

## Start getting ready for the Region 8 Rally '23

I want to thank everyone in Region 8 for a wonderful 2022. We had a great region rally in Lincoln, lots of terrific local club rallies and a large attendance at the International rally in Maine. The year ahead looks to continue the fantastic events and opportunities for our members. Local rallies, our region rally in Sabetha Kansas, then the International in Wyoming.

***I'm sitting here in the cold and snow,  
dreaming of hitting the road in the spring!***

Our next big event is the Region 8 Rally at **Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch** in Sabetha, Kansas the end of April.

**The time to register is now** and you can do so using the form we've included in the email with this newsletter, or on our [website](#). **Mail in your registration and payment right away** so you don't miss out on the fun.

If you filled out the rally pre-registration form, now you need to fill out the actual registration form and register along with your payment.

Our volunteers have invested countless hours in putting the rally together and will continue volunteering at the rally to make things great for everyone. The same thing (Club Members investing their time and talents) happens all across the land. *That is what makes all the Airstream Club functions so darn great.* **Thank you, members!**



**A tip of the hat to you, our Club Members.  
I hope you have a great time in 2023. Enjoy the trip!**

**Greg Vadner #270**  
**Region 8 2022 President**



# 2023 Region 8 Rally - Tentative Schedule of Events

- Daily morning coffee socials
- Country Farm Tour
- Horseshoes
- Pot Luck
- Tennis court
- Playground
- Branson Region Rally Update
- Volleyball court
- Sharing News & Ideas - Airstream Club & Bill Thomas Team
- Backing up a trailer for beginners - hands on
- Chuck Wagon
- Badminton court
- 2024 International in Sedalia
- Update
- Mini golf
- Garden Tour
- Airstream display
- Hiking trails
- Fishing pond
- Live auction
- Campfires
- Sightsee
- And more



## Region 8 Community Service

Once again, we will have our community service donation drive with collection at our region rally in Sabetha, KS. This year our nominated-recipient is **The Kids Kloset**, which serves the Sabetha area. I am asking you to start collecting hats, blankets, stuffed animals, women's shelter items and of course aluminum can tabs. I will be talking with my Kids Kloset contact in the next couple of weeks for an update.

I will pass along updated information via our Facebook page and in our rally newsletter. *Remember, all your donations stay in the local area - a club tradition!*

Thanks for your help.

**Glenn Waters, #214 Region 8 Community Service**



From the desk of Rick Everson - Region 8 1st VP

I would like to wish everyone a **HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!**

Upcoming Events:

**Region 8 Rally - Sycamore Springs - April 26th through April 30**

We currently have 48 units pre registered, with 101 attendees. This is fantastic, and we still have 3 months to go. This is going to be an awesome Rally, unlike any that I have attended before. The setting is totally “country” and will be very welcoming. **Greg Vadner** and his team has put together a great itinerary of events.

One note I would like to add is that we will have **Bill Thomas Camper Sales** coming to camp with us. Bradley Eubank and his wife, along with members of his team will be there to hold some seminars on various subjects. We welcome their support. They have also committed to support our Region 8 breakfast in Rock Springs, WY. This will be at the International Rally on Monday, June 26th at 8:00 AM in the Exhibit Hall East. Going forward, they will also support us at our Region 8 Rally in Branson in 2024, and at the International Rally in Sedalia in 2024, as well.



**International Rally - Rock Springs, WY - June 24th through July 1**

The current rally numbers show 1200 units have signed up, with some on the wait list. This will be an exiting International Rally, with the new format of emphasis on FUN, not business. As a side note, one of our St. Louis associate members, **Dan Atchison**, has signed up to run for the Executive Council. You can see his bio on the Airstream International website, and support him by voting in the upcoming election.

**Region 8 Rally - ABC Campground, Branson - April 24th through April 28, 2024**

Back by popular demand, will be the Region 8 Rally in Branson. We have secured reservations for this popular spot in 2024, and I have solicited the help of the one guy that knows Branson as well as anyone: **Glen Waters**. We currently have reserved 70 sites for this event, and we can secure more. ABC has made some new improvements, which include: Wi-if upgrades with streaming services, new pet area, lawn games, board games, pavilion upgrades, and many more. Branson was the first Region 8 Rally that my wife, Berta and I attended as members. It promises to be a spectacular Rally. Mark your calendar.

See you down the road! - Rick #4896



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**

The cover story for this month's Blue Beret was written by fellow Region 8 Member **John Eckardt**. (#7352, Mo-Kan Club)

Not only is it a comprehensive guide to all things *Electric Bikes*, but it includes first-hand adventures of John and his wife Maria's maiden voyage with their new bikes.

Check it out!

**Well done John!**

