



The Aluminum Chronicles

Northern Illinois Airstream Club

October 2019

Editor, Dave Mayo



In This Issue

[President's Message](#)

[Miscellaneous Rivets](#)

[Member News](#)

[Suggestion Box](#)

[Recent Events / Rallies](#)

[Tech Time](#)

[Upcoming Events / Rallies](#)



President's Message



Around the Campfire with Dolores

October 14, 2019

Hello Everyone: It's hard to believe it's the end of the camping season and the Thanksgiving Rally is next weekend! Seeing you all at the different rallies was great.

Some of us are getting ready to travel to warmer weather in Arizona and Florida. Others will be putting their Airstream in storage. Dave and I were planning on attending an Airstream Urban Rally in Texas, eating the biggest omelet in Louisiana and then settling down in Florida for the winter. Our townhome hasn't sold yet so we need to put our retirement plans on hold and get to experience another Illinois winter.

I would like to thank my board members, the rally hosts and all of you who pitched in with setting up, cooking, making fires, tech time and breaking down the gathering area.

I want to especially thank Dave the Love of my Life. I called him my, **Chief of Staff** and he went above and beyond to make my year as president go smoothly. We will now become the helpers when Peter becomes our next president.

I enjoyed everybody's Airstream travel stories and am looking forward to-

SEEING YOU DOWN THE ROAD

Dolores

Miscellaneous Rivets

New Officers

At this Saturday's business meeting (October 19th) we will be electing and installing our new unit officers. Peter Schwarz, 1st Vice President, will become our Unit President for the next rally year (October 2019 to October 2020). Peter will be a great President. Let's all offer our support and help to Peter in any way needed.

Keith Wilson and Rebeca Jones have volunteered to be unit Trustees. That's great! We need someone to volunteer to become our unit 2nd Vice President. This is a great unit. **However, it can only continue to exist if we have members willing to volunteer to help run the unit.** Please give consideration to volunteering to be our 2nd Vice President. This unit has had many women as its President. So, you ladies please think about it. Thanks.

New Unit Flag Design

Our unit changed its name in July of 2017. We would like to get a new design for our unit flag and unit banner for the region 5 rally. Whatever design is created and selected it must be approved by the IBT. If interested in being involved in this endeavor, please contact Bob Thennes at tzaak@aol.com.

Member News

The Northern Illinois Airstream Club has 79 memberships as of October 14th. One membership includes all people within that family. For example, my wife and I are one membership.

New members recently joining include:

Tom & Debbie Moquin of Hampshire Illinois. They have a 2013 Bambi 22.

Nick & Erin Evans of Plainfield Illinois. They have a 1971 Overlander 27.

John & Elizabeth Felageller of Northbrook Illinois. They have a 2020 Caravel 22.

Tom & Kathy Johannessen of Oswego Illinois. They have a 2019 Signature 25.

Nathan & Kristy Habeck of Barrington Illinois. They have 2014 Flying Cloud 30.

Jeff & Caryle McCaffrey of McHenry Illinois. They have 2019 Globetrotter 27.

Joe & Sheila Drda of Downers Grove Illinois. They have a 2020 Globetrotter 25.

Seung & Young Park of Wilmette Illinois. They have a 2019 International Signature 25.

Thais & Carter Meredith of Alpha Illinois. They have a 2017 Flying Cloud 30

Welcome aboard!!! You have joined a group of fun loving Airstream enthusiasts.

Suggestion Box

By clicking on this [SUGGESTION BOX LINK](#) , you can e-mail your suggestion to your leadership team. Please type in “**Suggestion Box**” in the e-mail title. We will respond to your suggestion within 30 days. Suggestions being implemented will be listed in this section of the newsletter.

INTERNET UNIT INFORMATION You can keep current on unit activities by using our internet resources. By clicking on our Northern Illinois Airstream Club logo below, you will be taken to our unit website. By clicking on the Facebook logo below, you will be taken to our unit Facebook page.



Highlights - Recent Events / Rallies

We have had many great rallies this year. You can see pictures on our [website](#) or our [Facebook page](#).

Our next rally is this weekend (October 18th to 20th) at the Lee County 4-H Center & Fairgrounds located at 1196 Franklin Rd., Amboy, IL 61310

The rally agenda is as follows:

Friday (October 18th)

1:00 pm Members begin arriving.

4:30 Happy Hour.

6:00 Members bring their own entree to cook, on the unit grill, and a dish to pass. Eat together in the hall.

7:30 *Executive Board Meeting*

8:00 Campfire

Saturday (October 19th)

9:00 Unit breakfast of pancakes and sausage will be provided (In hall.), also included is coffee and juice,

10:30 *Unit Member Business Meeting*

12:00 Turkey preparation and cooking.

2:30 Tech Time -bring your concerns.

5:00 Carving of the turkeys.

5:30 Installation of Unit Officers.

6:00 Thanksgiving diner (Turkey is provided, please bring a side dish or desert to pass.)

8:00 Campfire

Sunday (October 20th)

9:00 Group breakfast in hall - bring your own place settings. Coffee provided and any left overs from Saturday.

1:00 Rally concluded

Tech Time – Top Mobile Apps for RVers

By Dave Mayo

I belong to the Escapees RV Club and they published the top mobile Apps for RVers in their May newsletter. I am including them in our newsletter as all of these apps are available to the public. The Escapees RV Club is a great club for serious RVers. They have a great bi-monthly magazine and a great [FORUM](#). Here is a link to the [Escapees Website](#).

Adding the use of mobile applications to your travel routine can be a game changer! You will quickly see how they can save you time and money along the way. Whether you are looking for a place to stay, somewhere to dump your tanks, or just a great place to eat, you can bet "there's an app for that!"

Here at Escapees we are always striving to make your life on the road easier, so we've decided to compile a list of some of our favorite "must have" apps that we feel specifically meet the needs of RVers. Enjoy and happy travels!

Google Maps- Free



The free Google maps application is almost a no-brainer to have handy on your phone. It can replace your paper map altogether while helping you find destinations and businesses along the way, and provides directions, all with the ease of turn-by-turn navigation. We highly recommend the use of Google Maps over Apple maps for more accuracy.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



Allstays- \$9.99

Allstays massive directory holds more than 28,000 campgrounds. You can easily find what you are looking for by filtering amenities and by type of park, i.e. private, national or state park, BLM land. Once you have found a campground, you can view their website, phone number, and directions. One of the best things about this app is that you can use it with or without Internet!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



Campendium- Free

Created by campers for campers, Campendium has tens of thousands of places to camp. From RV parks to free remote destinations, vetted by a team of full-time travelers and reviewed by 70,000 plus members. Campendium is free to use and it will change the way you find place to call home for the night.

Available for [iPhone](#) devices.

Waze- Free



Waze is the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app. Join other drivers in your area who share real-time traffic and road info, saving everyone time and gas money on their daily commute. This app can help you avoid traffic by being alerted of upcoming road hazards, traffic jams or accidents that are all shared by other drivers. You can also view notes from the report such as how long others have been waiting, how fast the traffic is moving and what the exact situation is.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

GasBuddy- Free



GasBuddy lets you search for gas prices by city, state, zip code, with listings for all cities in the USA and Canada. The prices are updated in real-time and show the time it was located, allowing you to fill up on the cheapest gas near you with ease.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

RV Dump Stations- \$.99



This app shows over 5,700 RV dump stations throughout the US and Canada. It includes truck stops, RV parks and more. You can easily submit dump stations you find along your travels to share them with others.

Available for [iPhone](#) devices.

Yelp- Free



Need to find a shop that sells RV parts? Not sure where to eat for dinner? The Yelp app is a great way to find businesses and restaurants near you. You can read and write reviews, get directions, and even view menus and photos!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



WeatherBug- Free

The WeatherBug app makes it easy to view the forecast up to 10 days in advance,

which may be very helpful when planning ahead for your next destination. View interactive weather maps, live weather cams, and also view severe weather alerts in areas you might be traveling to.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

iExit- \$2.99



iExit helps you find the best exit ahead on the highway for all your travel needs. The app automatically locates you on a highway and lets you look hundreds of miles ahead to discover spots at upcoming exits. It can be quite frustrating depending on utilizing highway signs to find your next stop so this will help you save time by planning ahead, whether it's finding somewhere for gas, food or even free Wi-Fi!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Key Ring- Free



One of the great things about RVing is that you find new things in every town, which could potentially lead to several loyalty cards to different stores (especially grocery stores) in order to receive discounts. Those pesky cards can fill up your wallet quickly, and this handy app helps you avoid an overstuffed wallet. On top of storing all of your cards in one place, it has coupons for over 15,000 retailers that you can redeem right from your phone.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



Wi-Fi Finder- Free

Having trouble with your MiFi card or finding that the Internet in your campground is unreliable? With over 550,000 locations in 144 countries worldwide, this app can help you find free or paid Wi-Fi locations around you. This app works both online and offline and gives you hotspot details, location, and also gives you directions using GPS.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Coverage?- \$2.99



Every RVer can utilize this app, but it is a lifesaver for those who heavily rely on good internet signal for work. This is especially great for those who use multiple carriers because you don't have to flip back and forth between sites. This app contains regional level maps based off of each major carrier's data map - as found on their website as of our last update. Quickly overlay the carriers you use to create your own personalized coverage map on your device.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



SatFinder- Free

SatFinder will easily help you set up your satellite dish each time you move to a new location. It finds your location based on GPS and displays results both as numeric data and graphically on Google maps.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



Untappd- Free

This is a great resource for any beer lover! Discover new locations along your travels by utilizing the app to find nearby popular bars and beers. Sometimes it can be hard to find or decide on which local brewery to visit, and this app makes it easy by showing ratings of bars around you and what's being poured there. You can also share what you're drinking and where with other beer lovers around the world!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.



AllTrails- Free

AllTrails is one of the best ways to discover hiking, running and biking trails near you. You can explore 50,000 hand-curated trail maps plus reviews and photos crowdsourced from millions of users. You can also filter between dog-friendly or kid-friendly destinations. Save your favorite trails, record your adventures and count your calories all within the app.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Roadside America- \$2.99



Never miss another quirky attraction around you! This app specializes in showing you unusual and funny places along the highway. This is a great way to find new adventures during your travel days or locate something in an area you're staying in.

Available for [iPhone](#) devices.

RVillage- Free



RVillage is a social platform built specifically for RVers. Within this app you can customize your profile, update your location, find others around you, create a get-together, talk with people in the news feed, share photos and much more!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Ultimate RV Checklist- \$1.99



Created by RVers to help take the stress and uncertainty out of tearing down, setting up, and moving your RV from campground to campground.

Available for [iPhone](#) devices.

Upcoming Events / Rallies

Many of our upcoming rallies are being held in state parks. ***Each member attending will book their own reservation for their site.*** It is the member's responsibility to select a suitable site. Illinois uses the [ReserveAmerica](#) system to reserve sites; they can be reserved 180 days in advance. *Events at restaurants are order off the menu with separate checks.*

The 2020 luncheon and rally schedule will be issued by our incoming President Peter Schwarz.