



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

November 2020

### President's Message



Each year, our Club welcomes several new members. In order for the existing members and new members to get to know each other, our Club typically schedules a luncheon on the first Saturday of each month. These luncheons are held at various restaurants in our Club vicinity. Each are hosted by Club volunteers who contact and reserve a room at the restaurant, and then welcome members as they arrive. ***There, we mingle, order lunch, mingle more, go over updates, club news and other Airstream interests - and just generally get to know each other.*** In addition, throughout the year, Club members have a Spring and Fall camping rally. Our Region 8 administrators also have Spring and sometimes, Fall Rallies. These various meeting opportunities are for community, getting to know one another and camping out in our Airstreams.

### **This year is different. Yep.**

Because it has been unsafe to have group get-togethers, I have asked some of our *new* members to share a little bit about themselves. We can use these introductions as a starting point for when we are actually able to resume our Club activities.

***Read about some of our new members on page 4***

I also want to mention and remind you that our club keeps a *photo directory* of all of the members who wish to be included. This is a very good reference for our club -- at least it has been for me with my increasingly challenged short-term memory.

To get your photo added, please email it to Kirk Moore, our Newsletter Editor, at: [kcunitnews@gmail.com](mailto:kcunitnews@gmail.com).

To view the existing photos, go to:

<https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas/photo-directory> - John



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## In Remembrance of Anna Janesko

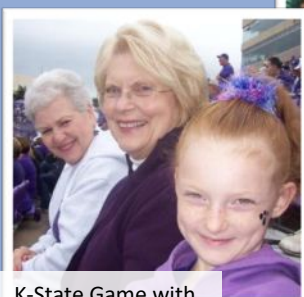
Our lovely friend **Anna (Annie) Janesko** passed away on October 10<sup>th</sup>. She was 82.

Annie was a long-time member of our Airstream Club, joining in 1980. Her husband Gary preceded her in death in 2009. Gary was our Club's President in 1984, and *Annie held the same office in 2008*. In recent years, Annie was often accompanied to luncheons and on travel adventures by Bob George, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club.

Annie's obituary mentioned how she was "an active member of the Airstream Club of Kansas City and traveled extensively. She was an avid animal lover and a lifelong pet owner." The obit ended with an ask by her children that we honor her by taking "time to travel and see this beautiful world. And please, consider sharing your life with a homeless animal."



Hosting breakfast  
at a Region 8 Rally



K-State Game with  
a Granddaughter

Laughing with Bob



## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS



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

### RALLIES



April 22 - 25, 2021

### Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally

**Platte City, MO**

Save the dates! More info later.

April 28 – May 2, 2021

### Region 8 Rally

**Amana, IA**

Save the dates! More info later.

June 11 - 13, 2021

### Just-Have-Fun Rally

**Clinton Lake, KS**

Save the dates! More info later.

July 17 - 24, 2021

### Airstream Club Intl Rally

**Lebanon, TN**

Register now at - <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>

## Don't Forget!

### Deadline to Renew – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

- **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](https://airstreamclub.org/renew).
- If you are unable to pay online, you can renew over the phone - 937-596-5211.

### Birthdays

Joyce Cantrell– 11/03  
Ryan Beasley – 11/10  
Larry Poage – 11/15  
Paula Timmons – 11/15  
Marion Pember – 11/15

### November Celebrations!

### Anniversaries

Kerstin Roberts – 11/16  
Carrie Lamb – 11/18  
Martin Hughey – 11/26  
Linda Poage – 11/27

Wayne & Ginny Gurtler - 11/02  
Frank & Coke Melton – 11/30





### Welcome New Members!

**Monty & Tonja Sowder**

Lawrence, KS

**Steve & Patty Wyne**

Augusta, MO

**J. Scott & Leanna Love**

Lebo, KS

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

### We've Grown!

**Joyce Cantrell** is our club's Membership Chair. Here is part of her report at the September Meeting:

***"As of September 17, 2020, there are 63 members in the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club.***

As of January 1, 2020, the Audit List provided by the Airstream Club International indicated that we had a total membership of 55 units - for a *gain of eight members* as of September 17, 2020."

### So Let's Have More Campouts!

Joyce also reported that one way to get more engagement with new members is to *"have more campouts!* Many of the folks I've contacted have been eager to campout in their Airstreams with other Airstream owners. We have members who are not retired and some who have children. They want to know what we do when we are together - *with our Airstreams.* They want to camp by lakes, relax, and enjoy nature. Meetings are not high on their list of things to do. ***So, Lee and I, along with Vern and Karen Wirka, plan on having a campout on June 11, 12 and 13, 2021, at Clinton Lake.***"

"Everyone will make their own reservations and meals will be informal and spontaneous."

Be sure to read future Gopher News to find out more details as they become available!

### Community Service Chairperson Needed!

Can you spare a few minutes of your time to fill this position? Duties include:

- Coordinate with a charitable organization for donations at Christmas and at each club rally
- Informing club members where and what we are donating, and a deadline
- Collect the donated items and deliver to the organization

**Linda Poage** will continue to collect the Common Cents funds.

*More than one person can help with this!*

**Will you help?**

**Chaz Colbert** noticed these new Continuing Education courses being offered at JCCC. Chaz has communicated with the instructor and if enough Club Members contact him, we might be able to schedule a group class. Or, feel free to sign up for the individual classes listed below.



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### INTRO TO RVING (RV 101)

Let us help you "get going"

CDL-800 4 hours \$79

**New to the RV lifestyle or considering purchasing one?**

**Learn how to safely use, maintain and enjoy your RV.**

**You'll discuss:**

- Types of RVs
- Terms and jargon
- Top 10 recommended essentials
- Types, care and maintenance
- Speed and space management
- Campground basic
- Misconceptions
- Height and length cautions and weight distribution

### RV BOOT CAMP

For everyone from weekenders to full-timers

CDL-810 1-day personalized 1:1 training \$375

**Ease your mind and protect your investment. This hands-on experience is tailored to practice the skills you need to safely operate your RV. Get 1:1 instruction from an experienced RV trainer at your location using your RV.**

**Travel is covered for instructors within a 25-mile radius of JCCC.**

**Content is customizable depending on your needs:**

- Pre-trip inspection
- Hooking and unhooking
- Mirror adjustment, backing skills
- Weight distribution and leveling
- Stopping and following distance
- Turning, towing and defensive driving techniques
- Route selection and city/highway driving
- Holding tank and equipment use

[jccc.edu/RV](http://jccc.edu/RV)

913-469-3836

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Our new Club Flag design has been *approved* by Region and Corporate.

We're now moving forward to get the flag created and ready for our President to carry at next year's International Rally.

- **Linda Poage**

### Need a new badge with your favorite logo?



Don't forget that the Club will buy updated badges for current members! (You can keep your old badges if you prefer.)

Let **Linda Poage** know *before Nov. 15th!*





## Meet the New Members!



### **Regan & Katie Stoops, three sons. Gardner, KS, 1986 Excella, 32 ft. (two-door version)**

"I've always wanted an Airstream. Our family had another brand of travel trailer when our boys were younger but sold it when we moved to Gardner. My name is Regan and my wife Katie and I have 3 sons, who are 9, 12, and 14. We also have 2 boxer dogs. We came to Gardner from Southeast Iowa in 2017 when I became Pastor of First Baptist Church of Gardner. Katie is a 1st grade teacher. This year, as the pandemic shut everything down, we decided to start looking for our next camper, and I went first to check for used Airstreams. And we found ours. It is a 1986 32' Excella with 2 doors. It was in really good shape, though it smelled like it was over 30 years old. We immediately ripped out anything with material and went to work updating the interior. After about 3 weeks of constant work, it was ready to camp. Of course, it was ready right at the time our sons' baseball seasons kicked off and there wasn't much time for camping. We're excited to be a part of this group and look forward to getting to know people and learning from all of you about our 'Stella the Excella'."



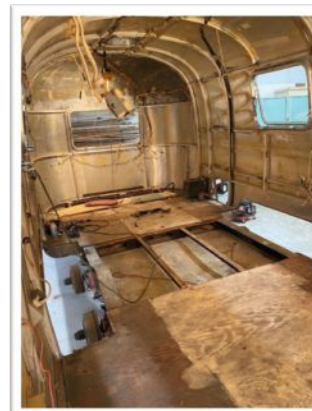
### **Jeff & Kim Alley, Holt, MO, 2020 Globetrotter, 28 ft.**

"Good morning! Jeff and I have been married 35 years, are about to retire from the rebar industry. Although we have traveled throughout our lives for work, we are really looking forward to taking our New 2020 Globetrotter across the country at a leisurely pace.

I'm off to Charleston, SC to meet him and to ride back to KC on his 2020 Harley Street Glide. He rode it to Miami, FL this week for a business meeting. I'll partner up with him and ride home for another of our crazy adventures."

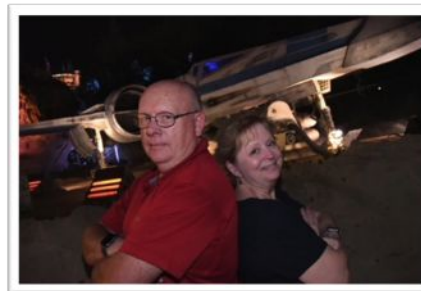
Jeff and Kim purchased their new Globetrotter just outside of Des Moines, Iowa because it was the closest and most responsive dealership. They pull the Globetrotter with a one ton dually.

## Meet the New Members!



### Jeff & Lisa Stasch, Garden City, KS, 1986 Argosy, 26 ft.

"Lisa and I live in Garden City KS. I am a Dentist, but she is the Boss :) We have had a couple of motorhomes in the past, but Lisa has always wanted to try an Airstream. As we approach retirement, we both want to tour the US, and daytrip out from the camp to see things in the area... museums, parks, battlegrounds, etc. We also wanted to renovate, so we can build it out to fit our lifestyle. We recently found a painted Airstream, an Argosy 26 made in 1976 - the year I graduated from High School! We have since stripped the interior panels out and removed the vinyl surface, removed the floor and installed two new and beefier axles. The water tank came yesterday, and the grey is on the way. We work together all day, then work on the camper nights and weekends. Our agreement is I make all the big decisions, and she makes all the little ones - so far I haven't made a single one! We have poured over the Blue Beret hoping to attend get-togethers and get ideas for our buildout, but the COVID keeps shooting us out of the saddle! I will include a picture of the day we brought it home (this April), and one of the current build progress. We look forward to meeting everyone at the soonest. Best Wishes to All, and stay safe!"



### Marvin & Deborah Williams, Kansas City, MO, 2019 Flying Cloud, 33 ft.

"We have a 2019 Classic 33 foot that we bought new 2 years ago. A year ago we spent our vacation on a trip around Lake Michigan stopping at Holland, Travers city, Mackinac Island and Painted Rocks. Had about 10 days of pure pleasure. We normally travel with our two pups Winston and Sophie who are Cotton de Tulear breed. Our three children are grown and don't normally travel with us. Marvin is a retired Army Colonel currently working as an Army Civilian at the Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth. Deb owned Shining Stars Catering which was a top 3 wedding caterer. We sold it a year and a half ago and she is retired. We are members of Harvest Hosts and have found some great camping experiences through them. We strongly recommend Van Till Winery which is only an hour from KC. This summer we spent remodeling our Farmhouse near Carthage MO and lived in the Airstream while doing the work. We also visited the factory this summer. We look forward to getting to know local members."

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### Steve & Patty Wyne, Augusta, MO, 2020 Globetrotter, 23ft.

"We are excited to travel in our Globetrotter 23fb. We are avid cyclists. Patty has ridden the Katy trail from start to finish. Patty also works at a bicycle shop. Steve is a builder specializing in log homes. Our leisure time is filled with biking, trout fishing, hiking and spending time with the grandchildren."



### Monty and Tonja Sowder, Lawrence, KS, 2015 Flying Cloud, 25 ft.

"We are Monty and Tonja Sowder, new to Lawrence, KS. We relocated from Wichita, KS due to our children and grandchildren who live in the area. Monty worked for AT&T for 42 years as an Engineer and Tonja was a Vice-President of Human Resources for 18 years, retiring from that position to work part-time as a Consultant until the end of this year. We bought an Airstream because we love to travel domestically and internationally. We love the quality and design of the Airstream brand and Monty's brothers also have Airstreams and speak very highly of them. We look forward to safe travels this next year, primarily visiting national parks, biking and hiking through our beautiful country!"



### Patrick Bryne, Lenexa, KS, 2018 Bambi, 16 ft.

In mid-October, Patrick was camping south of Branson, Missouri at Table Rock State Park. He recently retired as the Regional Staff Manager, Toyota Motor Sales Kansas City, Missouri. Patrick is from Detroit, Michigan and studied Marketing and Sales at Eastern Michigan University. Patrick has just completed a 10-week, 10,000-mile trip to the west coast in his recently-purchased Bambi. He says that he purchased his Airstream because it is a superior product and doesn't depreciate nearly as quickly as other competitors.