



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

June 2022

### President's Message

#### Memorial Day

We wish everyone a blessed Memorial Day when we remember loved ones, friends and neighbors who have served our country, some of whom have paid with their lives or suffered serious injuries. If you see a veteran or a Gold Star family member, tell them you appreciate them serving our country to insure our freedoms remain intact. We are heartened and saddened by the Ukrainians who are fighting for their lives and their democracy; so, as to not be dominated by another country—we pray for them. Some of you, may upon reflection, want to give to these worthy causes such as the Disabled American Veterans, War Horses for Veterans, the Gary Sinise Foundation, and/or various Ukrainian aid charities.

In a Memorial Day address, actor Gary Sinise compares the Vietnam War veterans to other conflicts, and advises us to separate the warriors from the war which we as Americans sometimes failed to do. His further comments were that we need to be proud of our country where we have freedoms that have been bought for, fought for, and sacrificed for.

***We need to never forget what it takes to be free.***

#### Airstream Club International Voting for Officers

All Airstream Club members will receive an electronic ballot to select new officers. Those members who don't have an email address of their own, may request a paper ballot. The Airstream Club International headquarters will count votes and indicate the results in their minutes.

#### Missouri Kansas Airstream Club Voting for Constitutional Amendments I and II

The Missouri Airstream Club Executive board will email an electronic ballot for everyone to vote either for, against, or abstain for each of the two constitutional amendments. We will count the vote and report the results in the club meeting notes. We need your completed e-ballot by 15 June.

**Amendment I** would abolish the General Delegate Meeting held every year at the International Rally. When a vote is needed, each member will receive an electronic ballot and will be able to vote individually for some issue. This gives more voting power to the members and is thought to be nimbler. Some clubs have not been able to attend the international rallies, and this would give those clubs a voice in the decision-making.

**Amendment II** deals with the Executive Council restructuring to include 2-year terms. It also allows for a bigger executive council. Candidates will be selected from those who have served as regional presidents. This approach enables more long-range planning since a council member has one year to learn his job and another to engage in planning

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### Executive Officers

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## JUST-FOR-FUN RALLY

### MELVERN OUTLET - June 2-5

Purpose of the rally: **HAVE FUN!!!**

Each day is spent relaxing, visiting, site-seeing and **HAVING FUN!**

- We have use of the Pavilion all weekend to visit, play games and eat!
- Bring your own service/utensils and drinks to each provided meal
- Friday evening, hot dogs and chips provided, please bring a side or a dessert to share
- Saturday morning, muffins are provided, bring your own coffee
- Saturday evening, fireside chats, bring smores makings and roasting sticks

Here's a few nearby restaurants with great food:

- Buzzard's Pizza 708 Topeka Ave, Lyndon KS
- Ann's Diner at 1304 Topeka Ave, Lyndon KS
- Breck's Green Acres Restaurant  
4961 KS-268 Vassar KS

The town of Lyndon has a hardware store, a Casey's General Store and a Dollar General

- Closest Walmart, Ottawa (30miles)
- Closest grocery, Osage City (18miles)



For more information about the fun to be had at Melvern Lake, check out this [link](#)!



And find a map of the lake [here](#)!

**We hope to see you there!**

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS



June, 2022

**No Luncheon due to schedule conflicts with J-4-F Rally**

July 9, 2022 – 11:30am

**Burg & Barrel**

W. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Oveland Park, KS

Hosts – Ed & Jill O'Conner

913-484-3275

August 2022

**No Luncheons due to schedule conflicts with Int'l Rally**

### RALLIES



June 2 - 5, 2022

**Mo-Kan "Just-for-Fun" Rally**

**Melvorn Lake, KS**

Outlet Park

July 23 - 29, 2022

**Airstream Club Int'l Rally**

**Fryeburg, Maine**

Register NOW at [AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg](http://AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg)

Sept 29 – Oct 2, 2022

**Fall Installation Rally**

**Osceola, MO**

Arrowhead Point RV Park

**More info on page 5**

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

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

## June Celebrations!

**Birthdays**

Linda Bryant - 6/17

**Only one Birthday in June?!?**

Well then, this is a fine time to remind everyone that if you *haven't* seen **your** celebration dates displayed in the Gopher News, contact Joyce Cantrell at [ljcan@twinvalley.net](mailto:ljcan@twinvalley.net) and make sure you're on the list!

## President's Message *(Continued from page 1)*

### General Information on Constitutional Amendments

Amendment I and II have been developed over the past two years with approval by the IBT as late as last November and December—it hasn't been a rushed development process. However, the roll-out could seem to be rushed and they want to effect change.

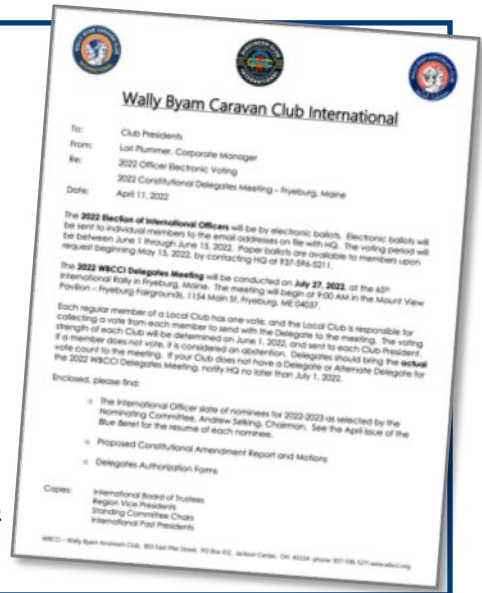
For more information on the officer's ballot see the Blue Beret.

Visit the Airstream Club International's [website](https://www.airstreamclubinternational.com) for additional information.

There was an informative, very positive, panel Discussion that was posted on YouTube at this link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtzJR9Dwtjs>

And up on Facebook, there were some opposing viewpoints expressed which can be found on the below link.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/36242477503/search/?q=constitutional%20amendments%20panel%20you%20tube>



Here's a few happy Mo-Kan Club Members who attended the Region 8 Rally, April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, in Lincoln, Nebraska





## Travels with Buttercup (the Atlas)

As many of you know, we have acquired an Airstream Atlas Murphy Suite motorhome which is ~24 feet long, 10' 6" tall, and 7 feet 7 inches wide. We met Marvin and Deborah Williams at a Harvest Host location - Van Till Farm Winery in Rayville, MO and stayed their one night. You do not have to drink alcoholic drinks as they have other choices. There is an arboretum dining room with nice selections, including good wood-fired pizza; and an amazing selection of beautiful flowers and plants.

There are no hook-ups. We ran into a few electrical issues while there. They only have parking for four RV's. The Winery has wedding venue and on Saturday a wedding was taking place. Also, for lunch, they had a folk singer, Mr. Frank Rardon, who accompanied himself on guitar (see picture below).

Then we traveled to Lawson, MO to the Lakeside RV Camp. The directions to the RV park advise to not take your rig over the city's wood bridge, but of course, that's the way Waze took us there, down Rahm road. It's best to come in on D and look for KK going north and come in the back way.

None of the pedestals are grounded, so our Southwire surge protector would not allow us to hook up. But many of the RV's were hooked up to power with no difficulty—may not have had surge protectors (see picture below). According to electrical safety experts, this scenario can lead to a hot skin. So, we were there for two days and two nights living off battery and solar power. Had more electrical issues with our GFCI outlets. The Murphy bed won't latch up, but the couch back holds it up. Couch back motor which raises couch from bed configuration to couch configuration wouldn't operate. So, in accordance with helpful directions from Airstream Customer Service, we had to turn off main power at the breaker box and re-power up, then it would work slowly. We did have an amazing opportunity to work the macerator pump in clearing out the black tank. We have lots to learn.

The Lawson Golf course had a restaurant called Mulligan's Pub and Eatery that was good; and of course, the Waffle House in Excelsior Springs was good.

-Chaz



Van Till Family Farm Winery dining room showing beautiful flowers and hanging plants



Mr. Frank Rardon performing in Van Till Family Farm Winery dining room, notice beautiful greenery and the wedding venue out the window over Frank's left shoulder



Me in front of Buttercup practicing our New Millennial selfie at Lakeside RV Park, Lawson, MO, No grounded electrical pedestals



## Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Fall Rally

September 29 – Oct 2, 2022

Arrowhead Point RV Park, 755 SW Hwy. 54, Osceola, MO. 64776

[arrowheadpointrv.com](http://arrowheadpointrv.com) Phone: (417) 876-3016

Start  
Planning  
today!

Call RV Park to make your reservations for a camp site or cabin. Camp sites (\$35.00 plus tax) are level pull-thru's with full hookups & there are 5 cabins (\$45 - \$100) on site. There is a 10% Military discount. Check out their web site to see the best-kept secret in the Ozarks. Arrowhead Point is the perfect place to escape & enjoy the beautiful outdoors. The quiet, peaceful surroundings lend itself to relaxation & fellowship with our Airstream friends. We will have access to a nice Clubhouse for our get-togethers & games. Also, we are planning a campfire, so bring your smore treats. There is a Food Trailer at the RV Park on weekends for Breakfast & Lunch. Our annual Installation of Officers will be held. Coupon with Rally Fees & itinerary will be provided in a future MO-KS Newsletter. We hope that you plan to attend.

***Make your reservations for a camp site or cabin now!***

### Near By Towns & Lakes:

**Stockton, Truman, & Pomme de Terre Lakes** are within 20 to 30 minutes of RV Park.

**Osceola - Osceola Cheese Company** at 3700 NE Hwy. 13, Osceola, MO. 64776 is the home of over 250 varieties of cheese, approximately 24 miles from RV Park. Osceola has a great BBQ place, Sugarfoot BBQ, & there are several antique shops north of town on Hwy. 13 towards Clinton.

**Collins** - has the best restaurant, known for their tenderloins & homemade pies, "Smith's" on Hwy. 13. We plan to eat there as a group on Saturday evening. It is a favorite of ours!

**Weaubleau** - has a wonderful little restaurant called Our Kitchen Table. They have a flea market & small shop, Candlelight Creations.

**Wheatland - Lucas Oil Speedway**, racetrack, if that is your thing....[lucasoilsspeedway.com](http://lucasoilsspeedway.com)

**Stockton** - has a few restaurants, including a great pizza place, Simple Simons. There is a great ice cream/gift shop, Hammonds Black Walnut Emporium. Also, a BBQ place & Mexican. Also, heard good things about - The Boathouse & the Orleans Trail Restaurant on the Lake.

**El Dorado Springs** - has a few restaurants & small shops with homemade soaps, antiques, & jewelry. Amish are in the area with their stores & greenhouses.

Any questions, call Hosts: Larry & Linda Poage (816) 589-6321 or (816) 628-5064

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Have a Great  
Summer everybody!



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