



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

May 2024

## President's Message

As you receive this newsletter, many of us are at the **Mo-Kan Club's Spring Rally** in Columbia, Missouri. We have 26 Units and 53 people attending.

I hope everyone had an opportunity to rally with friends and experience the Eclipse. For Jill and me, it was a once in a lifetime event - *unless I make it to 2044 for the next one!*  
(Photos on page 3)

We just concluded the annual **Region 8 Rally** in Branson, Missouri. Forty-nine Units from across the Region's six clubs attended. The shows on the 76 Strip were great and the fellowship was even better. *Stay tuned for information on the 2025 Region 8 Rally next spring.*



Looking ahead, our Club's next rally is the annual **Just-for-Fun Rally** at Melvern Lake. It's always a great time to relax and spend time with our fellow club members. Because of this rally, there will not be a luncheon in June.

I hope everyone has made their reservation for the **ACI International Rally** in Sedalia, Missouri – Oct 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. There's still time to sign up for this great rally. And it's in our own back yard!!

- Ed

## We're looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President!

The Mo-Kansas Airstream Club is seeking a volunteer to fill the 3rd VP position. **Stu Robertson** and his family will be moving out of the area, and we will miss them immensely. If you are interested in this office or other positions on the board, contact a member of the nominating committee (**Stephanie Porto, Charles Colbert, John Eckardt**) or any of the current officers.

The 3rd VP position usually progresses into the 2nd VP, 1st VP, and president positions moving forward in the fall of each year. The 3rd VP's responsibilities include assisting the president and learning about the club's inner workings through active participation in club events. More information can be found in the club's bylaws.

**This is an awesome way to meet most of the club members and become more connected!**

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## Mo-Kan Community Service

While at the Spring Rally in Columbia, we have a Community Service opportunity to serve Friday, May 3, (1-3pm) at The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri. They are a regional disaster and hunger relief network that acquires and distributes millions of pounds of food annually to partner agencies across a 32-county area.



The Food Bank partners with more than 145 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other agencies to ensure food gets into the hands of those who need it most. The Food Bank also works with nearly 200 schools to help students receive nutritious food.

*Mo-Kan Club volunteers* will be working in The Food Bank's Volunteer Room which prepares food for distribution to partner agencies. Volunteers are needed to repack and relabel food, sort through donations, assemble boxes of food including our Senior Boxes, VIP Veteran Boxes, and Produce Boxes, and more.

This service opportunity was recommended to us by John Lange, Treasurer, Region 8 Airstream Club. Here's where to learn more about the Food Bank: <https://sharefoodbringhope.org>

***We would like 10-15 Mo-Kan Club Members to help serve.***

If you are interested in volunteering, please register with Christine Embers by text or email. (913)461-3915 [cembers1@gmail.com](mailto:cembers1@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS



May, June & July 2024

**No Luncheons due to schedule conflicts with upcoming Rallies and July 4<sup>th</sup>**

### RALLIES



May 2 - 5, 2024

### *Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally* Columbia, MO

Call: Cottonwood RV Campground to reserve your spot!  
573-474-2747

May 30 – June 2, 2024

### *Just-for-Fun Rally* Melvern Lake, KS

Melvorn 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>

## Just-for-Fun Rally

For those who have a campsite booked for our Just-for-Fun Rally May 30 - June 2, please click the following link to register for the rally so we know you are coming.

<https://form.jotform.com/241097945050154>

➔ Deadline May 6 ➔

Questions to [chriswhitney1@gmail.com](mailto:chriswhitney1@gmail.com)

*Without getting into the whole story...*

This seems like a good time to remind our Club Members to read [Dustin Whitney's article about tire health.](#)

(Gopher News, Oct '23).

*...specifically the part about inspecting for "THE DREADED CRACKS!"*



**On Facebook?**

Don't forget to join [the Group!](#)





# ECLIPSE-CHASING MO-KAN CLUB MEMBERS



Ed & Jill O'Connor and Lynn & Sue Anderson in Hillsboro, Texas

Denise Chevalier & Kirk Moore in Fredericksburg, Texas



If you were chasing the '24 Eclipse, send us your photos!

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