

MAY-JUNE 2020

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Wow!!!...Change is in the Air

Since our last newsletter, major scheduling changes have impacted our group's ability to get together...don't know about you, but ALL my caravan/groups trips for the summer/fall season have been cancelled.

Because of this, I began indirectly searching for **why do we gather in clustering groups?** [stay with me...on this]

I found some interesting thoughts to support why the gathering of Airstream groups/units are so **important**. Interestingly to do this, I had to go to the animal world to find some meaning that paralleled our Airstream mantra . The animal I found which offered some explanation group gathering was the **flamingo**.

[Note: I have noticed that the flamingo has been adopted by some in the airstream community.] So I decided to take a closer look... to understand the animal behavior of the birds..."the flock spend most of their time with a select group of "friends"...some behave like married couples, others form same-sex pairs, and still more just hang out with three or four close buddies. It seems that the flamingos form social bonds" [taken from the research done at the University of Exeter, UK of 350 captive birds.] Wow, I feel relieved understand the importance clustering with Airstreamer's...

So now what to do....until I can get with the "flock"?I found that the question should be rather...Just how creative can I/we be under these new circumstances?

I've put together a listing of ideas for you/us to consider...

1. Our computer technology is taking a primary role in keeping conversations going; impromptu gatherings of many sorts...cocktail hours, meetings for business or family updates. So, let's **consider a virtual camping weekend**...we will need a committee to organize the weekend and meeting times. This activity format is in keeping with the constraints establish with this virus not to mention using zoom as the visual format. (I have a visual lunch with a former colleague using zoom...great way to see people!)
2. Go to your trailer and have lunch/dinner at there.
3. Maybe this is the time to get those projects done on the rig; I've disinfected the interior...not because I enjoy the chore of cleaning but i want things to be ready for the Great Escape run...to somewhere! I will be ready!!!!



From Our President...

I hope you are all healthy and have found fun and interesting ways to deal with social distancing and Shelter-in-place. Ginny and I have been enjoying a Zoom Friday evening cocktail hour, or two, with friends. These are fun and we've found them to be a good way to stay connected. As for the rest of the week, we leave the house for food shopping once (my preferred bread was back on the shelf last week after a month which I think indicates progress toward normal), and spend time on hobbies such as gardening, sewing—Ginny is making face masks, woodworking, reading, and computer building. Thus far we've fared pretty well but we'll be glad when something like normal returns.

I have received no new advice from national club leadership about when or if to resume activities but as President Heath's message of March 23 noted they will follow the lead of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At this time, I doubt the CDC would recommend events should resume until after the Wisconsin Shelter-in-place order expires on May 26 although there are certainly politicians who disagree. Eventually, in addition to complying with State orders, each of us must decide for

ourselves when to reduce social distancing and begin to meet in larger groups. For my part I agree with the scientists who advise that widespread testing must be in place to guide decisions and planning. So as of now the Wisc-UP camping season remains firmly on hold.

Nor do I have news to report about approval of the Wisc-UP logo and I'm not going to ask about this until at least July after the 2020/2021 Executive Committee meeting. For now, the logo is



not approved and it should not be used.

As our "picture of the issue" suggests Ginny and I were in France recently. We left on March 3 with plans to return on March 29. It was not to be. Except for cold, rain (a LOT of rain), and high winds the first 10 days in Paris and Normandy were good but by the time we arrived in Angers southwest of Paris the pandemic had crossed the border from Italy and

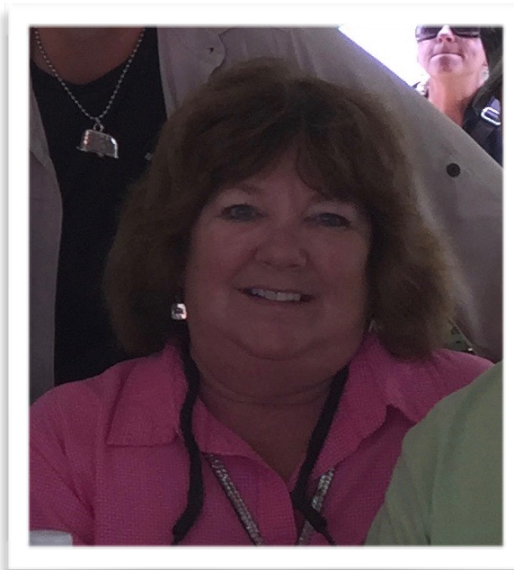
France was clearly headed for lockdown. A day or two later It was back to Paris for us where by then hotels and restaurants had been ordered to close. We were put up on a river cruise ship on the Seine for two nights. The ship couldn't leave because the river was too high for it to get under most bridges—maybe all that rain was a good thing. The food on board was excellent. We flew back to O'Hare on our scheduled Air France flight--but two weeks early—on March 17. By then the O'Hare international screening disaster had been fixed the we cleared Global Entry, Covid-19 screening with normal temps, and Customs in about 30 minutes with orders to take our temperatures twice a day for 14 days.

Our temperatures are still normal and we have had no symptoms.

This is certainly not how I envisioned my year as president of Wisc-UP just as I'm sure President Heath never imagined she would make history by canceling an International Rally. These are certainly Interesting Times, but we'll get through this and see each other down the road.

Be Well and stay safe,
#3649 Ginny Janssen and Bill Scheuerell

AND NOW A WORD FROM REGION 7



1ST VICE-PRESIDENT JANE CARMICHAEL...

Re: Status of 2020 Region 7 Rally

Dear Airstream Friends,

In 4 months we will have a wonderful Region 7 Rally, unless.....

In 4 months we will all gather at the Rippling River Resort in Marquette, Michigan, unless.....

In 4 months our guest speakers will provide enlightening and educational presentations, unless.....

In 4 months a guided tour of Marquette County Courthouse and a bus tour of Big Bay, MI will happen, unless.....

In 4 months we will begin 5 days of great socializing, shared meals, and campfires, unless.....

You all know the “unless” part.

As your Region 7 Vice President, I have spoken to Region Officers, to our International President, to several members, and to our International Caravan Chair. We have discussed how to keep our Airstream friends safe. These conversations will be ongoing and a decision made by July 20, 2020 which is 30 days before the start of the event.

Updates will be posted at <https://region7.airstreamclub.net> , our Region 7 website.

Smile. Call me. Go visit your Airstream. We're all in this together. Keep your stick on the ice.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION..

For Sale - 1965 Caravel 17'

Located in Lancaster, Wisconsin

Information and photos at:

<https://wisc-up.airstreamclub.net/files/2020/04/FS-56-Caravel.pdf>

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