



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

September 2023

President's Message

Wow, what a scorcher!!

Now "SCORCHER" may describe the summer weather this year, OR it could describe the Chili to be eaten and judged in this year's Chili Cook Off at the Fall Rally. If Chili is not your thing, many other choices will be available. We are looking forward to doing so many fun things in this year's Fall Rally at Lake Shawnee in Topeka KS. The **Embers** and **Arnold** have really taken to heart planning a great party. See attached information to make sure you are registered for all the fun. <https://form.jotform.com/232045591075050>

HUMBOLDT, HERE WE COME!

Before the Fall Rally, we have Humboldt – September 26 and 27th, 2023. Earlier this spring, I asked for a preliminary count of those who thought they would be able to come and we had a count of 8 "for sures" with 2 maybes. Now, I need an **ACTUAL** count of those attending. Please fill out the following form – call Stephanie with questions or suggestions. **DEADLINE September 12, 2023.**

<https://form.jotform.com/232406068269055>



We will be camping out for two nights in downtown Humboldt Kansas. There is water and 15 amp electric power around the square, but come prepared to fully boondock. Generators are permitted. They have a beautiful town square where we will park around three of the four sides. The Bridge Street side will be left open for town access to local services. There are multiple coffee shops and a few restaurants in town.

Dave and I are staying Monday night at Clinton State Park to prep and clean Calypso, then plan on leaving Clinton between 10 and 11am. I will send those planning on attending our intended route and parking instructions. You can tag-a-long with us or meet us at Humboldt. It would be nice if we could arrive in shifts of about 3 units each to diminish road congestion and allow time to park around the square.

We plan on cooking breakfast together Wednesday morning. (Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Coffee, Hash Browns – each unit contributing one of those items.) That afternoon, you can tour the Safari Museum downtown Chanute, a fascinating trip into history. We are currently investigating eating establishments in the area for dinner. Further information will be sent to those registered.

Wednesday evening, members of the community will be invited to see and tour the Airstreams. The cost of admission will be a food donation that will be given to the Humboldt Food Pantry. We are also asking our members to bring items for the Food Pantry as well. Afterward, we can gather around the campfire for stories and sharing. Thursday, after breakfast in our trailers or coffee shops locally (or leftovers from Wednesday) we will make our way to Topeka for the Fall Rally

Holiday Luncheon

Keep the Date Free –Please include us on your social calendar for an important date – **December 2nd** – our Christmas/Holiday/Anniversary Celebration at YaYas Euro Bistro in Overland Park. We have the entire main area to have our event so we do not have a limit on the numbers of people that can attend. Cost will be about \$35 per adult, \$8 for kids and that includes the gratuity.

If you know a former member or a want-to-be member, please invite them. The food at YaYa's is very good and we think this will be a stellar event.

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Welcome New Members!

Doug & Liz Fricke
Parkville, MO
Michael & Karen Armstrong
Fairway, KS

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



Welcome New Members!

James & Susie Smith
Derby, KS
Anthony & Barbara Hill
Shawnee, KS

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



**Mo-Kan Executive Board
Ballots are here!**

A copy has been made available for you with *this Newsletter*. Instructions included.

We'd like to get as much Club participation as possible – so fill yours out today!

Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS



September 9, 2023 – 11:30am

Briarcliff Barrio

4125 N. Mulberry Dr., KCMO
Hosts – Rick & Christine Embers
913-269-4135

October, 2023

***No October Luncheon* due to
schedule conflict with the Fall
Rally**

November 4, 2023 – 11:30am

Martin City Brewing Co.

354 Blue Pkwy, Lee's Summit
Hosts – Lee & Jane Orth
816-898-9889

RALLIES



September 28 – Oct 1, 2023

Mo-Kan Club Fall Installation Rally

Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS
Make Reservations NOW!



Remember! There's lots of good info, photos and archived newsletters at our Club's website:
<https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas>



Airstream Club Red Stars will be awarded to the following Mo-Kan Club members:

- Greg & Erica Arbuckle #20205 - 5 years**
- Robert & Mary Fairchild #6391 - 5 years**
- Bart & Cheri Hunt #6351 - 5 years**
- David & Stephanie Porto #1890 - 5 years**
- Stuart & Kate Robertson #3642 - 5 years**
- Bob & Tracy Williams #26981 - 5 years**
- Lee & Joyce Cantrell #4241 – 15 Years!**
- Don & Myrna Wardrip #6799 – 20 Years!**

One star is awarded for every 5 years of membership.

Let's have a big round of applause for our well-traveled fellow members, and wish them many more years of safe travels to come!



On Facebook?

Don't forget to join [the Group!](#)



September Celebrations!

Birthdays

Clinton Gregory – 9/20 Bonnie Gregory – 9/23

Anniversaries

John Eckardt & Maria Stimach – 9/02
Jerry & Carrie Lamb – 9/04
Curtis & Teresa Atchley – 9/09
Diann & Chris Lehman – 9/17
Cindy & Chris Jenny – 9/22



President's Message (continued)

Region 8 Spring Rally

Another item to pencil on your Airstream Social Calendar – **Branson, April 24 – 28th, 2024** – at ABC Campground. The organizers are checking into getting tickets for at least three shows and a tour of the College of Ozarks. (Note our club has some of their more distinguished alumni.) The camping fee is \$55 per night and will include one really nice southern Missouri Dinner. Currently 70 sites are guaranteed.

Airstream Club International Rally

Sedalia, October 5th through the 10th, 2024

Many Mo-Kan Club Members have asked how to volunteer – *you all make me proud*. Currently the chairs of different jobs are being assigned. When those are done, a call will go out to general membership about how to sign up.

What you *can do now* is register! airstreamclub.org/rally2024

Over 700 registrations have already been made!

Then, if you have ideas about activities, attractions, interesting tours.... Please drop a line to Airstream International – attention Kristy YanYan – she is coordinating activities. So far, members are working on a flyover from Whiteman Airforce Base, Katy trail Bike Shuttles east and west from Sedalia, Hiking and kayaking events. If you have inside information or have a great idea – please contact assist@airstreamclub.org with your thoughts.

Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible to these coming events.

- See you down the road, Stephanie



August Luncheon – Aug. 5, 2023

O'Neil's Restaurant & Bar, Leawood, KS



Mo-Kan Club Fall Installation Rally

(September 28 – October 1, 2023)

Lake Shawnee Campground

3435 SE East Edge Road

Topeka, KS 66605

Any questions contact Rally Co-hosts:

Don & Kay Arnold and Rick & Christine Embers

donkayote@gmail.com or cembers1@gmail.com



We have lots of FUN meal gatherings and activities planned for all to enjoy!

Rally Fees Registration/Coupon:

We are using a jot.form which is what WBCCI uses for all caravans and rallies. You still have the option to print and mail the form per the instructions on the jot.form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Embers (913)-461-3915.

Please use the link: <https://form.jotform.com/232045591075050>

Payment Options:

Mail check or Pay electronic (Venmo). If paying by check: print form and send to - Christine Embers, MO-Kan Airstream Club, 20726 West 92nd Terrace Lenexa, KS 66220, Make checks payable to: MO-Kansas Airstream Club
Electronic: Venmo @Christine-Embers

BUT you'll still need to Register for Campground!

Contact Kayla Fellers (785-251-6824) to register and state you are with the Missouri Kansas Airstream Club.

Sign-up for Activities & Chili Cook-off!

Sign-up for events and activities on Sign-up genius. This will help us ensure we have the accommodation and materials needed for all attending!

Please use the this link to help us plan: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BA4AF2DA75-2023>

Community Service Outreach - 2023 Mo-Kan Fall Rally - Topeka

Donations will be collected at the Fall Rally and will support the YWCA Day Center (regional) community service organization in the Topeka area. If you are not able to attend the Fall Rally and still want to donate, please contact Christine Embers for pick-up/delivery options.

YWCA Day Center

The YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, formerly the YWCA Battered Women's Task Force, provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking in Shawnee, Jackson, Brown, and Wabaunsee Counties in Kansas. We are specifically supporting the YWCA Day Center of Shawnee County. The day center offers a safe place to obtain clothing, take a shower, make phone calls, receive counseling, or just find shelter for a few hours.

YWCA Day Center items needed:

Body Wash

Shampoo (shower size bottles)

Conditioner (shower size bottle)

BIPOC Hair Care Products

Individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars

Boxed food

Canned goods with pop tops (no can opener needed);
this includes soup, tuna, pasta, and fruit

Laundry pods

New underwear and socks, all sizes

Feminine hygiene products

Any monetary donations can be made out to YWCA Northeast Kansas

You can learn more about our services at www.ywcaneks.org/cse and you can see a comprehensive list of needed items at <https://www.ywcaneks.org/what-we-do/cse/wish-list/>

Any questions contact Christine Embers, cembers1@gmail.com

Community Service Chair

Maintenance Tips

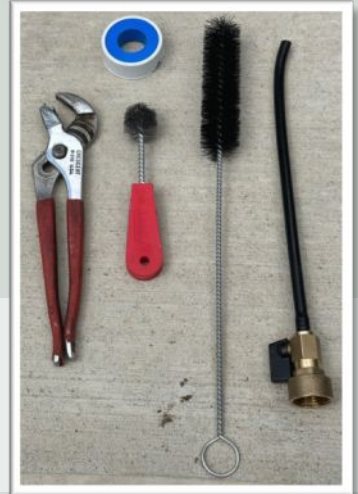
From Dustin Whitney

Hot water tank flush

Once a year you should flush your hot water heater tank. This tank can build up calcium which breaks away and clogs faucet screens mimicking low water pressure.

You can do this while winterizing because it's requires the draining tank, or do it anytime.

- You will need:
1. Angle Nose Pliers
 2. Thread Tape
 3. Rapid Repair RP77262 Wire Brush*
 4. Forney 70487 Tube Brush*
 5. Hot Water Tank Rinsers/Flusher*
- *as described on Amazon



To drain the tank, access the panel door outside of the trailer, locate and release the pressure release valve. Find and remove the plug, usually plastic, (sometimes difficult to remove because awkward location).

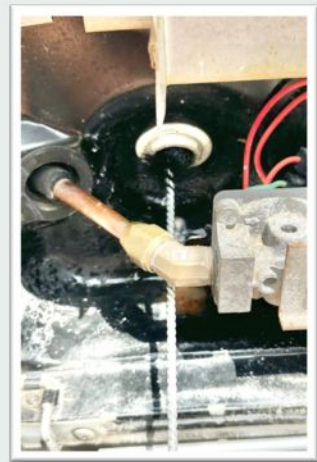
Pressure Release Valve



After the tank is drained, give the opening threads a good clean with the short wire brush.



Now run the longer brush up into the tank several times.



Use the Hot Water Tank Rinsers/Flusher to thoroughly flush until you see no more debris.



Let it drain, put a few wraps of thread on the plug, then reinstall the plug.



This is an often, forgotten-about maintenance item that should be on your annual list.