



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

May 2021

### President's Message

Maria and I have friends who once reminded us, on an outdoor excursion during very bad weather, that *"there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!"*

During last Friday's cool evening, about 9:00 PM, while we sat around a very smar-looking campfire, **Linda Poage** looked at me and said, *"I think I just felt a raindrop"*. No one else said anything, but within the next few minutes Linda's early awareness came to bear on all of us in the form of -- rainfall.

Everyone quickly scattered for their trailers to keep dry and live another day. But other than a little coolness the first day and a little rain through the night, the Spring weather was sunny and nice.



*I believe everyone attending would call the Mo-Kan Club's Spring Rally a success!*



First, kudos to **Linda Bryant** and **Mike Bedinger** for being in charge of three breakfasts and three dinners. No one went hungry.

On Friday morning, 15 members from our group were able to tour the progress of the \$1.5 billion Kansas City International Airport renovation and construction. We walked up three flights of scaffolding stairs, through the TAA Check Point, through the Concession Node,

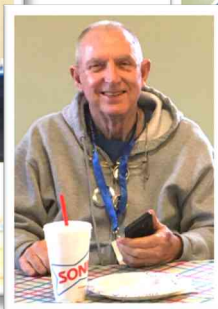
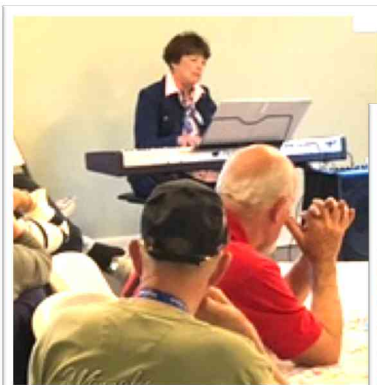
Connector Building and Concourse B—where Southwest Airlines will be located. Since the work is 50% completed, with just a little imagination one can visualize a finished product. It should be very efficient and beautiful. Our tour host, Jade Liska, Deputy Director of the Aviation Department, stated that there would even be an indoor doggie bathroom, complete with fire hydrant (not connected!) In addition, a "tranquility room" will be built for those feeling a little anxious before a flight.



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On Saturday night, we were entertained by Donna Maddox's vocal and piano skills. Since we are all travelers, she took us on a trip around the country through song and Burma Shave quotes. Then we dug out the WBCCI songbooks and sang as many songs as time allowed. We were never able to find a song that Donna did not know. She was very enjoyable.



Don't forget to look for the next camping opportunities. The "Just Have Fun" Rally is coming up in June. (See pages 4 & 5) The *Airstream International Rally* held July 17-24 will be in Lebanon, TN, and our First Vice President, **Charles Colbert** is putting together a weekend of star gazing from September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup> at Rutlander RV Post in Louisburg, KS. Hope to see you at one or all of these events in the coming months.

- John Eckardt



## In Remembrance of David McCall

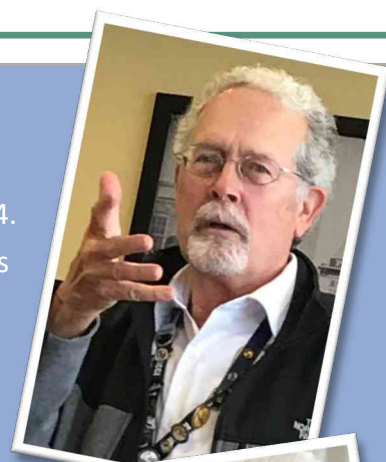
Our dear friend **David McCall** passed away on April 23<sup>th</sup>. He was 74. David and his wife **Beth** were long-time "Kansas City Unit" Members and were frequent attendees to rallies and luncheons. Beth was Unit President in 2012 and later became Region 8 President.

David and Beth were married in 1966 and lived in Leavenworth County on land that was purchased by his father in 1946. They once hosted a Vintage Airstream Rally on their farm.

The McCalls have two children and six grandchildren.

David's obituary mentions how they "enjoyed traveling and especially enjoyed all the diverse beauty of the United States and Canada. David and Beth restored a 1967 Airstream trailer and for several years they belonged to the Kansas City Airstream Club participating in many rallies and events throughout the region and the United States."

Those of us who knew David will miss his wry smile, and quiet sense of humor.







## Wave The Flag Proudly!

Attendees of the Spring Rally got to see our *new Club Flag*, with the new logo, beautifully designed by **Denise Chevalier**.

**Larry & Linda Poage** bought a 2'x3' flag to fly on their Airstream, and **YOU CAN TOO!**

If you would like to order one, they are \$64.00.

Preferably, we'd like to place *one order* to the manufacturer, so if you're interested, send a check, payable to Linda Poage at: 1904 Honeysuckle St., Kearney, MO. 64060.

**Deadline of May 24.**



The tri-flag holder can be bought online at Camperflag.com. The Poage's bought "Mr LongArm" extendable painters poles at Menards (middle pole is 12' & side poles are 8')

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities RALLIES



April 28 – May 2, 2021

### Region 8 Rally Amana, IA

If you're not there right now, you missed it! ;-)

June 11 - 13, 2021

### Just-Have-Fun Rally Clinton Lake, KS

See pages 4 & 5

Make your own reservations at recreation.gov.

July 17 - 24, 2021

### Airstream Club Intl Rally Lebanon, TN

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

September 9 - 12, 2021

### Fall Installation Rally Louisburg, KS

More information later

**Remember!** There's lots of good info, photos and archived newsletters at our Club's website: <https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas>

## Common Cents

The Executive Board is very proud to announce that our Club sent a \$1700.00 check with our President **John Eckardt** to the Region 8 Rally for Common Cents. We can be proud of our Club's generosity.

\$240.00 of that amount was "In Memory of our past members"

**Wendell Sisk, Carol Pember, Neil Crain, Anna Janesko, & David McCall.**



## Birthdays

Lynn Anderson - 5/07 Tim Timmons - 5/23  
David Sokolowski - 5/07 Tracy Williams - 5/20  
Charles Colbert - 5/13

## May Celebrations!

## Anniversaries

Don & Shirley Sutton - 5/04  
Kirk Moore & Denise Chevalier - 5/14



## ***Just-Have-Fun Rally on June 11-13***

Clinton Lake - Bloomington East Campground - Walnut Loop

Location – one mile west of Lawrence KS on Clinton Parkway

GPS coordinates:

Latitude 38 degrees 55 minutes 23.9880 seconds north

Longitude 95 degrees 19 minutes 48 seconds west)

If you haven't booked a site, it looks like there are currently no sites available in the Walnut Loop; but that could change if sites that were reserved early are released.

If you haven't informed Lee & Joyce Cantrell or Vern & Karen Wirka that you plan to attend, we would appreciate having that information. You can contact Lee & Joyce at [ljcan@twinvalley.net](mailto:ljcan@twinvalley.net) or Vern & Karen at [vwirka@cox.net](mailto:vwirka@cox.net)

Check-in time is at 6pm on the day of your reservation; however, if your site is available earlier you can check in early. Check-out time is at 5pm on Sunday, June 13. The sites in this loop are electric only unless you reserved one of the four sites with full hook-ups. Water is available at various locations on the campground and in the park, but you might find it easier to come with water in your tank.

Local requirements for COVID-19 protocol will be observed so we will keep you informed of the requirements by email shortly before the rally.

Friday, June 11 – The Cantrells and the Wirkas will provide a hot dog roast at 7 pm. Safety protocols in the preparation of the hot dogs will be observed. Bring your own table service, your own beverage, sides for your family, and lawn chairs.

Saturday, June 12 – Enjoy the day! For a list of things to do at the lake and in the surrounding area see the next page. The campground is close to the beach and there are hiking trails. The space between campsites 275 and 277 will serve as a gathering area to sit around and chat throughout the day.

We'll have a campfire around 8:30 pm so bring your lawn chairs and marshmallow sticks and the fixings for S'mores for your family if you would like.

Sunday, June 13 - 10:00 am Meet for sweet treats provided by the Cantrells and the Wirkas. Safety protocols will be observed. Bring your own coffee or preferred beverage and lawn chairs.

What to bring with you in addition to what has been mentioned above:

- Games: Lee and Joyce have a ring toss game and other group games would be fun if you have one to share.
- Musical instruments if you want to sing around the campfire or just enjoy playing music for others.
- Swimsuits if you want to hit the beach.
- Kayaks: Lee will bring a couple of kayaks so that is also an option for those of you who enjoy kayaking or would like to learn. Personal floatation devices will be provided.

## Things to Do

This list does not provide all of the possibilities in the area but will give you a taste of some of the local attractions.

### **Park Activities**

The Visitor Center is located on the northwest side of the dam and has information on the history of the area as well as other information on boating, hiking, environmental education activities, location of playgrounds, opportunities for wildlife viewing, water sports and fishing. You can also visit <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233700> for additional details.

### **Activities in Lawrence, Kansas**

**Shopping:** There are lots of shopping and restaurant opportunities on Massachusetts Street in downtown Lawrence, Kansas, which is about 20 minutes from the campground. The Watkins Museum of History is located on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts Streets in downtown Lawrence and showcases stories from Douglas County's past. For more information visit their website: <https://www.watkinsmuseum.org/visit>

### **Museums located at the University Of Kansas:**

- **KU Natural History Museum** is located at 1345 Jayhawk Blvd in Lawrence is temporarily closed at this time. Be sure to visit their website: <https://biodiversity.ku.edu/> before you go to see if they are open and for other details.
- **The Spencer Museum of Art** is located at 1301 Mississippi Street, Lawrence, KS. They are currently open but reservations are required to maintain a reduced number of visitors. You can give them a call at 785-864-4710 to make those reservations. For more information visit their website at <https://www.spencerart.ku.edu/exhibitions#top>

**Haskell Cultural Center and Museum** is located at 155 Indian Avenue, Lawrence, KS, and provides information about the unique tribal Cultures that are represented at Haskell Indian Nation University. The museum is closed on weekends. Here is their website for more information: <https://www.haskell.edu/cultural-center/>

**Baker University Wetlands & Discovery Center** is located at 1365 N. 1250 Road, Lawrence, KS, which is on the south side of Lawrence. The wetlands encompasses 927 acres of wildlife. There are more than 11 miles of trails open from dawn to dusk. Visit their website for more information: <https://www.bakeru.edu/history-traditions/the-wetlands/>

**The Crescent Moon Winery** is located at 15930 246<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas. Specific driving directions and other information about the winery can be found at their website <https://www.moonandwine.com/directions.html>