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Uuf Da Rally, Viroqua · Photo by Joanne Peterson [BRN 11970](#)

WISC-UP AIRSTREAM CLUB



RIVETED TOGETHER

INSIDE

Future Streamers Buddy Rally
August 13–16, Rio

PLUS

Summer recaps, the October business
meeting, and a new perk for rally hosts

IN THIS ISSUE

The calendar, the people, and how to reach us.

📅 STILL TO COME IN 2026

AUG 13-16

Future Streamers Buddy Rally

Silver Springs Campsites
Rio, WI

Hosts: Zach & Steph Lee **BRN 8583**

OCT 16-18

Fall Rally & Annual Business Meeting

Rustic Barn Campground
Kieler, WI

Hosts: Chris & Wendy Brown **BRN 21124**

SUMMER 2027

Fungus Amongus Rally (in planning)

Runkle Lake Campground
Crystal Falls, MI

Hosts: Pat Conway **BRN 7208**
& Jane Carmichael **BRN 219**

📅 ALREADY BEHIND US

FEB 21

Valentines Luncheon

Delafield Brewhaus

Hosts: Jenny & Jeff Bibler **BRN 8484**

MAY 14-17

Uuf Da, We're Doing This Again

Vernon County Fairgrounds
Viroqua, WI

Hosts: Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson
BRN 11970

JUN 18-21

Mississippi River Rat Rally

Pikes Peak State Park
McGregor, IA

Hosts: Jenny & Jeff Bibler **BRN 8484**

No luncheons are on the calendar right now. If you would like to put one together, see page 14.

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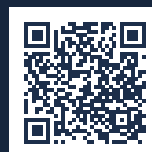


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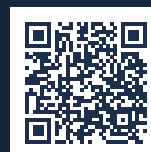
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With Steph and the girls



ALL EVENTS



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WHAT'S UP!

A lighter issue, and a big August ahead.

BY EDITOR ZACH · BRN 8583

This is my first issue, so let me start with the honest part. I am still learning how this newsletter actually gets made.

Ed and Sandy Emerick ran it for four years, and what I did not appreciate until I sat down to do it is how much of it was them. Not the layout, the *knowing*. Knowing which rally had a host lined up, who took photos that weekend, who fixed something worth writing about, which BRN belonged to which name. None of that lives in a folder. It lived with them. They made it look effortless and it was not. Ed, Sandy, thank you, and thank you for leaving the door open for questions, because I have been using it.

So I am rebuilding that map, and I need your help doing it. If you are hosting something, if you just got back from somewhere good, if you fixed a thing in your trailer that took three tries, if you took a photo you like, send it to me. Do not wait to be asked and do not assume I already know. Right now, I probably do not.

That is why this issue is short on purpose. Consider it a lite edition: the **Future Streamers Buddy Rally** is three weeks out on August 13 to 16 at Silver Springs in Rio, and it is a true buddy rally this year, so bring friends who are Airstream curious. Page 10, with last year in pictures on page 11.

Recaps of Uuf Da and the Mississippi River Rat Rally are on pages 6 to 8. Jenny came through with hers; Jim's is still to come. Mark October 16 to 18 for the Fall Rally at Rustic Barn, which is also our annual business meeting and installation of officers. And page 14 has real news: the board approved a reimbursement for rally hosts, and the luncheon calendar is currently empty.

The full issue lands in early September. It will be as good as what you send me. Our members need to know!

SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD,
ZACH

BRN 8583



Send me something.
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A Message from President Jenny Bibler

BRN 8484



Jenny and the two fur babies,
aboard the Biblers' vintage Airstream

Hello Fellow Airstreamers,

Where has the summer gone? For any of you who have school-age children, or who work in education as I do, August 1 typically begins back-to-school season and, sadly, the beginning of the end of summer. The fall season starting after Labor Day also brings lots of great activities and perfect weather for camping. I have heard that many campgrounds fill up for leaf watching season, so that may be something to think about if you are considering some fall camping. We still have many great upcoming events to look forward to, and there is still time to consider hosting a rally or even a luncheon. It is never too early to think about a holiday luncheon toward the end of the year to celebrate another year of adventures and friends.

You have all probably noticed the WISC-UP newsletter has a new look! Zach Lee and I were throwing some ideas around, mainly to highlight rallies, to promote upcoming rallies and events, and to keep the calendar alive and current. Well, as you can see, Zach not only designed the new WISC-UP Lite, he has done an amazing job bringing it to life! A huge thank

you to Zach for stepping up and sharing his talents. We now have a forum that keeps us connected and informed, which is so important to the club.

Speaking of newsletters and rallies, I could not talk about our rally or this newsletter without thanking **Ed and Sandy Emerick** for their time, talents, contributions and dedication to this club. Thank you, Ed, for all of the many newsletters you published and your tireless efforts to make sure we got our articles to you on time. And to Sandy, who developed our Rally Guide that is now on our website and has made rally hosting easier and more fun than we thought. Sandy, you took the apprehension and fear out of hosting a rally, and your guidance and experience are invaluable. Thank you both from all of us.

I know this firsthand, as I jumped in head first by hosting the River Rat Rally June 18 to 21 at Pikes Peak State Park in McGregor, Iowa. Using Sandy's rally guide was the first place to start, and it was the tip I got from some seasoned Airstreamers who have hosted in the past. They said start with Sandy's guide, and I did. Jeff and I welcomed 19 Airstreams and 37 Airstreamers to our first rally!



HER BEST TIP FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT IT

"Go where you love, do what you want, and have fun. It really is that easy."

A tip that I suggest: host a rally somewhere you are familiar with. Some place where you know the camping situation, where you know the community and what that area has to offer. That, for me, took much of the what-ifs and surprises away, so that I could just focus on organizing the logistics.

Please reach out to me, or anyone else who has hosted a rally, even if you are just interested or still just thinking about one. Any of us would love to help. This is what will keep our club going, so that our Future Streamers have a club to rally together.

The ask. We need rally hosts for 2027! The good news is that we already have some in the initial planning and exploration phase, which is fantastic. We also want to encourage what I am hearing is becoming more popular: **pop-up rallies**. These are the camping trips you may already be going on next summer. You let the club know, and whoever wants to meet up with you, now it is a pop-up rally. Or you may be interested in exploring a new place. Let the club know, see if anyone is interested in joining you, and once again, you have a pop-up rally. Best of all, it can be as casual as you want and the group can make it up as they go along. I would

love for someone to try one. Lastly, the WISC-UP board has approved a campsite reimbursement to make it easier to host a rally.

Mark your calendars for **October 16 to 18**, everyone. The Fall Rally is the annual business meeting and installation of officers, so attendance matters. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Rustic Barn Campground and RV Park in Kieler for the annual business meeting and Fall Rally, hosted by Chris and Wendy Brown.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Jenny

BRN 8484



Thinking about hosting?
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📄 WELCOME

New Members of WISC-UP

Carol & Rick McMahon
Normandy, TN · **BRN 05881**
2023 Flying Cloud 27'

Nathan & Emily Lee
Clayton, NC · **BRN 09115**
2022 Flying Cloud 30'

Patricia & Mark Hawkins
Box Elder, SD · **BRN 21486**
Trailer to come

Matthew Mittelstaedt
& Mark McCracken
Lerna, IL · **BRN 12170**
2021 Caravel 20'

Elizabeth Geller
& Evan Rullman
Northbrook, IL · **BRN 14413**
2022 International 27'

Say hello
Find them at the next rally.
Everyone was new once.

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Questions about
membership, dues, or the
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to Kathleen.



📍 MAY 14-17 · VIROQUA, WISCONSIN

Uuf Da, We're Doing This Again

Vernon County Fairgrounds · Hosts Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson **BRN 11970**

✂ FROM THE HOST

We had a great time at the Uuf Da Rally in Viroqua. The grounds were immaculate, with plenty of sunshine and perfect weather. Everyone arrived on Friday, and that evening we gathered for cocktails in the bar at the Old Town Restaurant, followed by a great salad bar and fish dinner.

Saturday morning Chuck and Janet Zellermayer made hot pancakes for us all. It is their second year cooking for us,

and it is much appreciated. We put a hat out and collected **\$75 for the Souris Valley United Way Backpack Buddies**, the community service project at the International in South Dakota.

Everyone did their own thing on Saturday. Several went to the Farmers Market and the Amish Walmart, and of course just relaxed and socialized. Many of us walked across the road for a light supper at Gassers Bar and Grill.



Friday afternoon, before anyone had anywhere to be.

Second year on the griddle.



Friday night in the bar at the Old Town Restaurant, before the salad bar and the fish fry.



Chuck Zellermyer **BRN 10230** on the griddle. Janet ran the other half of breakfast.



PASSING THE HAT

The hat went round at breakfast and came back with \$75 for the Souris Valley United Way Backpack Buddies, the community service project at the International in South Dakota.

Mange takk to all who came. Hope you had a good weekend.

Joanne Peterson & Jim Guthrie

BRN 11970



Thinking about hosting a rally of your own? See page 14.



📍 JUNE 18–21 · MCGREGOR, IOWA

Mississippi River Rat Rally

Pikes Peak State Park · Hosts Jenny & Jeff Bibler **BRN 8484**

19

AIRSTREAMS

37

AIRSTREAMERS

11

MILES OF TRAIL

1st

RALLY THEY HOSTED

Jenny and Jeff Bibler's first time hosting brought most of the club to the Iowa bluffs for four days of trails, river history and a potluck that nobody left hungry from. Her account of the weekend is on the next page.

≈ SATURDAY ON THE WATER



Richard the guide, most of a boat, and a working river. Grain going out, barges going down.

Nineteen Airstreams, thirty-seven Airstreamers

BY JENNY BIBLER · BRN 8484

On June 18 to 21, 37 Airstreamers gathered at Pikes Peak State Park in McGregor, Iowa. Pikes Peak sits on the bluffs with eleven miles of trail and one of the best views of the Mississippi anywhere on the river.

I have to start by letting you know that this was our first time hosting a rally, and both Jeff and I were surprised but so grateful at how well it went. That success happened because of a great group of people who traveled to the Mississippi Valley region for fun and fellowship. Thirty-seven of us, including Chris and Kay Olsson and Cordell Woods and Janice Collins, our Region 7 President and Region 7 Treasurer.

Highlights of the weekend began with great weather, which always helps, meeting up on Thursday and welcoming many new Airstream members. Friday morning started with coffee and a continental breakfast. Many ventured out into Prairie du Chien for the annual Rendezvous, while others enjoyed the hiking trails at Pikes Peak. Friday night, everyone met at the Backwoods Bar and Grill for the traditional fish fry and, of course, ended the evening with a campfire and conversation.

Saturday morning started early with a riverboat cruise along the Mississippi, on which our tour guide, Richard, told many fascinating stories of early life on the river, including the coming together of legendary P.T. Barnum and the Ringling brothers, who got their start in McGregor.

After an afternoon of exploring the many historical sites around the area, the highlight of the weekend was our potluck supper at the Stone Shelter. Cordell made sure we had a cozy fire while everyone brought a dish to share, and there definitely was not a shortage of food. Thanks to Chef George and Chef Teri Boehmer, the group enjoyed the best grilled Wisconsin brats. Another shout out to Chris Olsson, who gave us a very informative Region 7 update. And once again, we ended the night with a campfire at Colleen Finkl's site.

Finishing up with the last of the kringle, granola bars and fruit, we packed up and said our goodbyes. Many of you asked about returning to Pikes Peak, and yes, for sure we will. Lastly, thank you all for coming. Jeff and I had fun hosting and, as first timers, I hope you give it a try, as I know you will have as much fun as we did.

ON THE POTLUCK AT THE STONE SHELTER



"Everyone brought a dish to share, and there definitely was not a shortage of food."

Jenny and Jeff Bibler

BRN 8484



Thinking about hosting?
See page 14.



🕒 THREE WEEKS OUT

Future Streamers Buddy Rally

📅 WHEN

August 13–16, 2026

📍 WHERE

Silver Springs Campsites
Rio, Wisconsin

☀️ PARK THEME

Corn Boil Weekend

👥 HOSTS

Zach & Steph Lee
BRN 8583

A true buddy rally this year. Bring the friend who keeps asking what the trailer is like, bring the kids or don't, and plan on doing very little on purpose. **Two sites just opened up in our corral.**

🔥 THU 13

Roll in after 3. Campfire meet and greet at 6:30.

☕ FRI 14

Coffee stand, swim pond, T-shirt decorating, smash burger tacos, movie after sunset.

🍳 SAT 15

Pancake breakfast, fishing at the pond, campfire s'mores, evening camp event.

☕ SUN 16

Coffee, farewells, out by 2.



PACK A LITTLE EXTRA LENGTH

The water and electric posts sit in the middle of each quadrant, and we are parking corral style, so your run to the post will be longer than usual. An extension cord and an extra length of hose are strongly recommended. Every post is **30 amp**, so if you are running a 50 amp rig, pack a 30 to 50 amp adapter.

REGISTER AT [WISC-UP.ORG](https://wisc-up.org)

Sites: call Silver Springs at (920) 568-4100 and say you are with Zachary Lee's Airstream Rally group.
Full details at rebrand.ly/future-streamers-2026 ·
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DETAILS



📍 WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING UP FOR

Last year at Future Streamers



Shirt decorating, the fishing pond, the water toys, campfires that ran later than anybody planned. Nothing here required a schedule or a skill. That is the whole idea.

2025 FUTURE STREAMERS BUDDY RALLY · SILVER SPRINGS, RIO

📍 TWO SITES LEFT

Call (920) 568-4100

Register at wisc-up.org



📅 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Rally & Annual Business Meeting

October 16–18 · Rustic Barn Campground · Kieler, Wisconsin

Chris and Wendy Brown are hosting us along the Great River Road, in the rolling Driftless hills of southwest Wisconsin, at peak fall color. This is also our required annual business meeting and installation of officers, so if you make one rally this fall, make it this one.

📅 WHEN

October 16–18, 2026

📍 WHERE

3854 Dry Hollow Rd
Kieler, Wisconsin

💰 RALLY FEE

\$10 per person

👤 HOSTS

Chris & Wendy Brown
BRN 21124



🕒 BOOK YOUR SITE NOW

Rustic Barn held a block of sites for WISC-UP through August 1, and they are now first come, first served. Call **608-568-7797** and say you are with the WISC-UP Airstream Club. Ten or more club bookings earns everyone a 10% discount.

REGISTER AT [WISC-UP.ORG](https://wisc-up.org)

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REGISTER

Three Days in the Driftless

🔥 FRIDAY 16

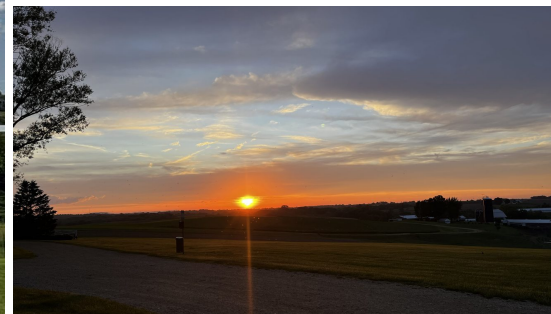
Fish fry at a local restaurant, then campfire and social back at the campground.

🏠 SATURDAY 17

Breakfast, the business meeting and installation of officers, a Potosi Brewery tour, free afternoon, dinner on your own, campfire.

🏠 SUNDAY 18

Breakfast and farewells.



Rustic Barn, scouted and photographed by Chris Brown, who has camped here more than once.

If Saturday afternoon is yours

Whispering Bluffs Winery in Potosi, the Driftless creamery and cheese tour, Dickeyville Grotto, or the National Mississippi River Museum down in Dubuque. Cyclists have the Heritage, Rountree Branch, and Mound View trails within easy reach, and Galena is a short drive across the Illinois line.



ONE MORE THING

Rustic Barn runs its annual Halloween weekend that Saturday, with campsite decorating, trick or treating, and bingo. Pack the decorations.

Host a rally. Or just a lunch.

Every event on our calendar exists because one member said “I’ll do it.” Here is what that actually takes, and what the club now does to help.



NEW FOR 2026

Rally hosts are reimbursed up to \$300 for campsite fees

At the April board meeting the club approved reimbursement of rally host campsite fees up to a maximum of \$300 per rally, paid from club funds on receipt submission to the treasurer. Anything above that needs board approval. This is not factored into your rally fees, it is funded by the club. In plain terms: if you host, your site is largely on us.

HOSTING A RALLY

- Pick a campground and a weekend, then block some sites
- Send the details to John Cooper, who sets up registration and the email blast
- Sketch a loose agenda. A meal, a campfire, and one activity is a complete rally
- Show up and say hello. That is genuinely most of it

HOSTING A LUNCHEON

- Pick a restaurant with a room or a long table
- Pick a date and tell us. That is the whole job
- Two hours, no towing required
- A good way to see people between rally weekends

Nothing is on the luncheon calendar for the rest of 2026.

WHERE WE NEED HELP

- Spring 2027 is wide open
- The UP, the Door, the Driftless, anywhere you already like going
- The board’s goal is one event a month in camping season, and we are short of it

Two of this year’s hosts were hosting for the first time. Both weekends went fine.

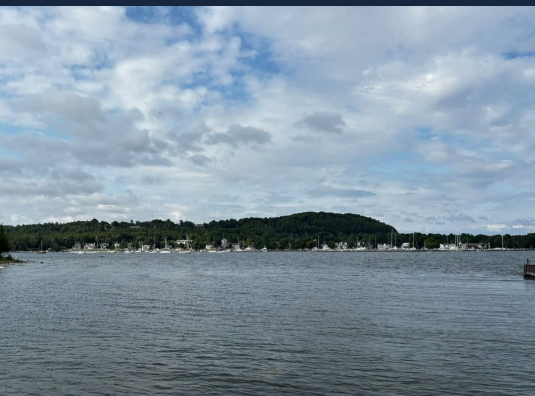


INTERESTED?

A place and a date is enough to start. Email **Jenny Bibler** at jenny.giles@att.net or **Zach Lee** at zacharyalee@gmail.com and we will walk you through the rest.

Things Outside My Airstream

Ed Emerick started it: point the phone at whatever is in front of the door, post it, say nothing else. Terri and Ryan picked it up. Now it is the best thing on our page, and the rule is simple. If you can see it from your step, it counts. Location optional, because half the fun is guessing.



Somewhere worth stopping

Ed Emerick [BRN 4425](#) · June 22



Coordinates pending

Ed Emerick [BRN 4425](#) · June 23



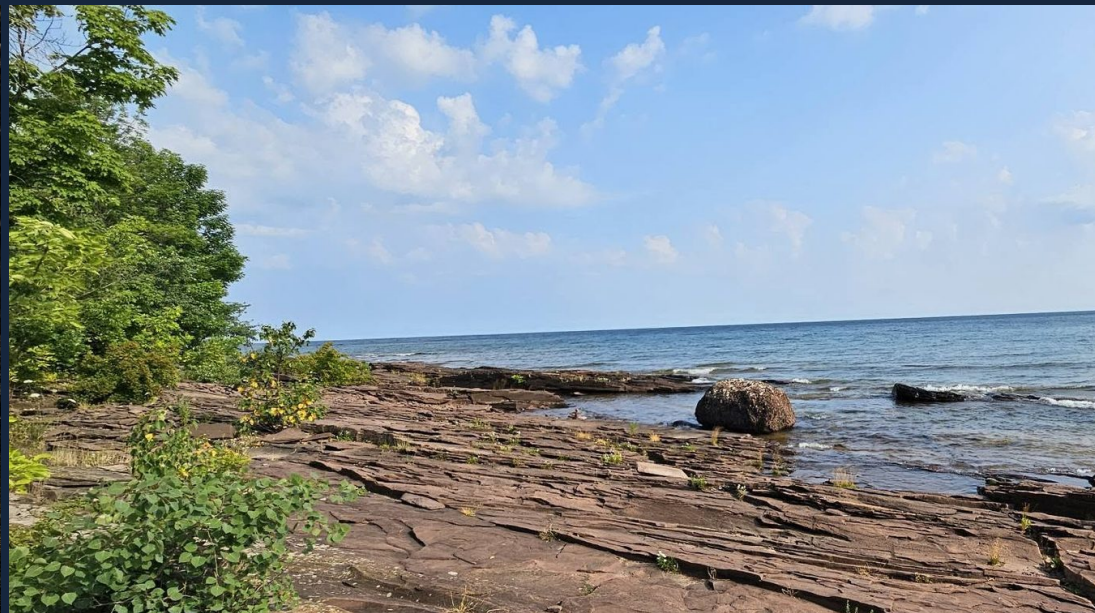
Solberg Lake

Terri Hix [BRN 1475](#) · June 8



Peninsula State Park

Ed Emerick [BRN 4425](#) · July 20



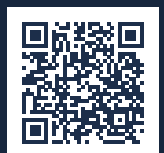
He is not saying where

Ryan Radke [BRN 23691](#) · July 23



YOUR TURN

Post your view to the group with the rest of us, or email it to the editor. Tell us where if you feel like it. If you do not, we will make something up.



THE GROUP

✉ SEE YOU NEXT ISSUE

Our members need to know.

The full issue lands in early September, right after the Future Streamers rally.
Everything is due Friday, September 4.



WHERE TO SEND IT

zacharyalee@gmail.com · subject line “WISC-UP newsletter, [your topic]”



WHAT TO SEND

A one-line title, 100 to 600 words, one to six photos as originals rather than screenshots, and your **BRN**. Summer trip reports, rally photos, and repairs or upgrades are all wanted.



PHOTO CONTEST

Put your photo on the cover.

Send **one photo** and **one sentence** about where it was taken. That is the whole entry. No theme, no category, no fee.

THE PRIZE

The winning frame runs full bleed on the next cover with your name and **BRN** on the inside page.

PLUS

A full-page spread inside, and the shot becomes our Facebook banner until the issue after.

TO ENTER

Highest resolution you have. Landscape or portrait both work. Due September 4.



FACEBOOK GROUP



RALLIES & EVENTS



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WISC-UP

UNIT 116 · REGION 7