



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

September 2022

### President's Message

#### *Year in review*

For Nadine and I, looking back on the past year, it's simply amazing that time has passed so quickly, and we appreciate all the great friends we've met, learned from and camped with.



We want to thank all the board members who have been so helpful in keeping us on track through some challenges. (i.e. the first-ever electronic voting for WBCCI Constitutional Amendments.) As a Club, we were able to tour War Horses for Veterans to which our members donated over \$1000. We had a star party at Powell Observatory outside Louisburg, KS., visited the Combat Air Museum in Topeka, and thanks to **Chris Whitney** and **Rachel Hughey** giving us a chance to relax at our second annual Just-for-Fun rally at Melvern Lake.

Thanks to **Stephanie Porto** for event research and coordination for the Spring Rally at the Capital City KOA in Topeka. Also, thanks to Stephanie and **Ed O'Connor** for representing the MO-KAN AS Club at the WBCCI International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. I want to thank all of the board members for their unfailing efforts to keep us going.

Our work experiences as teachers, administrators, quartermasters, caterers, engineers, doctors, judges and on-and-on have prepared us to be the best volunteers for our Club.

Whether it's stoking campfires or attending executive meetings, there's a role or task for everyone to contribute - *and I have been the lucky recipient of those contributions.*

- Chas

### Executive Officers

#### *President:*

Charles Colbert  
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#### *1st Vice President:*

Stephanie Porto  
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#### *2nd Vice President:*

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#### *3rd Vice President:*

Unfilled  
*Any Volunteers?*

#### *Treasurer:*

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#### *Recording Secretary:*

Glenda Ridgeway  
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#### *Corresponding Secretary:*

Nadine Colbert  
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#### *Past President:*

John Eckardt  
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#### *Parliamentarian:*

Rachel Hughey  
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#### *Membership Chair:*

Joyce Cantrell  
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#### *Newsletter Putertogether:*

Kirk Moore  
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**Welcome New Members!****Chris & Shannon Lyon**

Leawood, KS

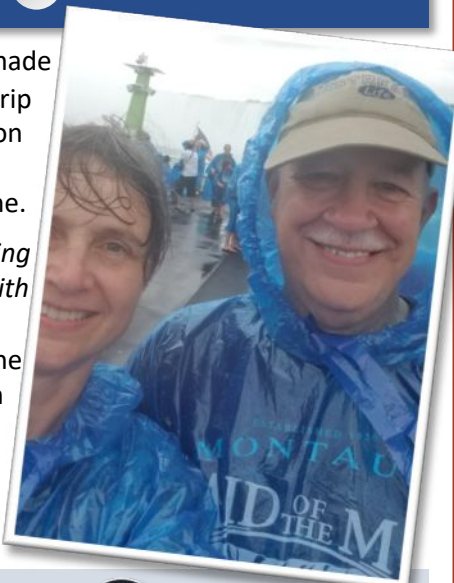
**Chris & Kerri Wilson**

Scottsdale, AZ

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

Ilona and Chris made an exciting side-trip to *Niagara Falls* on their way to the Int'l Rally in Maine.

Any other returning Club Members with fun photos from the long trip to the Rally? Send them our way - *we'd love to see them in future Gopher News!*

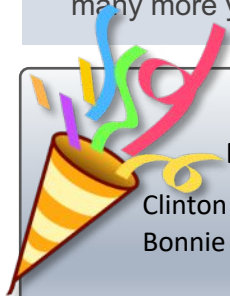


Airstream Club Red Stars will be awarded to the following Mo-Kan Club members:

**Charles & Nadine Colbert #5902 - 5 years****David & Claudia Sokolowski #20774 - 5 years****William Alpert #3217 - 10 years****Curtis & Teresa Atchley #4457 - 10 years****Lee & Joyce Cantrell #4241 - 15 years**

One star is awarded for every 5 years of membership.

Let's have a big round of applause for our well-traveled fellow members, and wish them many more years of safe travels to come!

**September Celebrations!****Birthdays**

Clinton Gregory – 9/20

Bonnie Gregory – 9/23

**Anniversaries**

John Eckardt &amp; Maria Stimach – 9/02

Jerry &amp; Carrie Lamb – 9/04

Curtis &amp; Teresa Atchley – 9/9

Diann &amp; Chris Lehman – 9/17

Cindy &amp; Chris Jenny – 9/22

**Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities****LUNCHEONS****September 3, 2022 – 11:30am****The District Pour House**

7122 Wornall Rd, KCMO

Hosts – Charles &amp; Nadine Colbert

913-484-9864

**October 2022**

**No Luncheon due to schedule conflicts with Fall Rally**

**November 5, 2022 – 11:30am****Jack Stack BBQ**

8721 Ryckert St, Lenexa, KS

Hosts – Richard &amp; Christine Embers

913-269-4135

**RALLIES****Sept 29 – Oct 2, 2022****Fall Installation Rally****Osceola, MO**

Arrowhead Point RV Park

**More info on page 3****June 24 - 30, 2023****Airstream Club Int'l Rally****Rock Springs, WY**

Info and Registration at

[AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023](https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023)**June 1– 4, 2023****“Just-for Fun” Rally****Melvorn, KS**

Melvorn Lake

**More info to come!**

**Sept 15  
Deadline to  
Sign Up!**



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

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



## Missouri-Kansas Airstream Fall Rally

September 29, 30, Oct. 1 & (leave on) Oct. 2, 2022

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

on Hwy. 54 between Collins, MO. & Nevada, MO. - (10 miles west of Collins, MO. & 31 miles east of Nevada, MO.)

**Website: arrowheadpointrv.com.....Phone: (417) 876-3016**

Check In: 1:00 PM.....Check Out: 12:00 PM

Hosted by: Larry & Linda Poage (816)628-5064 or (816)589-6321

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

### **Below is a list of reminders:**

1. Installation/General meeting is Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 am
2. Bring your non-perishable food items for needy
3. Bring your Treasured items to sale at Flea Market on Saturday, Oct.1
4. Bring a covered Vegetable or Salad to share for our Friday dinner....meat, potatoes, roll, & dessert provided.
5. If you wish to have a campfire, bring Firewood, or wood is available for purchase at RV Park.

(Rally Schedule of events was in last month's Newsletter & will be handed out to attendee's at Rally.)

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### MO-KS Airstream Fall Rally coupon for Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2022

Please mail the completed coupon & check for Rally meals, payable to: MO-KS Airstream Club

Mail to: Linda Poage, 1904 Honeysuckle St., Kearney, MO. 64060

**By Sept. 15, 2022**

\$25.00 X # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 X # of children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes 2 dinners & 2 breakfasts)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Special parking \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are unable to attend entire Rally, please call Linda Poage for discounted price.)

### **Fall Food Drive – Please Bring Non-Perishable Food to the Fall Rally!**

We will be asking for food donations to support the local St. Clair County Food Bank which is part of the Ozarks Food Harvest Network. For your convenience, collection Bins will be located at the clubhouse.

Most needed items:

- Tuna or other canned meat
- Beans, soups or stews
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit and vegetables (apricots, peaches, green beans & corn)
- Boxed meals, rice and pasta
- Cereal

This food drive will be helping fight hunger in the Ozarks.

If you had to choose between food and gas for your car, or between food and a roof over your head, what would you choose? Every day, those served by the Ozarks Food Harvest and its network are forced to make these tough choices.

**64%** of households served have low food security (meaning reduced quality, variety, desirability of diet)

**\$25K** is the average annual household income (of 89% of households served by the Ozarks Food Harvest and it's network)

**41%** of households served by Ozarks Food Harvest (must choose between paying for food or utilities)

## Birding

I have watched segments of the first few episodes of Great Courses Signature Collection: Birding in North America, produced by National Geographic (24 episodes). The series is lectures from the South African, James Currie with A/V materials. Currie recommends the National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America by Dunn and Alderfer (2017). A few excerpts are as follows: 1. Birds probably evolved from reptiles as exemplified by fossils such as Pterosaurus (65 million years ago) and Archaeopteryx of late Jurassic period (150 million years ago). Remember birding is the study and appreciation of birds' color, distribution, and habitat, such that we can identify them if we know a little bird anatomy and taxonomy. Maybe from zoology courses you learned about kingdom (animalia), phylum (Chordata), class (Aves), order (passerines and non-passerines), family (Cardinalidae), genus (Cardinalis, and species (cardinalis) for the taxonomy of the passerine North American Cardinal. In order to be a birder, you need some equipment.

## Binoculars

Equipment needs starting out can be just binoculars (called "bins"), a notebook, and a field guide. With regard to optics, Currie demonstrates with a Nikon, 8 X 42, waterproof, ED, with 8.3 degrees field of view. There are two main types of binoculars, porro and roof. If your price range is at the lower end, a full-size porro would be a safe bet. At the mid-to-high end of the price range, roof binoculars are the way to go. Currie recommends reading reviews on the various options offered by binocular manufacturers. The number 8 in 8 X 42, means the bird is 8 times closer with fixed magnification. The 42 indicates the size in mm of the large objective lens. The larger this number, it is hard to hold it steady—I have some 10 X 50's and this is true. Depth of field is measure at 25 feet +/- 2 ft should be in focus. He recommends waterproof bins pressurized with nitrogen. Glass in bins should be HD-high definition, ED-extra low dispersion, or FL-fluoride glass. There should be anti-reflective coatings, multi. For cleaning, use an oil free brush to remove dust and grit and then use an oil free lens cleaner. Never get insect repellent near any optics.

<https://www.nikonusa.com/en/nikon-products/binoculars/monarch-m5.page>

<https://www.bushnell.com/binoculars/birdwatching/>

<https://www.swarovskioptik.com/us/en/birding/products/binoculars?family=nl-pure>

## Spotting Scopes

Spotting scopes are used by some birders who want to reach out further to see birds. Beginning birders probably don't need these. But if you want to see distant waterfowl, sea birds, or raptors, a spotting scope may be desired. The birder can also see more detail. But spotting scopes require tripods which are bulking to carry around. There are straight and angled spotting scopes—to see a high up climbing bird, the angled spotting scope may be better and harder to follow in flight. 15 x 45x and 20 x 65x are a couple of powers available. Beginner tripods may be made of aluminum, whereas more expensive ones are lighter carbon fiber.

## Photography

Photography is another avenue to study birds, There may be a Great Course Lecture series on Fundamentals of Photography and there is a Nat Geo Guide to Landscape and Wildlife photography. Phone cameras were not recommended, instead acquire a DLSR (digital lens-single-reflex) camera.

- Chas



## Fall Installation Rally Ballot

If you can't make it to the Fall Rally and want to vote for officers, follow the instructions below and return your vote to Chas by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If you co-own your rig, say with a spouse, significant other, or friend, you have *two* votes to submit.

### Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Ballot for Election of Officers 2022-2023

President, Stephanie Porto	Yes __	No __	Abstain __
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ed O'Connor	Yes __	No __	Abstain __
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Lee Orth	Yes __	No __	Abstain __
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, _____	(No candidate/s at this time).		
Treasurer, Linda Poage	Yes __	No __	Abstain __
Recording Secretary, Glenda Ridgeway	Yes __	No __	Abstain __
Corresponding Secretary, Christine Whitney	Yes __	No __	Abstain __

Your Unit number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### (NOTE: VOTING IS ONE VOTE PER PERSON, NOT ONE VOTE PER UNIT)

This is a NOTICE THAT THE VOTE FOR THE ABOVE WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS FALL'S RALLY held September 29-October 1, 2022, in Osceola, MO at Arrowhead RV Park.

For those NOT attending but wishing to vote, please use one of the following:

1. Make a copy of the ballot, print it out, mark up your preferences, scan, copy to your computer and email back to me: Charles Colbert, President  
Email: [ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net)
2. Print your ballot, fill it out and mail it to:  
  
Charles Colbert, President  
Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club  
6804 Switzer Lane  
Shawnee, KS 66203
3. Send an email to [ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccolbert9210@sbcglobal.net)
4. Call Charles Colbert at 913-484-9864 to provide a "yes" "no" or "abstain" for each of the candidates.

For those wishing to vote in any manner above using options 1.—4., And NOT AT THE FALL RALLY - BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**. Please be clear if you are a couple that each person gets one vote. If you as a couple send one vote in, be clear if it is for one or both of you. If for both, the vote will be counted as TWO votes. Questions? Call me at 913-484-9864.