



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

July 2022

### President's Message

Our Just-For-Fun Rally at Melvern Lake, Kansas was a huge success! Thank you to our Hosts: **Chris & Dustin Whitney** and **Rachel & Martin Hughey**. We had around 20 rigs - and about 40 adults plus some kids. A few members arrived later in the weekend due to work commitments.

**But sometimes it's just getting your rig on the road that matters.**

Friday afternoon, there were various chat sessions around a circle of occupied lawn chairs. We heard about amazing caravans to Mexico that included homeschooling, nature education, history and some serious boondocking.

A delicious potluck dinner was shared on Friday evening at the camp pavilion, with amazing hot dogs grilled by Dustin and a great selection of salads and desserts brought by the club members. We got to know each other a little better by sharing a meal.

On Saturday, after breakfast we wandered around looking at each other's camping gadgets and inside trailers.

As usual at rallies, some *technology transfer* occurs:

A few guys check everyone's trailer hitches and torque as needed. For example, it is known that Equalizer hitch balls require a 430-ft-lb torque which not achievable by most impact wrenches, necessitating around a 4-ft long torque wrench (which I have). See <https://www.equalizerhitch.com/manuals-and-guides/tips/installation-tips>. **Lee Orth** brought his tongue weight scale which was a huge hit! We even installed a screen kit on an awning! There were many engineers, and those with technical know-how that participated. (i.e., swarmed on the task.)

Saturday evening, we had a triple bonfire, 3 fire pits (new firepit technology noted, at least to me), that we all gathered around in a huge circle. It was nice to meet our new members and catch up with those we see only at rallies.

On Sunday, there were a few tours of our new Atlas to interested folks.

**All in all it was a great rally and the general consensus was "Let's do this again!" - Chas**



(More Rally photos on page 3!)

## Mo-Kan Airstream Club ACI Amendments Vote Tallies

Here was the voting tally for those who were for, those who were against, and those who abstained.

Amendment	For	Against	Abstain
<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>123</b>

Amendment	For	Against	Abstain
<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>123</b>

These results will be taken to the Delegate Meeting in Maine at the International Rally by our delegate, **Ed O'Connor**; and supported by our alternate, **Stephanie Porto**.

## 2023 Nominees

The Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club's Nominating Committee is composed of the Immediate Past President of the Club and his or her two nominees. This year's Committee is composed of **John Eckardt**, **Larry Poage** and **Mike Bedinger**.

Except for the Third Vice-President position, the Committee believes that our Club is very fortunate to have our future available positions fully staffed with willing and capable individuals who have agreed to serve next year for the benefit of the Club. The list will be placed on this fall's ballot at the Fall Installation Rally for the Club's consideration and approval.

The positions for the Executive Board and Volunteers are as follows:

*President:* Stephanie Porto

*1st Vice President:* Ed O'Connor

*2nd Vice President:* Lee Orth

*3rd Vice President:* (Available)

*Treasurer:* Linda Poage

*Recording Secretary:* Glenda Ridgeway

*Corresponding Secretary:* Christine Whitney

*Parliamentarian:* Vern Wirka

*Membership Chair:* Joyce Cantrell

*Community Service Coordinator:* Christine Embers

*Newsletter:* Kirk Moore

*Immediate Past President:* Charles Colbert

Please thank the above individuals for their time and service.

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS



July 9, 2022 – 11:30am

#### Burg & Barrel

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

Hosts – Ed & Jill O'Connor

913-484-3275

August 2022

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

September 2022

#### The District Pour House

7122 Wornall Rd, KCMO

Hosts – Charles & Nadine Colbert

913-484-9864

### RALLIES



July 23 - 29, 2022

#### Airstream Club Int'l Rally

#### Fryeburg, Maine

More Info at [AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg](https://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>

## July Celebrations!

### Birthdays

John Eckardt - 7/03

Ronald Fulz – 7/13

Kirk Moore - 7/06

Cindy Jenny – 7/18

Sue Anderson - 7/10

Kay Corder – 7/20

Glenda Ridgeway - 7/10

Diann Lehman – 7/26

### Anniversaries

Martin & Rachel Hughey - 7/01

David & Claudia Sokolowski - 7/20



Mo-Kan Club  
Just-For-Fun Rally  
June 2-5, 2022





# Water Safety

## Swimming Pools (especially toddlers and young children)

Drowning is still a leading cause of death for toddlers and children. Backyard pools need to protect the neighbors with safety devices, such as fencing, presence of safety equipment (ring buoys, hooks, etc). There should be an adult swimming watch present who not distracted by drinks, phones, friend gatherings and chatting, etc. No older kids.

***Here are five survival skills to achieve/document with your youngster or toddler:***

1. How to jump into water and return to surface.
2. Turning around in the water and getting to safety.
3. Floating and treading.
4. Combining breathing with forward movement.
5. Know how to exit the water.



***Lifejackets should be worn by weaker swimmers of all ages. Learn CPR!***

## Open Water (such as lakes, Corps of Engineers lakes)

You can't swim across a cove at a lake and think you will reach the other side, with the swimming pool experience, such as limited size, walls, gutters, etc.

Corps of Engineers project lakes are usually constructed by damming and flooding water ways creating steep banks under water. Swimming areas that are marked off, often have precipitous drop-offs related to how much sand they placed under water. Life jackets are important again as above. Out by the rope is deep with a drastic drop-off usually.

Don't consume alcohol and swim, quite a few inebriated adults have drowned. There are some lifejacket loaning programs at Corps of Engineer lakes—at least this used to be the case.

Open water swimming of a boat can be problematic is wind and current take your boat away. Boat operators should know how to compensate for wind and current.

## Boating Safety

In general, be cognizant of environmental conditions, e.g., wind and water temperature. If there's 3-foot waves, you don't want to be out in open water with your john boat. We can have warm days in March and April, but if windy and boat capsizes how long can you last in 40-degree F water—not long, 20 or 30 minutes according to Google. If boating in windy conditions, e.g. 25 mph it's better to stay on shore.

<https://www.boatsetter.com/boating-resources/how-much-wind-for-boating>

Some older people with health problems, have drowned when trying to retrieve their boat when it drifted off its mooring. When on a Corps lake, your own safety is your responsibility.

Get a boat operators license. *Don't grandfather in like I did!* Have all the safety devices. Some way to communicate, such as VHF 2-way, or cell phones kept in a dry bag.

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## Kayaks and Canoes

Remember kayaks = life preservers. Also, test your life preserver in a pool to see if it holds your head above water. Life preservers should meet US Coast Guard certifications.

Canoes are more stable, but life preservers should be considered—canoes tip as well.

<https://www.oldtowncanoe.com/blog/article/canoe-kayak-safety-checklist>



Lee, Kirk, Denise AND Rulo got it done *safely* at the Just-For-Fun Rally!

## A message from our new Community Outreach Coordinator, Christine Embers

I am looking forward to being your Community Outreach Coordinator and promoting our club in our community outreach opportunities. *Our first big opportunity to provide items will be at the Airstream Club International Rally in Fryeburg Maine, July 23-29, 2022.* They will be collecting the following items:

- Hats (homemade or store bought)
- Stuffed Animals
- Blankets or throws
- Women's shelter items
- Tabs (cash them in for Ronald McDonald House)
- Food pantry items
- Pet supplies for cats & dogs
- Cash (for Common Cents)

All items collected at the event will go directly to local organizations. Please donate whatever you can and know that what you give will be greatly appreciated. *More details to come on our Fall Rally community outreach opportunity.*

If you have any questions, you can email me at [cembers1@gmail.com](mailto:cembers1@gmail.com) and put "community service" in the subject line.



## Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Fall Rally

September 29 – Oct 2, 2022

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

(10 miles west of Collins, MO & 31 miles east of Nevada, MO)

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

Start  
Planning  
today!

**We hope that you plan to attend. Make your reservations for a camp site or cabin now.**

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.

We will have access to a nice Clubhouse for our get-togethers & games.

*Coupon with Rally Fees & itinerary will be provided in August & September Mo-Kan Club Newsletter.*

**Our General Meeting & Installation of New Officers will be on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10:00 am.**

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

**Chris Shotton & Ilona Baumhofer** (402)541-2824 or (402)889-8024