

# **THE GREATER MOZARKIAN**

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**Presidents Message: Sitting in the den this morning with my morning coffee looking out to a rainy 39 with a northwest wind makes me glad our rally was a little over a week ago when the weather conditions were beautiful. Warsaw is a great little lake, river town that puts on a great craft show along the river and at the dam.**

**The Rally was a great success thanks to our hosts and those in attendance. The hosts planned a "who done it" murder mystery. Those in attendance to participate in on Friday evening. It was a great success enjoyed by all. A campfire in the evenings gave us the opportunity to discuss our days excursions and just visit. We had new associate members from Frontenac, Ks in attendance and a couple from Manitoba, Canada on vacation in our area. Also, a couple who are friends with the hosts. A rally with good weather and good surroundings makes for a good finish to our camping season.**

**The time is coming for many to put their Airstreams to bed for the year (winterize). While you are going through your winterization routine, don't forget to look in those little hiding places for that can of cola that got put there last summer. Next spring the work to remove it (cleanup) is a lot harder. This winter while you are reviewing your Airstream camping trips or planning future trips keep the club in mind for sites for rallies.**

**This will be the last president's message from me, since I am on the downhill run as president. January 1, 2024, Steve Mathias becomes your club president. I want to thank all of the Club Members for the support they have provided me, other officers and fellow club members this past year. I hope everyone will support him and the Club as it moves into its fiftieth anniversary.**

**See you down the road and happy Airstreaming. Rick**

## October 19-22, 2023, Rally

WOOOOWEEEEEE!!! What a fantastic Rally at Harry S. Truman State Park, Buck Ridge Campground at Warsaw, MO. A big thank you to our host Bryan and Charlene Nelson for putting this rally on. Those present besides our host Rick and Marsha Keith, Steve and Jane Mathias, John and Colette Krupco, affiliate members David and Tawnya Madl and their daughter Taylor, Visitors were Tim and Hilda Klaussen from the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit, Mike and Tenley Fraser who own an airstream and were musicians playing at the visitors center festival, and friends of our guest Bart and Tammy Tibbs.

Thursday started off with supper at the Yellow Deli, campfire in the evening and lots of visiting. Friday was a free day to check out the sites of Warsaw and the surrounding area. Many of us checked out Warsaw, MO. There was the Benton County Museum, many quaint little shops and antiques stores and fabric stores. Some of us checked out the towns of Cole Camp, Stover, and Lincoln MO. Everyone also checked out the many restaurants in the area. That evening we had a Murder Mystery Campfire Potluck and Smores Festival, at the campground with cowboy chili and hot dogs and many side dishes. We came dressed in our costumes, ready to play our part.

On Friday evening, Airstreamers and residents of *Little Woods National Park* gathered for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual S'mores Festival**. Some were uneasy, however, due to rumors of bear activity nearby. Several folks seem to have other ideas, declaring incidents due to an animal or "monster" of a different kind.

Each club member was assigned a role, and the evening unfolded over chili, hot dogs, and a potluck dinner. Shortly after our meal, a body was discovered – gasp! it was "Jack" (Marsha Keith), a seasoned tent camper.

Shocking! It was up to the Festival Attendees to SOLVE THE CRIME!

Sherriff Cross (John Krupco), the local law enforcement official, seemed more concerned about himself as he was up for reelection and Park Ranger "Betty Boop" (Colette Krupco) seemed to be focused on local bear accounts. The Campground Host "Daisy" (Jane Mathias), an excessively over-happy person, loudly proclaimed that strange happenings and local legends of Big Foot were to be blamed.

The crime scene did include claw marks on the tent, strange yellow hair all over the body, and a fallen wallet with torn pictures and IDs.

Everyone had a theory – the enthusiastic marketer and local merchant (Tim Klassen) was convinced that it was due to the valuables the camper had purchased at his "well-stocked and successful" store. The Backpacker, Jeremiah "Mad Dog" Smith (Bryan Nelson), accompanied by his sidekick, Schuyler "Bad Dog" Nelson, sided with the Park Ranger showing around blurry pictures of a bear. The Fulltime Airstreamer and Prepper (Steve Mathias) blamed the coming apocalypse. The

victim's brother "Chuck" (Rick Keith) seemed strangely unconcerned and more interested in flirting. The local Scout Leader "Hilda" (Hilda Klassen) strangely had no Scout Experience and seemed oddly afraid of wildlife. She continued to show pictures of large spiders that attacked her in the shower. "Blossom" (Tammy Tibbs), stranded in her broken-down van, was caught with canned goods from the local pantry – did "Jack" (Marsha Keith) catch her in the act? The local reporter for The Footprint, "Marc Scriptor" (Bart Tibbs), bothered everyone with questions, writing everyone's comments down and causing chaos. Add to this an overwhelmed Parent (David Madl) and his self-obsessed and slightly obnoxious teenage daughter (Tawnya Madl), and it seemed uncertain if the group would ever identify the perpetrator.

Finally, Event Planner "Gloria" (Charlene Nelson) gathered everyone's suggestions and accusations, ascertaining the culprit – it was "DAISY" the Campground Host, who stabbed Jack with a Smore's stick while she was trying to add to her story about "Big Foot". Her goal was to attract more campers and money to the area, all in hopes of a sighting the legendary creature.

Saturday everyone was on their own to go to the Heritage Festival down at Drake Harbor and the Harry S. Truman Lake Visitor Center. There was about 250 Vendors there to sell things. That evening we met back at the campfire at 7 pm. And talked about our day and what we saw and bought.

Sunday morning our host provided breakfast, oatmeal with brown sugar and apples and bagels and cream cheese. Then we said our goodbyes.

## **2024 Rallies**

**April 19 – 24** Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally. Come join us for the whole rally, or just for the weekend, or for the luncheon Saturday. Start making reservations at Cooks RV Motor Park call 417-833-1252 tell them you are with Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club. Address 4075 North State Highway H, Springfield, MO. 65803. More information coming soon. Those putting on the Rally are Krupco's, Mathias, Allen's, and Keith's. When you make your reservations, please let the Krupco's know you are coming (e-mail [krupjc15@outlook.com](mailto:krupjc15@outlook.com)). Let us know if you are staying for the whole rally or just the weekend and will you be attending the luncheon at Golden Corral (we welcome all members not coming to the rally to come join us for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, just let us know you are coming).

April 24 to 28, Region 8 Rally, Branson, MO. ABC Campground, more information coming soon.

**Announcements:**

Please welcome new Affiliate members David and Tawnya Madl, BRN 16860

Please welcome new Affiliate member Marcy Thiele, BRN 19523

Members who joined Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club in November, December, and January please get your membership dues as soon as possible for the directory to be printed mailed in February.

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