

# STREAM'N & DRFAM'N

The newsletter for the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club

## **Region 8 Rally**

April 24, ABC Campground, Branson, MO

#### **Bill Thomas Rally**

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

### **Kentuckiana Rally**

June 13, Kentuckiana Campground, Mackinaw, IL, john.lyn33@yahoo.com

## Joint Nebraska Rally

July 18, Pony Express RV Park, Maysville, MO, berta.everson@gmail.com

## A Word from our President

Camping season is here. Yeah! Our first rally has taken place. (More on that on the next page.) We are all busy planning our spring and summer travels. Hopefully, you can fit some of our events into your schedule.



Family life is busy. Our son, with new baby, and family were able to visit for Easter. We also have family from Little Rock temporarily staying with us. Our niece had a double transplant at Barnes Hospital, and needs to remain in the area for a bit longer. (That is our niece, nephew, 19 month old, and nanny—at our house.) Our daughter, who is 8 1/2 months pregnant, thinks she will deliver any time, so we will have a 5 and 7 year old to tend to. Oh, and the Region Rally is just around the corner and Rick is busy with that. It is probably a good thing that he actually retired.

There is still lots of room at our upcoming rallies. Here is hoping that we see you down the road.

Berta Everson
President GSLAC



## **Eclipse Rally Report**

Dale and Kay Haudrich, their son Tyler, along with Rose and Drew Garland, did an amazing job planning, preparing and executing an amazing rally. The weather was nearly perfect with beautiful sunsets, an evening lightning show, and clear blue skies on Eclipse Day.

The area we camped had the ground prepared: the grasses were cut, the area sprayed for insects (although a few people did take home a few ticks as souvenirs), and little flags were marking where to park. Dale guided us all into our spots, so from above we resembled a wagon wheel. We did get photos from the drone, however, we do not yet have them downloaded. The center area was our gathering space, known as "Boondocking



Square". This was where we cooked, ate, played games (pin the flower on the flamingo-wearing eclipse glasses), and sat around the fire.



There were nineteen Airstreams, reflecting the sunlight in the middle of farmland. Forty-two people watched the eclipse. This included some of our members adult children, as well as a grandchild. Delicious meals were prepared by our "chefs". On Eclipse morning, we had "blue moon" (blueberry) pancakes and "sunshine" pancakes.

As Eclipse time neared, we all positioned our chairs to face the southern sky. We snacked on Moon Pies and Sun Chips. Kay kept us apprised of what we would experience and what to look for. DuringTotality, with our glasses off, we saw the eclipse ring and the "diamond", along with Venus and Jupiter. The sun set 360 degrees around us. What a sight to behold. This long awaited event was truly the high point of the weekend.



After dinner, everyone helped as we sadly took down our shelter, and loaded supplies away. Wearing hiking boots, instead of cowboy boots, we even did some line dancing as the sun was setting on the horizon, and on our fabulous rally. We all made it Boondocking!



## **Welcome New Members**

John Hanson St. Louis, MO B.R.N. 8984

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

**April** - Region 8 Rally at ABC Campground in Branson, MO. Wednesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 28. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

**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. Spots are still available. A fun weekend is planned. Contact Billi Jo (host) at **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 at (309) 449-3274 **after MAY 1**, or email: **kentuckianakampandopry@yahoo.com**. If emailing, please give the following information: Name, Address, Trailer length, License # of tow vehicle, # adults/kids/pets, Arrival date, and Departure date. Also let them know that you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Lyn (host) at **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 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 at (573) 564-2949, and let them know you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Jackie (host) at 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** or (217) 473-5332.

**October** - International Rally in Sedalia, MO, Saturday, October 5 through Thursday, October 10. Register at **AirstreamClub.org** (We will have the Installation of new officers at a club gathering at this rally.) This rally if filling up, so act now if you want to attend.

**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** or (314) 565-8017.

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