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The newsletter for the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club

April Rally

Red Barn RV Park in Carthage, MO hosted by Rose & Drew Garland. April 20-23.

En-route to Region 8 Rally

Blue Springs Campground in Blue Springs, MO. April 23-26.

Region 8 Rally

Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch in Sabetha, KS. April 26-30.

May Rally

Hickory Holler Campground in West York, IL hosted by John & Debbie Lang. May 19-21.

A Word from our President

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of March! Kevin and I just got back from the Cajun Country Caravan. If you haven't had a chance to go on this Caravan, please sign up - it was fantastic!

Our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was a huge success! I would like to thank Jean Richardville and Berta Everson for hosting the luncheon at Fallon's Irish Bar and Grill in Olivette.

Rose Garland is busy planning our first GSLAC Rally in Carthage, Missouri from April 20-23, 2023. She will soon be sending her itinerary for the Rally. All the sites I reserved have been filled and I'm so glad that so many people are participating in the GSLAC events. I know everyone will enjoy the rally - Rose and Drew are such good hosts!

The Region 8 Rally in Sabetha, Kansas now has 72 rigs signed up to attend so far. Bradley Eubank and his wife Billy Jo from Bill Thomas Camper sales and will be bringing some rigs for us to see. There will also be a few service department personnel from Bill Thomas attending the rally to address any issues you may be having with your rig. The cost of the Region 8 Rally is \$44.00/pp. There will be a live auction on the Saturday night of the rally - so, if you have anything you want to get rid of, donate it to be auctioned off. There will be a breakfast at the Region 8 rally which Bill Thomas has offered to cover half the cost. The breakfast tickets will be \$15.00/pp and tickets can be purchased at the rally.

The planning for the May rally in West York, Illinois is underway by our great hosts, John and Debbie Lange. There are 14 rigs signed up for the May Rally so far. There are still several sites available. If you are interested in attending (and I hope we can fill the park up with our beautiful Airstreams), call Dru Anne at Hickory Holler Campground (618-563-4779) to reserve your spot. When you register for your site, Tell them that you are with the Airstream Club. Please let John Lange know if you will be attending after you make your reservations.

It is so helpful for the hosts to know who will be attending so they can plan accordingly.

2023 is shaping up to be a great year! Being a member of this club has allowed Kevin and I to make so many friends. The best way for you to make friends and enjoy the Club is to be active and volunteer when needed.

Kind Regards,
Kathy Welsh

St. Patrick's Luncheon



Odds & Ends

- Complete an Emergency Form (attached) for each person attending a rally. Place the forms in a sealed envelope with your name and BRN (Big Red Number) on outside of envelope. The envelopes will be given to your hosts and returned to you at the end of the Rally.
- Please consider putting your Big Red Numbers (BRN) on your rig or on a piece of plexiglass that can be placed in front window. The numbers are important if there should be an emergency - the numbers help first responders find your trailer.
- Please take the time to RSVP to the rally hosts after you make your reservations. It is important so they know who will be attending and can plan accordingly

Maintenance Tips from Bob

Q; We have just purchased a new travel trailer in hopes of getting out when this pandemic calms down. My travel partner and I have no real mechanical background and will be towing the small trailer with a 5 year old pickup with not many miles on it. My big question is what basic tools might we should purchase to get started and what basic things do we check before setting out?

A; Congratulations! And what a good question. I am glad you are planning ahead, not many people do. It is good that you have an open mind and don't mind learning about things before you actually need the help. Although there is no way you can predict what might break on the road it is good to be prepared.

I suppose if you guys are starting from scratch on the tool box the first thing I would look into is a repair manual for my truck since you probably received one with your new trailer. Chilton and Haynes manuals are available from most auto parts stores and are an absolute necessity when repairing trucks and cars. A set of sockets might be a good start on the tools. Since the automotive industry is going mostly metric now days there are instances where the standard sizes, (inch measure) will be needed. Trailer hitches and trailers are mostly "standard" sizes and it would be best to have both. Look for a kit that has metric, standard deep and regular depth sockets and has 3/8", 1/4" drive ratchets along with extensions and possibly a breaker-bar and universal joints.



OK I know I probably have gone over your head on some of this but these are really the basic items along with the; ball-peen hammer, screwdrivers (flat blade, Philips and stubby handle). For sure you will need; locking pliers (Vice Grips), diagonal cutters, large and regular size channel locks or (offset

slip joint pliers), crimping pliers and regular pliers, and don't forget the adjustable wrenches, (small, medium, and large). The adjustable wrenches are also called "Crescent wrenches", although Crescent makes all type of tools the wrench will never change its name.



Another great tool is the internet. You can look up your vehicle to find out what problems others have had with your particular truck and at least be aware of the problems. They even go into depth on you tube on how to remedy those problems. There is one more set of tools that you will need and that is wrenches.

An open end and box end set of wrenches should be on the list. Also look at your owner's manual for your trailer and know what to do and when.

There are also books on new-bee trailer camping that cover systems; water, electric, sewer, hooking up, batteries, tiers, suspension, and many other systems. Do your homework and shopping and best of luck. Take it slow and easy and don't get in a hurry. Have Fun!

Upcoming Events

• April Activities

• **Camping at the Big Red Barn RV Park in Carthage, MO**

- Rose and Drew Garland Hosts
- April 20-23

• **Unstructured Rally** on the way to Region 8 at Blue Springs Campground, part of the Jackson County Parks departments

- This rally will allow us all to do some sight seeing in and around the Kansas City area. There will be no itinerary for this rally - come and go as you please.
- April 23-26, 2023

• **Region 8 Rally**

- Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch
- April 26-30, 2023
- Please contact Gred Vadner (gvadner@riversonspa.com) or Rick Everson (everson.rick@gmail.com) to register.
- The itinerary for the Region 8 Rally should be coming out soon.

• May Rally

- Hickory Holler Campground, West York, IL (618-563-4779)
- May 18-21, 2023
- John and Debbie Lange, Hosts

• June International Rally

- June 24-30, 2023
- Rock Springs Wyoming

• July - No Rally

• August Rally

- Big Creek RV Park, 47247 Highway 49, Annapolis, MO
- (573-598-1064)
- Kevin and Kathy Welsh - Hosts

• September Rally

- Ramsey Lake State Park, Ramsey Lake Road, Ramsey, IL
- We have a group camping site with a pavillion. The group campgrounds has 29 sites, 3 with 50 amp service and the rest 30 amp service.

- Sites are \$20/night. All sites will be paid for by Jane Bartlett, our treasurer, we will all reimburse her when we arrive and choose our site.
- **Contact Jane (573-578-0435) to reserve your site - DO NOT contact Ramsey Lake State Park for reservations.**
- Hosts: Hugh and Jane Bartlett

- **October Rally**
 - October 12-15, 2023
 - 370 Lakeside Park, 1000 Lakeside Park Drive, St. Peters, MO
 - Call Marissa at 636-387-5253 to make reservations
 - Hosts: Laura and Rick Oleoto

- **December Holiday Luncheon**
 - Sybil's Restaurant, 1100 N. Jefferson, St. James, MO
 - Contact Sybil at 573-265-4224 to RSVP
 - Hosts: Hugh and Debbie Scheutz

Photos from our Members:



A snowy March morning at Ramsey Lake State Park, IL. Steve Mentz.

Photos for our next newsletter can be submitted to mentz3281@wbcci.net