Pam Beckwith #29401 & Tom and Vicki Ketchum. #878. North to Alaska 2027

Our Members' Travels!

Ski Races, Grandkids, and Olympic Gold Mike and Sandy Bolger (BRN 20986)

Sandy and I recently embarked on a month's long European adventure, filled with heartwarming moments, exciting competitions, and the joy of witnessing personal achievements at the Winter Olympics. Our journey began in Kongsberg, Norway, a town known for its silver mines and stunning natural beauty.



The highlight of our time in Norway was, undoubtedly, visiting our son, his wife Tiril, and our grandchildren (Malte and Mille Betty) in Kongsberg. Spending time with them, exploring the picturesque landscapes surrounding Kongsberg, and creating lasting memories was truly heartwarming. The simple pleasures of sharing meals, skiing, swimming lessons, hockey practice, bedtime stories and laughter are always worth the trip.

From Norway, our travels took us to Ulricehamn, Sweden, where we were thrilled to support our other son, Kevin, in his cross-country ski race (Kevin is on the US Ski Team and primarily races in Europe). When he isn't racing with the US Ski Team, he races for his Swedish Club-Falun-Borlange.



The grand finale of our European tour was, of course, the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy. We drove from Munich, Germany to Val di Fiemme, Italy, with a stop in Kiefersfelden, Germany to visit the daughter of close friends. We arrived in Val di Castello, where we rented a house with the Dahlqvist's.



However, a tie for most unforgettable experience of this trip was seeing our future daughter-in-law, Maja Dahlqvist, who competes for Sweden race. Our hearts soared with pride and joy as she ultimately won both a gold (team Sprint) and a bronze medal (individual Sprint). Standing on course, surrounded by the cheers of thousands, and witnessing her remarkable achievements was a truly humbling and exhilarating experience. We enjoyed the occasion with her parents and over 100 Swedish fans. To say the least, we celebrated with them all afterwards with beer and Jägermeister



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This journey will forever hold a special place in our hearts. From the warmth of family reunions (Tiril's parents/ family live in Kongsberg and the Dahlqvist family) to the thrilling spectacle of Olympic competition, every moment was filled with love, laughter, good food and a sense of shared joy.

We are back home now getting our camper – “Gertie” (23’ Flying Cloud) ready for our March/April Spring trip. We try to leave Northern Wisconsin during “MUD SEASON”. This year we are heading to the GULF OF MEXICO area for white sand instead of white snow!!!

Mike and Sandy Bolger

BRN 20986



SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS FABULOUS CRUISE!

<https://app.tern.travel/trips/652flHAUtcgrhRYN6pLk8Q/itineraries>



France

What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>



From the Boehmers! We finally got our new 28' Classic. Have not been able to camp in it yet due to the wonderful fall and winter weather. Had to get a truck big enough to pull it over the road. We have plans for the International Rally and the Uff Da Viroqua Rally. Can't wait.



From the Meinholzs! Just sharing a pic of our rig at Mystic Springs Airstream Park in McDavid FL



Index Available for Repairs and Modifications in Newsletters!

Compiled by Joe Mann, BRN 15964

Joe Mann volunteered to index the articles in our newsletters pertaining to repairs and modifications. We included it in this newsletter, and it is also available on our Wisc-UP website's newsletter page.

[Wisc-UP Newsletters and Index](#)

Thank you Joe!

Air Forums Available for More Information!

While Joe had his thinking cap on to help members find the information from prior newsletters, he also recommended the website Air Forums. New members and new Airstream owners may not know about this informative site. The search function is user friendly and almost every topic has been covered. If you cannot find what you are looking for, you can also post questions and request help and information. Try it out! Link below!

Air Forums also has an excellent classified section if you are looking to purchase or sell!

[Air Forums Website](#)

Thanks again Joe!



Some hot topics!

REPAIRS, UPGRADES INDEX

Months without repair/upgrade sections are not shown

2026=====

2025=====

Nov- Water heater drain upgrade made easy AND Quick review of tires, hubs, brakes etc.

May - Photo 300ah Epoch battery install

Mar - Toilet paper (yes, toilet paper)

Jan - Short summary of planned upgrades to vents, battery, lift kit and generator

2024=====

Nov - Winter storage preparations

Jul - Subtle plumbing leak damage to floor

May - Brakes and hubs

Mar - Tire pressure monitor system recommended AND air vent upgrades, tech upgrades

Jan - Upgrade from shades to blinds

2023=====

Nov - Buying hail damaged Airstream via auction

Sep - Pool noodle noggin saver

Aug - Blown tire jack workaround AND Inspect your sealant for possible water leaks

Jul - Replace seat foam

Jun - New propane lines

May - Build a nightstand enclosure for adding USB and AC outlets

Mar - DIY teak shower mats

Jan - Comprehensive battery information

2022=====

Nov - Brakes and hubs

Sep - Replacing water tank dump valves

Aug - Broken? check power to the device. Battery monitor upgrade

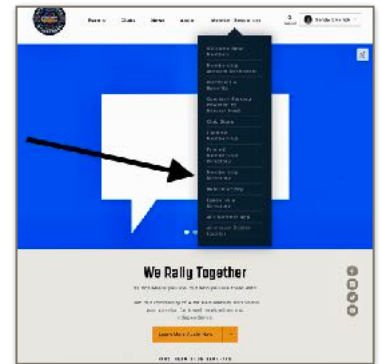
Jul - Battery and charging upgrades

Jun - DIY bicycle rack AND using portable solar panels

NAVIGATING THE AIRSTREAM CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP TOOL!

Joe Mann brought another issue members may have, how to find contact information for another member! He emailed us to ask for a member's info since he was struggling with the membership feature of the main club's website. Joe, thanks for asking!

Start by going to airstreamclub.org and click on Member Resources, then a dropdown box appears. Click on Membership Directory. (Avoid BRN Directory.)



Example 1. You have a Big Red Number and you want to know who owns that unit! Type in the number in the search bar, hit the magnifying button. If the number is active, the members name and information will appear. Scroll right to view all information available.

Example 2. You have a last name only. Type it in the search bar (same place as above) and hit search. Anyone in the club with that last name will appear. This example had three.



Example 3. You remember a first name only.... But you know he belongs to the Wisc-UP! Type in the first name, go to Club Filter and select the Wisc-UP Club, hit enter. This query produced four results. It will also include "ed" found within names. Hopefully, you can find your target member!

Example 4. You want to view a list of all members of the Wisc-Up Club. Leave the main search blank, and select Wisc-UP from the Club Filter dropdown box. The box "Include affiliate members" should be checked to receive a larger database. Wisc-Up Club has 126 Regular Members and 159 Regular and Affiliate Members. Affiliate members join other local clubs to keep in touch by receiving newsletters, rally information, etc. This data can be arranged alphabetically by last or first names, BRN, etc by clicking on the column headings.



I hope this helps!