

Coming soon... Spring time in Missouri

Tag-A-Long to Region Rally

Are you going from the Spring rally at Bill Thomas Camper Sales to the Region 8 rally in Topeka? Arrival is wide open on Monday so no real deadline to worry about. About 2 hours from Topeka is The Great Escape RV Resort. 19912 Old Hwy 40, Higginsville, exit 49 off I-70. Phone 660-584-2649. They have full hook-ups so you can fill your water tank and dump your black & grey tanks before leaving. You can then go into the Region Rally ready for anything! There are other parks closer so make your own plans, I plan on making it a Great Escape!

Register now for the Region 8 rally in Topeka, KS. Rally details & registration form are attached



UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES

April 25-28—Spring Tune-up Rally at Bill Thomas Camper Sales in Wentzville

April 30-May 3—Region 8 Rally in Topeka, KS

May 16-19—Rend Lake Rally, Whittington Woods Campground

Read this newsletter for information on all these events.



You don't want to miss this rally

Announcing the Spring Rally at Gateway Airstream, Bill Thomas Camper Sales in Wentzville.

Attached is an updated agenda for the rally along with the registration form. You can register now so why wait.

We will enjoy a special Dinner on Thursday the 25th hosted by Bill & Nancy Thomas and Bradley & Billy Jo Eubank. All Airstreamers and former GSL Club Members are invited to this dinner. Please see the attached registration information.

Important-if you want to have service done on your Airstream while at our rally please call BT Camper sales asap to schedule your service.

636-332-2992 or 800-367-5767.

Got news?
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62nd WBCCI International Rally

July 20-27, 2019 in Doswell, VA
 Meadow Event Park (birthplace of Secretariat)

Region 8 has 36 registered for the International. Greater St Louis has 16 of those.

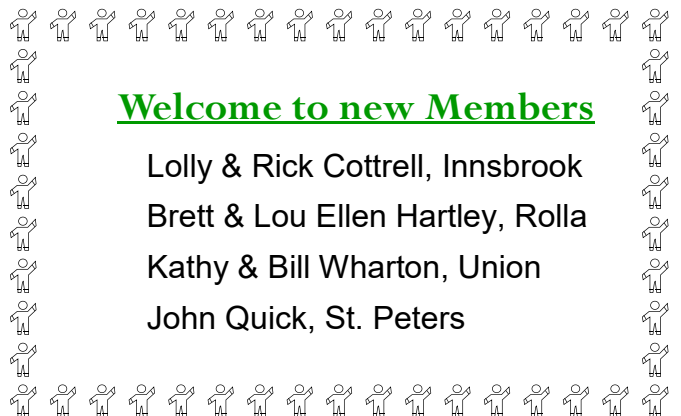
There is an opening for You!

Our 3rd Vice Presidency is Vacant

On the job training is available.

Welcome to new Members

Lolly & Rick Cottrell, Innsbrook
 Brett & Lou Ellen Hartley, Rolla
 Kathy & Bill Wharton, Union
 John Quick, St. Peters



Updated SPECIAL EDITION

REGION 8 RALLY

Rally Registration Attached

Some small details are still being worked out but for the most part we are ready to educate, indoctrinate, communicate, and party April 30 to May 3 at the Topeka Expo Center.

This special edition will give you a few more details about the schedule for those days, the assignments of duties to the units, and also a bit about provided meals. Also attached is a reservation form for the rally.

All units have duties, I didn't bore you with theirs

On or about the 1st of April, there will be another newsletter sent out with directions on how to approach the RV Parking at the Center, so that we won't be coming in from all directions and confuse the security guards. Remember, the RV parking is controlled and the fees are collected by the Security Team at the Center. Here is a day to day schedule as we have it now...

Don't count on sewer & water. Arrive with full water tank & empty dump tanks...

Monday – Parking and Welcome. Units should arrive during the day on Monday.

Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. - Hospitality – Coffee, Juice and Sweet Treats Registration will be from 8:30 to 10:00 Tuesday morning.
6:00 P.M. – Catered Dinner

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Catered Breakfast – This is the morning that the tour of the Capitol Building is scheduled and the rest of the day is free to explore the city and great places to eat.

7:00 p.m. – Games or other entertainment

Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast cooked and served by NEBRASKA

This is an entirely free day. There will be information in your welcome bag regarding historic and/or unusual places to see within an hour's drive of Topeka.

6:00 P.M. – Pizza Party – Served by OFFICERS

7:30 P.M., – Band Performing – Help with set up or anything they need – GREATER OZARK

Friday – 8:00 a.m. – Catered Breakfast – Hosted by Officers

9:00 a.m. – Executive Board Mtg followed by General Meeting – All Members

Noon – Greater ST LOUIS unit is responsible for end of rally clean-up. Make sure all personal and Region 8 items are out of the building, check for trash in all the areas that have been used, work with building maintenance crew and security to see if they need any assistance in clearing the area

We will be having ice cream each evening, whether it be part of the meals or as a treat later. The ice cream will be available in the freezer and each evening a unit will be assigned to hand those out. There will also be drawings for a few nice things on the last day and one of the units will be assigned to assist with that too.

Information about Tuesday morning seminars:

10:00 - Officers Training – This will be for Presidents and Vice Presidents. Committee assignments for 2020 will also be determined at the end of this meeting.


10:00 – Caravan Workshop – All the units should be thinking about a caravan of some type. This workshop will give you some good ideas on getting the planning started.

11:00 – Maintenance Workshop – Question and Answer Session – If you have a question, someone is sure to have an answer. Possible discussion regarding surge protectors. If you have a specific topic that you would like to discuss, contact Dwight.

11:00 – Rally Planning Workshop - Does your unit have enough rallies, do you want more, are you burnout with ideas. Let's talk.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR FIRST TIMERS –

Tuesday, 4:30 in Heritage Hall – a Meet and Greet – Getting to Know You – for first timers. If this is your first time to a region rally, or if you have just joined the club in the past 12 months, we want to get to know you better. Hosted by Betty Sullivan – Membership Chairman. Bring your own drink - munchies provided.



We want your help for end of rally clean up

St Patrick's Luncheon a rousing good time!

We had a great turn out for the St. Pat's luncheon with 34 members enjoying good food and stories aplenty. Thank you all.

As I looked around the room and listened to introductions, I thought WOW, we have a lot of members with a lot of experience. I checked our directory and discovered we had more than 230 years of Airstream and camping experience in that little room. That is an amazing amount of knowledge. We also had several new members in attendance. Just think, all that experience at our fingertips. So, experienced members or new members, the next event you attend whether a luncheon, dinner or rally, pull up a chair, sit down, and talk. It is amazing what you can learn from other, Airstreamer's experiences, good and bad. Lyn Heald #5821



Hard at work preparing our St Patrick's Day Luncheon



I'm looking forward to the new Palace!

Gone to Texas



- again Jane and I are spending our tenth winter on South Padre Island where January was generally cool, cloudy and windy. However, seeing what you all in Missouri are dealing with, I'll not complain except to say that fishing has been below par thus far.

This year we fulfilled a long held ambition and, thanks to an invite to join some Airstream friends who live in the Hill Country, we have journeyed west some 600 miles to West Texas to the Big Bend National Park and environs. On the way we stopped overnight at Seminole Canyon to hike and view the 4000 year old petroglyphs and pictographs left in the canyon which enters the Rio Grand at its terminus. Pressing on the next day, we camped just outside the Park at Study Butte.

For the next five days we hiked and drove all through this enormous and varied Park which is in the northern most part of the Chihuahuan Desert which is just now showing signs of Spring. Gorgeous weather all week. Mountains to climb, trails to hike, visits to Mexico across the Rio Grand, fantastic, lush oases with great campgrounds, golf courses, and wonderful food.

Now 100 miles north in Alpine, tomorrow we visit Fort Davis and the famed McDonald Observatory. Then we have two days here in Alpine for the 33rd Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival. Following which we are going to limp south back to South Padre and warm weather. (It's presently 35 here at 6500 feet.)

I urge anyone with a bit of wanderlust to mosey down this way and experience this incredible country so full of geologic wonders, independant and welcoming people, Tex-Mex cuisine, violent history, and enormous, vast vistas that will leave you hard pressed to comprehend it all. Me, well I'm goin' fishing.

Jane and I will see you at Bill Thomas's in April with lots of photos. Keep warm!

Hugh Bartlett

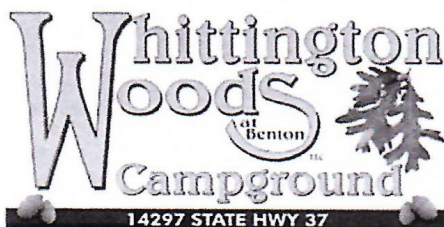




A far cry from Rolla....



Preliminary information on our May rally near Rend Lake. This is a beautiful campground in a beautiful area. Call the campground before May 6 to reserve your campsite! 618-435-3401. Let them know you are with the Greater St Louis Airstream Club. We will have additional rally information and our official club registration form in the April newsletter.



Your rally hosts are
Barry & Judy Johnson

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Attractions near Whittington Woods Campground

Our campground is just minutes away from:

Antique Shopping

Benton has several wonderful antique shops located on the square. Ina has an Antique Mall and Sesser has a very nice antique store.

Distance: 10 minutes

Visit Antique Shopping on the Web

Benton Country Club

9-holes, par 7, full pro shop, bar and grill

Distance: 8 miles

Corner Dance Hall

Family Oriented Entertainment. Weekend dances and dance classes during the week.

Distance: 5 minutes

Visit Corner Dance Hall on the Web

Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon

Mitchell Museum has contemporary art exhibitions in two galleries, including a Children's Gallery.

Distance: 25 minutes

Pheasant Hollow Winery

Pheasant Hollow has won several awards for it's fine wines. Visit their website for gift shop and tasting hours.

Distance: 5 minutes

Visit Pheasant Hollow Winery on the Web

Rend Lake

19,000 acre Recreation Lake located 1 mile west, offers boating and fishing. Boat docks are 5 minutes away

Distance: 5 minutes

Visit Rend Lake on the Web

Rend Lake Bike Trail

Our campground connects to the Rend Lake Bike Trail. You will not ride on a busy highway, easy and safe access.

Distance: 5 minutes

Rend Lake Golf Course

Championship 27-hole public golf course. Voted "Mid-America's Finest."

Distance: 5 minutes

Visit Rend Lake Golf Course on the Web

Restaurants

(Whittington) Burtons Cafe closed Mon, (Benton) Cozy Table open 7 days, Joes Pasta and Pizza closed Mon, (Sesser) The Mill Bar and Grill closed Mon&Tues

Distance: 5-10 miles

Shopping Malls

Mt. Vernon mall features Hobby Lobby, JCPenney and several other specialty shops. Marion mall features Dillard's, Target and several other specialty shops.

Distance: 25 minutes to Mt. Vernon or Marion

Walkers Bluff

Gourmet cuisine, premier vineyard, free movies every Friday Night and weekend entertainment.

Distance: 33 miles, 45 minutes

Visit Walkers Bluff on the Web

