

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Missouri-Kansas Airstream General Membership Meeting
Basswood Resort Campground and Country Inn
Platte City, MO
May 6, 2023

Board Members Present: Stephanie Porto, Ed O'Connor, Chris Whitney, Charles Colbert, Linda Poage, Vern Wirka, Chris Schotten, Lee Orth

The General Membership Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Prayer offered by Stephanie Porto.

Stephanie reminded us that we are a volunteer organization and each of us should think of ways to volunteer.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Poage presented the Semi-Annual Treasurer Financial Report for the period September 10, 2022 through April 12, 2023. A copy of the Report is attached to the minutes.

Ed O'Connor moved that the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as given. Lee Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Membership Report

Stephanie advised that Airstream Corporate will now provide a free year of membership for Airstream International together with a local membership when purchasing a new Airstream. Jill O'Connor, as the Membership Coordinator for Region 8, will forward the new member(s) information. It will be Mo-Kan's responsibility to invite the member(s).

The Membership Report reflects 86 current members (units). Stephanie also advised that the Mo-Kan chapter has 18 new members in the past 6 months.

Ed O'Connor moved that the Membership Report be approved. Charles Colbert seconded. The motion was approved.

Community Activities Report

Christine Embers reported that of the \$3,081.91 given by Region 8 to Common Cents, Mo-Kan contributed \$1,644.31 of that total.

A diaper drive will be held at the upcoming Airstream International Rally.

Christine asked the members to think of more and new ideas for community service.

Ed O'Connor moved that the report be approved. Charles Colbert seconded. The motion was approved.

Recording Secretary

Stephanie asked for nominations from the floor for Recording Secretary. Marsha Brown was nominated. Lynn Anderson moved that Marsha Brown be approved as the Recording Secretary for the Mo-Kan Airstream Club. Rachel Hughey seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Old Business

Stephanie briefly discussed the results of the survey that was sent out to the members. The results of the survey are attached to these minutes.

New Business

Stephanie announced that for those attending the International Rally, there will be a Mo-Kan get-together after the full club dinner. It will be held either at the Porto campsite or wherever several members may be camping together.

Fall Rally

Tentative plans for the Fall Rally will include a Rolling Rally which will begin September 26 in Chanute KS, on to Humboldt KS and then on to Newton, KS on September 29, concluding on October 1. Many interesting museums and shopping will be available on the way to Newton KS.

A chili cook-off was also discussed.

60th Anniversary Celebration

The following members volunteered to be on the committee to begin organizing the Mo-Kan anniversary celebration: Jill O'Connor, Julee Shields, Linda Poage, and Christine Embers.

Region 8 -- 2024 Spring Rally

Ed O'Connor reported that the 2024 Region 8 Spring Rally will be held at the ABC Campground in Branson MO. More information will be coming.

Common Cents Update

Stephanie provided a brief historical background on the Common Cents program that is supported by Mo-Kan Airstream Club. The funds collected are now held by the Airstream Foundation which is a 501(c)(3). She pointed to the latest article in "Blue Beret" concerning an article written about Common Cents and unfortunately a number of errors in the reporting. Working with Jane Bartlett of Region 8, the Foundation was contacted about the errors. The Foundation acknowledged the errors. Going forward, the Foundation will provide a full audit, a public retraction of the original article. Further, the financials will be published on the Airstream website. Mo-Kan and Region 8 will monitor the situation for one year. Julee Shields, Betty Sullivan, and Bud McFie will work together to provide a new article for "Blue Beret".

There was additional discussion about how to promote the Common Cents program (e.g., preparation of a challenge ad for various Regions' newsletters; possible corporate sponsorships).

The President then thanked all members who have volunteered their time and talents to make the Mo-Kan club run smoothly.

Ed O'Connor moved to adjourn. Lee Cantrell seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Marsha Brown
Recording Secretary
(Attachments)

Membership Report

As of April 1, 2023

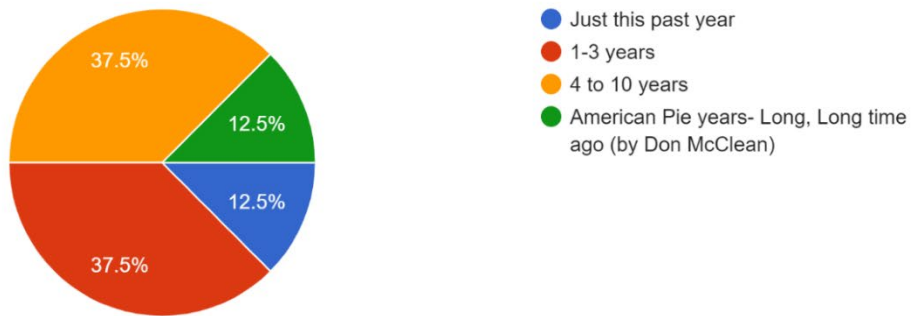
Current members (units)	86
Current affiliates	5
Memberships lapsed	7

Old Business

Survey Results – more will be presented in an upcoming Gopher News.

How long have you been in the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club?

24 responses



What do you like to do other than Rallies when camping on your own?

Explore areas nearby	45.8%
Mix and Mingle	37.5%

Favorite Rally Activities

Visiting small towns	70.8%
History tours	62.5%
Campfires	54.2%
Trailer Maintenance tips	50%
Museums	45.8%
Boating, Canoeing and Kayaking	37.5%

Would you like to lead a program or event at a Rally?

Of 15 people answering this question: 9 responded yes in some manner, 6 – no.