



# STREAM'N & DREAM'N

The newsletter for the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club

## St. Patrick's Luncheon

March 9, Fallon's Irish Pub & Grill in Olivette, MO hosted by Bill & Kathy Wharton, wharton@yhti.net

## Solar Eclipse Boondock

April 6, Dale & Kay Haudrich Farm near Benton, IL, drewandrose@sbcglobal.net

## Region 8 Rally

April 24, ABC Campground, Branson, MO

## Bill Thomas Rally

May 16, Bill Thomas Camper Sales, Wentzville, MO, billjoeubank@mac.com

## A Word from our President

It was so nice to see many of you at the February luncheon. I look forward to the March luncheon, which is fast approaching.

Rick and I just spent two long days driving to South Padre Island, Texas. It is so nice to have the Airstream on the road, again. (Ours is named "The Dog House" because our 4 legged friend is always with us.) We are looking forward to the next 3 1/2 weeks of fun and relaxation, with several Airstream friends.

Then it is back home where Rick will continue to work for the month of March, and he will REALLY retire on March 31. (I know that he has been saying this for 2 or 3 years, but this time it will really happen.)

We are looking forward to the boondocking eclipse rally! I've talked to several people who have signed up, and all are looking forward to boondocking. I wish we could be sure of a sunny day!

In this newsletter, you will find an updated schedule (which means free from mistakes). Check your calendars, and if you are available to join us, please sign up.

Berta Everson  
President GSLAC



# Valentine's Luncheon

Our Valentine's Lunch took place on Saturday, February 3, at the Cider Shed at Eckert's Farm. The event was hosted by Barry and Judy Johnson, who added their personal touch of decorations to the way the Cider Shed was already

decorated. Fifty Airstreamers were in attendance. Everyone was happy to see old friends, and make new ones. (There was one new couple, Matt and Monica Scott.) The buffet was delicious, as was the cake (which was from Eckert's Bakery). Many people hung around and visited for a bit. Several made their way to the Eckert's Country Store.



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## Welcome New Members

Doug and Barbara Doris

Ellisville, MO

BRN 6194

Nicholas Melillo

Defiance, MO

BRN 1493

Heidi Peterson and Rodney Ramsey

Joplin, MO

BRN 25165

## G.S.L.A.C. 2024 Schedule

**March** - St. Patrick's Luncheon: Saturday, March 9 at Fallon's Irish Pub and Grill in Olivette, MO at 11:30 a.m. Hosts are the Wharton's, contact Kathy (host) at [wharton@yhti.net](mailto:wharton@yhti.net) or (636) 388-3613. Deadline to sign up is February 17, 2024.

**April** - Eclipse Rally at Dale and Kay Haudrich's farm near Benton, IL. The rally will be from Saturday, April 6th (or Sunday, April 7th-your choice when to arrive) through Tuesday, April 9th. This will be a boondocking rally to view the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. The Haudrich's and the Garland's are hosting. Contact Rose (host) at [drewandrose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drewandrose@sbcglobal.net) or (314) 484-1272.

**April** - Region 8 Rally at ABC Campground in Branson, MO. Wednesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 28. Details were in the REGION 8 Newsletter. [https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/REGION 8 NEWS 2024-01-19.pdf](https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/REGION_8_NEWS_2024-01-19.pdf)

**May** - Rally at Bill Thomas Camper Sales in Wentzville, MO. Thursday, May 16 through Sunday May 19. The Eubank's and the Everson's are hosting. Contact Billi Jo (host) at [billijoeubank@mac.com](mailto:billijoeubank@mac.com) or (314) 795-3150.

**June** - Kentuckiana Campground in Mackinaw, IL. Thursday, June 13 through Sunday, June 16. The Heald's and the Everson's are hosting. Contact the campground by phone AFTER March 1 at (309) 449-3274, or email any time: [kentuckianakampandopry@yahoo.com](mailto:kentuckianakampandopry@yahoo.com). Let them know you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Lyn (host) at [john.lyn33@yahoo.com](mailto:john.lyn33@yahoo.com) or (314) 803-3699.

**JULY** - Joint Rally with the Nebraska Club at Pony Express RV Park in Maysville, MO. Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, July 21. The Sisk's (Nebraska) and the Everson's (Greater St. Louis) are hosting. Contact the campground at (816) 449-2039. Let them know you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Berta (host) at [berta.everson@gmail.com](mailto:berta.everson@gmail.com) or (314) 401-5576.

**August** - Lazy Days Campground in Danville, MO. Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11. The Weidle's and the Holzhauer's are hosting. Contact the campground AFTER March 1 at (573) 564-2949, and let them know you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Jackie (host) at [weidlfam@outlook.com](mailto:weidlfam@outlook.com) or (573) 631-8634.

**September** - KOA Casey, IL Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15. The Richard's and the Schuetz's are hosting. Contact the campground at (217) 932-5319, and let them know you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Carl (host) at [s.corn167@gmail.com](mailto:s.corn167@gmail.com) or (217) 473-5332.

**October** - International Rally in Sedalia, MO, Saturday, October 5 through Thursday, October 10. Register at [AirstreamClub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) (We will have the Installation of new officers at a club gathering at this rally.)

**December** - Christmas Luncheon: Saturday, December 7 at Pietro's on Watson Road in St. Louis, MO at 11:30 a.m. Hosts are the Welsh's, contact Kathy at [kswelsh8017@gmail.com](mailto:kswelsh8017@gmail.com) or (314) 565-8017.

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## Boondocking Tip for the April Rally

Most of our trailers came with deep cycle lead acid batteries which have removable caps to check and maintain the water level in the cells. Put on a pair of safety glasses and rubber gloves to check your water level.

The water should be almost up to the base of the fill holes as pictured. If low, top off with distilled water. If you see the lead plates instead of water, your batteries are probably ruined and won't hold a charge for boondocking.

There are many factors that determine how fast a battery loses water, but it's best to check at least twice per year and even more often if the trailer is always plugged in.



If your batteries have no caps you're in luck. You have more advanced maintenance-free AGM or lithium batteries and don't need to worry about water loss.



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