

Greetings everyone! I hope that all of you have found an enjoyable escape from the grip of winter or have happily endured it. We've done both. I know that many have taken their Airstreams south and I would like to see pictures and hear stories of your adventures so I can share them with the rest of us. Judy and I flew to Cabo, Mexico for two weeks with our two children, their spouses, and 8 month old grandson Jackson. It was wonderful to get away, relax, fish, golf, watch the whales, and think about the exciting year ahead for the Airstream club events. We have many things for which to prepare, including our St. Patrick's Day luncheon, our Mark Twain rally in April, the Region 8 Rally in Fremont, NE, our Casino Queen Rally, and other upcoming events. Please give your attention to the messages in this newsletter.

Barry Johnson (ctajohnson@aol.com; (314) 605-4214)

Next up - St Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 7 Saturday, Noon to 3:00 PM



McGurks in Soulard
1200 Russell Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63104
Hosts: Lyn & John Heald
RSVP at (314) 803-3699 or
john.lyn33@yahoo.com
(Thanks to you two for hosting!)

The Healds and Johnsons scouted this venue in January and found it to be very appealing for our group. We hope to see you there.

Help Wanted PLEASE:

Consider being a Host or Co-Host for the July and August rallies. There are lots of fun things to do in those areas.

Our 3rd VP position is OPEN and begs to be filled.

See the important message about volunteering from our past president, Greg Vadner, on page 3.

GSLAC Events Schedule for 2020

(It's time to plan and book reservations)

March 7 St Patrick's Day Luncheon @ McGurk's . See message to the lower left.

April 17-20 Mark Twain Rally in Hannibal, MO. Deadline to book a campsite is April 1. Details on page 2.

April 22-26 Region 8 Rally in Fremont, NE. Details on page 2.

May 14-17 Casino Queen Camping Rally near St. Louis. See details on page 2.

June 20-27 WBCCI International Rally in Loveland, CO. Sign up by visiting <https://airstreamclub.org/events> or call Barb Langston @ (937) 596-5211.

July 16-19 Land of Lincoln Rally @ Double J Campground near Springfield, IL. Call Liz or Larry Fons @ (217) 483-9998 to reserve a site. Deadline to reserve is June 15. **We still need a host or co-hosts for this rally. Contact Judy or Barry Johnson if you can help us.**

August 20-23 Johnson Shut-ins Rally @ Big Creek RV Park in Annapolis, MO Call Patty @ (573) 598-1064 to reserve site. Deadline to reserve is June 1. **We need a host or co-hosts for this rally, also. Contact Judy or Barry to volunteer.**

September 17-20 Wilson's Creek Battlefield Rally (Annual Business mtg) @ the Springfield/Route 66 KOA. Call Cameron before September 1 @ (417) 831-3645 to reserve. Hosts: Larry & Jackie Weidle @ grandpa1shot@hotmail.com or (573) 694-7642.

October 15-18 GSLAC Installation Rally at Pere Marquette Illinois State Park in Grafton, IL. Hosts: Lyn & John Heald, (314) 803-3699 or john.lyn33@yahoo.com. Reserve site through "reserveamerica.com **ASAP after April 15th.**

December 5 GSLAC Holiday Luncheon @ Russel House Restaurant in Hillsboro, MO. Hosts: Greg and Frances Vadner.

Important Note:

Some changes have occurred since our original schedule was published. Always use the most recent information in the newsletters and let me know if you find errors.



Finally back on the road
Mark Twain Rally
April 17 to 20
(Friday to Monday)

Mark Twain Cave Campground

7097 County Road 453
Hannibal, MO 63401

(Full Hookups & Pavillion - call Jamie @ (573) 221-1656 to reserve)

Reserve your campsite by April 1

Co-hosts:

Sarah & Joe Hauser; (636) 278-0535 camperqueen2000@yahoo.com

Glenn Waters; (618) 210-7734 gew26499@sbcglobal.net

Hop & Skip to Region 8 Rally:

If you are attending the Mark Twain rally and the Region 8 Rally in Fremont, NE, we suggest staying at A Country Charm RV Park in Hamilton, MO on April 20 and/or the 21st. Hamilton is popular for its quilt shops. From there, it is about a 3 hour drive to the Region 8 Rally in Fremont, NE.

Region 8 Rally

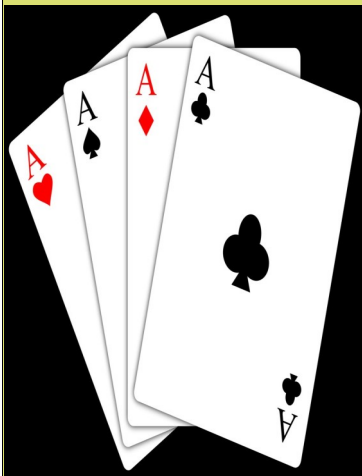
The Region 8 Rally is in Fremont, NE (near Omaha)

April 23rd to the 26th

Arrive on Wednesday, April 22nd

The theme is "Find Your Path" and we're responsible for table & stage decorations, and door prizes.

The Registration Form has been sent to you separately.



Don't miss the Casino Queen Camping Rally

May 14 -17 (Thursday to Sunday)

Casino Queen Campground & Casino

200 S Front St, East St Louis, IL 62201

It's safe, clean, and surrounded by fun!

Call Princess @ (618) 261-8006 to reserve your campsite by May 1st

Co-Hosts: Kathy & Kevin Welsh: (314) 565-8017, kswelsh8017@gmail.com

Kathy & Bill Wharton: (636) 388-3613, wharton@yhti.net

A Message from our Community Service Chair

It is time to start collecting for Community Service. I will be collecting the usual items; hats, stuffed animals, lap blankets and/or throws, items for women's shelters, and of course the tabs

Thanks for all of your help: Glenn Watters

Volunteering for our Future (A Message from our 2019 President)

Sometimes in the joy of traveling the country, camping and getting together with friends we forget that to make the club work there is the business side. That's where our volunteer leadership comes in. Volunteering is the lifeblood of our Airstream club; it's how our business gets done so we can enjoy camping and fellowship activities with other Airstream owners. It is the foundation to a better camping experience.

As the chairman of the Greater St Louis Airstream Club Nominating Committee I can tell you we need help, we need volunteers for our 2021 leadership team. We have openings to fill from Trustees to Vice Presidents to Board members to event Hosts.

My stomach twists in knots when I find myself talking to members about the need to fill volunteer positions. I know I'm making them uncomfortable as well. I think *darn it, you'd be perfect, please rise to the call, it's not that hard or time consuming.* You think *darn it, how many times do I have to say not now, before you leave me alone.* Yikes.

Did you know some studies show volunteering promotes longevity, leads to better health and reduces the risk of Alzheimer's by keeping the mind active? As I have volunteered for our club positions I have been personally rewarded with stronger bonds of friendship and better camping experiences. Our club is important to me and I believe it is to you too. Take a minute to reflect on the grim future of our club without volunteers. Take a minute to reflect on how important you are to our club. Give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to talk about how you can strengthen our future.

And thanks to all our members for the critical role you play in volunteering for club duties and positions. Without volunteers we are dead in the water, or perhaps for our club it's broken down along the road!

Greg Vadner
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**Our Valentine's Day Luncheon was fantastic with 35 members attending.
Many thanks to Berta Everson and Judy Johnson for hosting the event**



A Thankful Message from Darrell and Sharon Waters:

“First, we thank you for the many prayers for Sharon. We know that God has led us in the treatment process we have been following. We are VERY cautiously optimistic about Sharon. She is on 3 new targeted medicines, and is improving. The tumors are shrinking and the CEA, cancer score is getting lower and lower. The side effects are “HELL”, but the benefits are worth the discomfort. Thank you for sharing this journey with us.”

Darrell and Sharon

Branson Musicland Revisited Rally

Sponsored by Region 8

Co-Hosted by Glenn Waters

Refer to the February edition of the Blue Beret; Ad on page 42, coupon on page 64

Mail in the coupon ASAP if interested.

New Members and Late Renewals Since our Directory was published in mid-December

- Brett & Lou Ellen Hartley
- Ken & Barbi Smith
- Elaine & Dane Andree
- Mark & Sharon Holzhauer
- Mary Jo & Lee Tarvin
- Ellen & Skip Fritsche
- Misty & Chad Thorpe
- Aaron & Rona Duncan

The Thorpes and Duncans just joined this month.

Welcome to the club