



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

March 2023



President's Message

When I was in 8th grade, our teacher, Miss Wendell, cooked up a project that kept us going all year long – a survey of every member of our parish – all 1400 families. Each student was given 40 families to interview by phone, by mail, or in person. Working on that project taught me so many different things – on the academic side -statistics, communication, resolve to finish projects, and on the personal growth side - the ability to talk and learn from every person that I encountered.

In January, we sent out a survey that was intended to gauge the wishes of the club regarding the little nuances that the executive committee and rally organizers agonize over – what should we do, how much should we spend, should we do what I want versus what we have always done or never done, how do we meet the needs of our club.... the desire to make these fun rallies for a broad audience while also making it within reach of every member is the focus.

So, the results are in, and we did learn a few things – the *top 3 activities* members wanted to do were visit small towns, historic tours and staring into the campfire. *Favorite meals* to be included were Saturday dinner, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. *Boondocking comfort* was highest for 2 days and 25% of the respondents said NO to boondocking overall. We were able to limit the cost of meals based on the results for this next rally – going a little higher for Saturday dinner at \$30 (Survey Said \$25 was the best choice) and kept the cost of breakfast at the favorite of \$10.

That eighth-grade class in social studies luckily did stress statistics – my classmates and I were able to interview over 1200 of the 1400 families, a great sample size – our club survey in January only elicited 24 of 160 members – not a great sample size, *but perhaps a message in itself*. As we look forward to the next years and the increasing numbers of members – it will be important to find within our rallies and events something that speaks to many members and encourages all to participate. We look forward to incorporating much of the feedback given during this survey and continue to listen and learn from each member.

BTW

At the end of the survey, there was an incentive to complete the survey. A randomly drawn name from those who wished to send me an email saying that they had finished the survey would receive \$25. All names were put into a magic hat (EXCEL spreadsheet with a random number generator algorithm) and **Marsha Brown of Independence, Missouri has won the \$25!**

Thank you, Marsha and all who filled out the survey.

Until then, if you find me staring in the coals of a campfire, join me. We will both learn something.
- Steph

Special Information about the April Luncheon

Van Till Winery is a *Harvest Host* site. **The Winery is holding 8 camping spaces for those who wish to spend the night on Saturday night after the luncheon concludes.** They do not have hook ups. There are additional Harvest Host sites very close by. *Please text Deborah at 816-214-6930 if you wish to stay that evening.*

The winery is located outside of *Excelsior Springs*. This small city offers lots of fun activities, museums, shopping, restaurants, additional wineries and the Elms Spa for those who wish to spend the day after the luncheon.

Please RSVP

Schedule:

11:30AM Wine Tasting for those who want to try the Van Till wines: \$9.00 to try six varietals. Individual glasses or bottles may be ordered for lunch. *If you would like to join the wine tasting, please text Deborah.* Reservations for the tasting are not required, but appreciated.

11:45-11:50AM Lunch ordering may begin once the wine tasting is concluded. Lemonade, Ice Tea, Sodas, Water and Beer may be ordered. The menu has appetizers, salads, wood fired gourmet pizzas and desserts.

12:00 Club business and announcements may be conducted while waiting for food.

1:30PM Room is booked for 2 hours. *Those wishing to stay and socialize may move to their beautiful covered all seasons patio following the luncheon.*

Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS



March 4, 2023 – 11:30am

Johnny's Tavern Shawnee

13131 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Shawnee, KS
Hosts – Deb & John Mitchell
RSVP: mitchdeb@gmail.com or 913-563-9370

April 1, 2023 – 11:30am

Van Till Family Farm Winery

13986 Highway C, Rayville, MO
Hosts – Debra & Marv Williams
913-240-1597

May

**No Luncheon in May due to
schedule conflict with Rally Dates**

RALLIES



April 26 – 30, 2023

Region 8 Rally

Sebetha, KS

Sycamore Springs White Tail Ranch
Register at: <https://airstreamclub.org/2023-region-8-rally-sabetha-ks>

May 4 – 7, 2023

Mo-Kan Spring Rally Platte City, MO

Basswood Resort

Register at this [Eventbrite page](#)

June 1– 4, 2023

“Just-for Fun” Rally

Melvern, KS

Melvern Lake Outlet Campground

Make your own site reservations at:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233695>

June 24 - 30, 2023

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

Rock Springs, WY

Info and Registration at
AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023



See Page 5 for
Schedule!



Welcome New Members!

Richard & Susan Brian

Stilwell, KS

Troy & Trina Kinast

Webb City, MO

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

Welcome New Members!

Clay & Sandra Warren

Topeka, KS

Marvin & Cheryl Trayford

Roeland Park, KS

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



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

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

**February Luncheon – Mar. 4, 2023
Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, Basehor KS**



March Celebrations!

Birthdays

Frank Melton – 3/01 Bud McFie – 3/07
Don Wardrip – 3/01 Everett Osgood – 3/09
Claudia Sokolowski – 3/25

Anniversaries

Terry & Louise Mercer – 3/05



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🎵 “Rollin’, Rollin’, Rollin’ on the Rive...t!” 🎵

As Mr. Byam put it, “To play some part in promoting goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.” And there is no better way to start than in our home states – Missouri and Kansas. For that reason, we will have rolling rallies at both the Spring and Fall meetings.

The Spring Rolling Rally is an optional event scheduled between the Region 8 Rally in Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch in Sabetha, Kansas to the Missouri-Kansas Spring Rally in Basswood Resort.

We are limiting the Rolling Rally to 10 units as Stop One is space limited.

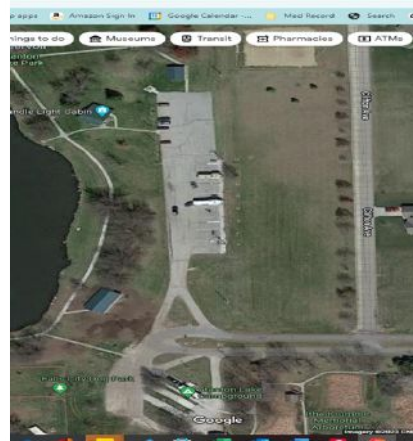
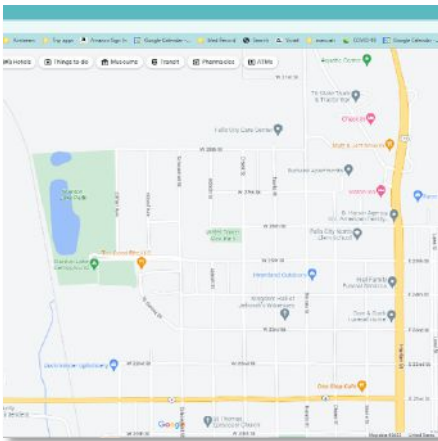
How to make reservations

Send **Ed O'Connor** an RSVP email for attending the Rolling Rally – **both stops** - eoconnor@pcpartners.net

Stop #1 Stanton Lake Park - West 25th Street, Falls City, NE 68355

April 30 - leaving May 2nd, 2023 (2 nights)

This is a city owned park situated at the NW side of town. We plan on staying two nights. This is a first come, first served venue. There is RV parking with full services at the end of the trailer (requires backing into your spot.) The first 48 hours are free, so if we arrive at noonish and leave the same in two days, the price is ZERO. After that it is \$10 a night. There are only 11 RV slots (8 on the north and 3 on the south side) –if some are already occupied, the remainder of units will need to be prepared to boondock and we will also have an alternative site planned.



What to do in Falls City – there are a few eateries and grocery store, the lake is walk-able, the town is nearby, lovely, and walkable/bikeable (caution – some cobblestone roads), great dog park, and the lake is stocked with catfish and bass. The John Phillip Walter Museum (the Norman Rockwell of Nebraska) is available if we call ahead. Weather permitting, we are hoping to pull out the projector and have a movie night and possibly a potluck dinner one evening. Hoping to have a group of breakfast grills available Monday morning for us to gather and cook. Weather permitting.

Stop #2 Pony Express RV Park - 4469 S. Highway 33, Maysville, MO 64469

May 2nd – leaving May 4th, 2023. (2 nights)

Each unit will make their own reservations - 816-449-2039. Cost will be about \$40.9 cash/check, \$42.50 credit per night. - let them know that you are with the MISSOURI-KANSAS Airstream Club. They will also need to know the length of your unit. Parking will be buddy style – head to toe. This will leave the second unit without transportation for that day. Dinner one of two nights will be in the club house – pizza or tacos served, ordered individually from menus. We may have a game night with match play at ping pong and/or pool, sing along (or humming) with the 1912 player piano. Things to do locally –Hamilton is reported as epic center for Quilting – Missouri Star Quilt Co. Laundry, restrooms, showers, and farm animals to pet are on site. Need to fill your empty propane tanks – they have that also. There are 20 sites at this park, so other members could join us at the Pony Express and proceed to Basswood from here.

2023 WBCCI MO-KS AIRSTREAM CLUB SPRING RALLY

Basswood Resort Campground and Country Inn

15880 Interurban Road

Platte City, MO 64079 May 4-7, 2023



Thursday, May 4th

5:30 p.m. Meal in Clubhouse. Meats to be provided by the Club. Pot Luck – a list will be provided to the attendees for suggested items to supply with the provided meats (snacks, chips, salad and deserts).

NOTE: Our Airstreamer-in-charge of planning and providing meals is **Deborah Williams**. Be sure to thank her for her hard work! *Unless stated, bring flatware, silverware, and your own drinks.*

Friday, May 5th

7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own. Coffee provided in Clubhouse.

8:40 a.m. Line up to leave for a private tour of McCormick (Holladay) Distillery (One McCormick Lane, Weston, MO. <https://mccormickdistilling.com/>). Tour starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost of the tour is \$25 per person. McCormick is the oldest distillery west of the Mississippi River still operating in its original location. You'll peer into the limestone spring first discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1804. Tours last about 90 minutes, including a Bourbon tasting.

11:30 a.m. (approximate). Lunch at American Bowman Restaurant (500 Welt Street, Weston, Missouri). <https://westonirish.com/america-bowman-restaurant/>. Located above the O'Malley's 1842 Pub. Possible tour of the underground pub during or just following lunch. It's the tallest structure located in Weston! But its all underground.

1:30 p.m. (approximate). Tour of Weston. No cost, but donation welcome. Will have a walking tour of the town hosted by an historian provided by the Weston Chamber of Commerce. Depending on the level of group energy, the tour could include Main Street, Historic Buildings, and the Laurel Hill Cemetery. Dinner on your own. At night, enjoy campfires.

Saturday, April 24th

8:00 a.m. Coffee provided in the Clubhouse. Breakfast to include a "Grill-along". Details to be provided but likely to include multiple grills at a yet to be determined campsite.

10:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting in Clubhouse

12:00 noon. Lunch on your own.

1 – 3:00 p.m. Demonstrations to include: Location TBD

Organizing my RV – **Beth McCall**

Cooking and Prep in an Airstream – **Deb Williams**

Electronic monitoring – **Vern Wirka**

What's in my Red Bag – preparing for an emergency – CPR review – **Stephanie Porto**

Weigh in on my hitch – **Lee Orth**

3 – 4:30 p.m. Open up our RV's to all.

5 – 6:30 p.m. Catered Dinner in Clubhouse by Scott's Kitchen. Provided by Club. p.m.

7 – 9:00 p.m. Live Entertainment in Clubhouse or outside. Provided by Club.

Sunday, April 25th

8:00 a.m. Coffee provided in Clubhouse. Assorted pastries, yogurt, and juice. *Bring your own service.* Juice provided.

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – Clubhouse TBD: To Be Determined