



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

August 2020

### President's Message

*Dear Mo-Kan Members,*

***Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the executive board voted to cancel the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club 2020 Fall Rally.***

We want to thank **Charles Colbert** for all the time and effort he put into securing sites for the rally at Rutlader Outpost RV Park in Louisburg, Kansas and coordinating an outing to the Powell Observatory. Hopefully, we'll be able to hold the Fall Rally at Louisburg next year. *Thank you, Charles!*

Although we won't be meeting in person, the executive board is planning to hold the Fall Membership Meeting via Zoom and conduct the vote for officers by email or write-in ballot. At the membership meeting on *Saturday, September 26th*, the usual agenda will be followed (e.g., reports from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Membership Chair, etc.) as well as all other club business including the swearing-in of our new President and Vice-President. Please forward agenda items to me at [ttbikes@aol.com](mailto:ttbikes@aol.com) or call me at 785-691-7112. (Instructions for joining the Zoom meeting will be published in the September edition of the Gopher News.)

I also wanted to let you know that the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club COVID-19 Fundraiser was a great success!

**We raised \$1035.00!**

We sent \$517.00 to **Harvesters** -

The Community Food Network in Kansas City, Missouri, and \$517.00 to the **Kansas Food Bank** in Wichita. Both organizations are associated with FEEDING AMERICA, and the money we contributed will provide *10,350 meals* to families in Kansas and Missouri.

**Well done, folks! Thank you!**

Paula and I miss seeing all of you. We hope you are staying safe and having a great summer!

- Tim



### Executive Officers

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## In Remembrance of Carol Pember

Carol Pember passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 83. She and her husband Marion lived in Shawnee, KS.



Her obituary made note of their membership in the Airstream Club and that she “attended numerous rallies and caravans with Marion. She also helped Marion lead Airstream caravans as far east as Newfoundland and as far west as Alaska. Travel to new places and seeing new things was a priority for her.”

Marion posted this remembrance on Facebook, written by one of their grandsons: “Saying goodbye isn't easy, but sometimes it's for the best. Last Friday, my Grandma Pember passed away. However, the family and I got to enjoy some time with her a week before she passed away. She got to see her grandkids and great grandkids that created memories. And best of all, it made her smile. There are so many memories of her I will cherish and pass on. For example, her laugh, she had the best laugh. She always had matching jewelry to go with every outfit. The best memory I will have of her is how she listened. Not just good hearing for an old lady, but listening and letting you know everything will be alright. I'm going to miss seeing you next February and future February's for your ritual snowbird stay in Arizona. LOVE and MISS YOU!

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### Membership Meeting

#### ZOOM Meeting

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

(Details to be provided in the Sept. Gopher News)

Please forward any proposed agenda items to Club President Tim Timmons at [ttbikes@aol.com](mailto:ttbikes@aol.com) or call him at 785-691-7112



Find all 2020 Club activities at

<https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas>

...when we get some again...

### 2021 Membership Renewal Season is Here

WBCCI has announced the following changes to the renewal process:

- 2021 Membership dues are now \$75.00 a year.  
**\$75.00 + \$15.00 local dues = \$90.00 total**
- The paper renewal form has been discontinued.
- **Local Clubs are encouraged to renew online at [airstreamclub.org/renew](https://airstreamclub.org/renew).** The website will start taking renewals on August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Around August 15th, HQ will be notifying members that it is time to renew by postcard, email, and social media.
- “Lifetime Members” MUST go through this same renewal process. If HQ does not receive a renewal, Lifetime membership will not be renewed for 2021.
- HQ will notify Local Clubs of any issues with contacting members for renewals.
- The deadline for the Annual Printed Membership Directory is December 31, 2020.
- The Annual Printed Membership Directory will be published in February instead of January.

Members will send our Local Dues along with WBCCI dues to HQ, and HQ will, in turn, send to Treasurer of local club twice a month. *HQ said that if you are unable to pay online that you can call them to make your payments over the phone - 937-596-5211.*



#### Birthdays

Coke Melton, 8/01      Shirley Sutton, 8/09  
Betty Sullivan, 8/01      Earline Foster, 8/13  
Lee Cantrell, 8/14

#### August Celebrations!

#### Anniversaries

David & Cherie Brown, 8/01  
Charles & Nadine Colbert, 8/07

## Campground Review

Nadine and I stayed at the **Yogi Bear RV Resort and Conference Center in Eureka, MO** – 12 miles west of St. Louis for a week. Our 3-year-old grandson got to try out Airstream camping for a couple of nights.



Fees were a little pricey, \$65 per night or \$425 per week. We originally wanted to stay at the KOA, but it was all booked up, and they recommended the Yogi Campground. We believe the Yogi Bear Jellystone campgrounds are a franchise.

The resort had activities for children, a nice pool, a tram that gives rides around the campsites, miniature golf, playgrounds, etc. They had tent and cabin camping as well. All sites were back-in, but the staff helped campers back into sites and avoid the many trees around the campsites. Our site included great (updated) water, sewer, and electrical connections. They had golf carts you could rent to shuttle yourself and your family around the park. They also provided all-you-could-eat pancake breakfasts, same for hot-dogs, or “Yogi Frisbee” hot dog dinners.

You could meet Yogi in full costume, but no Covid-19 high fives or hugs.

Some staff wore Covid-19 masks, but not all. They really needed to pinch down their COVID 19 precautions to be protective of people - limiting people in the pool, gatherings, riders on the train, etc.

Of course, the more stringent they are, the more it limits the fun. We wore masks pretty much when we went indoors and practiced social distancing for the most part. (We personally could have been more stringent as well.

-Charles Colbert

## Show Us Your Best Side!

The Mo-Kan Club's (mostly) friendly and (sometimes) efficient “webmaster” is doing his darndest to move content from our current unit website to the more consolidated [Airstreamclub.org](http://Airstreamclub.org) website. Part of this transition includes adding our club's photos to the new slideshow area on our “homepage”.

To promote our club's current presence and vitality, we've been pulling photos from our stockpile AND more-recent newsletters. So don't be surprised if you see your smiling face flash by.

If you want to add to the slide show (or substitute better photos), **please send us 3 or 4 of your best/favorite photos** - either from rallies and caravans OR maybe a dream shot of your Airstream in a fantastic location. **We're looking for happy faces and/or beautiful Airstreams.**

If you've got something great to add, please email your full-size photos to [KCUnitNews@gmail.com](mailto:KCUnitNews@gmail.com).

**Thanks in advance!**

One final note from departing Club Member, Cheryl Ball:

“I appreciated the gift card given to me by the Unit. I really enjoyed the time I spent in the Airstream Club, and I miss you all so much. Please keep in touch.

Thank you.”





## 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](mailto:kcunitnews@gmail.com).

ROBERTSONS: "We were sad to have to cancel our "both coasts" summer - we were slated to be in Yosemite for Memorial Day and then go to Acadia in late July. Amidst the quarantine, we finally reached the point where we needed some Airstream time after making all of those cancellations!

We ended up taking the Airstream to Galveston, TX for a little beach therapy. We were thrilled to find out that during the week, the beaches were fairly quiet and it was easy to social distance safely!

We also tried out our Harvest Host membership and had two wonderful stays at wineries. Our adventures later took us to Charleston, SC to visit family. Camping has felt like a really safe way to get out and about. We order our groceries ahead, stop at rest areas for picnics - and this year we added an auxiliary fuel tank, so that has cut our gas station stops in half! We really miss the Airstream community but in the meantime have had the added blessing of my parents buying an Airstream -- so we can at least "caravan" together with them. We look forward to when all of this normalizes and we can get back to having fun as a club again -- and introducing my parents to the joy of gathering with other Airstreamers!"

The Robertson Family



Ronald & Helena Fulks



FULKS: "We are getting along fine. I mow the yard, trim the bushes, and take care of our 18 rose bushes and yard full of perennials. We also have a vegetable garden, and right now, the cucumbers are growing over the sidewalk and taking over the place. Our son was doing our grocery shopping, but now we are doing our own. Raymore's a pretty calm place, unlike the urban areas. We wear masks and go to the commissary about one-half hour before closing when only one or two other people are there. Otherwise, we rarely leave the house except for doctor's visits. My son-in-law is a mechanic and he and I have been working on my 34-ft "Bounder." It's in near-perfect condition, and I'm thinking about selling it because I'm 88 now. We miss going to the luncheons and seeing everyone."

Mike Bedinger and Linda Bryant haven't done any camping this summer but they are thinking about taking a trip along the Santa Fe Trail and visiting Mike's sister, in Arizona.

They get together with family and had a really nice visit from Terry and Louise Mercer. The Mercers are doing well and are attending some activities with the Iowa Airstream Club.

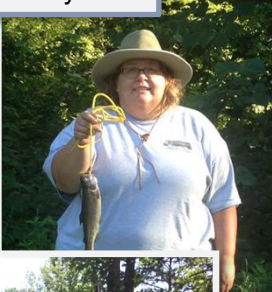
Linda completed her radiation treatments three months ago, remains cancer-free, and is slowly regaining her energy and stamina. Mike has been working on the farm and is really enjoying his brand new recliner. Mike and Linda miss seeing their Airstream friends and send their greetings to everyone.

Mike Bedinger & Linda Bryant



## The Corona Connection (continued)

Rachel Payne



PAYNE: "I just completed my year as president of the Vintage Airstream Club. In June, the VAC hosted a virtual "Open House" where people in various states gave 2-3 minute Zoom tours of their trailers. I am still working as a limo driver on the weekends.

I haven't done much work on my trailer, Agnes, because I recently put a new roof on the house and also had some foundation work done. I enjoy living in a place where I can keep my seven retired commercial hens, my Volkswagens, and my trailer.



On Wednesday, I'll be leaving on a five-day camping and trout-fishing trip to Montag State Park. It's one of the cleanest state parks in Missouri, and all the sites there are so level, you don't have to worry about leveling your trailer once you get there.

I miss seeing everyone and look forward to the time when we can get together again."

Last year, Don and Shirley Sutton moved to Chanute, Kansas where they share a house with their daughter and her family. Their grandson also lives in Chanute. Their ranch-style house is in a beautiful setting surrounded by a wooded area, with a small lake and manicured grounds across the street. Every day, Don goes to his air-conditioned workshop to work on his wooden Century boat. Their daughter does most of the cooking and grocery shopping for them. Don and Shirley are very happy in their new home, and with the Coronavirus, are very glad they didn't move into a group living situation. Shirley does a lot of reading and actually went to the library this week. She had to make an appointment prior to her visit and was allowed 45 minutes to make her selections. Don and Shirley receive weekly photographs of their great-grandson Ezra, born on July 11th in The Netherlands. Don and Shirley are "happy and well" and hope of all their Airstream friends are doing well too.

Don & Shirley Sutton



Charles & Nadine Colbert



The Colberts have been keeping their COVID 19 social distancing by chillin' with their kids and grandson!

