



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

December 2023

## President's Message

The holidays are upon us, but it's not too soon to start planning for the 2024 camping season. We are still in the planning stages for some of our rallies but here's what we know:

We will start the year with the annual **Region 8 Spring Rally** - April 24<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup> at the ABC Campground in Branson, MO. The next weekend is our **Mo-Kan Spring Rally** - May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cottonwoods RV Campground in Columbia, MO. Then the **Just-for-Fun Rally** at Melvern Lake - May 30<sup>th</sup> thru June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***As we begin to plan the Club's Rallies, we need club members to step up and be Rally Hosts!***

Yes, I know it's hard to do better than the **Ember's** and the **Arnold's** did at the Fall Rally, but I'm sure they are more than willing to share tips and pointers to help you have a successful Rally. If you're interested in hosting either Spring or Fall Rally, please let me know.

If you attended the Christmas Party, you know that **the Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is well underway**. Sixty years is a wonderful testament to the strength of this club and to the leaders that came before us. Here's to another sixty!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to one and all!**

- Ed

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## Holiday Luncheon Info

YaYa's Euro Bistro location is in OVERLAND PARK on the SE corner of Metcalf and 135<sup>th</sup> Street.

Please come at 11AM to talk and mingle. Food orders will be taken at 11:30.

Lunch will be served after a short program including a history lesson by **Kay Corder**. A slide presentation has been created by **Sue Anderson** and will run on a loop throughout the meal.

We will be sitting in the main dining room. This venue will be spread out, so please arrive early and be sure to circulate among friends. You are also can linger over drinks or our celebratory cake until 2pm.

Meal Choices will be as follows:

### Salmon Salad

*grilled salmon, artisan greens, bacon, cranberries, crispy potatoes, walnuts, feta, gorgonzola, cranberry sage vinaigrette.*

### Camp Lindo Chicken

*crispy potatoes, roasted garlic, olives, chilies, caper berries, pan jus.*

### Bistro Steak

*grilled 8oz. sirloin, roasted com, charred fresno chilies, roasted red peppers, scallions, harissa butter.*

Children will order from the restaurant menu and if anyone has special dietary restrictions, please be sure to let the wait staff know and they will work with you to provide a tasty alternative. The bar is available for purchase of wine, cocktails, or beer. Soda, Coffee, Tea, and water are included with the meal.

*We have over 90 people registered for this event – a new record – it is going to so nice to see everyone during this holiday season (not sure I will know you all without baseball caps, puppies, and paper plates) and to celebrate 60 plus years of Airstream Antics.*

- Stephanie Porto

## December Celebrations!

### Birthdays

Chris Lehman – 12/04	Myrna Wardrip – 12/23
Curtis Atchley – 12/17	Maria Stimach – 12/28
Phil Spangler – 12/18	Denise Osgood – 12/29

### Anniversaries

Ronald & Helen Fults – 12/28  
Everett & Osgood – 12/29

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS

December 2, 2023 – 11:00am



### Holiday Luncheon

#### YaYa's Bistro

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

January 6, 2024 – 11:30am

### Fields and Ivy Brewery

703 E 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Lawrence, KS  
Hosts – Stephanie & Dave Porto  
Please RSVP [woodsmitty52@gmail.com](mailto:woodsmitty52@gmail.com)

February 3, 2024 – 11:30am

### Announcement to Come!

### RALLIES



April 24 - 28, 2024

### Region 8 Rally

#### Branson, MO

ABC Campground  
*More Info to Come!*

May 2 - 5, 2024

### Mo-Kan Club Rally

#### Columbia, MO

Cottonwood RV Campground  
*More Info to Come!*

May 30 – June 2, 2024

### Just-for-Fun Rally

#### Melvern Lake, KS

Melvern Outlet Campground  
*Reserve your own site [HERE](#)*

Oct 5 - 10, 2024

### Airstream Club Int'l Rally

#### Sedalia, MO

Info and Registration at  
[airstreamclub.org/rally2024](http://airstreamclub.org/rally2024)



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

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

November Luncheon – Nov. 4, 2023  
Martin City Brewing Co., Lee's Summit, MO



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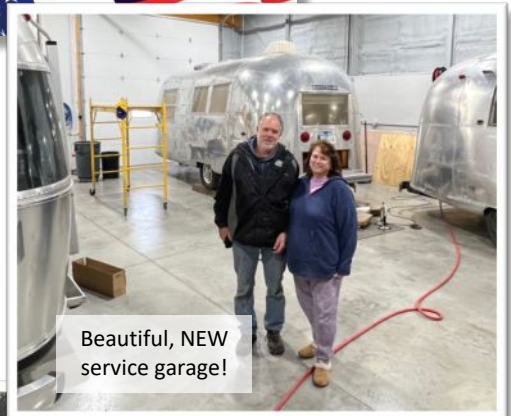


Last September, we had a persistent downpour at our Colorado campsite. The next day, while raising the jack to hook up, I heard running water hitting the pavement below...

*Yikes!*

So here's a shout out to **DJ's RV Service in Adel, IA** (owned and operated by fellow *Region 8 Club Members, Scott & Jodi Jensen*) for getting us a timely, pressurized "Sealtech" check - then identifying and resealing the troublesome rivets.

- Kirk Moore



Beautiful, NEW service garage!



You can see the place a mile away!