



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



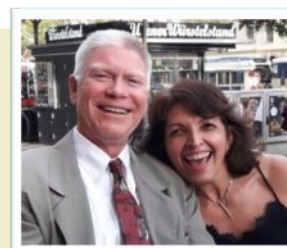
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### President's Message

*"Everybody wants to be famous, but nobody wants to do the work. You grind hard so you can play hard. At the end of the day, you put all the work in, and eventually it'll pay off. It could be in a year; it could be in 30 years. Eventually, your hard work will pay off." — Kevin Hart*

A big shout-out to my wife **Maria Stimach**, who is retiring from the City of Kansas City, Missouri after 32-years as a Traffic Engineer in the Public Works Department. It's been a long and winding road (apologies to John and Paul) but now we are both retired and can focus a little more on travel and fun without that nagging feeling of having to leave a campground early Sunday in order to be prepared for work Monday morning.



*"There's no wi-fi in the mountains, but you'll find no better connection." Anonymous*

What a fun campout everyone had at the "Just for Fun" Rally held June 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The Rally was at Clinton Lake, Lawrence, KS, and was hosted by active and long-time club members **Lee & Joyce Cantrell** and **Vern & Karen Wirka**. A robust attendance of 17 Airstreams at the event along with favorable weather and a shady campground led to a constant number of lawn chairs around the Cantrell/Wirka campsites. Enjoyable for us was that my four-year old grandson and son-in-law (photo on page 3) were able to spend Saturday night in the Airstream. He absolutely loved camping and the beach. I'm also (indebted?) to **Susan & Bob Tucker** for bringing their E-bikes and letting Maria take a spin around the campground. She was so impressed with its ease of pedaling that she instantly said that an E-bike is what she wanted for her retirement present!

"Membership at Airstream Club International - Hello from Jackson Center!  
Your club has a new member who joined for 2021! I have attached a PDF for your records."

The above email notice is the heading that Club members **Joyce Cantrell** (Membership Chair), **Linda Poage** (Treasurer) and I receive whenever our Club 059 has a new member. I am excited to say that recently, the Club added six new memberships! Details of the new members are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. **Our Club membership now has 75 Airstreams/members.** Now the fun part—camping and fellowship. From the camping standpoint, the *Airstream Club International Rally* is scheduled for July 17-24, 2021 at Lebanon, TN. In addition, mark your calendars for September 9-12, 2021 for our *Fall Installation Rally*, in Louisburg, KS. First VP **Charles Colbert** is well underway with the planning for this event. From the fellowship standpoint, I am pleased to inform the Club that after over a year due to [C\*\*\*D] we are reinstating the First Saturday Club Luncheons. On Saturday, August 7, 2021, **Larry & Linda Poage** and **Dustin & Christine Whitney** will host the 11:30 AM luncheon at the Pizza Ranch at 4801 N. Oak Trafficway, KCMO. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new members and for them to meet you. We hope for a good attendance because **an active Club is more fun with active members.**

*Now, please excuse me as I have an appointment with  
a banker to discuss a loan on an E-bike.*

*- John Eckardt*



Let's ease back into this now...

## First-Saturday Mo-Kan Club Luncheons

The Club is reinstating the monthly Club Luncheons, routinely held on the first Saturday of each month.

*But to do so, we need Luncheon Hosts!*

If you are so inclined, contact John Eckardt at 816-729-0660 or jeckar52@gmail and sign up.

The host's duty is to secure a restaurant with a large enough space to seat 20 – 40 people and also share that information as soon as possible to get it listed on the website, the Blue Beret and the Gopher News!

As you can see, August and December have already been spoken for, but Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nov 6<sup>th</sup> are yours for the hosting. **Let John know ASAP!**

Believe it or not, the Fall Installation Rally is only a few months away! Chaz Colbert has fun things planned for the rally, but there is one thing **you** have to do soon...

## Reservation Deadline!!!

Club Members planning to go to the Fall Installation Rally **MUST** reserve their camping spot **before August 8** at Rutlander Outpost RV Park. Sites 14-20 and 26-33 are set aside for us through August 8<sup>th</sup>, but will be released to the public after that date.

**Call Rutlander's RV Park at 866-888-6779 to reserve your site.**

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS

August 7, 2021 – 11:30am

#### **Pizza Ranch**

4801 N. Oak Trafficway, KCMO

Co-Hosts – Larry & Linda Poage

816-628-5064

Co-Hosts Dustin & Christine Whitney

913-221-7624

December 4, 2021 – 11:30am

### **Holiday Luncheon**

#### **June's Northland**

614 Pottawatomie Street, Leavenworth, KS

Save the date! More info to come.

### RALLIES

July 17 - 24, 2021

## **Airstream Club Int'l Rally**

### **Lebanon, TN**

More Info at - <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>

September 9 - 12, 2021

## **Fall Installation Rally**

### **Louisburg, KS**

Reserve your site now!

**Remember!** There's lots of good info, photos and archived newsletters at our Club's website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas>



## Welcome New Members!

**Daniel Bohrer & Sara Anderson**

Gladstone, MO

**Tom & Kathy Kaleko**

Lenexa, KS

**Jeffery & Judy Lytle**

Saint George, KS

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

**Susan & Bob Tucker**

Topeka, KS

**Charles Shotton & Ilona Baumhofer**

Blue Springs, MO

**Paula & Barry Wolff**

Leawood, KS

## Birthdays

John Eckardt - 7/03

Kirk Moore - 7/06

Sue Anderson - 7/10

Glenda Ridgeway - 7/10

Ronald Fultz - 7/13

Kay Corder - 7/20

## July Celebrations!

## Anniversaries

Martin & Rachel Hughey - 7/01

David & Claudia Sokolowski - 7/20





## Just for Fun Rally

June 11 – 13, 2021

*To have fun or not to have fun,  
that is the question!*

Lee Cantrell believes that's the essence of Shakespeare's question - according to Lee's high school junior English class and the *Cliff Notes* to which he referred.

Fun was definitely had by all who attended the Just for Fun Rally, June 11-13 at Clinton Lake near Lawrence, Kansas.

There were seventeen Airstreams in attendance; one new member stopped by to say "hi" since her new trailer had not yet arrived. There was a total of thirty-eight fun-loving individuals at Clinton Lake.

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### NEW RALLY FACES!



Linda & Dean Frasier



Rick & Christine Embers

### Just for Fun Rally

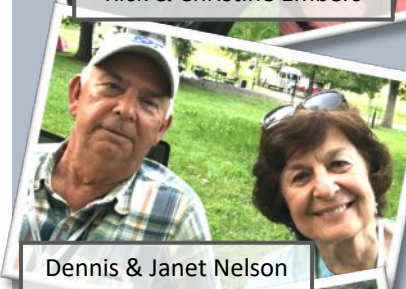
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Two of the seventeen trailers were not-yet members - but have since joined!

**Chris Shotton and Ilona Baumhofer** were prospective members who, while on a bike ride, noticed two other Airstreams camped in the next campground. So they picked up a couple of club door-hangers and placed it with a note inviting the inhabitants to our hot dog roast. Even *those* folks stopped by to visit! We laughed, visited, and enjoyed ourselves for a fun weekend of camping.

**In other words we, just had fun.**

- Joyce and Lee Cantrell



Dennis & Janet Nelson



Chris Shotton &  
Ilona Baumhofer



Bob & Susan Tucker



Jill O'Connor

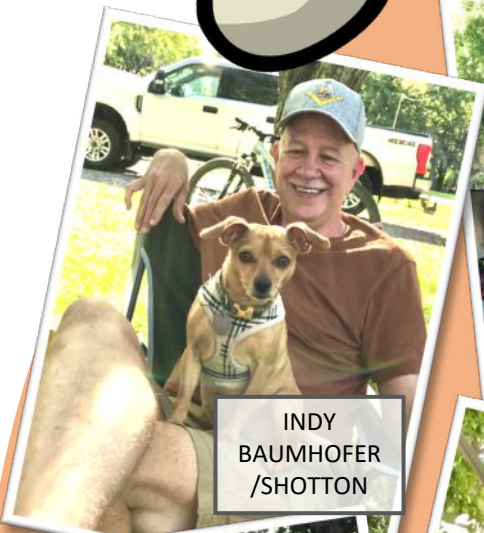


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# RALLY DOGS!



INDY  
BAUMHOFFER  
/SHOTTON



ZOEY  
WIRKA



BUSTER  
ROBINSON



RULO  
MOORE



KEELA  
CANTRELL



ZOE  
BENNETT



KEELA



MAX  
NELSON



BUSTER



## Astronomy Note:

(Provided by Chaz Colbert in preparation of the Fall Rally visit to Powell Observatory)



## The Sun

The sun is 93 million miles from the earth. The sun is so big that one million planets the size of the earth could fit in the volume occupied by the sun. It is the earth's closest star, the next closest star is Proxima-Centauri whose light takes 4 years to reach earth. It would take 19,000 years for a space craft to reach Proxima-Centauri. It takes one year for the earth to orbit the sun: if you're 55 years old, you've been around the sun 55 times! (Hughes 12–15).

## The Earth

The earth is “the third rock from the sun” and the 5th largest planet in our solar system. The earth is the only planet we know of that contains life. As the earth orbits the sun, it spins at 1000 mph in 24 hours, yet has the invisible force of gravity to hold things down. (Hughes 18).



Content from NatGeo Space for Kids and NASA website.

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