

GREATER ST. LOUIS AIRSTREAM CLUB

STREAM'N & DREAM'N

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our first GSLAC event was a huge success! Lunch at Favazza's on the Hill could not have been better! The food was delicious, the service was professional and accommodating. It was so nice to meet some new friends and connect with friends that we haven't seen in a while! I want to thank Berta and Rick Everson for hosting this successful event – they did a great job and were so welcoming to each guest!

Now on to the next adventure! Our St. Patrick's Lunch will be held at Fallon's Irish Pub and Grill, 9200 Olive Blvd, Ollivette, MO, from 11:30-2. Our hosts will be Jeane and Jim Richardville. Please text me at [314-565-8017](tel:314-565-8017) or email me at kswelsh8017@gmail.com to RSVP for the St. Pat's Lunch by **February 25, 2023**. Thanks, Kathy Welsh

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Report from Berta Everson regarding the Valentine Luncheon:

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, 49 members of our club met at Favazza's on the Hill in St. Louis. In our private dining room, we enjoyed Sicilian chicken (their specialty), as well as salad, fresh bread, garlic toast, two pastas, a vegetable, as well as delicious cake for dessert.

It was great to visit with friends and see some members that we had not seen in a while. We welcomed six new faces (three rigs) to our ranks. We hope to see more of them at future events.

Laura Oloteo was installed as a Trustee by Rick Everson, Kathy Welsh had updated schedules available to hand out, Greg Vadner talked about the upcoming Region 8 Rally. Good food and good friends made for an enjoyable afternoon!

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Did You Know that we have two Facebook pages?

GSTL WBCCI St. Louis, MO Airstream Owner's Club is an "open" page that anyone can access.

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club is a "closed" page for Club Members only.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS:

A vote was taken to decide where the September, 2023 Rally should be held and Ramsey Lake State Park near Vandalia, Illinois won hands down. The deal is we will have a group site with a pavilion and up to 30, 30 amp electric sites, BUT, I cannot officially book the site until April 1, 2023. Please block of September 14-17, 2023 for a rally at Ramsey Lake State Park. More information will follow when I have officially booked the sites.

IF YOU pre-registered for the Region 8 Rally in Sebetha, Kansas last year at the Region 8 Rally in Lincoln, NE, you will now have to OFFICIALLY register and pay for the upcoming Region 8 Rally in Sebetha, KS. Please contact Greg Vadner: gvadner@riversongspa.com or Rick Everson: everson.rick@gmail.com for more information.

You can now register for the April Rally, April 20-23, 2023 at Big Red Barn RV Park in Carthage, MO (417)358-2432. Once registered, please let Rose and Drew Garland (your hosts) know you will be attending by calling (314)-484-1272 or emailing drewandrose@sbcglobal.net. It is important for our hosts to know who will be attending so they can plan meals, tours and such.

If you are interested in spending a few days exploring the Kansas City area in between the rally in Carthage and Sebetha, contact Jackson County Parks (816)503-4800. We will be camping at Blue Springs Campground from April 23-26, 2023. This is a non-hosted, "Come and Go" on your own rally. There is a lot to see and do around KC and tons of great restaurants to enjoy!



One of our members "Fix It Bob" is a whiz at fixing anything! I've asked him to write some maintenance articles for our newsletter. Here is our first article. Please let Bob Brenneke know how much you enjoy his information!

Bob Brennecke

Stream'n & Dream'n Q & A



Q. While getting ready for the upcoming camping season I got my portable generator out to give it a test run. It didn't run! I pulled and pulled, choked and put on run and pulled some more. What would keep the generator from starting since it was running 5 months ago and all it did was sit in my basement?

A. Unfortunately you have probably put gasoline with alcohol in your generator. The wonderful government has funded, subsidized and mandated by law that we should put 10% ethanol alcohol (E-10) in our gas and that has been a problem for the power industry since that mandate was

initiated. The problem(S) with ethanol alcohol in our petroleum based fuel has given everyone a chance to; replace fuel line hoses, carburetors', replace gaskets, along with replacing many other engine parts.

Well I guess I'm getting a little political, Right? Not that I disagree with government mandates.

Back to the problem. When leaving fuel with ethanol in an internal combustion engine of any kind for a period of time, you will have some type of damage to your fuel system. Many carburetors will start to internally degrade, oxidize, or just rust from the inside because the alcohol is a magnet for water and water inside fuel systems is not good. If you take your carburetor apart you will find a wet white powder mixed with a clear gummy substance, this is oxidation of the aluminum.

Remember when we used, "HEET" in our engines? "HEET" is a commercially produced product containing alcohol. In the winter the alcohol was poured into fuel tanks to absorb the water in your gas tank? We put the "HEET" or alcohol in the tank to absorb the condensation that formed in the tanks. This condensation was formed from the tank being heated and cooled from the environment over and over. We did not add 10% alcohol, but just enough to absorb that condensation.

Unfortunately you have only a few choices; replace the carburetor yourself, have a shop do it or take the carburetor apart yourself. Taking it apart will involve completely taking the carburetor part, clean all jets, crevices and fuel passages with special solvents, wash out with soap and water, rinse and blow out all the passages with compressed air, replacing all gaskets and reassembly. Don't forget to replace fuel lines and clean the fuel tank. "Thanks government".

When you get ready to use your internal combustion engines use 100% gasoline, preferably 94 octane or greater. This problem exists for all internal combustion engines that have not been engineered to resist the water left inside them. We all should have a choice in what fuel we use. Every public fueling station should supply all types and grades of fuel including 100% gasoline, E-10, and E-85. Alcohol in fuel makes an unstable, water absorbing and solvent producing liquid in our fuel systems.

Sorry! In the future use only fuel without alcohol, it can be found commercially. \$\$\$.

"TWENTY (or 1 or 5) years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the tradewinds in your sails. EXPLORE, DREAM, DISCOVER." *Mark Twain*