



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

November 2023

President's Message

I am honored that you have allowed me to serve as your 2024 President. Having only been a part of the Airstream community for less than three years, *I'm one part overwhelmed and two parts thrilled* for the opportunity to serve. Thank you.



Recognition must be given to **Stephanie Porto** for her leadership in 2023. She brought creativity and energy to the club that I hope I can emulate. Even with knee surgery in the Spring, she made the Club active and fun. From our Rolling Rally after the Region 8 Rally to our Spring Rally at Basswood, to the Urban Rally in Humbolt, KS, to our Fall Installation Rally last month, she made it fun – and isn't that what it's all about!

Those are some big shoes to fill!

To help me fill those shoes, I am grateful to have such a great new Board helping me. We are already talking about some great improvements to make the Club easier to manage for years to come. ***Stay tuned!***

As we look forward to our 2024 camping season, we have a lot to plan and those plans are in the works. The details are being worked out but **here are some dates to put on your calendar:** Region 8 Spring Rally, April 24th thru 28th; our Spring Rally, May 2nd thru 5th; our Just-for-Fun Rally, May 30th thru June 2nd.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November luncheon in Lee's Summit.

- Ed

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Welcome New Members!
Rick & Teresa Claiborne
 Baxter Spring, KS
David & Karen Corbett
 Topeka, KS
 We hope to meet you at a future Luncheon or Rally!

Holiday Luncheon RSVP DEADLINE!
 November 20th is the *last day* to reserve your spot for the Holiday Luncheon at YaYa's Bistro in Overland Park.
 Here's the link:
<https://form.jotform.com/232804059142047>

November Celebrations!

Birthdays

- Joyce Cantrell - 11/03 Carrie Lamb - 11/18
- Larry Poage - 11/15 Rick Embers – 11/21
- Paula Timmons - 11/15 Martin Hughey – 11/26
- Linda Poage – 11/27

Anniversaries

- Wayne & Ginny Gurtler – 11/12
- Frank & Coke Melton – 11/30



Get ready to make your Just-for-Fun Rally Reservations

November 30th is the date to book your site for our Just-for-Fun Rally.

THESE SITES FILL QUICKLY!

Although Mo-Kan Club registration will come later next year, your best option is to **book a site now** so you have one, rather than miss out. (And you can always cancel if you need to.)

Book sites B-LO 063-079,
 (2nd choice B-LO 099-112)

Here is a link to book your site
<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233695?tab=campsites>

Questions go to ChrisWhitney1@gmail.com

Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS 

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 - Ed & Jill O'Connor
 and Stephanie & Dave Porto
 785-764-2154

January 6, 2024 – 11:30am
Fields and Ivy Brewery
 703 E 23rd St., Lawrence, KS
 Hosts – Stephanie & Dave Porto
 Please RSVP woodsmitty52@gmail.com

RALLIES 

April 24 - 28, 2024
Region 8 Rally
Branson, MO
 ABC Campground
More Info to Come!

May 2 - 5, 2024
Mo-Kan Club Rally
More Info to Come!

May 30 – June 2, 2024
Just-for-Fun Rally
Melvern Lake, KS
 Melvern Outlet Campground
Questions? ChrisWhitney1@gmail.com

Oct 6 - 10, 2024
Airstream Club Int'l Rally
Sedalia, MO
 Info and Registration at
airstreamclub.org/rally2024



 **On Facebook?**
 Don't forget to join [the Group!](#) 

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

Maintenance Tips



From Dustin Whitney

Going Beyond Winterizing

Everyone seems to have their way of winterizing by now, plus with so many different rigs I could not properly give you a how-to, but I wanted to touch on a few extra things you can do *after* your rig is winterized.

Now is a good time to completely clean and organize your rig. Getting rid of anything extra that has accumulated over the camping season (all that sneaky stuff!). This goes for the outside storage lockers too. We like to remove our bedding, towels and toilet paper, anything that would be bedding to a mouse! 🐭

Check your coffee pot for that last pot of grounds, and your small appliances and microwave for crumbs (again mice 🐭)! *We don't want a morsel left behind!*

Leave your refrigerator propped open, and add a box of baking soda.

Humidity is something we don't really think about in the winter but it should not be forgotten. Since we don't run a dehumidifier (you can) we use these Vacplus Moisture Absorber Packets that we found on Amazon.



I do not remove my batteries (you can) but you should keep them on a trickle charger all winter.

If you are not parked on cement, consider adding some pavers or planks to keep your tires off of the bare ground.

Purchasing tire covers will add life to your tires.

🐭 More Rodent prevention! 🐭

Everyone seems to have their own trick for mice 🐭 (I say no to the soap and dryer sheets, I don't think the smell is strong enough.) *Making sure your rig is clean and free from any bedding potential is most important,* but here are the products we also use:



Grandpa Gus's Extra-Strength Mouse Repellent, 1.75 Oz (10 Pouches)



Exterminator's Choice – Mice Defense Spray, 1 Gallon

Even if you store your camper in a climate controlled environment like I do, it only takes a short time to winterize. Protect your rig in the event of a power outage during a winter storm, because you just never know - and *I'm always a fan of cheap insurance!*

Looking forward to Spring Camping!