



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

June 2023

President's Message

Volunteers needed, Call for Action:

All for One, and One for All – what does it mean to volunteer?

- Teaching a skill, sharing a fix-it that you recently completed, tending the campfires.
- Hosting a rally with friends, planning meals, imagining places to visit or things to do.
- Taking photos and sending them to Kirk for the Gopher News.
- Making coffee every morning.
- Finding a place to gather for monthly luncheons.
- Writing up your comical, travelogue or RV park recommendations, and serious experiences for the newsletter.
- Scouting out new campsites that the club may consider for future rallies.
- Participate in community service activities.
- Serving as an officer of the club.



We are in desperate need of officers for the next club year.

Officer Positions Sought:

Currently, we are looking for candidates to fill the roles of 1st VP, 2nd VP, and 3rd VP as well as Treasurer in our organization. Each position has a role outlined by our bylaws and traditionally, Vice Presidents move up the ladder (3rd to 2nd to 1st to President) each year as they become knowledgeable and experienced.

1st VP - Advises and assists the President, participates in meetings, and together with the President develops the activity program for the club.

2nd VP - Participates in meetings, assist President/1st VP, coordinates with information manager (web and newsletter - **Kirk Moore**).

3rd VP - Participates in meetings and assists for the general needs of the club.

Treasurer - Participates in meetings and assists the President with the management of club funds according to the By-laws and Constitution (Call **Linda Poage** for any questions 816-589-6321).

Note: Traditionally, the VP's progress towards the presidency.

If you are interested (or if we corner you), please ask questions of any of the officers and nominating committee members, which are all past presidents – **Charles Colbert** (913-484-9864), **John Eckardt** 816-729-0660, **Mike Bedinger** (816-729-5422). These guys are available to assist the new officers.

As stated during the Spring Business meeting – we are a club made of volunteers

***Without volunteers the club does not work
and the fun does not happen.***

- Steph

Executive Officers

President:

Stephanie Porto
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Welcome New Members!

Pat & Marisue Caskey

Kansas City, MO

David & Tawnya Madi

Frontenac, KS

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

Going International?

Stop by Saturday night, June 24th – Hangout with your MO-KAN buds – after dinner – location to be sent that morning to club members attending. It will be wherever we can find a spot, either near the Porto Trailer, or where two or more members are located – bring chairs, munchies to share, BYOB/W/D.

On Monday June 26th, 8 to 9:30am **Region 8 is sponsoring breakfast** (with the help of Gateway Airstream /Bill Thomas RV Sales). Sweetwater Events Center, Exhibit Hall East. **Ed O'Connor** has tickets for \$15.

Fall Rally – Location Pending!

The previous spot did not work for us. The Executive Board is working hard to find a great location for this event – **STANDBY**.

In the meantime: We do need at least two other members to work with **Steph Porto** as Co-Host for this event. **OR 3-4 people to take over as Hosts.** It would be your party to plan!

Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS

June or July

No Luncheons due to schedule conflict with various Rally Dates

August 5, 2023 – 11:30am

O'Neil's Restaurant & Bar

9417 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS

Hosts – Ed & Jill O'Connor

913-484-3275

RALLIES

June 24 - 30, 2023

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

Rock Springs, WY

Info and Registration at

AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023

Info Comin Soon!

Mo-Kan Fall Rally

TBD! Watch this Space!

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

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



Start making plans to join us for this fall's activities, including:

Humboldt, Kansas – Urban Camping on the Town Square – September 26 to 28th, 2023

If we have about 10 units willing to Urban Camp in Humboldt Kansas – we are planning a mid-week stop there prior to the Fall Rally in Spring Lake. If you did not respond to the Humboldt question on our Facebook page and are interested in joining us, please send **Steph Porto** an email to woodsmitty52@gmail.com. This is a two-night boondocking trip in downtown Humboldt Kansas. Camping in town around the town square. We hope to do something fun for the community in the morning and tour Chanute, KS Safari Museum in the afternoon. (Google it, it has a surprising history.)

We need a few volunteers to help coordinate this event: parking wrangler, communication coordinator and an everything-I-did-not-think-of reviewer. 😊



Mo-Kan Club will be turning **60** next year!

Our Club will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary in 2024, so a committee has been formed to help support the celebration with the following volunteers - **Christine Embers, Jill O'Connor, Linda Poage & Julee Shields.** We are seeking input, support and suggestions to make this a year to remember! Please email, call, text or seek anyone of us out to share your ideas!

Christine Embers, cembers1@gmail.com, (913)461-3915

June Celebrations!

Birthdays

Linda Bryant - 6/17



Mo-Kan Club Spring Adventures!



Starting with the Region 8 Spring Rally at Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch in Sabeth, Kansas...



...then moving Mo-Kan Club Members to the Stanton Lake Park in Falls City, Nebraska...



Visiting the John Philip Falter Museum

...gathering everyone for the **Mo-Kan Spring Rally** at Basswoods Resort in Platte City, Missouri...



Caterer Scott Umscheid from "Scott's Kitchen"



Visiting McCormick Distillery in Weston, MO



Musician Sky Smeed provided Saturday night entertainment



...with a little **Community Service volunteering** at the Hillcrest Transitional Housing Program in Platte City...



...and celebrating **Charlie Robertson's 1st Birthday!**

