



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Gopher News



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President's Message

Dear Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Members,

Both **Mike Bedinger** (Mo-Kan Club Past-president) and **Mike Sisk** (Region 8 Airstream Club President) contacted me about how our club might go about helping those in need during this Corona Pandemic. I'm sure many of you have been wondering the same thing.

As you know, unemployment has skyrocketed and people are experiencing hunger to an extent that is unprecedented in modern times. Record numbers are flocking to food banks, but due to depleted stores, some food banks are having to turn people away.

Children are especially vulnerable. A study from the Food Resource and Action Council of FEEDING KANSAS and FEEDING MISSOURI indicates that, even before the pandemic, 20% of children in Kansas and Missouri were experiencing food insecurity or hunger. Since the pandemic, that number has doubled. The working poor, the elderly, and the disabled are also at risk.

FEEDING AMERICA, which includes FEEDING KANSAS AND FEEDING MISSOURI, is a program whose mission is to feed the nation's hungry. This organization does not pay retail prices for food. Instead, they work with manufacturers, retailers, and other partners across the nation to secure safe, healthy food that would otherwise be going to waste. Every dollar donated to FEEDING AMERICA helps secure and distribute 10 meals to those facing hunger.

Your help is needed. A donation of \$19 provides 190 meals.

If each person chips in \$19 (or \$38 per couple), our club could provide over 20,000 meals to people in Kansas and Missouri who need our help. (See Page 3 for more details.)

To date, there's no cure for the Corona Virus, but there is a cure for hunger, and together we can make a difference.

Friends, thanks for helping out, and please continue staying safe.

- Tim



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Member Health News

Please keep **Wendell & Shirley Sisk** in your thoughts & prayers. Wendell just turned 96 and is in hospice care.

Wendell & Shirley were long-term active members in our Club - Wendell was President in 1990 & Shirley in 2002. Wendell led many Caravans. Their son, **Mike**, is currently our Region 8 President.



Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS

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RALLIES



Although **Charles Colbert** continues to plan a Fall Rally, we have not yet made a decision on whether to go forward with the plan. It's unlikely that we would have a Fall Rally if the National Airstream Club advises against it.

My thinking, at this time, is that trying to conduct a rally in compliance with CDC guidelines would not be feasible. If you have opinions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at 785-691-7112 or ttbikes@aol.com - **Tim**

Find all 2020 Club activities at
<https://missouri-kansas.airstreamclub.net>
...when we get some again...



Welcome New Members!

Regan & Katee Stoops
Gardner, KS

Jeff & Kimberly Alley
Holt, MO

We hope to meet you at a future luncheon or Rally!

News From New Members

Typically we meet new club members at rallies or luncheons, but during this time of COVID19 concerns, we appreciate when new members send introductions and photos to us directly. **Thank you!**



Jeff & Kimberly Alley picked up their new Airstream the same week their grandchild was born.
What an exciting month of May for them!

Neil & Becca Schaper of Independence, KS, initially texted **Larry & Linda Poage** because they have the same Airstream – year, model and slide. After sharing notes and pictures, and talking for over an hour, they realized that they are all members of our MO-KAN Airstream Club! *What a surprise!* (The Schapers joined in August 2019. The Poages are long-time members) The Schapers hope to come to future club functions, and the Poages are anxious to meet them in person.



Are you a new member? *We'd love to meet you!*
Send your info and photos to KCUnitNews@gmail.com and we'll see you in future newsletters!



Birthdays

Linda Bryant, 6/17
John Dill, 6/20

June Celebrations!

Anniversaries

Marion & Carol Pember, 6/9
John & Mary Dill, 6/21





Seeking VAC Officer

The Vintage Airstream Club (an AIC "Intra-Club") is seeking a VAC member to fill their 3rd VP slot for 2021. Position responsibilities are listed on the [VAC website](#) (Resources>VAC Operations).

This is a progressive position with the 3rd VP moving up to 2nd VP (after 1 year of service), then up to 1st VP the following year, etc. Other board members are there to help lead you on your journey as you progress.

If you are interested, please contact **Lynn Talsma** at 3vp@vintageairstreamclub.com

Future Airstream Club Member?

Kay Corder is proud to announce the birth of her 20th great-grandchild! Regan Brown was born on May 27th. Kay is anxious to meet the little girl, who lives in St. Charles with her parents and older brother. Kay has also suggested the middle name be "Kay" - but that has yet to be decided.



Oh to be Camping Again!

Henry and Kerstin Roberts are feeling nostalgic about their trip last year to America's Southeast region. So -- *why not share that memory with all the club members stuck at home?*



Here we were last June at Gulf Shores State Park in Alabama for a family reunion on Mother's side - the Cooper family...

... and then, a little further Northeast, enjoying Savannah, GA



Send *your* favorite Airstream Camping memories and photos to KCUnitNews@gmail.com

An Appeal From Mike B. to Donate \$19 to Feeding America

It's been a long time since our club members have had a chance to shake each other's hands, say a prayer or Rally together.

It goes without saying that some of the girls are beginning to miss **Frank Melton's** hugs. However, the good news is that Frank is now, and for the next coming year, practicing 6-foot social distancing.

With all that in mind, and the prospect that we may not be able to meet for a while, I would like to appeal to each of you to support the Feeding America initiative outlined by **Tim** in his President's Message. Your board has approved this worthy charity that is helping those in need at this time. It is separate from Common Cents.

Feed America is making a substantial difference in MO and KS. When watching the local news, you see many American families who are at the end of their rope, and nutritious food for their kids is *everything*.

This is a great charity that gets the most for every dollar received. Please support your club's efforts to send many meals to young *and* old in our local communities.

P.S. For those who are able, please consider donating more than \$19.00.

Make checks payable to:
Mo-Kan Airstream Club

Designation:
Corona Virus Fundraiser

Mail checks to:
Linda Poage, Treasurer
Mo-Kan Airstream Club
1904 Honeysuckle Ave.
Kearney, Missouri
64060



----- The Corona Connection -----

During the Pandemic, we're asking members to periodically drop us a note to let us know how you are doing. **Tell us where you are, what you're doing, and what you are learning and experiencing.** Share humorous stories, camping information, or anything else of interest to the group. Since we won't be taking photos at lunches or rallies, please include a photograph or two and send them to kcunitnews@gmail.com.

"We went camping at Clinton Lake last weekend with our daughter and her family. Our daughter owns the Airstream that we used to have and the whole family enjoys camping together. We miss seeing all our Airstream friends and hope that, before too long, we can all go camping again!"



John & Mary Dill

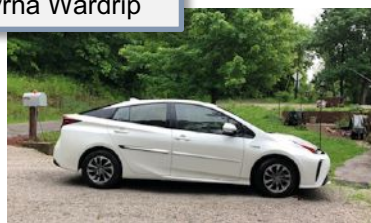


Ryan Bucholtz & Lisa Beasley

We are staying home as much as possible, but we did take our Airstream out to western Kansas a few weeks ago. We visited Lake Scott State Park and Little Jerusalem and were surprised to see all the rock formations there. We really enjoyed camping there, and Ryan said, "It didn't even look like we were in Kansas!" The Bucholtz-Beasley family is doing well and sends their regards to all. "Hope we can go camping again one of these days!"



Don & Myrna Wardrip



I got into mask making early on. I hadn't used my machine for years but thankfully it still works great. Sure need those masks. We both were getting dental work when we were all locked down. I was getting scheduled for two implants and I don't plan to reschedule anytime soon.

We have planted tomatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, cucumbers, peppers, cilantro, basil, kale, onions and many more. What the deer, rabbits and coons don't get we will share. We have a steep hillside we like to cover with vines, and the melons love it. Last year we had 30 huge cantaloupes - all were volunteers from one grocery-store cantaloupe! Right now we are picking strawberries every day. They are plentiful this year.

We traded for a new Prius in February. They want us to come in for service and oil changes... but with driving 10 miles a week to pick up groceries it will be 2021 before we could have 2500 miles on it. Grocery pick up at Walmart, Hy-Vee and Sam's Club has been pretty nice. We have had the best luck with Walmart so far.

Like everyone else, we're doing lots of baking. I had yeast in the freezer, old, but still works. I had to learn to cut hair for the both of us. Didn't do too bad but Spunky's first haircut was a little sad. I have made a remarkable improvement. We are thankful we are able to get everything we need. It is distressing to know so many are struggling, especially the young people. We really miss the fellowship of all our Airstream Friends, and look forward to getting together again - when it is safe for all of us.

The Corona Connection (continued)

We came home from Texas two weeks early because of the threat of the pandemic. Our grandson Jake, from KState, who was living at our house for the winter while student teaching in Olathe, ended up quarantined at our house due to his immune deficiency. We came back early to keep him company. Jake's younger brother Lance moved in with us also, so we had great company and good times with our grandsons during the lockdown. We are inching our way out into public now a little, very slowly and cautiously.

Ironically we were having construction done on our house while we were away for the winter so we arrived home in the middle of that project. The lockdown stopped construction so we lived in a bit of chaos with four rooms being updated and all of their contents were in the remaining three rooms. We're just about finished and it's beautiful.

Lynn had planned to write an article for the newsletter on our journey to the balloon fiesta in Albuquerque. We actually were approved for the the Balloon Fiesta this year but have our doubts as to whether that's really going to be a reality. We've also been approved for the Rose Bowl Airstream rally and wonder if that's gonna happen also. We have our health and are thankful. Life is good!

Lynn & Sue Anderson



Bob & Marty Fairchild



Hi Everyone! We spent a weekend during May at Hillsdale Lake with our kids. We had a good time while also managing to do a good job of social distancing. (We left the dogs at home because we needed a little break from the two bed-hogs.) We are looking forward to taking 4-5 trips to state parks this summer. We had a little bit of damage to our trailer, but **Lee Cantrell** and **John Eckert** helped us find a good repair place to take it to. We are helping to take care of one of our grandsons who lives in town, so we have been conducting lots of science experiments and taking lots of walks. We really missed going to the Spring Rally and seeing everyone there.

We are staying close to home in Liberty. We are super glad we got our Shih Tzu puppy "Buddy" last fall because he has been a lot of fun while we are spending so much time at home. Buddy loves to play and enjoys riding in the truck with Frank when he goes to pick up the mail at Maxine's house. Although Frank is still having some balance problems, he manages to mow our five acres of grass. **Mike Bedinger** and **Linda Bryant** surprised us one day by showing up in our driveway. Another time, **Larry and Linda Poage**, who also have a black Shih Tzu puppy, did the same thing. Wearing masks and keeping our distance, we really enjoyed seeing our long-time Airstream friends. Maxine's favorite part of the day is having a bowl of ice cream before she goes to bed.

Frank & Coke Melton



2020 WBCCI ELECTIONS

- Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the 2020 International Delegates' Meeting will be conducted electronically and will be streamed live for the membership to view.
- Candidates for International Office and the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution are included in the April and May editions of the Blue Beret and can also be found at [Airstreamclub.org/Current Members/ 2020 Elections](http://Airstreamclub.org/Current%20Members/2020%20Elections).
- All Mo-Kan Airstream Club members are encouraged to review the credentials of the nominees (all of whom are running unopposed) and to read the official versions of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.
- On the Airstreamclub.org website, there is also an Election FAQ Fact Sheet and a "practice ballot" for when the local clubs transition to electronic voting.

Amendment 1

- Membership requirements: 1.) owning a hard-sided Airstream, and 2.) paying dues.
- Members who join only WBCCI will be called "Members at Large". Those who join both WBCCI and a local club will be called "Regular Members".
- Members who sell their Airstream may retain their WBCCI membership if they do not own another brand of recreational vehicle or if their other brand of recreational vehicle is parked in a permanent or semi-permanent location to be used as a home or a vacation facility.
- No local club will establish other requirements for membership.

Amendment 2

- The Membership will participate in the Annual Delegates Meeting through a delegate or alternate delegate.
- The voting strength of each club is determined by the number of members who pay International membership dues.
- The members of each local club will be represented at the Delegates' Meeting by one delegate or one alternate delegate.
- The President of the Region of Residence of the Members at Large will serve as their delegate.
- A quorum of voting delegates is 20%.

Amendment 3

- WBCCI references to "unit or units" will change to "local club or local clubs".

IMPORTANT: MO-KAN MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE

Second Vice President, **Charles Colbert**, was selected as our delegate to the 2020 International Delegate's Meeting. Mo-Kan members who have questions or who wish to oppose, comment, or otherwise discuss any matter related to the nominees and/or the proposed amendments are asked to contact Charles, by June 10th, at (913) 484-9864 or ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net. No action is required by those who approve the WBCCI nominees and amendments.