

MAY/JUNE 2021 EDITOR: KAREN SUKSI

# Signs of Spring brings the Anticipation of Adventure

On my patio, are a variety of terra cotta containers filled with dirt, which I continue to watch with great anticipation...looking for the small, courageous shoots of green popping through meaning that something is "happening" below and that I will surely get a replica of the picture sent by the bulb company. So far...its just dirt, but I keep watering it with furtive hope.

Spring also means that I check for any issues concerning the Airstream that signal **repair**. Based on the results of that process and with the help of Jim Cook, I am scheduled for some repair work in Traverse City; I am counting this as my second outing for 2021.

I feel the need to give a shout-out to two special members (David Sherman

and John Cooper) who diligently worked to corrected a hitch problem that I recently encountered. I think this type of club support demonstrates the beauty of being a member of a club like ours. Their grit, knowledge and equipment are truly a bonus to owning a vehicle like the Airstream.

Thanks again guys for getting me back to "level" ...your help was much appreciated.



#### **Living Riveted**

## A Welcome to New Members of Our Club:

We extend a warm and hearty welcome to these folks:

Gary and Kathleen Anderson (BRN #02062) Kenosha, WI

Darlene Brightbill (BRN #06870) Madison, WI

Paul Lenz (BRN #02578) Eau Claire, WI

Max and Diana Varner (BRN #19530) Verona, WI

To our "seasoned" members... be sure to introduce yourself to these folks if they should join in our adventures during this new camping season.

# "Its the Drive to open a World of Experiences..."

#### June 24-27, 2021:

Chippewa Falls Rally Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, Chippewa Falls, WI Hosts: Beth/Rod Fierek (BRN #1924)

#### July 17-24, 2021

International Rally: Lebanon, Tennesse Registration Contact: <u>airstreamclub.org/Lebanon</u>

#### August 5-8, 2021

Kids, Kids Rally Wilton, Wisconsin

Host: Bree Moore-Lawrence (BRN #2878)



## A Message from Our President...

Spring is popping out all over the place, and it is just glorious!
Several members have been out with their rigs to



enjoy the new camping season, which started in earnest with the Easter gathering at Peninsula State Park.

The Dells rally and Spring Business meeting will be history by now, and we are looking forward to a busy Summer. I won't talk about anything pandemic related, other than to say we're moving ahead with our scheduled activities and will adjust them if needed. The prospect of being out in the Airstream brings a smile to my face and puts a little "giddy-up" in my day.

Beth and I are in the Washington, DC, area for our son's wedding as I write this, en route to the Dells rally. It's a very Airstream thing to do, traveling beyond your primary destination to see or do a special thing. I'll bet that isn't an uncommon practice. You too might have had a conversation that goes something like this: "On the way to the International Rally in Huron, South Dakota, I was thinking we should see Yellowstone." That's a true story, in fact. And why not? An Airstream is the perfect travel "pod"; it tows wonderfully, and the look of that shiny aluminum in the rearview mirror is enough to entice me to go just about anywhere.

Speaking of going places, head on over to the Airstream Club International website to register for our Summer and September rallies. We're going to have a great time in June at the Chippewa Falls get together, in July at the Kids Rally in Wilton, WI, and in late September with our Stillwater, MN / Driftless Caravan 2 rallies. Read the full details when you go to the ACI website. Remember also the International Rally in Lebanon, TN, the Region 7 Rally in Marquette, MI, and Alumapalooza at the Airstream Factory in Jackson Center, OH.

There's lots to offer, new members to meet, and good friends to see. Come join us for the fun.

Hope to see you soon! Let that Airstream roll. Rod and Beth (BRN #1924)

### Final thoughts...

The web site <u>recreation.gov</u> reports...

Reserving a site in Yellowstone will be handled differently at some campgrounds in the park.

They report a reservation change from "first-come, first-served" to using the advance reservation system when booking sites at **Mammoth**, **Slough Creek** and a portion of **Pebble Creek campground within Yellowstone**. Park visitors will be able to **book campsites in the designated areas up to six months in advance** and these campgrounds are expected to fill quickly, once sites are made available." The reservation release date was March 24, 2021 at 8:00am MST.

Here are some of the "helpful tips given by the site:

Visit the site <u>recreation.gov</u> in advance to review available campsites; and choose your top picks; then create a list of backup options, in case your top choice is booked.

Book online through the site (recreation.gov), rather than the park Contact Center to avoid delays."

E-mail message from Linda Agree (BRN #5628)....CALLING ALL PETS!

Are you one of those traveling Airstreamers who has a pet or pets that take over the Airstream? It may be the sofa or the bed or the hallway. I once asked an Airstreamer where his Great Dane slept in his Bambi? The answer I received was "Any where he wants to".

Planning a rally and finding things to do safely, especially the past two years has been a challenge. Our Region 7 "Wagon Master," Jane Carmichael (BRN #00219), asked about having a Pet Parade, which I agreed would be fun. So get ready to 'Highlight' your pet, be it in costume, tricks, or just being a pet. Prizes will be awarded. It's time to put on your thinking cap, warm up your sewing machine, and help us make a fun night of entertainment. Sign up your pet at the registration table when you come to the Anatomy of a Murder rally in Marquette, MI (August 19-24, 2021).