



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

October 2023

President's Message

End of the year...

The list is checked off, (or a new one created - fix this-or-that).

The trailer is empty, clean, (of all things that mice like.)

The last trip photos filed and shared, (time to buy new albums.)

What is left to do...

Think and plan for the next adventure – where should we explore next.

Will it be a trip during the winter, a visit to family and friends, or lazy days enjoying a sunset?

So, it is also true for our club – where should our next adventure lead us?

The following are the current events that we know about – Stay tuned for more information.

November 4th 11:30am - Lunch with our hosts – Lee & Jane Orth – LEE SUMMIT location of Martin City Brewing Company – Pizza and Taproom, 354 SW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063 (restaurant phone number is 816-434-5100) – **RSVP with Lee Orth, leeorth@aol.com** . Please give Lee an RSVP at least 3-5 days prior to the event so he can inform the restaurant of the numbers to expect.

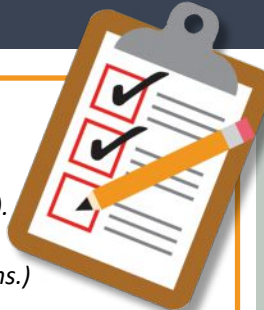
December 2nd, 11:00am (lunch served at 11:30) - A glorious celebration of the holidays and beginning of our 60th Anniversary celebration. YaYa's Bistro, 7021 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223 – **LOOK for sign up and further details in the November newsletter**. There will be special commemorative items for each member as well as CAKE – remember I said CAKE!! Plan on attending – there is 100 person limit this year – bring interested Airstream Friends, last year we had 60 plus attend. This year many of our old Airstream members will be attending. The cost for the event will be \$35 per adult, \$10.50 for kids. This will be a very upscale event – formal dress is not required –we usually don't see you at your Sunday best - surprise us.

January 6th, 2024, 11:30am (tentatively) - Fields & Ivy Brewery – 706 E 23rd Street, Lawrence KS 66046, 785-274-8429 (restaurant) – Hosts: **Stephanie & Dave Porto** – RSVP woodsmitty52@gmail.com

April 24 – 28th, 2024 - Region 8 Rally in Branson, The camping fee is \$55 per night at the ABC Campground and will include one southern Missouri Dinner.

October 6-10th, 2024 - Airstream Club International Rally – Sedalia, Missouri – in our own backyard! A lot of interest already in finding great things to do as people drive through our states. NOTE: As of 10/2/23, 816 members registered for the 1500 available sites. (This time last year, they were already making the waiting list) Register now: airstreamclub.org/rally2024

- Steph



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Welcome New Members!

Candace Ball & Sue Cole

Hillsboro, MO

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

Fall Rally Community Service Update

Our Club gave generously at the Fall Rally to the local YWCA Day Center in Topeka, Kansas! We collected several bins full of hygiene products, food donations and a total of \$117 to support those in crisis.



A BIG Thank You

to Don & Kay Arnold for coordinating this community outreach for our club!

ALSO, thanks to all our members who also gave at the Fall Rally to the Common Cents for Kids legacy program.



Donations of \$316 were collected at the rally!

We appreciate all your continued support and generosity!



On Facebook?

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



Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS



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, MO
Hosts – Lee & Jane Orth
816-898-9889

December 2, 2023 – 11:00am



Holiday Luncheon

YaYa's Bistro

7021 W 135th St., Overland Park, KS
Hosts – Stephanie & Dave Porto
785-764-2154

RALLIES



April 24 - 28, 2024

Region 8 Rally

Branson, MO

ABC Campground
More Info to Come!

Oct 6 - 10, 2024

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

Sedalia, MO

Info and Registration at
airstreamclub.org/rally2024



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

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

October Celebrations!

Birthdays

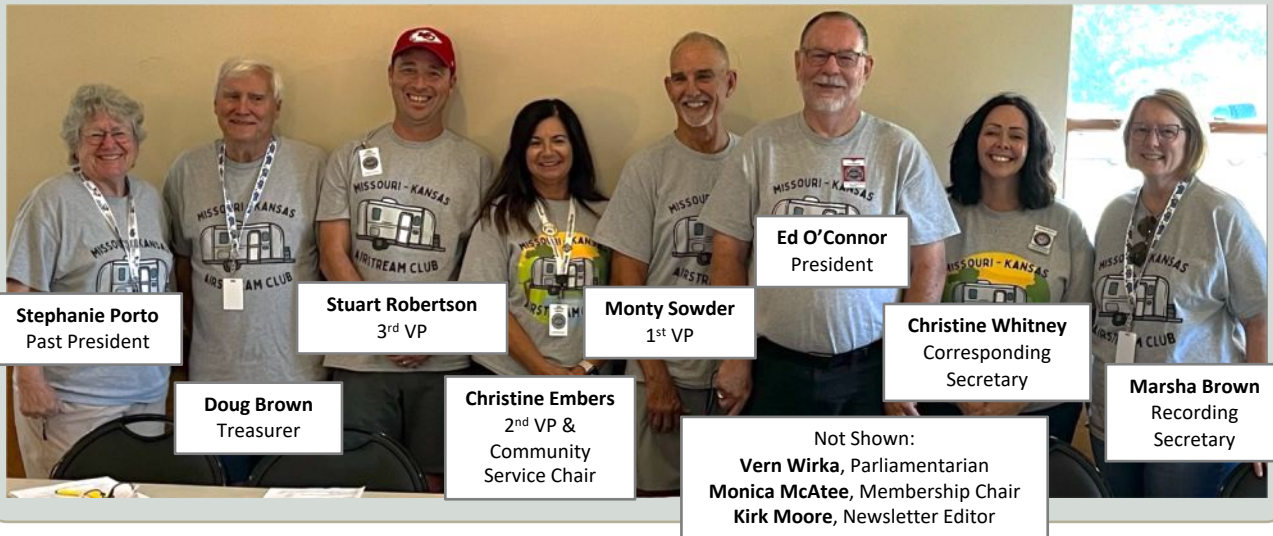
Mike Bedinger – 10/07 Denise Chevalier – 10/17
Jerry Lamb – 10/09 Brittany Kovac – 10/31

Anniversaries

Rick & Christine Embers - 10/13
Lee & Joyce Cantrell - 10/19
Eric & Amber North - 10/26



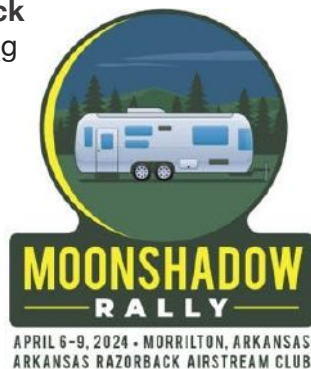
Introducing the 2024 Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Executive Board and Volunteers!



The Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club is hosting an Eclipse Rally, and (because of Mo-Kan Club's close proximity) they are letting us know about it!

As of this writing, they have 26 spaces remaining.

Here's the details:



1. Registration is open for the **2024 MOONSHADOW ECLIPSE RALLY** set for April 6-9, 2024 in Morrilton, Arkansas. Morrilton is on Interstate 40 (easy to get to) and *on the path of totality*. Be one of the 75 Airstreams to attend, so sign up to reserve a space.
2. Registration is \$225 per Airstream for three nights/four days of camping. The charge for each occupant or participant is \$25. (For example, one Airstream with two people would cost \$275.) The fees are refundable if you cancel by March 1, 2024.
3. We will be boondocking just off Interstate 40 on acres and acres of farmland. Generators are welcome – April weather in Arkansas can be cold or hot. Included in the fee are two evening meals and a breakfast. The Razorback Airstreamers are known for happy hours and great food, so be prepared to feast.
4. You will be moonstruck gazing skyward Monday afternoon, April 8, 2024, as the skies turn to night when the moon passes between the Earth and the Sun. If you miss this celestial event, you will have to wait up to 400 years for the next total eclipse in Morrilton.
5. Additional information will be emailed in the months ahead to those who register, so for now, get registered ASAP by clicking on the link below. Space is limited!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2024-moon-shadow-eclipse-rally-arkansas-razorback-airstre?cart=36e30e05-9178-4400-b654-f474756195f6%21%2158998595>

Urban Camping on the Town Square - Humboldt, Kansas 9/26-28

On the way to the Mo-Kan Club's Fall Rally, a few members made a two-night boondocking stop at the Town Square of Humboldt, KS.

Their presence was noted!



Happy campers hit Humboldt

Above, Jared Sigler of Humboldt, left, talks with Airstream owner Ed O'Connor of Overland Park. O'Connor and his wife, Jill, are part of the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club, which set up around the Humboldt square this week for a "boondocking" urban camping experience. The club offered an open house Tuesday evening, offering tours of their Airstreams city has been very welcoming. The campers leave this morning. At top right, Jaci Daniels and mom Randi, of Humboldt, check out the interior of a renovated 1976 Airstream Argosy. At right, Joyce and Lee Cantrell of Olsburg show off their 1976 Airstream Argosy 24, a vintage camper they renovated from the wheels up. "We made it just the way we wanted it," Joyce said as they sat outside the camper with their dog, Keela.



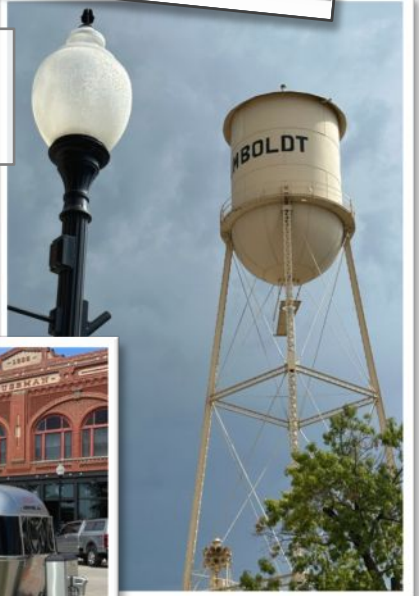
Airstreams line up along the Humboldt square for a "boondocking" camping experience. Boondocking typically means camping for free on public land, often without the use of utilities such as electricity and water, but these campers were able to access the city's electric system. REGISTER/VICKIE MOSS



Evening entertainment from local performers Damaris Kunkler & Matt Korte



Yummy French toast at the Honey Bree Bruncherie



Mo-Kan Airstream Club Fall Installation Rally

Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS

September 28th – Oct 1st, 2023



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Mo-Kan Airstream Club Fall Installation Rally



Putting Contest for our golfing members!
Terry Davis was the winner.

Activities for Man and Beast...



An American Kennel Club demonstration from AKC's **Julie Hinrichsen & Russel Dyke** put Mo-Kan Club Member's Dogs to the test!



Thanks to the **Embers** and the **Arnolds** for hosting a great rally!



Chili Cookoff Winners!
Sowers – Spicy
Norths – Traditional
Davises - Original

Maintenance Tips



From Dustin Whitney

Tire Time!

We all know to check our tire pressure before every trip, but tire health involves more. The tread on a tire can look good at a glance, but there are a few more things to look for:

1. *Uneven* tire wear
2. Inspect **INSIDE** and outside wall of the tire, *look for bumps, cracks etc.*
3. *Tire tread depth*, look for the tread wear-indicator bars between the treads, if the tread matches the bar, it's time for new tires.
4. You need to *know how old your tires are*. Just because the tread looks good, doesn't mean the tire is good. Old tires aren't safe. New tires are cheap insurance for our expensive rigs, most of my reading has shown that 5 years is about the age to replace.
5. To *determine your tire age*, locate the DOT number on the wall of your tire. In the photo you see my tire is "4518" meaning it was manufactured on the 45th day of 2018, making my tires 5-1/2 years old in the summer of 2023.



While the tires looked like we could get one more season out of them, after I calculated the date of manufacture, I realized they were getting older and began a more thorough inspection.

Notice in the photos that the tread *appears* to look good, the tread isn't even close to the indicator bars making one thing they are good. **A closer inspection found "the dreaded cracks"** between the treads.

YOU DON'T WANT CRACKS!

Cracks are, in fact, "dry rot" and a dangerous situation to put yourself into.

Could these tires have made it another season? *Maybe...*but the risk of ruining the side of your trailer from a blowout is simply not worth it.

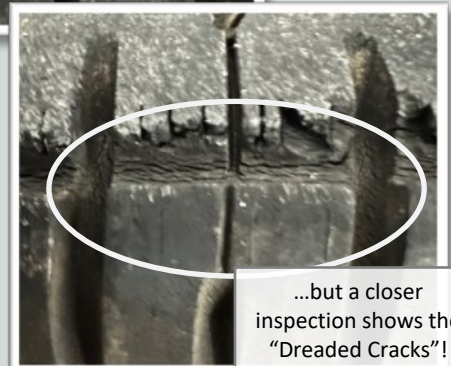
Knowledge of your tire age and condition are a critical part of trailer maintenance.



Looks "good" at a glance, ...



...the tire tread is not close to the wear-indicator bars, ...



...but a closer inspection shows the "Dreaded Cracks"!