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Classic Airstream Club

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Intra Club of Wally Byam Caravan Club International



Message from our President Bettie Jones



“Dear CAC Members,

Now that International is behind us and we are approaching a new term with New Officers. I hope you will be greeting them warmly.

Our Annual Business Meeting and luncheon was held on July 3, 2013 at the Crossroads Hotel. I had to give the hotel a working number when I made the reservations- I chose 50 (nice and round- I thought.) Then I worried that I wouldn't be able to make that commitment-(waste of my time) I had to up the number to 74. I was thrilled and thankful that we could all join together for our Meeting and Luncheon. Thank you for

being there for our Club.

Joel Ware, 1st Vice President, # 7727, seems to be really excited about the upcoming year. He looks a little like Santa Claus and acts like him also. He was busy at International with his camera.

Vicki Buttleman, Recording Secretary, #9691, a seasoned caravaner and willing to volunteer for this job.

Myron Fischer, Treasurer, # 345, hard worker- make his life easier by paying your dues - if they are due. Membership application on the website- necessary to be sure all the info we have is correct.

David McCall, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, #5382, Ready to tackle this job of communications.

We had 22 renewals and 21 new members to sign up at International.

I am sure you join with me in wishing them much success in their CAC duties this year.

BIG TIP OF THE HAT TO :

ED AND MARIE EFIRA FOR ALL THE MANY WEBSITE POSTINGS AND THE MANY NEWSLETTERS THAT WERE MADE AVAILABLE- thanks to their expertise.
We as the Classic Airstream Club thank them for their efforts and wish them safe travels.

The Constitution and Bylaws are now on the website. If you have not had the occasion to read them I urge you to do that- just so you'll know what our guide lines are.

We want to make sure everyone receives a newsletter by email. Those who do not have email will receive a snail mail version. Please keep Myron Fischer and David McCall informed should you change any of your addresses.

Guess I should tell you now that I will be President of CAC for the 2013-2014 because I feel strongly that this Club is special. We have a gathering of friends with like interest and we enjoy doing activities together whether at our Unit Rally's or a club caravan. Where else could we find such Companionship?

Just to keep you thinking about the upcoming NEW CAC Directory- we'd like to include names and other pertinent information as we have done in previous directories. Be sure to keep CAC in your loop. The new directory will be out in November.

Bettie Jones, #4513
CAC President"

"MEANDERING MINNESOTA"

*On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again.
The life I love is "caravanning" with my friends,
And I can't wait to get on the road again.*

Sixteen units gathered at our New Ulm rendezvous. Many caravanned over from Huron, SD after International with David and Beth McCall. CAC members were represented from the states of Iowa, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Kansas, Indiana, Louisiana, and Ontario, Canada. Dave & Pat Shaw served our evening meal and then the "Best Buddies" made introductions to the group. Soon we were all acquainted and ready to begin our Meandering Minnesota. While in New Ulm everyone received a CD and took an auto tour around the historic district. There were so many interesting sites to see and everyone was given ample time to explore their choice of interest. The group enjoyed viewing and listening to the Glockenspiel followed by a buffet lunch at DJ's Restaurant. Dave & Vickie Buttleman and others volunteered to serve us a breakfast. We had delicious waffles that Dave made using his family's awesome homemade recipe. Yummy! While in New Ulm the group traveled to Fort Ridgely where they were introduced to history about the U.S.-Indian War. We also enjoyed a tour and a sampling at Schell's Brewery.

Our next stop was at the Airstream Park in Clear Lake, MN. The "residents" at the park joined us for a potluck supper at the clubhouse and an enjoyable evening with a musical jam session that included our own CAC Airstreamer Joe Long. The residents of the park were such gracious hosts and everyone had a great time. The next morning we awoke to a gentle rain and there was a concern as to whether or not we would be driving to St. Cloud to view the beautiful Munsinger and Clemens Gardens. Fortunately, the rain stopped just in time and everyone enjoyed the colorful and fragrant flowers. A bountiful and delicious buffet was served to the group at the Coyote Moon Restaurant and then the group dispersed to meander their way around St. Cloud. The remainder of our stay at the Airstream Park was open for choice activities. Some of the time members of the group stayed in the park to do laundry, enjoy swimming, socialize, or take a needed rest. Individuals also traveled around St. Cloud or headed southward to see the sites. One group drove to St. Paul to visit the James J. Hill Mansion and St. Paul Cathedral.

After three days, we meandered southward through some lovely small communities to Owatonna. As soon as we were settled we carpoled to Faribault and toured the Woolen Mills. While in Faribault we enjoyed a video explanation of the Cheese Caves and shared some tasty varieties of cheese. Back in Owatonna we visited the Minnesota State Orphanage where we heard a very interesting and emotional talk by Harvey Ronglien, a "state schooler" of the orphanage. He then took us on a tour of Cottage 11. Back in our cars, we drove downtown and filled up on pizza at the Pizza Ranch buffet. We walked to the "Jewel Bank" to view the amazing architecture designed by Louis Sullivan. There are only a few "Jewel Banks" across the U.S. (Right near to our Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio, is another "Jewel Bank" located in Sidney, Ohio.)

During free time, Airstreamers enjoyed going to the Medford Outlet Mall, Cabala's, Concert in the Park, and Farmers Market. And then the rain came!! We had a downpour during the night that seemed to last forever. In the morning we had some real concerns. We were parked on grass and some were in an area that had been newly seeded. One

of our units was a classic motorhome—were we going to have problems? It was too soon to tell. Our last evening at Owatonna, we attended a Chuck wagon Supper that included being entertained by musical cowboy Lonesome Roy.

The next day we were scheduled to leave mid-afternoon. However, that morning we found ourselves surrounded. We had cars parking in front of us (softball tournament), tractors lining up behind us (tractor pull) and town folk parking to the east of us (Village of Yesteryear Extravaganza). It soon became apparent that we'd better get the heck out of there while we could still get away! One by one each trailer made their way to the line-up, but oops.....we had a 34-footer in deep wet muddy grass. Fortunately, a tractor came to pull him out. The motorhome did make it through the wet grass and soon we were all on our way again meandering down the highway.

Our final stop was in Albert Lea. Our first evening everyone was given the opportunity to try a Spam burger treat from our leaders. This was the introduction to our stop the next day. We also had fun that evening playing the *Newlywed Game* with several of our members. We discovered who really knew the most about their partner. Our winners were Roy & Bonnie MacDonald.

We carpooled to the SPAM Museum in Austin and then scattered different directions to visit the sites. Some toured the Hormel home, others drove around the historic district of Austin and then back to Albert Lea. We were located very close to Clear Lake, Iowa, so we had some Airstreamers make the trip to see where Buddy Holly and others had their plane crash and the Star Ballroom (their last performance). Back at our camping site we had Marion Ross (*Happy Days*) performing a ribbon cutting ceremony at the historic museum located next to our trailers. Joe Long actually got her autograph! The ladies enjoyed a visit to the Minne-soy-ta Nice Boutique—soap and candle store. Each one made their own unique bar of soap.

Our final activity was a catered meal aboard the *Pelican Breeze II* followed by a cruise around the lake. After saying our good-byes, the next morning we all hitched up our rigs and meandered different directions to our individual destinations.

We look forward to seeing everyone down the road.....*Dave & Pat Shaw*

David & Beth McCall

This is “Airstream Alley” at the Owatonna Fairgrounds. At the end of the alley was the muddy swamp.



The greeter at the SPAM museum. Note the pig door at the left.



The gockenspiel at New Ulm. It rang and played three times a day. There were flowers everywhere!



Munsinger and Clemens Gardens at St. Cloud. Two square blocks of perfection!



A “Jewel Box” bank in downtown Owatonna. Stained glass, ironwork, mosaics and gold glit inside makes this a must see.



We invaded the SPAM museum in Austin, Minnesota. And we ate it too!!!!

Minnesota State Orphanage Museum, the only one of its kind in the United States. Very beautiful but sobering.



Albert Lea Fairgrounds looked much better with lots of aluminum sitting around. Great trees! Great people!



An added bonus at Albert Lea was Marion Ross, an Albert Lea native, opening a new section of the county museum. That's our own Jim Johnson standing behind her.



FIVE DAYS ON A SCHOONER



“While we were at the Tall Ships Festival Rally in Duluth MN Dave was able to sail with the crew of the Denis Sullivan 3 masted schooner from Duluth across Lake Superior to Sault Ste Marie MI and go through the locks into Lake Huron.

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>He was gone 5 days. After arriving he got on a Greyhound for a nine hour ride back to Duluth to get me!

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>It was a chance of a lifetime for him. He stood night watch, polished brass, galley duty, worked the sails, etc. He said he didn't know it was on his bucket list but is was now!

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>Take care. Vickie & Dave”

That is Dave in the red shirt looking at us.



CAC MEMBERS; FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you have not had the pleasurable experience of taking one of the Classic Airstream Caravans- you have missed a lot of fun and adventure with some mighty good folks.

Jimmie and I have had the pleasure to make several caravans-each different and each a wonderful time with another group of friendly members.

Our recent caravan Meandering Minnesota with the Shaw's and McCall's was certainly a enjoyable trip. We traveled the back roads and saw many memorable sights certainly not visible from the interstate. A very relaxing way to end a great trip.

Thanks to:

Pat and Dave Shaw and Beth and David McCall for doing such a fine job for the Classic Airstream Club.

Bettie Jones,
President, CAC

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Technical Section

Before you head out with your Airstream, find out what your wheel lug nuts should be torqued at and use a torque wrench to check them. The lug nuts should not be too loose or too tight. If you have removed your wheels and they are aluminum you should check them at 20 miles, and then 50 miles, and finally at 100 miles. Do not let a mechanic use an impact wrench on your lug nuts.

I have researched what the lug nuts should be set at and found that it ranges from 90 to 120 lbs. or more. I wish that I had saved the paper work that came with my aluminum wheels so that I would know for sure the poundage they should be torqued.

David McCall (Webmaster@davidwmccall@gmail.com)

The End

