

Missouri – Kansas Airstream Club Executive Meeting November 17, 2022
Attending: Stephanie Porto, Linda Poage, Ed O'Connor, Christine Whitney, Vern Wirke
and John Eckardt
Absent: Lee Orth, Glenda Ridgeway, Chris Shotton, Charles Colbert

Holiday Luncheon – Stephanie presented the following:

- 62 people have signed up for the luncheon at Cascone's. We have asked that the restaurant expand available seating to include all responding members. They did so – all people currently on the waiting list can now attend, though it may be in an aside area. (thank you John Eckardt)
- Program
 - Blessing – Lee Orth
 - Introduction – Name, Name of your Rig, Favorite Campground (will pass around paper to record – will include list in upcoming newsletter)
 - Auction for Common Cents for Kids – **HELP** – need 3-4 Airstream/Camping Related items to Auction
 - Need Auctioneer Volunteer – Christine Whitney will request a volunteer on the FB site.
- It was agreed that the next years party will need to accommodate at least 75 or more.

Spring Rally – May 4th to the 6th – Basswood Resort and Campground Platt City – presented by John Eckardt

- 17 sites reserved, ~20 more currently available - \$425 deposited to reserve use of building during rally
- Reservations through us, rather than with Basswood – John Eckardt will assign parking based on special requests
- We will work to use an internet reservation system for this RSVP, testing it for the January Luncheon in Lawrence
- Caravan from Region Rally to Basswood Rally – Ed will assess interest in doing a caravan at Holiday Luncheon – initial interest in Sabetha KS to Stanton Lake Nebraska to AOK Campground near St. Joseph, MO
 - Other options were discussed including a nice campground 19 miles from Sabetha - Bailey's RV Park in Seneca KS or Wallace State Park
- Activities – the following were discussed, and interest will be assessed further with the January survey

Friday

09 to 1030 Tour of McCormick Distillery - \$25 each (samples of whiskey included – morning tour)

OR maybe a tour of a goat cheese producing operation - Green Dirt Farms – Goat farm (BABY GOATS – cute) \$?

11:30 – 1:30 – O'Malley's - American Bowman Restaurant - Lunch

Tour of Weston Underground
Walking Tour of Weston – with local historian - \$?
Stagecoach Ride - \$?

Catering – Scott’s Kitchen (Deb Williams highest recommendation)

Saturday Cooking and Prep in an Airstream - Program by Deb Williams

- Would like to offer at least one more maintenance program – maybe a short first aid kit review, mysteries of GPS use, orienteering, explain electronics in my airstream, Replacing Tires and Brakes, Internal Monitoring System for pets, Why I weigh my Hitch.
- Volunteers and ideas to be part of the January survey – see below
- John recommended an Irish Folk Musician – Bob Reeder – Saturday night ~\$250 or other musicians. There was discussion about the cost and whether having music playing would be the club’s choice instead of a fire pit or other activity. Further discussion to continue, perhaps part of the survey.
- Spring Business meeting

Report from Region 8 Zoom – presented by Stephanie

Reviewed upcoming events

- Sycamore Springs Spring Rally – April 26th – 30th
We should know by the first week of December the \$ for the rally and final registration will begin then.
- Currently 36 units / 70 people have signed up for advanced registration.

Wyoming International –

- Joe Hauser will be developing a caravan starting in St. Louis and ending at a staging area prior to entering the rally on June 21st.
- Region 8 sponsoring a breakfast on June 26th 8 to 9:30am

2024 Region 8 Rally will be in Branson April 24 – 28th.

Activities

Ed to finalize locations of luncheons and aid Kirk in posting on the club website.

Survey – January

Points to cover

How many days are you comfortable boondocking? How much do you value maintenance programs? How much do you value entertainment, tours, dining out during rallies? Are maintenance tips useful information? If a rally cost \$25, \$50 or \$100 for three nights not including the site fee – where would you like the money spent – food, entertainment, speakers. List your favorite campground that was not a rally,

New Business

Anniversary Celebration - In 2024 our club will be 60 years old. We discussed forming an ad hoc committee to make a special celebration. Stephanie will look in the records for the Charter signed by the WBCCI President in 1964.

More event for the club - Christine mentioned that during a luncheon with Embers and Robertson's that they wished to have more social activities with the club during the winter season. She will be posting an open invitation to the membership on FB when such an event forms and the executive committee thought that was a wonderful idea and hope that as many as possible would participate. The membership can spontaneously post on FB to alert others of such events and is encouraged to do so.