



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Gopher News



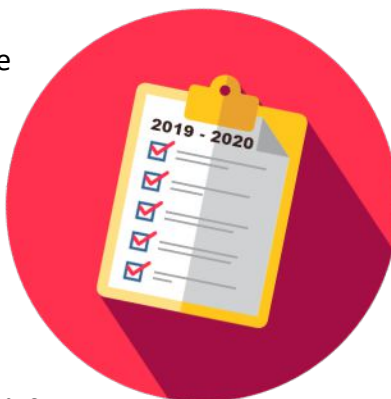
WBCCI - Unit 059

September 2020

President's Message

Dear Streamers,

The Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club underwent many changes during the 2019-2020 year. We had a name change, created a new club logo, adopted electronic voting, increased our membership, completed a constitution and by-law review, designed a new club flag, donated \$1,035.00 to FEEDING AMERICA™ and held meetings electronically - all with the Coronavirus looming in the background.



We're also in the process of getting new badges!



As my tenure as club president comes to an end, I want to thank the executive board, the committee chairs, luncheon and rally hosts -- *everyone* who participated in and supported the activities of the club. I also want to thank our former Mo-Kan Club officers, Region 8 officers, and WBCCI officers who willingly provided their expertise and advice whenever it was needed

As we look to the future, the executive board is busy planning activities for the 2021. ***I hope the coming year will bring an end to the Pandemic and a return to our most important goal -***

GETTING TOGETHER AND GOING CAMPING!

Until then, stay safe.

- Tim



Executive Officers

President:

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In Remembrance of Neil Crain

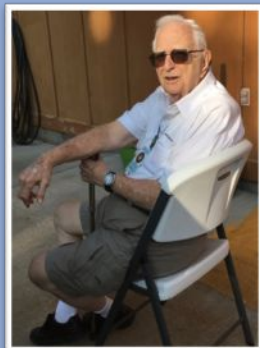
Our dear friend **Neil Crain** died Wednesday evening, August 19th. He was 99 years old. Neil has been a member of our club since 1985. He was a kind person who was always willing to help us with our trailers or motorhomes. Neil retired from Allied Signal, formerly Bendix, as a metal fabricator supervisor. He designed and made several flag holders for those who had motorhomes. He also designed extra support for the bottom step of several of our trailers providing more secure support. Neil was a great story teller and had many humorous tales. He and his first wife, Veryl were married for 58 years. They had three children, Nancy, Jim, and Bill. After Veryl passed, Neil married **Delores**. They enjoyed more than 20 years of marriage. They both loved traveling and being a part of our Airstream Club. Please keep Delores and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Neil was a strong Christian. Let these words from 2 Timothy be of comfort –



“I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me...”

I thank God for the life and friendship of Neil Crain.

- Henry Roberts



Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS

With great regret, and due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, all 2020 luncheons have been cancelled. We hope to be together again soon.

Fall Membership Meeting

ZOOM Online Meeting
Saturday, September 26, 2020 –
10:00am

Be on the
Lookout!

- On *Sept. 22nd*, **Paula Timmons** will be emailing a meeting *invite and instructions* for attending.
- Paula's email will include a *link* to open the ZOOM web page, and a *passcode* to join the video meeting.
- If you plan on attending the meeting with your Smart Phone or Tablet, we advise you to download the ZOOM app ahead of time.

Please forward any proposed agenda items to Club President Tim Timmons at ttbikes@aol.com or call him at 785-691-6067



Common Cents

Not getting together each month has put a damper on our contributions to the Common Cents Fund. However, if YOU would like to remain a regular contributor, *please send your check to:*

Linda Poage
1904 Honeysuckle Ave.
Kearney, MO 64060



Birthdays

Clinton Gregory - 9/20
Bonnie Gregory - 9/04
Mike Branam - 9/25

September Celebrations!

Anniversaries

John Eckardt & Maria Stimach - 9/02
Jerry & Carrie Lamb - 9/04
Jeff & Lisa Walters – 9-30



Welcome New Members!

Marvin & Deborah Williams
Kansas City, MO

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



Airstream Club Red Stars were awarded to the following Mo-Kan Club members:

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| Janesko, Anna - 40 yr. | Harris- 10 yr. |
| Crain, Neil - 35 yr. | Andersons - 5 yr. |
| Hugheys - 20 yr. | Browns - 5 yr. |
| Pages - 20 yr. | Mercers - 5 yr. |
| Shields, Julee - 15 yr. | Osgoods - 5 yr. |
| Spanglers - 15 yr. | Timmons - 5 yr. |

One star is awarded for every 5 years of membership. Let's have a big round of applause for our well-traveled fellow members, and wish them many more years of safe travels to come!

Don't Forget!

... And Remember, It's Time to Renew!

- **2021 Membership** dues are now \$75.00 a year. \$75.00 + \$15.00 local dues = **\$90.00 total**
- Local Clubs are *now encouraged* to renew online at airstreamclub.org/renew.
- If you are unable to pay online, you can renew over the phone - 937-596-5211.

Presenting!!!!

The NEW Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Flag!

Our "new" Missouri-Kansas Airstream Flag was unanimously approved by our Board on August 20, 2020. *If the Club Members vote to approve the flag at the upcoming Fall Membership Meeting*, then the flag design will be sent to Region & Corporate for final approval. Thank you to **Linda Poage, Kay Corder and artist Denise Chevalier**, who have been working on this project.



Choose Your Logo!

WBCCI has new Badges. Our Board has decided to purchase these new Badges for all existing members. **You can still use your old badges if you wish**, or you can order a new badge with the logo of your choice. A selection form has been sent out with this newsletter, and if you want a new badge, please fill it out and mail to **Linda Poage** before the October deadline.



Meet The Candidates!

Election Ballots for this year's Executive Board will be mailed or emailed to all members September 6, 2020.

All ballots must be returned by September 24, 2020.

Results will be announced at the September 26, 2020 Fall Membership Meeting.

John Eckardt - President

Lives in Kansas City, Missouri Mo-Kan Club 2016-present
Airstream: 2008 27-ft. Classic Limited FB
Mo-Kan Club 1st Vice President, 2019-2020;
2nd Vice-President, 2018-2019; 3rd Vice-President, 2017-2018
Co-Hosted Spring Rally, Topeka, 2018
Planned Spring Rally, Basswoods RV Resort, Platte City, 2020
City Planner, City of KCMO, 31 years



Charles "Chas" Colbert - 1st Vice-President

Lives in Shawnee, Kansas Mo-Kan Club 2017-Present
Airstream: 2018 30-ft. Classic
Mo-Kan Club, 2nd Vice President, 2019-2020
Hosted luncheons
Planned Fall Rally, Rutlader's RV Park, Louisburg, Kansas, 2020
Caravan to Salem, OR., 2018, Doswell International Rally
Industrial Hygienist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Stephanie Porto - 2nd Vice-President

Lives in Lawrence, Kansas
Mo-Kan Club 2018-Present
Airstream: 2019 27-ft. Flying Cloud
Pharmacist in Kansas and Missouri 42 years



Linda Poage - Treasurer

Lives in Kearney, Missouri Mo-Kan Club 2000-2020
Treasurer, 2019-2020; Treasurer, 2006-2009; First Lady, 2015-2017
Past Airstreams: 1972 27-ft. International; 34-ft Classic 2000; 2000 Motorhome
Current Airstream: 2004 34-ft. Classic
Host of Mo-Kan Club luncheons and rallies
International, 2 years
Worked in banking, bookkeeping, and accounting



Kerstin Roberts - Recording Secretary

Lives in Lawrence, Kansas Mo-Kan Club 2004-present
Past Airstream: 1978 23-ft International, 1988 Excella
Current Airstream: 1999 Excella
Editor, Gopher News, 2011
Host of Mo-Kan luncheons and rallies
Caravan Host, Exploring Eastern Oklahoma, 2009
International, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2016
R.N., Primarily ICU Nurse, Hospitals in Michigan, Georgia, Texas, & Kansas, 38 yrs



Glenda Ridgeway - Corresponding Secretary

Lives in Topeka, Kansas Mo-Kan Club 2014-present
Airstream: 2005 30-ft. Classic; 1973 27-ft. Overlander
Caravan, North Shore of Minnesota, 2019, Caravan, Part Deux,
Western Kansas, 2014
International, 2 years
Executive Assistant to Chief Marketing Officer, Payless Shoesource



...and Meet The *Non-Elected* Volunteers!

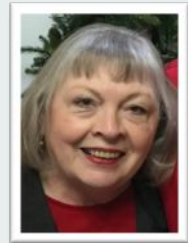
Charles “Tim” Timmons - Past President

Lives in Lawrence, Kansas
 Mo-Kan Club 2013-present
 Past Airstream: 1964 Tradewind
 Current Airstream: 2006 Diesel Airstream Motorhome
 Mo-Kan President, 2019-2020; 1st Vice-President, 2018-2019;
 2nd Vice-President, 2017-2018; 3rd Vice-President, 2016-2017
 Host of Mo-Kan luncheons and rallies
 Caravan, North Shore of Minnesota, 2019
 Research Analyst, U.S. Department of the Army, 32 years



Rachel Hughey - Parliamentarian

Lives in Bonner Springs, Kansas.
 Mo-Kan Club 2000-present.
 Airstreams: 1969 27-ft. Overlander; 1961 award-winning Bambi.
 Mo-Kan Membership Committee, chair; VAC Membership Fulfillment,
 chair; Region 8 VAC, representative.
 Host of Mo-Kan luncheons and rallies
 Worked as a Corporate Receptionist for a Piling Contractor.



Joyce Cantrell - Membership Chair

Lives in Olsburg, Kansas
 Greater Kansas Club 2007-2013; Member-at-Large 2014; Mo-Kan
 Club 2015-present
 Current Airstreams: 1984 Excella; 1976 Argosy.
 President, Greater Kansas Club, 2012; VAC Membership
 Fulfillment, 2009-2012; Mo-Kan Membership chair, 2019-2020
 Co-hosted numerous rallies and luncheons, Greater Kanas/Mo-
 Kan/VAC; Co-editor, VAC Newsletter.
 Host, VAC Rolling Rally, North Shore of Minnesota, 2019; Co-host,
 Cajun Country National Caravan, 2021.
 Emeritus Faculty/Faculty Adviser, Dept. of Personal Financial
 Planning, Kansas State University, 28 years.



Kirk Moore – Newsletter and Website Editor

Lives in Parkville, Missouri
 Mo-Kan Club 2014-present, VAC 2015-present
 Current Airstream: 1961 23-ft Flying Cloud.
 Newsletter & Website Editor, 2017-present
 Host of Mo-Kan Luncheon
 Worked at United Telecom/Sprint, Video & Animation Production,
 Website Management & Branding, User Experience & Design, 32 years



Hey! What's Missing from this list?

YOU!

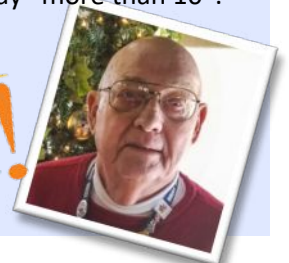


***Our board still has ONE, non-filled
 Vice-President position.***

If you're interested, let **Tim Timmons** (ttbikes@aol.com)
 or **John Eckardt** (jeckar52@gmail.com) know **ASAP**.
 They can fill you in with all the details and position
 responsibilities.

A special "Thank You" to **Henry Roberts**,
 who has been our Club's Parliamentarian for
so long even *he's* not sure how many years.
 So we're going to just say "more than 10".

thank
 you!



Quarantine On The Road – With Dave & Steph Porto

In January, with careful planning we had mapped out an epic trip that was going to include the International Rally in Colorado all the way to the Pacific Northwest into Canada and home. By May, we were ready to cancel all the reservations and isolate from home when we considered carefully that we could do this and yet maintain safe and healthy practices. So, revamping our plans with just 3 weeks to go, planning to stay in boondocking locations, state parks or being careful about social distancing, we packed as many items as we could to make sure our grocery stops would be few and far between - and left town on June 16th.

First stop was the Shiloh Winery and Vineyard, a Harvest Host location near WaKeeney Kansas. Some of the best wines I have ever had from a Kansas vineyard – albeit a limited sample. I would highly recommend their port – Aroma – 30% coffee for a celebratory breakfast.

Second stop was Scott Lake State Park which we now consider one of the best stops on our trip. There we unexpectedly met two couples, Cathy and Steve and Bev and Dennis. As it happens in life, 7 years previously when we first rented a Class A to explore Estes park – Cathy and Steve were our campground neighbors and they gave us the “list” that had been passed down three generations to stock our camper when we bought one. We had an exceptional time with them learning about meteorites and satellites and getting even more tips about camping. We also hiked the New Jerusalem State Park nearby.



The next stop was another Harvest Host, the Trolley Turner in Pueblo Colorado. Boris is an accomplished wood turner who teaches turning and a great storyteller. We found common ground on woodworking, Croatian heritage and the love of telling a good joke. We cannot recommend this stop highly enough as Boris and Jorgette were the most gracious of hosts and we now own a turquoise inlaid cherry bowl that I helped create with Boris.

Following those first campouts, we then visited Creede Colorado, Gunnison Colorado, Green Springs Utah, Idaho Falls Idaho, Sherman Oregon, Fort Stevens Oregon, Dosewallips State Park Washington, a ferry trip to Anacostas Washington for three nights each. We hiked Arches (and got lost in the desert), Gunnison National Parks and backroads of BLM land, walked on beaches where we were the only footprints, clammed and fished a little. When we arrived in Everett Washington area – we were ready for a longer break and spent about a week with our son talking, walking and playing dominos.



Those stops were mostly the same as the original plan but leaving Washington, everything was ad lib; Wilbur Washington, a Harvest Host alpaca ranch near Billings Montana, KOA campgrounds in Rapid City Montana and North Sioux Falls South Dakota, then home. We watched the wheat harvest in the northern central plains of miles and miles of wheat. Bison, elk, deer, eagles and quail were frequent sights. The only place we visited with more than a handful of people was at Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument. Really enjoyed Crazy Horse Monument and the museum. The workshop and restaurant were well worth the time we spent there.



Calypto and Zeus, our trailer and truck, performed admirably with only having to replace a converter in Anacortes Washington and a solar monitor that was steamed by our instant pot on the last day. Those moments, though frustrating, are part of the adventure and certainly part of the learning curve with owning a trailer. In no small part, due to the grace and courtesy of the people we met, small disasters were remedied and we continued on.

Glad to be home, but ready to think about the next trip.
Safe travels and marvelous memories.

– The Portos

